

## Letter from President



Thank you to the **EWI of Tulsa** membership for electing me to serve as your 2009-2010 Chapter President. You have elected an outstanding Board, and we are excited about the year to come. I look forward to a fun year, focusing on **Connections, Careers, and Community**.

On September 9, 2009, we gathered for the Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers at **Montereau**. Thank you, **Teri Edmondson, the William K. Warren Foundation**, for providing the thoughtful invocation. Our business meeting concluded with the presentation of our *2009 Leading Ladies*. Each year to reward good attendance, EWI of Tulsa recognizes those ladies who have had perfect attendance at Chapter meetings. Thank you **Mid-America Land, Grain & Cattle Co. Inc.** for providing the Leading Lady gifts, including a \$50 Dinner Gift Certificate for Dinner and a box of chocolates. The Leading Ladies of 2009 were:

- Jessica Bolen, Montereau
- Kim Bowman, T.D. Williamson, Inc.
- Sarah Diehl, World Travel Service, LLC.
- Jan Ehrle, Mid-America Land, Grain & Cattle Company, Inc.
- Roberta Montgomery, Helmerich & Payne, Inc.
- Myra Trahern, Life Member

Thank you to my EWI mentor, **Rita Young, The William K. Warren Foundation**, for a very special installation ceremony. **Linda Polson, PSA Dewberry**, did a wonderful job preparing the programs and putting together the slideshow of photos that played throughout the reception, showing our members over the past year. The room was beautifully decorated to complement the theme for the year with rainbow colored balloons, yellow roses, and a yellow brick road leading to the Emerald City. Thank you to **Amy Adkins, executive**, and **Gwenn Whisenhunt, representative, Mrs. DeHaven's Flower Shop**, for donating the flowers for the evening. Thank you as well to **Janis Cohlmia, Tropical Plant Design, Inc.**, for the great prizes we gave away in the "Sign up for a committee" drawings.

Program Director, **Bassima Roz, Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills**, has already begun to plan the programs and meetings for the upcoming year. *We want your input!* Is your company interested in having a firm recognition night? A spotlight at the beginning of a meeting? Please share your ideas for speakers, meeting locations, and themes with Bassima. Contact her at 523-3552 or [bassima.roz@tmsh.net](mailto:bassima.roz@tmsh.net).

October 8 is going to be an exciting night at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel and Convention Center as **EWI of Tulsa** and **Tulsa Tech** present Rafe Equith as our keynote speaker for the 2009 Business and Education Forum. Our chapter is providing educators, including *Teacher of the Year* recipients, the opportunity to attend this event at no charge. I am grateful to **Jody Davis-Bergman, Accent Moving & Storage/ Mayflower**, for serving as the Chair for this event. Jody and her committee are working hard to guarantee another successful event.

Yours very truly in EWI Service,  
Jessica Bolen

*"No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself or get all the credit for doing it."*  
Andrew Carnegie

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## Meeting Notice

### 2009 EWI® Business and Education Forum Featuring Keynote Speaker Rafe Esquith



**When:** Thursday, October 8, 2009



5:30 pm Check-in/Registration  
6:00 pm Welcome, Invocation, and Dinner  
7:30 pm Keynote Speaker, Rafe Esquith  
8:00 pm Q & A  
8:15 pm Closing Remarks, Jessica Bolen  
8:20 pm Book signing in lobby – \$14.95

**Dress:** Business

**Where:** Tulsa Renaissance Hotel  
& Convention Center  
6808 South 107th East Avenue

**Cost:** \$50.00

**RSVP:** By Noon, Friday, October 2, 2009

**Respond To:** Kim Bowman, T. D. Williamson, Inc.  
Phone 447-5044; Fax 447-5050  
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**Meeting Fees:** Make checks payable to EWI of Tulsa.  
Fees may be paid at the door or mailed to:  
Alandra Baggett  
Omni Air International  
3303 North Sheridan Road, Hangar 19  
Tulsa, OK 74115

#### LOCAL BOARD

**Jessica Bolen**, President  
Monterea (491-5204)

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

**Alandra Baggett**, Treasurer  
Omni Air International (831-3020)

**Janice Morgan**, Secretary  
Alzheimer's Association (481-7740)

**Kim Bowman**, Sergeant-at-Arms  
T. D. Williamson, Inc. (447-5044)

**Talesa Samuel**, B/C/DP  
Doubletree Hotel Downtown (732-3613)

**Nicki Boone**, Membership  
Renaissance Tulsa Hotel & Convention  
Center (307-4017)

**Bassima Roz**, Program  
Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills (523-3552)

**Tammie Blessing**, Publication  
JPMorgan Chase & Co. (586-5828)

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

#### 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.



## Behind the Yellow Brick Road

By President Jessica Bolen

My theme for this year is *Follow the Yellow Brick Road* based on the book *The Oz Principle* written by Roger Connors, Tom Smith, and Craig Hickman. The Oz Principle focuses on getting results through individual and organizational accountability. I look forward to a successful year ahead filled with new opportunities for **Connections, Careers, and Community**. The Chapter Board has set forth goals for our chapter which will be published in the November Connect. To achieve these goals for our organization, all members will want to be engaged and actively participating in monthly meetings, mentoring, and committees to produce the desired results.

My primary goal for our chapter this year is to provide enhanced professional and personal development opportunities to our representatives while expanding membership to new industries within our community. My vision for our chapter this year is that together we will *Follow the Yellow Brick Road* to achieve our personal and organizational goals for the year and not let challenges along the way prevent us from attaining the results we desire.

## Everyone Sells EWI

Membership and programs are key to the success of EWI of Tulsa. In November, we will provide an opportunity for all member firms to bring a guest to the meeting. We ask that everyone bring one and share the benefits of EWI. Think about who you know and who you are doing business with on a daily basis. Then ask yourself, are they a member of EWI? No? Bring them to a meeting and share your EWI story with them.

More details will be provided in the November meeting notice.

Please send Membership referrals to Nicki Boone, [nicki.boone@jqh.com](mailto:nicki.boone@jqh.com).

"If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance."  
George Bernard Shaw

## Reading Rally Update

The 2009 Reading Rally kicked off at the September meeting with members donating 60 books for the Children's Hospital at Saint Francis. More books are needed and will be collected at the meetings in October and November.

The Reading Rally committee goal to collect 200 books breaks down as follows:

- 50 books for Infants thru Pre-K (ages birth to 4)
- 50 books for K thru 3rd grade (ages 5 to 8)
- 50 books for Pre-Adolescent (ages 8 to 12)
- 50 books for Adolescent (ages 12 to 18)



We need your help by donating one or more **NEW** books to this project. The books have to be new for the sanitization purposes to keep with the accreditation of the hospital. Once a child visits the children's library to get a book, the book is given to them. The library gives away many books each month. Let's show our member firms The William K Warren Foundation and Saint Francis Health System how much we support them by exceeding the goal of 200 books.

Volunteers are needed to read to the children the first three weeks in November at 1:00. Sign up sheets and more details will follow later.

Thank you for supporting the Reading Rally. The next committee meeting is **October 20, Noon at the Doubletree Hotel Downtown**. Contact me at [mharrison@tulsacc.edu](mailto:mharrison@tulsacc.edu) if you have questions or want to volunteer.

Margaret Harrison, Tulsa Community College



## Board Reports

### September Membership Report

#### Firm Name Change:

- From Renaissance Tulsa Hotel  
To Renaissance Tulsa Hotel and Convention Center

#### New Executives:

- Amy Adkins, President, Mrs. DeHaven's Flower Shop
- Joe Gaudet, General Manager,  
Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills

#### Executive Resignations:

- Jerry Parkhurst, Mrs. DeHaven's Flower Shop
- Leigh Murray, Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills

#### Firms without Representatives:

- Cox Business Services

### September Attendance

1 <sup>st</sup> Representatives	42
2 <sup>nd</sup> Representatives	4
3 <sup>rd</sup> Representatives	1
Executive/Representatives	1
Sustaining Representatives	6
Life Members	2
Guests	7
Executives	<u>2</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>62*</b>

\* Some members reflected in more than one category

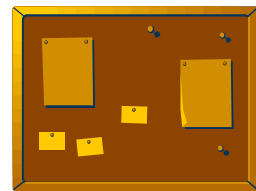
### Treasurer's Report

The GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT  
as of August 31, 2009, was \$23,433.40.

### Websites

Tulsa Website: [www.ewitulsa.org](http://www.ewitulsa.org)  
Corporate Website: [www.ewiconnect.com](http://www.ewiconnect.com)

## Courtesy Notices



Do you have news that you would like to share with the membership? Births, deaths, illnesses, or even a job promotion? Maybe there is a job opening at your firm, and you want to network it. Courtesy Function Leader Tonya Jimenez sends that information to all Tulsa Reps via a "Courtesy Notice."

Please send your news to Tonya Jimenez at [tonya.jimenez@jqh.com](mailto:tonya.jimenez@jqh.com).

### October Birthdays

#### Executives

Date	Name	Company
06	Mandy Leemhuis	American Heart Association
10	Bill McKamey	Public Service Co. of Oklahoma
11	Lynda Wingo	Miss Helen's Private School
14	John-Kelly Warren	William K. Warren Foundation
29	Ted Robertson	Robertson Tire Co., Inc.
30	Becky Ford	Linde Process Plants, Inc.

#### Representatives

Date	Name	Company
03	Talesa Samuel	Doubletree Hotel Downtown
03	Virginia Cohlmlia	Honorary Member
17	Lesla Johnson	The Pepsi Bottling Group
23	Christi Ray	Miss Helen's Private School
29	Angie Walters	Tulsa Metro Chamber
31	Sally Shelton	Senior Star Living
31	Gwenn Whisenhant	Mrs. DeHaven's Flower Shop

#### Firm Anniversaries

Year	Company
2005	Montereau
2006	Renaissance Tulsa Hotel and Convention Center
2008	Linde Process Plants, Inc.





## Let the year begin...



Rita Young, William K. Warren Foundation, Jessica's former EWI mentor, heading up the installation, assisted by Linda Polson, PSA-Dewberry. President Jessica Bolen listens with a smile.



Are the hospitality girls fun or what? SAA Kim Bowman, Hospitality Function Leader Susan McCoy, and outgoing Hospitality Function Leader Cheryl Benoit.



From left to right, President Jessica Bolen; Vice President Janis Cohlmia; Secretary Janice Morgan; Sergeant-at-Arms Kim Bowman; B/C/DP Director Talesa Samuel; Membership Director Nicki Boone; Program Director Bassima Roz; Karen Kellogg standing in for Publication director Tammie Blessing; Nancy Hillman standing in for Ways & Means Director Lesa Johnson.



Visiting pre-meeting were Debbie Reed, Mary Morrow, Myra Trahern, and Glenann Wilkerson.



Cheryl Benoit, Diane Cariker, and Tracy Berryhill look over the program in the festively decorated room at Montereau.



Post business meeting, we watched a video on upcoming BEF speaker, Rafe Esquith.



Jessica presents Leading Lady Sarah Diehl with her gift.



Leading Lady Kim Bowman receives her gift.



Jessica & Leading Lady Myra Trahern.



From one Leading Lady to another, Jan Ehrle and Jessica Bolen.



Jessica & Leading Lady Roberta Montgomery



Off to see the wizard... what a grand start to the year!





Partnership Trees is a newly formed subsidiary of Tropical Plant Design in the design and manufacturing of silk trees for the office and home interior design. Locally made, TPD can design and manufacture silk trees to the individual height, width, and leaf design required for any interior setting.

With Partnership Trees you can choose between Palm or Dracaena varieties or very distinct trunks to be made into Traditional, Oriental, Topiary, Clumping, or Layered style trees. Our factory direct pricing to the public is up to 40% lower than retail market pricing while keeping the highest quality standard of product available in the marketplace today.

We welcome you to call 918-622-3400 for design ideas or come by and view our new line of trees in our Tropical Plant Design showroom, 2702 W. Skelly Drive.

## Directory Updates

Please provide any changes/updates in your information to Maureen Quinn, Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance. Call 592-0722 or email [maureen@okalliance.com](mailto:maureen@okalliance.com).

## EWI Corporate Updates

Check your member information on the corporate website and update your profile online. [www.ewiconnect.com](http://www.ewiconnect.com)

## In Memory



### Farewell Dear Friend....

Julia Moore, EWI of Tulsa President, 1993, lost her fight against cancer on Sunday, September 27, at 5:30 p.m. A dear friend and colleague to many of our members, she was determined to attend the September meeting to watch the installation of her beloved friend and former co-worker, Jessica Bolen. And she did. No doubt she also enjoyed touching base with many of her EWI sisters.

Her time with us was far too short to fully appreciate the plucky enthusiasm of this incredibly caring, dynamic woman. So, we will continue on our journey, learning from her example until we see her again in our Father's house. With her characteristic smile and heart for hospitality, we know that she will be waiting for us there—glass of red wine in hand.

We know that she would want to thank her friends who cared for her during this difficult illness. She greatly appreciated your extraordinary kindnesses, flexibility, and reliability. Though the life of the party left us, her vibrant light will shine on in the hearts of her family and many friends.

Celebration of Life—the gathering will take place in the club room of the University Club Towers, 1722 South Carson in Tulsa on Saturday, October 10 from 2:00 to 4:00. EWI members welcome.

As Julia would say, "Moore later...."

