

Letter from President



Happy New Year, EWI of Tulsa®. I hope you all made the best of the 2009 blizzard and enjoyed the rest of the holiday season with your friends and family. 2010 is here, and it's time to celebrate our most recent accomplishments and look forward to the upcoming year.

Last month our chapter exhibited a strong commitment to **Community** and serving others, starting with the donation of over 600 books to the Children's Hospital at **Saint Francis** on November 30. A special thank you goes to **Reading Rally Chair Function Leader Margaret Harrison, Tulsa Community College**, and her committee for coordinating the donations from our members. I relished the experience of being at the Children's Hospital when a few of the children came down to select a book.

Later in the month, our members donated gifts for the **Gatesway Foundation** participants. Thank you to **Teri Edmondson, The William K. Warren Foundation**, for coordinating the gift program in memory of Talesa Samuel. In addition to the Gatesway gifts, our chapter collected donations to present to Talesa's husband, Rev. Johnny Murphy, in her memory.

There is a common thread among the members of our chapter—the "spirit to serve." Regardless of the charge, EWI of Tulsa firms and members always team up to the exceed expectations. Our chapter exemplifies Servant Leadership which is the foundation for effective leadership.

In his foreword to *Focus on Leadership*, Ken Blanchard said, "I truly believe that Servant Leadership has never been more applicable to the world of leadership than it is today. Not only are people looking for a deeper purpose and meaning when they must meet the challenges of today's changing world; they are also looking for principles and philosophies that actually work. *Servant Leadership works*. Servant Leadership is about getting people to a higher level by leading people at a higher level."

December's meeting was held at the Bella Gardens Wedding Chapel and Banquet Facility. Thank you to member firm **Gatesway Foundation**, EWI Executive **Judi Meyers**, and EWI Representative **LaQuinda Davison** for hosting the meeting and to the Gatesway staff who prepared and served a wonderfully delicious meal. The room was beautifully decorated with ice blue linens, graciously provided by **Stephanie Layson, Party Pro Rents**. Thank you, **Judy Russell, ONEOK**, for providing a very special invocation. The evening was perfect with the spirit of giving and holiday entertainment provided by Ron Mallow and his fellow band mates, Pam Birch, Cindy Foster, Carolyn Hattam, and Weldon Ratliff.

So here we go to 2010 and beyond. I hope to see you all on Thursday, January 14, at the U.S. Beef Corp (Arby's) Firm Night. We are kicking off this year with Bobbi Dobbs, Positive Performance Group, who will speak about Priority Planning for the New Year.

We are also launching our first Annual Executive Appreciation Luncheon on January 20 at 11:30 a.m. at U.S. Beef Corp (Arby's), 4940 E. 49th Street. This will be a great opportunity for networking and learning about the EWI year ahead. I hope all our Executives are able to attend.

Yours very truly in EWI Service,
Jessica Bolen

"The only test of leadership is that somebody follows."
Robert K. Greenleaf

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EWI of Tulsa
January 2010 Meeting
Arby's Firm Night 
&
Professional Development

- When:** Thursday, January 14, 2010
- 5:30 pm Check-in & Registration
 6:00 pm Welcome, Invocation, & Dinner
 6:55 pm Business Meeting – BCDP Budget Approval
 7:00 pm Arby's Firm Spotlight
 7:20 pm Speaker Bobbi Dobbs, Positive Performance Group
 8:00 pm Closing Remarks—Jessica Bolen, President
- Dress:** Business/Business Casual
- Where:** United States Beef (Arby's) Training Center
 4940 East 49th Street
 ([Directions to follow, prior to meeting](#))
- Cost:** \$40.00 – Members
- RSVP:** By Noon, Friday, January 8
- Respond to:** Kim Bowman, T. D. Williamson, Inc.
 Phone 447-5044; Fax 447-5050
kim.bowman@tdwilliamson.com
- Meeting Fees:** Make checks payable to EWI of Tulsa. Pay at the door or mail to Jan Ehrle at Mid-America Land, Grain, & Cattle Co., Inc., P.O. Box 52610, Tulsa, OK 74152-0610.

Websites

Tulsa Website: www.ewitulsa.org
 Corporate Website: www.ewiconnect.com

LOCAL BOARD

Jessica Bolen, President
 Montereau (491-5204)

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 Vice President/President Elect
 Tropical Plant Design, Inc. (691-6067)

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 JPMorgan Chase & Co. (586-5828)

Lesia Johnson, Ways & Means
 The Pepsi Bottling Group (445-8005)



Dues Due

The January 15th deadline for annual dues is rapidly approaching. Please contact Jessica Bolen if you have any questions.

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Board Reports

December Membership Report

Representative Resignation:

Talesa Samuel, Doubletree Hotel Downtown

December Attendance

First Representatives	35 *
Second Representatives	4
Third Representatives	1
Executive/Representatives	2
Sustaining Representatives	4
Life Members	2
Guests	9
Executives	<u>1</u> **
Total	57

* The First Representative count does not include Executive/Representatives. For total first representative count, add the first representative and the Executive/Representative together.

**Executive count does not include Executive/Representatives. For total Executive count, add the Execs and Exec/Reps together.

Treasurer's Report

The GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT
as of November 30, was **\$20,515.38**

January Birthdays

Executives

Date	Name	Company
08	Rob Coretz	Omni Air International
12	W. H. Helmerich, III	Helmerich & Payne, Inc.
24	Mark Cohlmi	Tropical Plant Design, Inc.

Representatives

Date	Name	Company
02	Cheryl Benoit	Moore Funeral Home, Inc.
06	Debbie Reed	Public Service Company of Oklahoma
09	Nancy Hillman	American Heart Association
17	Jessica Bolen	Monterea
18	Janice Morgan	Alzheimer's Association
27	Janis Cohlmi	Tropical Plant Design, Inc.
30	Sarah Diehl	World Travel Service, LLC

Firm Anniversaries

Year	Company
1960	Public Service Company of Oklahoma
1962 **	The Flintco Companies, Inc.
1964 **	The University of Tulsa
1984	Helmerich & Payne, Inc.
1992	State Farm Insurance Companies
2005	Ihloff Salon & Day Spa

** Since no month is shown on my records, we celebrate anniversaries at the beginning of each year.

Leading Ladies

"Leading Lady" is a designation given to those Representatives who have been present at each monthly meeting from the "First Hello to the Final Farewell." Our current Leading Ladies are:

Jessica Bolen, Monterey; Nicki Boone, Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center; Kim Bowman, T.D. Williamson; Janis Cohlmi, Tropical Plant Design; LaQuinda Davison, Gatesway Foundation; Pat Desormeau, Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance; Sarah Diehl, World Travel Service LLC; Jan Ehrle, Mid-America Land, Grain & Cattle Co.; Margaret Harrison, Tulsa Community College; Diane Jarvi, Osteopathic Founders Foundation; Karen Kellogg, JPMorgan Chase & Co.; Stephanie Layson, Party-Pro Rents; Susan McCoy, Tulsa Technology Center; Toni McGee, American Red Cross Tulsa Area Chapter; Roberta Montgomery, Helmerich & Payne; Janice Morgan, Alzheimer's Association; Mary Morrow, Zarrow Family Office LLC; Joan Nance, Anchor Stone Co.; Bassima Roz, Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills; Judy Russell, ONEOK; Glenda Stoner, Hilti, Inc.; Florence Titus, Oklahoma Mailing Equipment; Diana Triplett, Robertson Tire Co., Inc.; Rita Young, The William K. Warren Foundation; Melanie Dennis, Omni Air International; Teri Edmondson, The William K. Warren Foundation; Maureen Quinn, Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance; Kay Boswell, Omni Air International; Myra Trahern, Life Member; Sue Springwater, Sustaining Member; Glenann Wilkerson, Sustaining Member.



Firm Postings for Membership



The Membership Committee posts the following firms for possible membership. Comments and/or objections must be forwarded to Nicki Boone, nicki.boone@jqh.com no later than January 20, 2010.

Case & Associates
Shirley Ramos
4200 E. Skelly Drive, #820, Tulsa OK
492-1983
Major: Real Estate
Minor: Property Management

American Express
Tammy Been
4870 S. Lewis Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74105-5151
895-6092
Major: Banking
Minor: Credit Card Companies

Donohue Commercial Service
Jon Heaps
7676 E. 46th Place, Tulsa, OK
663-5353
Major: Insulative Materials
Minor: Heating Manufacturing/Distribution

OK Health Academy
Marla
2865 E. Skelly Drive, Tulsa, OK 74105-6220
Major: Education
Minor: Medical School

Integrity Lighting
Jill Whittenberg
3525 E. 36th Street North, Tulsa, OK 74115-1711
521-7394
Major: Consumer Merchandising and Service
Minor:

EventBiz
Share Carp
P.O. Box 470501, Tulsa, OK 74147
628-6060
Major: Meeting and Event Planning
Minor: Events Planning

Wallace Engineering
Lise Kifer and Jana Monforte
200 E. Brady, Tulsa, OK 74103
584-5858
Major: Engineering
Minor: Consulting Engineers

McGraw Realtors
Sharon McDaniel
4612 S. Harvard, Tulsa, OK 74135
406-8488
Major: Real Estate
Minor: Real Estate Agency

Tulsa People/Langdon Publishing
Joy Jenkins
1603 S. Boulder Avenue, Tulsa OK 74119
Major: Publishing
Minor: Magazine

AFLAC
Diana Yingst
8721 S. 200th E. Ave., Broken Arrow, OK 74014
Major: Insurance
Minor: Self-Insured Risk Mgmt and Loss Control

Relay Health
Louise Cerar
6100 S. Yale, Ste. 1900, Tulsa, OK 74136-1947
258-7395
Major: Healthcare
Minor: Support Services



Getting to know you....



Susan Richmond
Linde Process Plants, Inc.

Susan was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma, and is sandwiched between two sisters. Her favorite thing about childhood was the simple luxury of getting to play. Who of us now, with our busy schedules, does not

look back occasionally with a wistful eye?

Susan's maternal grandmother had a large influence on her personally by teaching her the basics of simple living: making bread, growing vegetables and canning, growing flowers, cooking southern style meals, sewing, and doing embroidery. To this day she still utilizes the skills and knowledge her grandmother bestowed on her.

Susan credits a former boss in OKC for the largest impact on her professionally. Tenacious, she stuck it out through some rough times when she easily could have left in her first two years. Instead, she gained his respect and, as the right hand to a top corporate executive, learned a high-level diverse skill-set that has served her well ever since.

In her current job, Susan loves the international exposure she's getting through doing business in countries across the globe. As a single woman, she enjoys going to her quiet home and deciding how to spend her free time. That usually entails cooking, gardening, reading, sewing, or watching yet another Netflix movie. She also loves to entertain—plan the guest list, menu, presentation, and of course, the party itself.

Susan's bucket list involves travel: Guatemala, Spain, Italy (again), the Leeward and Windward Islands, driving up the Pacific coast highway, and seeing whales swim in their natural habitat. Professionally she is pleased as punch to keep it on cruise control toward retirement.



Beth Phillips
Tulsa Metro Chamber

Beth was born in Coweta, and true to her great sense of humor, told me she was the only girl and mistreated middle child. Her favorite thing about childhood was sledding on their huge hill in winter.

Chances are she did some of that in December as well!



Beth credits her grandmother with teaching her everything she knows on ethics and life.

Beth loves her job at The Chamber because it's always exciting and changes a lot. She also enjoys and respects her boss (and EWI Executive) Mike Neal—his sense of humor really brightens her day.

Though Beth doesn't currently have a hobby, she's on the lookout for one. In her questionnaire she mused over the fact that she has a fat Corgi who oddly enough is named Boomer...odd because she and her husband both bleed orange as staunch OSU supporters! When it comes to what she still wants to do in life, it's simple. Change the world!!! She wants to change and impact lives in a way to make her grandchildren proud.



Amie Schlossberg
Linde Process Plants, Inc.

Amie hails all the way from Evansville, Indiana, and has one brother. Her favorite thing about her childhood was the large family get-togethers. Amie's arrival in

Tulsa took her first to Colorado where she met and married her husband, Richard, then to Iowa, before a job opportunity brought them to Tulsa four years ago.

Amie's mom is her largest influence. A struggling single mom who raised two kids, Amie said she and her brother never felt as if they had to do without. Her mom always made sure they had what they needed and even took them on a family trip each year. Everything about Amie that is responsible and caring is a tribute to her mother, who she holds in the highest esteem.

Amie really enjoys her job and gives her bosses high praise. She says they are easy to work for, and she loves their senses of humor. A big movie fan, Amie laments lately she just doesn't have time to sit down and watch anything. Her Netflix queue has grown to 118 movies.

Her three spoiled but oh-so-cute-cats will soon have some competition for Amie's attention. She and Richard are expecting their first child in March. In time, she would love to travel to Europe and take a cruise of the Mediterranean with a stop in Positano, Italy.



Bits & Pieces

Nicki Boone, Membership Director, wants YOU...to be a mentor.



Being an EWI mentor doesn't take a lot of time or trouble...just being there to help a new member, showing her the ropes, introducing her around, answering questions about EWI, sitting with her for a few meetings, and being a familiar face to her while she's getting acquainted. Being a mentor is an easy way of making a real difference in a new member's life.

Please step up...help make a difference. To volunteer, contact Nicki Boone ASAP at 307-4017 or email her at nicki.boone@jqh.com.

HEART WALK



The American Heart Association's HEART WALK is Saturday April 10. Teams are forming NOW for Tulsa's largest non-profit walk. The goal: raise \$590,000 to help education and raise awareness of the #1 killer, heart disease.

No company or organization is too small or large to participate and it is a great team building activity! If your company, organization, or family would like to participate, please contact Nancy Hillman at nancy.hillman@heart.org.



Last year's Saint Francis team, an EWI member firm.

GO RED DAY



GO RED DAY is Friday, February 5. **Go Red Day** helps raise the awareness of Heart Disease, the #1 killer of Americans, especially in Oklahoma.

If your company would like to participate, please contact Nancy Hillman, the representative for member firm American Heart Association. She can supply you with educational materials, Red Dress pins, and Lunch & Learn speakers. Contact Nancy at nancy.hillman@heart.org.



Margaret Harrison, Reading Rally Function Leader, helps a young patient at Saint Francis Children's Hospital choose a book last November, while the little girl below is quite delighted with her choice.



Past Presidents' Holiday Gathering at The Mayo



From left, Teri Edmondson, Betty Oswald, Lori Hart, and Rita Young.



From left, Johnnye Potter, Lee Hearn, and Patti Lucas.



Front row from left: Jody Davis-Bergman, Diane Jarvi, Lori Hart, Jeannie Murphy, Betty Oswald, Myra Trahern, and June Ellen Shelton. Second row: Lee Hearn, Glenda Stoner, Linda Polson, Jan Ehrle, Rita Young, and Linda Safley. Back row: Patti Lucas, Janet Mallow, Teri Edmonson, and Johnnye Potter.



December Meeting Highlights



The gift table.



Tammie Blessing with her cheerfully boxed donation.



Pre-meeting visit – Mary Morrow (L), Glenann Wilkerson (M) and guest, Denise Mohr.



Some deep discussion going on here, prior to the start of the business meeting.



The ever-festive Teri Edmondson (L) and Joan Nance. Teri headed up collecting the gifts for Gatesway in honor of our beloved Talesa Samuel.



Meeting Site Bella Gardens Wedding Chapel and Banquet Facility.



December Meeting Highlights



Down to the business of voting.



Gateway staff cooked and served our delicious meal.



Ron Mallow and fellow bandmates: Pam Birch, Cindy Foster, Carolyn Hattam, and Weldon Ratliff entertained us.



Judi Myers, Gatesway EWI Executive, expresses her gratitude on behalf of their residents.



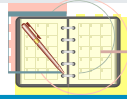
Jessica Bolen (R) introduces Gatesway EWI Representative LaQuinda Davison (L), and Executive Judi Myers.



New member Stephanie Layson receiving her EWI pin.



Dates to Remember



EVENT	TIME	DATE	LOCATION
Ways & Means Committee Meeting	5:30 p.m.	Monday, January 11	The Pepsi Bottling Company
Chapter Meeting	5:30 p.m.	Thursday, January 14	U. S. Beef Corp. (Arby's) Training Center, 4940 E. 49th St.
Executive Luncheon	11:30 a.m.	Wednesday, January 20	Arby's HQ, 4940 E. 49th St.
Board of Directors Meeting	11:45 a.m.	Thursday, January 21	Monterea
BEF Committee Meeting	5:30 p.m.	Monday, January 25	TBA
EWI Spring Conference		April 22—24, 2010	Memphis, TN
EWI Leadership Conference & Annual Meeting		September 23—25, 2010	Kansas City, MO

OUR MISSION

EWI brings together key individuals from diverse businesses for the purpose of:

- promoting member firms,
- enhancing personal and professional development, and
- encouraging community involvement.

OUR VISION

To be a professional organization that creates value for its member firms and their representatives through career development, business connectivity, and involvement in local communities.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

JPMorgan Chase & Co. zip code is 74103.

State Farm Insurance Companies info changes:

Adrenna Flowers, Administrative Assistant

Telephone: 621-3925 **Fax:** 621-3069

Home: 1553 N. Elgin Avenue, Tulsa, 74106

New Executive: Jannice Meyers-Wiebe

Title: Division Manager, Fire, and Casualty

EWI ON FACEBOOK

EWI of Tulsa is now officially on Facebook. Please come visit us. If you aren't on Facebook yourself but would like to follow EWI of Tulsa, you can do that...just email Nancy Hillman at nancy.hillman@heart.org and she will send you the link.

EWI OF TULSA DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please provide any updates for the directory to Maureen Quinn, Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance. Call 592-0722; fax 592-1417; or email maureen@okalliance.com.

EWI CORPORATE UPDATES

www.ewiconnect.com

Check your member information on the Corporate Website and update your profile online. If you do not have access to email/internet, Maureen can also help you, so call or fax your updated information. The Corporate Directory is published from your profile on the Corporate Website.

SHARE THE NEWS AND THE PHOTOS!



Do you have news to share? A committee that needs help? A firm "special" to offer to the membership? Pictures for the last meeting or a committee meeting? Please send all submissions for the Connect to:

Contact: Maureen Quinn

Phone: 592-0722

E-mail: maureen@okalliance.com.

February submission deadline: January 20

Please submit the information in "cut and paste" format. Thank you.

