



## A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

My first job out of college was with a large accounting firm in Houston, Texas. My assigned jobs varied from manufacturing, oil and gas, and shipping. I thought I could tackle any assignment...until I was sent to a small oil and gas company. I was working away when the President walked into our office and started yelling at the manager on the job. His anger was directed at me—I was a woman in his office working on his audit. Women were not allowed to do that kind of work for him. Needless to say, I was shocked. After all, this was 1981 and women were in all kinds of businesses.

That was the first time I experienced prejudice based upon my gender. There were other instances after that but none quite so memorable. The changes in the workforce composition over the last 30 years have been dramatic. Women are accepted in all roles. Younger women find it hard to believe that the prejudice existed that recently.

I am thankful to the pioneering women that came before me, those that fought the battles for equality for our gender. The privilege of voting was one of those battles that we will learn more about at our next chapter meeting. Their sacrifices allow me the opportunity to voice my opinion through the voting process. In this election year, I encourage you to cast your ballot; have your voice heard. The women that came before us earned it for us.

Proud to be a woman,

Alandra

**YOU CANNOT BUILD CHARACTER AND  
COURAGE BY TAKING AWAY MAN'S INITIATIVE  
AND INDEPENDENCE.**

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN**

## EWI OF TULSA The History of Flight – Women’s Rights

**When:** **Thursday, July 12, 2012**  
 5:30 pm Registration  
 6:00 pm Welcome  
 6:10 pm Invocation  
 6:15 pm Dinner  
 6:45 pm Business Meeting  
 7:00 pm Judge Jan Dreiling  
 7:45 pm Closing Remarks

**Dress:** **Business or Business Casual**

**Where:** **Buddy LaFortune Community Center**  
 5202 South Hudson Avenue  
 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74104

**Cost:** **\$40.00**

**RSVP:** **By Noon, Friday, July 6**  
 Please reply promptly

**Respond to:** **Felicia Senter, Tulsa Tech**  
[felicia.senter@tulsatech.edu](mailto:felicia.senter@tulsatech.edu) or  
 call 918 828-5007; fax 918 828-5009

**Meeting Fees:** **Make checks payable to EWI of Tulsa**  
 Fee may be paid at the door or mailed to:  
*Marnie Knight*  
*Admiral Express Office Supply*  
*1823 North Yellowood Avenue*  
*Broken Arrow, OK 74012*

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 Email RSVP Response Guideline – Please type in the subject line:

Yes, I will attend or Yes, I will attend with \_\_\_ guests (names in body of email)  
 or  
 No, I will not attend  
 (List reason for missing in body of email, i.e., vacation, etc.)



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## BOARD REPORTS

### PLATINUM STATUS

Congratulations to our members who are well on their way to achieving "Platinum Status!"

Alandra Baggett, Brandi Bryan, LaQuinda Davison, Melanie Dennis, Diane Jarvi, LuAnne Martindale, Susan Miller, Roberta Montgomery, Linda Polson, Bassima Roz, Glenda Stoner, Myra Trahern, and Rita Young.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT as of May 31 was \$49,808.74

### JUNE MEMBERSHIP REPORT

#### New Member Firms

- ESPO Fire and Water Restoration
- Hall Estill Attorneys at Law

#### New Executive

- John, Esposito, ESPO Fire and Water Restoration
- Michael Cooke, Hall Estill Attorneys at Law

#### New 1<sup>st</sup> Representative

- Kathy Hefley, ESPO Fire and Water Restoration
- Suzanne Harmon, Hall Estill Attorneys at Law
- Stacy Gill, Mrs. DeHaven's Flower Shop

#### New 2<sup>nd</sup> Representative

- Ann Parker, ESPO Fire and Water Restoration

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Representative Resignation

- Gwenn Whisenhunt, Mrs. DeHaven's Flower Shop

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

#### EXECUTIVES

Date	Name	Company
3	David Reissen	Oklahoma Mailing Equipment
17	John Gibson	ONEOK, Inc.
24	Ray Roberson	Bridge Employment Services LLC

#### REPRESENTATIVES

Date	Name	Company
6	Jodi Erickson	State Farm Insurance Companies
7	Leslie Rosencutter	Parker Drilling Company
17	Alandra Baggett	Omni Air International
18	John Hamill	Honorary Member

#### JULY FIRM ANNIVERSARIES

Year	Company
2003	Admiral Express Office Supply

### JUNE ATTENDANCE

First Representatives*	40
Second Representatives	7
Third Representatives	0
Sustaining Representatives	2
Life Members	1
Executive/Representatives	2
Honorary Representatives	1
Guests	51
Executives**	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>

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

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



Let freedom never perish in your hands.

Joseph Addison



## NOTICE: SEPTEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGE

Due to LCAM being held September 13-15,  
**the September Chapter Meeting will be held September 20<sup>th</sup>.**



*EWI of Tulsa is sponsoring a team that will walk on August 25, 2012, in the fight against Alzheimer's. T-Shirts for this event will be available.*

*You can register to walk at [www.tulsawalk.org](http://www.tulsawalk.org) on the EWI Memorymakers Walk team.*

*All donations are appreciated. Along with the walk, be ready for great family activities and prizes for "Champion Teams."*

*Contact Janice Morgan, **Alzheimer's Association**, for more information.*

### T-Shirts!

We have many opportunities to participate in community activities as a group. We would like to have t-shirts available for purchase that promote our chapter as we are supporting these activities. The design would have our EWI logo and be versatile enough that we could wear these for a number of events. The cost will be dependent upon the number of participants. Contact Janis Cohlma, **Tropical Plant Design**, for more information.

Has your firm, executive, or a representative received an award or special recognition? Send your information to Carolyn Kubiak, [ckubiak@stfpr.com](mailto:ckubiak@stfpr.com), to have it added to the Connect "News" page.

## AT LAST MONTH'S MEETING.....

### JUNE CHAPTER MEETING – "EWISP/ASIST Banquet"

The Campbell Hotel was the site for honoring our 2012 scholarship winners. Ten women were acknowledged as recipients for the Executive Women International Adult Students in Scholastic Transition (ASIST) scholarship, and five local senior high school students were chosen as finalists for the Executive Women International Scholarship Program (EWISP). Crystal Sinor was chosen to represent EWI of Tulsa at the corporate level, while Elena Beene from Booker T. Washington will represent for EWISP.

#### Survey Says:

*"Very Good" was the overall rating for June. There were many positive comments on The Campbell Hotel as the venue and a mix of comments about the banquet program.*

# Congratulations Scholarship Winners



ASIST Scholarships winners include, Jeri Kurz, Rogers State University; Paula Brewer, Rogers State University; Crystal Sinor, OUHSC; Chandler Walters, University of Tulsa; Function Leader, Beth Phillips, Tulsa Metro Chamber; Christy Gleason, Tulsa Community College; Marci Parkhurst, OSU-Tulsa; Judith Hernandez, NSU-Broken Arrow; Andrea Papke, OSU-Tulsa. Not pictured Sandra Ekhoﬀ, OSU-Tulsa and Katie Matthews, Southern Nazarene University.



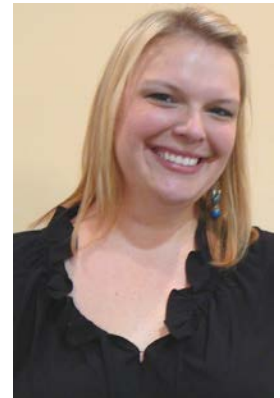
EWISP Scholarship Finalists include, Nahrie Chung, Holland Hall School; Elena Beene, Booker T. Washington High School; Brett L. Humphrey, Jenks High School; Jessica Rose Crowl, Metro Christian Academy; Summer Hill, Owasso High School.

# Thank you!

Thank you to our ASIST judges, Jessica Hargis, (right) with Tulsa Area United Way; Heather Johnson, with Tulsa Metro Chamber, pictured below with her husband, Michael. Monica Epperson, co-founder of The Child of Divorce, was not available to join us.



Thank you to our EWISP judges Karla Davis, with Goodwill Industries of Tulsa (below left) and Emonica Reagan-Neely, with OSU-Tulsa (below right). Laurie Sondburg, COO of the Tulsa City-County Library, was not available to join us.



Congratulations to our two winners! Elena Beene was awarded the \$5,000 EWISP Scholarship and Crystal Sinor has been chosen to represent our chapter in the Corporate level ASIST scholarship



Thank you to our organizers, (left to right) Sarah Diehl, **World Travel**; our Master of Ceremonies, John Hamill; and Beth Phillips representing **Tulsa Metro Chamber**.



WELCOME TO  
MARLENE ELLIS REPRESENTING  
BRIDGE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, LLC

1. What does your company do and what is your function within the company?  
We are a staffing company. We help businesses find employees. We do 90 day temp-to-hire or direct hires. My title is Vice President of Sales and Marketing. I find companies and fill their needs.
2. How did you get into this business?  
I had been in advertising sales for years. I knew Ray, the owner, from selling him ads. One day I just asked him if he knew of any sales jobs, and he said I should come to work for him. I just love it!
3. What do you enjoy most about your current job?  
That I help companies and help people go to work. At the end of the day, I feel like I make a difference in someone's life. It's a good feeling when you get that right person together with the right company.
4. What was your first job?  
A cashier at Hardee's.
5. What was your favorite thing about childhood?  
Living in the country, and my horses.
6. Tell us something interesting about yourself that a lot of people don't know, a little known fact or accomplishment, past or present.  
I grew up in Dodge City, Kansas, and when I was 16, I won a Miss Kitty look-alike contest.
7. Who do you consider to be your role model? Why?  
My sister. She was 13 years older than I am, so I had always looked up to her. She was a great mother and even took on my brothers kids and raised them. She had a career and time for family. She liked to have fun and travel. She passed away two years ago from cancer. She was definitely my role model through that ordeal. She handled it better than I ever could.
8. Tell us a little about what you like to do in your spare time. What is your passion/hobby?  
I spend most of my time with family. I have three girls, and they have lots of friends at the house. We have game night at least once a week. I love to go to movies and keep active in my church.
9. What's on your bucket list?  
Traveling! I just want to have TIME and MONEY to just get up and go. I want to go Europe, Ireland, and Italy along with places in the USA that I have not seen.
10. What is the biggest benefit to your being affiliated with Executive Women International? Or, what do you hope to gain from your affiliation with EWI?  
Networking with other women and learning about other businesses. I hope to be able to help some of the companies find employees.

WELCOME TO  
PAM ROBINSON REPRESENTING  
J. GIFFORD, INC.



1. What does your company do and what is your function within the company?  
J. Gifford, Inc. is a small, quality-conscious firm providing a highly individualized recruiting service to our clients on a local, regional, national, and international basis. We specialize in engineering staffing in the manufacturing and process industries as well as placement activity in human resources and accounting. I am the Vice President of the firm.
2. How did you get into this business?  
I accepted “early retirement” from my previous employer of 17 years where I had been in upper management. After a summer home with my girls, I responded to an ad in the Tulsa World for a part-time role with J. Gifford, Inc., and the rest is history.
3. What do you enjoy most about your current job?  
The opportunity to get to know so many wonderful people. I love the daily interaction with my clients and candidates.
4. What was your first job?  
At the age of 16, I worked at Braum’s Ice Cream and Dairy Store when minimum wage was \$2.45/hour. It was a delicious job!
5. What was your favorite thing about childhood?  
I actually have two things—playing organized softball and reading Nancy Drew mysteries.
6. Tell us something interesting about yourself that a lot of people don’t know, a little known fact or accomplishment, past or present.  
While I was “retired,” I started a pet sitting business. I got to care for all kinds of animals from the usual dogs and cats to a horse, exotic birds, chinchillas, flying squirrels, pot-bellied pigs, turtles, and more!
7. Who do you consider to be your role model? Why?  
I don’t have a particular role model. I do find myself drawn to people with a joy of life, who aren’t judgmental and who have a high level of integrity—even when no one is looking.
8. Tell us a little about what you like to do in your spare time. What is your passion/hobby?  
My passion is spending time with my family. My children have grown into lovely young adults who are actually fun to be around! My husband and I share so many interests and thoroughly enjoy our time together playing golf or going to area auctions to look for the “unusual.”
9. What’s on your bucket list?  
I don’t have a bucket list. I have been genuinely blessed to have a wonderful and fulfilling life on so many levels. Anything else at this point is icing on the cake?
10. What is the biggest benefit to your being affiliated with Executive Women International? Or, what do you hope to gain from your affiliation with EWI?  
I think the benefit is getting to know some pretty terrific people whose paths I might not have otherwise crossed. I embrace the opportunity to learn and share knowledge with this group. I’m still feeling my way here but having a lot of fun!



WELCOME TO  
GAIL DODSON REPRESENTING  
SOCIAL SECURITY LAW CENTER LLC



1. What does your company do and what is your function within the company?  
Social Security Law Center represents claimants for Social Security Disability. I am the Financial and Operations Manager for the firm. I take care of the business side of the business so the attorneys and paralegals can take care of clients.
2. How did you get into this business?  
I was recruited by one of the attorneys.
3. What do you enjoy most about your current job?  
I enjoy the variety of tasks and my relationships with co-workers. We are a work "family."
4. What was your first job?  
I mixed paint at a hardware store.
5. What was your favorite thing about childhood?  
I loved going to visit Nana and being ridiculously spoiled.
6. Tell us something interesting about yourself that a lot of people don't know, a little known fact or accomplishment, past or present.  
I have been taking ballroom dance lessons for three years and dance a pretty decent fox-trot and working on tango.
7. Who do you consider to be your role model? Why?  
My mother is my role model. She is one of those people who wrings every last drop out of life, who always has a sense of humor, and who loves fiercely. I admired her courage as she struggled to make a new life for herself after her husband of 55 years, and my father, passed away from cancer. She also took up ballroom dancing and recently won a regional dance competition.
8. Tell us a little about what you like to do in your spare time. What is your passion/hobby?  
Gardening is good therapy for the soul and a nice balance after being in an office all day. I am passionate about animal rescue. All three of my dogs, Lola, the lab/pit mix, Mr. Bean the dachshund, and Sugar the Great Pyrenees, are rescues that are a blessing and bring me great joy. If there were more hours in the day I would have time to read and knit, but that is a rare treat.
9. What's on your bucket list?  
I dream of making a trip to Ireland to trace the family history, a return trip to Chichen Itza in Mexico, learning yoga, and writing a book.
10. What is the biggest benefit to your being affiliated with Executive Women International? Or, what do you hope to gain from your affiliation with EWI?  
EWI has been and continues to be a wonderful opportunity to meet accomplished, gracious, and giving women in the community. That is the greatest benefit of all. I also hope to gain guidance and real world insight into work-related challenges.

## July's Business Meeting / Professional Development will include an update on women's rights through the years presented by The Honorable Judge Jan Dreiling.



**Remember to always exercise your right to vote!**

### HAVE INFORMATION TO SHARE?

#### COURTESY NOTICES

If you have an announcement you'd like distributed to the members, please send your news to Sue Springwater at [sspringwater@aol.com](mailto:sspringwater@aol.com)

#### EWI OF TULSA IS ON FACEBOOK

If you would like to follow EWI of Tulsa on Facebook, email Janice Morgan at [janice.morgan@alz.org](mailto:janice.morgan@alz.org).

#### EWI OF TULSA DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please provide any updates for the directory to Maureen Quinn via phone at 918 592-0722 or email at [maureen@okalliance.com](mailto: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, please contact Maureen Quinn at 918 592-0722.

#### POSTINGS FOR MONTHLY CONNECT

Please send all submissions for the Connect to Carolyn Kubiak at [ckubiak@stfpr.com](mailto:ckubiak@stfpr.com)

**August SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Monday, July 27, 2012**

### 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.



# Don't Forget...



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Event	Time	Date	Location
Fundraising (BEF) Committee Meeting	11:30ap.m.	July 9	Hilti
Program Committee Meeting	11:30 a.m.	July 10	Warren Professional Building, 6585 S. Yale Ave., Suite 1040
Texoma Committee Meeting	11:30 a.m.	July 11	Boulder Grill at Holiday Inn Downtown
Membership Committee Meeting	12:00 noon	July 12	Arby's – 4923 E. 49 <sup>th</sup> St.
Ready Rally Meeting	12:00 noon	July 12	Alzheimer's Association 2448 E. 81 <sup>st</sup> St., Suite 3000
Monthly Board Meeting	5:30 p.m.	July 17	TBD
Texoma Board Forum—hosted by EWI of Tulsa		August 3-4	Doubletree Hotel Downtown, Tulsa
65 <sup>th</sup> Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting (LCAM)		September 13 - 15	Dallas, Texas
Business Forum and Executive of the Year Recognition		September 20	Southern Hills Marriott, Tulsa, Oklahoma



Thank you to Stephanie Layson, with **Party Pro Rents**, for the beautiful décor.

Stay tuned for more on this year's Reading Rally.

**EWI of Tulsa**

Presents

**Executive Book Drive**

In Conjunction with our

**2012 Reading Rally Program**