



*Don't wait until everything is just right. It will never be perfect. There will always be challenges, obstacles and less than perfect conditions. So what? Get started now. With each step you take, you will grow stronger and stronger, more and more skilled, more and more self-confident, and more and more successful.~ Mark Victor Hansen*

Did you receive your straw ballot and position descriptions? Have you filled it out and nominated yourself or another representative that you believe would fit a certain position?

When Janis called me at this time two years ago to be her vice president, I did not answer immediately. I needed time to think about it. I needed time to come up with all kinds of excuses why I couldn't and shouldn't accept the nomination. That position is a huge responsibility. How could I possibly fit that in? My family and my job needed me. The conditions were just not right. I asked my family. My husband sided with Janis. "You love that organization. Why would you not accept? You will enjoy it." My daughter was no better. "Mom, you do best when you are busy. You will need something more to do when you don't have to run after me." No excuses there. So I asked my bosses (my executives) about the nomination to get their opinion. They knew my work load and responsibilities. And what did they say? "That is great! What an honor. You really need to do that." I did not get the excuse that I needed from them either! I figured that my family and bosses would not let me get in over my head, so I accepted the nomination. Then I panicked! What have I done? What if I can't do the job? I was dreaming dragons!

Serving as the vice-president/president elect, and now as the president, have been the most rewarding years. I have had opportunities to work with the most remarkable women in the best EWI chapter and to grow personally and professionally. The rewards of serving far outweigh the challenges and perceived obstacles. I am so thankful that I ran out of excuses and said yes. When asked to serve, it may not seem like the best time for you. But, is there ever a perfect time? Why not now? The support from the membership is amazing! You will not regret your decision to say yes.

No more excuses,

Alandra



## EWI OF TULSA Fly the Friendly Skies

**When:** **Thursday, May 10, 2012**  
 5:30 pm Registration  
 6:00 pm Welcome and Invocation  
 6:10 pm Firm Spotlight "Montereau"  
 6:20 pm Dinner  
 6:45 pm Professional Development – Business  
 Travel and Safety by Charlie Ferling, Omni  
 Air International  
 7:15 pm Adjourn

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

**Where:** **Montereau** (directions below)  
 6800 South Granite Avenue  
 Coterie Theatre  
 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136

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

**RSVP:** **By Noon, Friday, May 4**  
 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 Yellowwood Avenue*  
*Broken Arrow, OK 74012*

**Directions to Montereau:**

Montereau is between Yale Avenue and Sheridan Avenue, just north of 71<sup>st</sup> Street. From 71<sup>st</sup> Street, turn north on Granite Avenue. There is a stoplight at Granite Avenue and St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church is on the corner. At the end of Granite Avenue, turn right into the Montereau entrance. At the top of the hill, turn right to go to the Main entrance.



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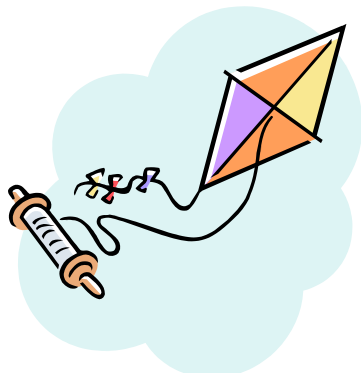
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## BOARD REPORTS

### PLATINUM STATUS

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

Alandra Baggett, Brandi Bryan, LaQuinda Davison, Melanie Dennis, Pat Desormeau, Diane Jarvi, Karen Kellogg, 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 March 31 was \$49,694.39.

### APRIL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

#### New Member Firms

- Lexus of Tulsa
- APSCO Inc.

#### New 1st Representative

- Cathy Thornton Atchley, Lexus of Tulsa
- Susanne Braddy, APSCO Inc.

#### New Executive:

- Don Thornton, Lexus of Tulsa
- Larry Mocha, APSCO Inc.
- John Hunter, Tulsa Tech (Interim Superintendent)

#### Executive Resignations:

- Dr. Kara Gae Neal, Tulsa Tech (retired)

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

### EXECUTIVES

Date	Name	Company
14	Scott Layson	Party Pro Rents
19	Chuck Prucha	Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance
30	Thomas Cooper	Warren Professional Building Corporation

### REPRESENTATIVES

Date	Name	Company
3	Susan Miller	Warren Professional Building Corporation
4	Pat Griffith	The William K. Warren Foundation
12	Felicia Senter	Tulsa Tech

### MAY FIRM ANNIVERSARIES

Year	Company
1975	T.D. Williamson, Inc.
1989	Don Nickles, U.S. Senator
2001	Tulsa City-County Library
2008	Tropical Plant Design, Inc.
2009	Senior Star Living

### APRIL ATTENDANCE

First Representatives*	31
Second Representatives	6
Third Representatives	0
Sustaining Representatives	2
Life Members	1
Executive/Representatives	0
Honorary Representatives	0
Guests	5
Executives**	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</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.

*If you want an accounting of your worth,  
count your friends.*

*Merry Browne*

# Thank You!

Dear Alandra,

Thanks to you and all of the folks at EWI for the gift to Tulsa Parks in memory of Dad. He loved Tulsa's beautiful trees and parks and your gift is a thoughtful tribute.

With gratitude,  
Hans

We wish to express our sincere thanks for your friendship, kindness and prayers during this time of great sorrow.

The family of  
Walter Hugo Helmerich III

*EWI of Tulsa extends our sincere sympathies to the family of Pam McDonald on the recent loss of her father. Please remember Pam in your thoughts and prayers.*

# Congratulations!

**Vernice Bersche**, representing **Merrill Lynch**, has been promoted from Senior Advisor to Assistant Vice President.



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

### APRIL CHAPTER MEETING – “FLIGHT PLAN”

We began the evening with an informal progressive dinner, changing tables with each course. It was a great opportunity to learn about our members (long time and brand new), their companies and what they do every day! We finished the evening with a lesson in life balance from Kren Bennett, who owns Kren Bennett Coaching Services.

### Survey Says:

*“Very Good” was the overall rating for April on both the meeting in general as well as Kren Bennett, our guest speaker.*

*Thank you to all who participated. This input is so helpful for planning future meetings.*





Networking! At the **Doubletree Hotel Downtown**, represented by Bassima Roz.



Guest Diana Triplett, introducing herself to new member Kim Hays, **Moody's Jewelry, Inc.**



Jessica Bolen, **Montereau**, with new member Susanne Braddy representing **APSCO Inc.**, and Linda Wingo, **Miss Helen's Private School**.



Janice Morgan, **Alzheimer's Association**; Pam Robison, **J. Gifford Inc.** and Carolyn Kubiak representing **Schnake Turnbo Frank | PR**, enjoying dinner.



Kim Hays, **Moody's Jewelry, Inc.** and Marlena Ellis with **Bridge Employment Services, LLC**.

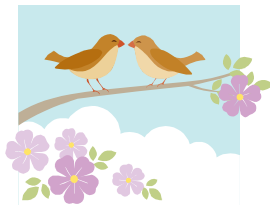


Sue Springwater, sustaining member, with Kim Bowman, representing **T.D. Williamson, Inc.** and Betty Oswald, also a sustaining member.





Guest speaker, Kren Bennett with Sally Shelton, Senior Star Living.



Marlena Ellis with Bridge Employment Services, LLC, receives her EWI pin from Tonya Solomon, Allegra Print & Imaging.



Janis Cohlmiya, Tropical Plant Design, Inc., pins new member Cathy Thornton Atchley representing Lexus of Tulsa.



Guest speaker, Kren Bennett of Kren Bennett Coaching Services.



Kim Hays, Moody's Jewelry, Inc., receives her pin from Bassima Roz, Doubletree Hotel Downtown.



Welcome to our new members with their mentors, from left to right: Tonya Solomon, Allegra Print & Imaging; Marlena Ellis, Bridge Employment Services, LLC; Cathy Thornton Atchley, Lexus of Tulsa; Janis Cohlmiya, Tropical Plant Design, Inc.; Bassima Roz, Doubletree Hotel Downtown; Kim Hays, Moody's Jewelry, Inc.

WELCOME TO  
DR. JOSEPH P. MOORE REPRESENTING  
MOORE FUNERAL HOME, INC.

1. What does your company do and what is your function within the company?  
Moore Funeral Home is a funeral provider. I am the owner and president.
2. How did you get into this business?  
I inherited Moores.
3. What do you enjoy most about your current job?  
It is interesting and I enjoy helping people.
4. What was your first job?  
Sacking groceries at the local Redbud Supermarket.
5. What was your favorite thing about childhood?  
Playing with friends and sports.
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 had a lot of education.
7. Who do you consider to be your role model? Why?  
My parents, because they each had some very special qualities.
8. Tell us a little about what you like to do in your spare time. What is your passion/hobby?  
Going to concerts, movies and playing golf.
9. What's on your bucket list?  
Traveling to places such as Scandinavia, Mediterranean, and the Far East.
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 and to make and maintain contact with other area executives.

*Every day do something that will inch you closer to  
a better tomorrow.  
Doug Firebaugh*

WELCOME TO  
JODI ERICKSON REPRESENTING  
STATE FARM INSURANCE COMPANIES

1. What does your company do and what is your function within the company?  
State Farm Insurance sells insurance and financial services. I am a liaison between State Farm and the Departments of Insurance for the 5 states in our zone. We handle customer complaints and do customer service training.
2. How did you get into this business?  
A family friend works here and encouraged me to apply after I graduated college. I agreed to “try it out.” 14 years later, I am still here!
3. What do you enjoy most about your current job?  
I love being able to help resolve our customer’s concerns and hopefully turn their negative experience into a positive one.
4. What was your first job?  
My first official job was as a waitress at Pizza Hut
5. What was your favorite thing about childhood?  
Summer vacation!
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 helped established a book club in 2003 and we are still going strong today.
7. Who do you consider to be your role model? Why?  
My sister is my role model. She went through some rough times in her high school years and has worked very hard to make positive changes in her life. It’s inspiring to watch how she overcame her obstacles and turn them around to help others as a counselor now.
8. Tell us a little about what you like to do in your spare time. What is your passion/hobby?  
I have always loved to read and try to make time to read every day. My most recent passion is Zumba. I started taking classes back in January and am shocked by how much I love it. I have never been one to use the word “love” to describe any form of exercise! It’s been a blast.
9. What’s on your bucket list?  
Traveling to Europe, especially Italy.
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?  
As a brand new member, I am really looking forward to meeting new people and becoming more involved with my community.



WELCOME TO  
MONICA LEMERY REPRESENTING  
PEPSI BEVERAGE COMPANY

1. What does your company do and what is your function within the company?  
Pepsi Beverages Company (PBC) is PepsiCo's beverage manufacturing, sales and distribution operating unit in the United States, Canada and Mexico. As Regional Marketing Manager- Oklahoma and Texas Market Unit, I work closely with Region Leadership teams to customize national campaigns/programs to a localized approach and to ensure greater success in Oklahoma and Texas market.
2. How did you get into this business?  
At the time, Pepsi Bottling Group recruited on the campus of Oklahoma State University. I remember attending a business career fair my senior year where Pepsi had a booth. The rest is history; I will be celebrating my ninth (9th) year with the company on June 2nd.
3. What do you enjoy most about your current job?  
I enjoy working with our people. To know that everyone shares the same determination as I do – makes my job more enjoyable.
4. What was your first job?  
My first job was when I was in high school, working at Claire's Boutique in Woodland Hills Mall. My first and only professional job has been spent at Pepsi.
5. What was your favorite thing about childhood?  
My favorite thing about childhood was spending time with my siblings. I am the oldest of four children and I loved playing teacher.
6. Tell us something interesting about yourself that a lot of people don't know, a little known fact or accomplishment, past or present.  
Accomplishment: As the New Business Manager at Pepsi, I acquired Osage Million Dollar Elm Casino.
7. Who do you consider to be your role model? Why?  
My Dad is my role model. He taught me about great work ethic and showed me how to love and support my family.
8. Tell us a little about what you like to do in your spare time. What is your passion/hobby?  
Sleep and spend time with my loving husband and children.
9. What's on your bucket list?  
Hike through the Grand Canyon with my husband. Ride in a hot air balloon. Travel abroad.
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?  
To interact with other professional women and network.

## 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)

**June SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Monday, May 23, 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.



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.

# Don't Forget...

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Event	Time	Date	Location
Program Committee Meeting	11:30 a.m.	May 8	Warren Professional Building Corporation 6585 South Yale, Suite 1040 (Bring your lunch.)
Monthly Board meeting	5:30 p.m.	May 15	Tulsa Tech 6111 East Skelly Drive
Reading Rally Meeting	12:00 noon	May 16	Alzheimer's Association 2448E. 81 <sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 3000
EWISP/ASIST Banquet		June 14	TBD
Texoma Board Forum – hosted by EWI of Tulsa		August 3 and 4	Doubletree Hotel Downtown, Tulsa
65 <sup>th</sup> Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting (LCAM)		September 13 - 15	Dallas, Texas