

## A Message from our President



A new year has begun and it's time to make those dreaded "New Year's Resolutions." Each year many of us take a few moments to examine our lives and "resolve" to make certain changes. Although people often joke about not keeping their New Year's Resolutions, the examination process is still a good exercise.

The "Quote of the Week" in the January 5 Landscape was one I ran across recently that really struck a chord for me.

It says: "We spend January 1 walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives...not looking for flaws, but for potential." ~ *Ellen Goodman*

The real message in this quote is to change from a negative to a positive focus – look to what we can be, rather than what we are not. Let's face it – 2008 was a tough year for many of us. With all the difficulties going on around us, it would be easy to "hunker down" to avoid too much negative impact. The problem is you can't move forward when you are "hunkered down."

As your Chapter President, I see great potential for the Tulsa Chapter in the upcoming year. The **Membership Committee** is working very hard on recruitment of new member firms. They have a phenomenal recruitment event planned for February 5. With their efforts, and your help, our Chapter has the "potential" to significantly increase the number of member firms over the next year.

The **Program Committee** has a spectacular year of programs planned for our Chapter, starting with January's "Go Green at Work" presentation by the Tulsa Metropolitan Environmental Trust. Our Chapter programs this year have the "potential" to be fun, exciting, informative, and something you just won't want to miss.

The **EWISP Committee** has more schools participating this year than ever before (or at least in recent history), and the **ASIST Committee** plans to increase participation as well. Our Chapter has the "potential" to have scholarship winners at the national level in both of these programs, and with the awesome leadership of these two committees, I believe we will.

The **Ways & Means Committee** is examining exciting fundraising opportunities for 2009 that will begin new traditions of excellence, and involve new sectors of the community. Our unique fundraising event has the "potential" not only to raise scholarship funds, but to bring our organization to the forefront of executive women in the area.

The **BEF Committee** is planning an awesome event for October 2009, which will bring a nationally-known educator to our city. The new date provides an opportunity for even more local educators to attend and begin their new school year revitalized, refocused, and motivated. This Tulsa Chapter event is already the envy of other EWI Chapters and has the "potential" to be a premier event for area educators and a model for other EWI Chapters.

I could go on and on – our Chapter is already phenomenal, but we have the "potential" to be even better. I encourage you to begin 2009 by "resolving" to reach your full potential in EWI this year.



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## Meeting Notice

Go **GREEN** at work...find out how!

- When:** Thursday, January 15, 2009
- 5:30 pm Check-in/Registration
  - 6:00 pm Welcome & Introduction of Guests
  - 6:10 pm Firm Spotlight
  - 6:15 pm Invocation/Dinner
  - 7:00 pm Guest Speaker from the Tulsa Metropolitan Environmental Trust
  - 8:00 pm Closing Remarks
- Dress:** Business or Business Casual
- Where:** Los Cabos Restaurant – Riverwalk in Jenks  
300 Riverwalk Terrace
- Cost:** \$40.00
- RSVP:** By Noon, Friday, January 9, 2009
- Respond To:** Maureen Quinn, Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance  
592-0722 – telephone or 592-1417 fax  
maureen@okalliance.com
- Meeting Fees:** Make checks payable to EWI, Tulsa Chapter.

Fees may be paid at the door or mailed to:  
Alandra Baggett  
Omni Air International  
3303 North Sheridan Road, Hangar 19  
Tulsa, OK 74115

### EWI® Mission and Vision

#### Mission

Executive Women International® is an organization which brings together key individuals from diverse businesses for the purpose of:

- Promoting member firms
- Enhancing personal and professional development, and
- Encouraging community involvement

#### Vision

To be the Leading Connection for Business Professionals.

### Websites

Tulsa Chapter Website: [www.ewitulsa.org](http://www.ewitulsa.org)  
Corporate Website: [www.executivewomen.org](http://www.executivewomen.org)

## 2009 Membership Fees Due



Invoices for 2009 Membership Fees have been mailed and payment is due. Please mail your payment to Alandra Baggett (address on invoice) if you haven't already done so. If you did not receive an invoice, please contact Alandra Baggett ([abaggett@omniairintl.com](mailto:abaggett@omniairintl.com)) or Janet Mallow ([jmallow@riggsabney.com](mailto:jmallow@riggsabney.com)) as soon as possible. Thank you!

### TULSA CHAPTER BOARD

**Janet Mallow, President**  
Riggs, Abney, Neal, Turpen, Orbison & Lewis (669-8984)

**Jessica Bolen,**  
Vice President/President Elect  
Monterea in Warren Woods  
(491-5204)

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

**Karen Kellogg, Secretary**  
JP Morgan Chase & Co. (586-5434)

**Kim Treadway, Sergeant-at-Arms**  
Dodge Chrysler Jeep of Tulsa  
(663-6343 ext. 226)

**Janis Cohlmiya, B/C/DP**  
Tropical Plant Design (691-6067)

**Janice Morgan, Membership**  
Alzheimer's Association (481-7440)

**Karen Johnson, Program**  
Tulsa Technology Center (828-5206)

**Jennifer Prout, Publication**  
Verizon Wireless (504-9050)

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



## Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Time to Recruit, Retain, Grow...

Each Representative who recruits a new member firm during the period of October 1, 2008 – May 31, 2009, will receive an **EWI eco-friendly shopping bag with the new EWI logo**. There is no limit on the number of shopping bags a representative can receive. Just make sure your name is listed as the recruiter on the New Member Application, Form 15.

- Each recruiter's name will be entered into a drawing for a **2009 LCAM registration. Three (3) separate drawings will be held based on which division your Chapter is in (Eastern, Central, and Western)**. There is no limit on the number of chances a representative can earn.
- The **top recruiter** will also win a **2009 LCAM registration**. (In the event of a tie, a random drawing will be held for this prize.)
- **Net Growth Plus 1:** Each Chapter that has at least one more member firm as of June 1, 2009, than it had on October 1, 2008, will receive a **free registration for an EWI Online Course (\$175 value)** to be used at the Chapter's discretion.

**Chapter Retention:** If the **Tulsa Chapter** retains **95% or more** of our member firms at renewal, each will receive the **EWI eco-friendly shopping bags with the new EWI logo for each of our Chapter members (active and sustaining)**.

So, on behalf of the Membership Committee (that means ALL of us!)... let's go out and **"Bag a New Member for EWI!"** We know that current EWI members will step onto the bus and **Recruit** new members, **Retain** the ones we have, and together we will all **Grow EWI – and the Tulsa Chapter!**

**Janice Morgan, Director, and the Membership Committee:**  
**Jessica Bolen, Jan Ehrle, Diana Triplett, Pat Desormeau, Johnnye Potter, Kathy Eskridge, Tonya Solomon, Linda Safley, Lisa Myrick, and Tricia Booher.**

## 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."

**Since we are in our first few months, at this point, almost everyone is a Leading Lady! We will begin listing the Leading Ladies in the next couple of months.**

## Directory Updates

Please provide any updates for the Tulsa Chapter Directory to Maureen Quinn, Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance. Call 592-0722; fax 592-1417; or email [maureen@okalliance.com](mailto:maureen@okalliance.com).

## EWI Corporate Updates

[www.executivewomen.org](http://www.executivewomen.org)

Check your member information on the corporate website and update your profile online.

## Share the News



Have an item you would like to share with the EWI Membership (event, celebration, job opening, or EWI discount you offer)? Please let us know.

Send submissions for the Chapter Connect to:

[Istansill@usbeefcorp.com](mailto:Istansill@usbeefcorp.com)  
 610-2226

Submission deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## In The Spotlight



Judi Myers, Executive for **Gatesway Foundation**, spoke to the EWI members, stating how appreciative they are for all the gifts. Their goal is to give each Gatesway client/resident 3 Christmas gifts. For many, this is the only gift they will receive. She also spoke of the dedication of the entire Gatesway staff. The entire meal, preparation, serving, and clean up for the evening was done voluntarily by the staff. They consistently give of their own time.



Dorothy Irby, Sue Springwater, & Nancy Chambers



Gatesway personnel as our servers



Wonderful fellowship in a festive setting!



New Beginnings Church Band

## December Business Meeting – Gatesway Foundation

The December Business Meeting, hosted by Gatesway Foundation, certainly captured the Christmas spirit. The warm hospitality of the Gatesway Foundation employees and the comfortable atmosphere of their facility made the evening simply wonderful. The meal, prepared by the Gatesway chefs, was delicious and the service, by Gatesway personnel, was outstanding. The poinsettia centerpieces, grown in the Gatesway nursery, were beautiful. Several EWI representatives were lucky enough to take them home as door prizes. Adding to the festive atmosphere were the 40 wrapped packages containing gifts for Gatesway clients, purchased by our EWI Tulsa Chapter representatives. Christmas music was provided by Pam Birch, Cindy Foster, Carolyn Hattam, Weldon Ratliff and Ron Mallow – a group from New Beginnings Church, Bixby. Thank you to Gatesway Foundation and to the musicians for making our December meeting so enjoyable.



## Board Reports

### Membership Report

#### Firm Resignations:

- Simple Simon's Pizza

#### Firms without Representatives/Executives:

- New York Life Insurance Company

#### New Executive

- Becky Ford, Linde Process Plants, Inc.

#### Executive Resignation

- Juergen Fuchs, Linde Process Plants, Inc.

#### Development Report

- Recruitment event planned for February

#### Recommended for Posting

- Several firms in review for posting

### January Birthdays

#### REPRESENTATIVES

| Date | Name          | Company                     |
|------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 2    | Cheryl Benoit | Moore Funeral Homes, Inc.   |
| 17   | Jessica Bolen | Montereau in Warren Woods   |
| 18   | Janice Morgan | Alzheimer's Association     |
| 27   | Janis Cohlmi  | Tropical Plant Design, Inc. |
| 30   | Sarah Diehl   | World Travel Service, LLC   |

#### EXECUTIVES

| Date | Name                | Company                     |
|------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 8    | Rob Coretz          | Omni Air International      |
| 12   | W.H. Helmerich, III | Helmerich & Payne           |
| 24   | Mark Cohlmi         | Tropical Plant Design, Inc. |

### January Firm Anniversaries

|      |                                    |
|------|------------------------------------|
| 1960 | Public Service Company of Oklahoma |
| 1984 | Helmerich & Payne, Inc.            |
| 1992 | State Farm Insurance Companies     |
| 1997 | Alliance Data                      |
| 2003 | Coldwell Banker Select             |
| 2005 | Ihloff Salon & Day Spa             |
| 2005 | Pinnacle Packaging Co., Inc.       |

### Treasurer's Report

The General Operating Account, as of November 30, 2008 was \$13,669.53.



## December Attendance

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Representatives | 38        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Representatives | 3         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Representatives | 1         |
| Executive/Representatives       | 3         |
| Sustaining Representatives      | 5         |
| Transitional Members            | 0         |
| Lifetime Members                | 1         |
| Guests                          | 7         |
| Executives                      | 1         |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>59</b> |

#### DATES TO NOTE

##### January 8 - Noon

Membership Committee  
Alzheimer's Association

##### January 12 – 5:45 pm

Ways & Means Committee  
Stokely Event Center

##### January 13 – 11:45 am

Program Committee  
Ricardo's Restaurant

##### January 13 – 5:30 pm

BEF Committee  
Robertson Tire

##### January 15 – 5:00 pm

EWISP Committee  
Los Cabos Restaurant

##### January 15 – 5:30 pm

Tulsa Chapter Meeting  
Los Cabos Restaurant

##### January 21 – 7:00 am

EWISP Breakfast  
Tulsa Technology Center

##### January 22 – 11:45 am

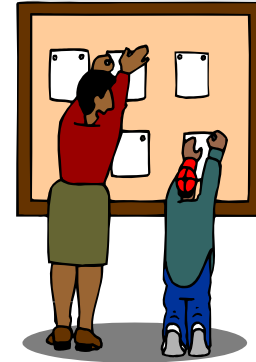
Board Meeting  
Riggs, Abney

##### February 5 – 6:00 pm

Membership Recruitment Event  
Natalie Building

## Firm Referrals for Posting

The Membership Committee would like to post the following firms for possible membership in the Tulsa Chapter. Comments and/or objections should be forwarded to Janice Morgan, [janice.morgan@alz.org](mailto:janice.morgan@alz.org) no later than January 15, 2009. If no objection is received, these firms will be invited to attend the Chapter Recruitment Event on February 5, 2009.



| Firm Name                   | Major/Minor   |                       |   |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| Déjà vu Consignment Store   | Clothing/Resale /<br>Consignment Store                                  | EMSA                  | Transportation - Land /<br>Ambulance Services |
| Helicomb International      | Aerospace Industry /<br>Helicopter Mfg. Repair                          | Explorer<br>Pipeline  | Gas Industry /<br>Fuel distribution           |
| The Williams Cos.           | Petroleum Industry /<br>Oil & Gas Exploration and Prod.                 | Xeta<br>Technologies  | Telecommunications /<br>Communication         |
| Guaranty Exterminating      | Pest Control /<br>Exterminating   | Senior Star<br>Living | Senior Housing<br>Senior Living Facilities    |
| Redberry Farm               | Hotels & Resorts /<br>Bed and Breakfast                                 |                       |   |
| U.S. Shooting Academy       | Shooting Academy /<br>Firearms Training                                 |                       |   |
| AmSan Eve Supply            | Janitorial Supplies /<br>Cleaning and Maintenance                       |                       |   |
| Matrix Service Company      | Oil & Gas /<br>Construction Repair                                      |                       |   |
| Cintas                      | Laundry/Cleaning /<br>Uniform Rental                                    |                       |   |
| Cherokee Nation Enterprises | Casino /<br>Recreation/Amusement  |                       |   |
| MidContinent Group          | Holding Company /<br>Insurance  |                       |   |
| Murphy Mfg.                 | Oil & Gas /<br>Mfg. Machinery & Equipment                               |                       |   |
| Scott-Rice                  | Furniture/Fixtures & Furnishings /<br>Office Furniture and Design Svcs. |                       |   |
| TriCord Pharmaceuticals     | Pharmaceutical /<br>Distributing  |                       |   |

