

Letter from President



Spring is just around the corner, or at least that is what I keep telling myself. March brings St. Patrick's Day celebrations, Spring Break, and March Madness. So what team will you pick to go all the way?

I pick EWI of Tulsa® to be the Champion this year. Increasing our membership is key to our success and

will increase the Connections, Careers, and Communities opportunities for all member firms. Just imagine what would happen if each firm recruited at least one new firm this year. Keep your eyes on the ball and join the team as we go for the full court press. I encourage you all to contribute to Membership by introducing the benefits of EWI to your business connections. For additional information on membership, please contact Nicki Boone, Membership Director at nboone@iqh.com.

I greatly enjoyed our meeting at the **Tulsa Tech** Health Services Center on February 11. Thank you to **Dr. Kara Gae Neal, Tulsa Tech** CEO and Superintendent, and the hard-working representatives for Tulsa Tech, **Susan McCoy and Karen Johnson**, for featuring the Health Sciences Center during their Firm Night. Barbara Hagy, Campus Director, joined the festivities and proudly shared the medical programs they offer. Barbara also coordinated a tour of the building so that all of our attending members could see the hands-on training Tulsa Tech students receive. The facility is state-of-the-art and it was exciting to meet the students and feel their enthusiasm toward their future career in Healthcare.

I appreciate **Adrenna Flowers, State Farm Insurance**, for providing the invocation for the evening. Thank you, too, to **Lisa Myrick** and **Moody's Jewelry** for graciously providing both a beautiful necklace for our *Connect Secret Word* prize and a 24-carat dipped rose that we awarded as a door prize. The room was beautifully decorated with festive center pieces created by the Tulsa Tech class of Michelle Guillory, Instructor of Event, Entertainment, and

Tourism. **Stephanie Layson, Party Pro Rents** provided the lovely table linens. Tulsa Tech continued to feature their services with a heart-healthy meal prepared by Tulsa Tech Catering.

I look forward to seeing you on March 11 at Omni Air International. I know you will enjoy learning more about their firm.

Yours Truly in EWI Service,

Jessica Bolen

"Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things." Peter F. Drucker



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EWI of Tulsa March 11, 2010 Meeting



Omni Air International Firm Night

- When:** Thursday, March 11, 2010
- 5:30 pm Check-in & Registration
- 5:30-6:15 pm Arrive & Mingle (Wine & Cheese)
- 6:15-6:30 pm Welcome, Invocation, & Dinner Buffet
- 6:30-7:30 pm Omni Air International Firm Presentation
- 7:30 pm Closing Remarks
- Dress:** Business Casual
- Where:** Omni Air International
3303 North Sheridan Rd., Hangar 19
(Directions to follow, prior to meeting)
- Cost:** \$40.00 – Members
- RSVP:** By Noon, Friday, March 5
- 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.**

Please note: new treasurer and mailing address for meeting fees

Websites

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

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Are you receiving the *EWI Corporate Connect* emails that come out each week from Corporate?

Please email Maureen by March 5 and tell her yes, you are receiving the corporate missives, or no, you are not receiving them. All responders who email by the deadline will be entered into a drawing to be held at the next meeting.

maureen@okalliance.com



Board Reports

February Membership Report

New First Representative

Tricia Booher, The Flintco Companies, Inc.
Linda Jones, Verizon Wireless
Megan Mooney, The Rowland Group

New Executive

Jennifer Prout, Verizon Wireless

New Sustaining Member

Joan Nance, Anchor Stone Company

Firm Resignations

Schnake Turnbo Frank|PR
Anchor Stone Company
Ihloff Salon and Day Spa
American Heart Association

First Representative Resignations

Jennifer Prout, Verizon Wireless
Sherrel Evans, The Flintco Companies, Inc.
Mary Wade, Schnake Turnbo Frank|PR
Joan Nance, Anchor Stone Company
Tracy Berryhill, Ihloff Salon and Day Spa
Nancy Hillman, American Heart Association
Kimberly Grayson, The Rowland Group

Second Representative Resignation

Tricia Booher, The Flintco Companies, Inc.

Executive Resignations

Jason Alford, Verizon Wireless
Becky Frank, Schnake Turnbo Frank|PR
Russ Florence, Schnake Turnbo Frank|PR
Joseph Parker, Anchor Stone
Marilyn Ihloff, Ihloff Salon and Day Spa
Mandy Leemhuis, American Heart Association

Sustaining Member Resignation

June Ellen Shelton

Firm Posting for Membership

BKD, LTD.

Anne Adams – Representative
TBD – Executive
6120 S. Yale Avenue, Suite 1400, Tulsa, OK 74136
Phone: 584-2900 Fax: 584-2931
Major: Accounting
Minor: Business Accounting/Tax and Consulting

Treasurer's Report

The GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT
as of January 31, 2010 was **\$40,878.72**

March Birthdays

Executives

| Date | Name | Company |
|------|-----------------|---|
| 2 | Cary Everett | Hilti, Inc. |
| 9 | Laurie Price | Bella Gardens Wedding Chapel |
| 14 | Jake Henry Jr. | Saint Francis Health System |
| 25 | Linda Saferite | Tulsa City-County Library |
| 26 | Dick Williamson | T.D. Williamson, Inc. |
| 30 | Donna De Simone | Riggs, Abney, Neal, Turpen, Orbison, & Lewis |
| 30 | David Page | JPMorgan Chase & Co. |

Representatives

| Date | Name | Company |
|------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 6 | Tricia Booher | The Flintco Companies, Inc. |
| 21 | Jerrilee Beneda- Bender | Stanfield & O'Dell, P.C. |
| 27 | Adrenna Flowers | State Farm Insurance Cos. |
| 27 | Johnnye Potter | Sustaining |

Firm Anniversaries

| Year | Company |
|------|---------------------------------|
| 1956 | JPMorgan Chase & Co. |
| 1957 | Mrs. DeHaven's Flower Shop |
| 1958 | ONEOK, Inc. |
| 1993 | Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance |
| 1996 | Allegra Print & Imaging |
| 2000 | Saint Francis Health System |
| 2007 | Stanfield & O'Dell, P.C. |
| 2008 | Oklahoma Mailing Equipment |
| 2008 | Tropical Plant Design, Inc. |

February Attendance

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| First Representatives | 31 * |
| Second Representatives | 6 |
| Third Representatives | 0 |
| Executive/Representatives | 0 |
| Sustaining Representatives | 3 |
| Life Members | 2 |
| Guests | 2 |
| Executives | 2 ** |
| Total | 45 |

* 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.



Bits & Pieces

Save the **CHANGED** Date

The Business and Education Forum (BEF) has been moved to September 9, 2010. Please mark your calendars accordingly and switch the Annual Business Meeting and Installation of new officers to October 14, 2010.

The BEF committee is excited to announce we have secured Simon T. Bailey to be our 2010 keynote speaker. Founder of The Brilliance Institute, Simon honed his expertise in leadership, sales, customer service, and personal development over a successful two-decade career at Hyatt Hotels, Walt Disney World Resort, and The Disney Institute. He challenges and teaches businesses and organizations to clear obstacles to brilliance in their cultures, processes, and people, thereby achieving higher levels of engagement, retention, and productivity – and a brilliant bottom line.

Save the date now for a "BRILLIANT" evening where you'll *be inspired...to grow*. In the meantime, check out his website www.simonbailey.com.

To be entered into a drawing for one of Simon's books, put the word **Ireland** in the subject line and email it to maureen@okalliance.com by March 9.

Congratulations to Lesa Johnson, The Pepsi Bottling Group, Inc. Lesa gave birth to her daughter, Vaughn Rae, 4 lbs. 13 ozs., on Tuesday, February 23. Mother and child are both doing well.

Thank You

The EWISP Breakfast held on January 20 was a huge success. We had a great turnout of students and counselors! Many thanks to all those who volunteered and helped with the event. Special thanks to John Hamill for his enlightening address to the students.

Reminder: Mentors, EWISP Scholarship Applications are due no later than 3:00 pm on March 5. Please be in touch with your counselor and student to see that they get their forms turned in.

Angie Walters, B/C/DP Director
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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, Montereau; Nicki Boone, Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center; Kim Bowman, T.D. Williamson; Janis Cohlma, 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; Mary Morrow, Zarrow Family Office LLC; Bassima Roz, Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills; Judy Russell, ONEOK; Florence Titus, Oklahoma Mailing Equipment; Rita Young, The William K. Warren Foundation; Melanie Dennis, Omni Air International; Teri Edmondson, The William K. Warren Foundation; Maureen Quinn, Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance; Myra Trahern, Life Member; Sue Springwater, Sustaining Member.

Kids' World 2010

We've got the theme – **A Global Odyssey**.

We've got the dates – November 4, 5, and 6.

We need a function leader! If you like creativity and children, this is the job for you. As in all things EWI, you will not be alone. You will be supported by a group of seasoned Kids' World EWI members as well as some new committee volunteers. Kids' World is the perfect committee to head for fun, camaraderie, and the reward of a job well done.

Kids' World is produced by Tulsa Global Alliance and illustrates customs, cultures, languages, music, art, international food, dress, and geography in a fun, friendly environment. Come imagine, discover, and share!

Step up...be a function leader (or join the committee)...contact Jessica Bolen, 491-5204, jbolen@montereau.net.



Getting to know you....

Megan Mooney
The Rowland Group



Born and raised in Arlington, Virginia, Megan has a younger sister, Erin. With the family living in such proximity to Washington D.C., family trips to the Smithsonian Museums, National Air & Space Museum (her personal fave), the National Zoo, and the Baltimore Aquarium rank high in her childhood memories. The exposure to such enriching experiences at an early age left both sisters with a passion for learning that continues to this day.

Megan moved to Tulsa 13 years ago when her husband was offered the opportunity to become a partner in a Tulsa Internet company—TulsaConnect. She feels blessed to have had many talented professional mentors over the years at companies such as MCI WorldCom, WilTel/Williams Communications, and Dollar Thrifty Automotive Group. On the nonprofit side, her primary mentors are her mother—a dedicated volunteer for several DC area charities for more than 30 years—and Sarah Waggoner, Executive Director of the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma.

With more than 10 years of Accounting and Finance experience, Megan knows what it is like to sit on both sides of an interview table. Drawing from her own experiences allows her to assist clients with finding the candidate that will be the best possible fit for a position in terms of both hard/technical skills and soft/interpersonal skills. With Megan's warm and outgoing style, being a recruiter is a perfect fit!

A voracious reader in her down time, Megan is also a hardcore runner with two marathons under her belt, as well as scores of half-marathons, etc. A big movie buff, she also enjoys catching great theatre at the PAC whenever she can.

Looking down the line, Megan would love to become more involved in the day-to-day operations of a local charity. Given her work ethic and her warm and outgoing persona, don't be surprised if someday you see *Megan Mooney, Executive Director* on the letterhead of a local charity.



Thank you, Moody's Jewelry!



Tonya Jimenez, Renaissance Tulsa Hotel & Convention Center, proves it pays to read your Connect...she won the coveted key pendant necklace from member firm Moody's Jewelry. By emailing the secret word to Maureen Quinn, she was entered into a drawing for an unknown prize. Lucky, Tonya!



Susan McCoy, Tulsa Tech, on left presents the door prize for the evening to Sherrel Evans, The Flintco Companies, Inc. The 24-carat dipped rose from Moody's is both lovely and unique...and will never wilt!

Membership Update

Your membership committee is hard at work this year, making progress toward our goal of "10 in 2010" – 10 new member firms in 2010. We just had our renewal process and 4 firms did not renew, so that ups our goal to 14 new firms.

While we have our chapter goal in mind, corporate also has a membership goal for this year—"One for One!" That translates to each representative is to recruit one new member firm, potentially doubling our membership. How great would that be?!

Looking through EWI's major classifications, the committee has identified "holes" in our membership. Within those holes, we identified companies that we would like to recruit. Please review the companies below and let us know if you have a contact at any of these firms. If you would like to make the first contact and get the ball rolling, that would help us considerably.

Information packets will be available at the next meeting for you to take and give out to prospective members. REMEMBER, we're *all* on the membership committee!

Beverages – Alcoholic

Jarbo

Broadcasting – Radio

Shamrock

Radio Disney

Broadcasting – Television

KOTV – Channel 6

Channel 8

Dry Cleaning

Yale Cleaners

Exhibitions

Gilcrease Museum

Philbrook Museum of Art

OK Aquarium

Tulsa Zoo and Living Museum

Tulsa Air and Space Museum

Fine Arts

Tulsa PAC

Food Production Industry

The Bama Companies

Meat, Dairy, Poultry, Fish

Blue Bell

Musical Instruments and Merchandise

Saied Music Company

Promotional Services

BOK Center

With several new representatives and new members, we still need mentors! The main focus of the mentor is to make the new representative feel welcome and to get her engaged and active from the get go! ANYONE can be a mentor and it takes hardly any time at all – really! Contact Nicki Boone at nicki.boone@jqh.com to volunteer or if you would like more information regarding being a mentor.

Please help the chapter continue to grow and recruit vibrant, active participants from solid, active firms!! Remember EVERYONE is a member of the Membership Committee, and everyone can help us achieve our goal!

10+ in 2010!!!

EWI Spring Conference in Memphis (reprinted from EWI Corporate Connect)

Greetings from Memphis!

Goodness, is the Spring Conference really only 11 weeks away!?! Time truly does fly when you're having fun! Memphis is working overtime to assure you an event you won't soon forget.

We hope you are encouraging your chapter to attend. The speakers and subject matter are, without a doubt, some of the best, and we believe everyone will leave Memphis feeling they received great value (ROI).

The "red carpet" has been sent out to be cleaned...the Speakers are sharpening up on their comments...the hounds are sniffing out some nice door prizes...Just like Elvis's motto of "TCB," EWI of Memphis is "Taking Care of Business" to ensure you experience the full flavor of our city. We will have barbecue and the Bouffants...and a couple more "surprises" are up our sleeve--but you'll have to come see what those are yourself!

If you have already made your hotel reservation, but have not sent your registration, please do so as quickly as possible. If you have mailed your registration, but have not made your hotel reservation, please take care of that as quickly as possible (**hotel reservations must be made by March 22 in order to receive the special rate**). For your convenience, here is the link to our website where the registration form can be found: <http://ewimemphis.org>.

Also, be sure to let us know if you have any food allergies. Looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

Martye Slayton, President
and the Entire Membership EWI of Memphis

P.S. - Don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions or need assistance with anything.

(Oh! Did we mention "Nose-to-Toes?")



February Meeting Highlights



Tulsa Tech's new Health Science Center has great meeting rooms and catering available for your business events.



Lovely tables were a joint effort between Tulsa Tech, Party Pro Rents, and American Heart Association.



EWI sisterhood even brings together workplace competitors Tonya Jimenez & Bassima Roz.



New member Megan Moody (l) shares a laugh with seasoned member Sarah Diehl.



Who would have guessed this table was deep in pre-meeting conversation before smiling for the camera? From left, LaQuinda Davison, Toni McGee, Pat Desormeau, Debbie Reed, & Florence Titus.



Our Tulsa Tech executive on the left, Dr. Kara Gae Neal, with her EWI representatives, Susan McCoy and Karen Johnson. What a great and informative firm night! Thanks to all of you.



Proud (and rightly so) Campus Director Barbara Hagy filled us in on the great new Health Science Center at Tulsa Tech.



February Meeting Highlights



X-ray learning cubicles. Check out the skeleton at left.

A student, below, talks about how they learn to position people for x-rays.



Healthy snacks and handouts prepared by the students.



Laparoscopy 101—above.



Students who lined up over half the room were on hand to answer questions when we broke into groups and took a tour of 4 of the many classrooms and took advantage of the literature and tips they had kindly displayed.



X-ray control room.



All instruments must be counted before and after surgery.



Remember the Beatle song, *I'm Looking Through You*? This learning tool takes it to a new dimension.



Great teachers and state-of-the-art equipment help prepare students to go out into the real world. This gentleman breathes and bleeds among many other helpful teaching functions!



THE ROARING 20s EWI STYLE

DATE: Thursday, April 8, 2010 TIME: 6:00pm - 10:00pm
 LOCATION: Bernsen Community Life Center, 709 South Boston
 THEME: Roaring 20s

SPONSORSHIP:

- \$1,000 "Flappers" - Special recognition as Flapper Sponsor in all promotional materials; one table for eight with complimentary wine at table; signage at check-in; and advertisement using your own corporate banner.
- \$2,500 "Bootleggers" - Special recognition as Bootlegger Sponsor in all promotional materials; two tables for eight with complimentary wine at table; signage at check-in; and advertisement using your own corporate banner.
- \$5,000 "Gangsters" - Special recognition as Gangster Sponsor in all promotional materials; three tables for eight with complimentary wine at tables; signage at check-in; and advertisement using your own corporate banner.

TICKETS:

- \$60 - Individual \$100 - Couple
- \$500 - Table for Eight, including mention in program

AGENDA: Dinner, live auction, silent auction and Best 20s Outfit Contest

ENTERTAINMENT: Jazz and blues band - Big Daddy & The Blueskickers

NAME _____
 COMPANY NAME _____
 COMPANY MAILING ADDRESS, ZIP _____
 DAYTIME PHONE _____
 E-MAIL ADDRESS (NECESSARY FOR UPDATES) _____
 SIGNATURE _____

RETURN FORM & PAYMENT TO:

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Dates to Remember

| EVENT | TIME | DATE | LOCATION |
|--|------------|-----------------------|--|
| Program Committee Meeting | 11:45 a.m. | Tuesday, March 2 | Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills |
| Ways & Means Committee Meeting | 5:30 p.m. | Monday, March 8 | TBD |
| Professional Development Webinar | 6:00 p.m. | Monday, March 9 | Register at www.ewiconnect.com |
| Chapter Meeting | 5:30 p.m. | Thursday, March 11 | Omni Air International |
| Board of Directors Meeting | 11:45 a.m. | Thursday, March 25 | Monterea |
| 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.

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 from 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.

April submission deadline: March 20

Please submit the information for articles, offers, and notices in "cut and paste" format. Thank you.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR

Leaders vs. Losers. Presented by Jim Mathis, "The Re-Invention Specialist."

Date: March 9, 2010

Time: 6:00 pm (CST)

Register now online at www.ewiconnect.com

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 Jessica Bolen at jbolen@monterea.net 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 at 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.

*"May the Lord keep you in his hand
 and never close his fist too tight." An Irish Saying*

