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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

TAMARA CONNER | ONEOK, INC.

Dear EWI Tulsa Members,

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good spirits and enjoying the summer season. We had a fantastic turnout at our July business meeting, which took place at the delightful Oklahoma Joe's. The camaraderie and connections made during the event were truly inspiring, and we look forward to more such gatherings in the future.

As advocates of education and community engagement, we are excited to hold our upcoming Reading Rally, scheduled for September 6. This event aims to promote literacy among the youth in our community. We will be partnering with The Lindsey House to provide books and reading resources for the children living there. Your participation and support in this noble cause will be greatly appreciated.

Let this powerful quote remind us that our potential is boundless, and by overcoming doubts and challenges, we can pave the way for a brighter future personally and professionally.

As we embrace the new month, let us also take a moment to reflect on the saying, "Bloom Where You Are Planted." Each of us has unique talents, skills, and experiences that we bring to the table. Let's remember that no matter where our journey takes us, we have the power to thrive and make a difference right where we are. Embrace the oppor-

tunities around you, support one another and let your brilliance shine, enriching both your life and the lives of those around you. As we move forward through August, let us continue to foster our network, support one another, and make a positive impact in the Tulsa community. Your dedication and commitment to EWI's mission are what make our organization truly remarkable.

Wishing you all a wonderful August!

Warm regards,

Tamara Conner
President, EWI Tulsa Chapter

*Bloom Where You
Are Planted*



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AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING

August

AUGUST CHAPTER MEETING & EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

Date: Thursday | August 10, 2023

Time: 5:30pm Social | 6:00pm Meeting

Venue: Tulsa Country Club
701 N. Union Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74127

Parking: Free Parking at the Meeting Location

Dress: Business or Dressy

Cost: \$50.00 Members & Guests
\$30.00 Sustaining Members

> **RSVP by Friday, August 4th** so that we may provide the appropriate seating arrangements and dinner servings.

> *Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions.*

EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

Earlier this year, the Tulsa Chapter membership submitted nominations and held a vote to select our 2023 EWI Tulsa Executive of the Year.

We are grateful to each of our nominees and our honoree for their involvement, dedication and contributions to EWI Tulsa over these past years.

It is because of their advocacy and support that our chapter continues to grow and thrive.

Join us as we celebrate this special evening!



No RSVP & No Shows to meetings will be invoiced
Please take the time to respond to each meeting invitation so we can bill you appropriately.

Please click [HERE](#) to connect to the RSVP form.
We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

In an effort to focus our attention on our 2023 Executive of the Year, we will not have door prizes at this meeting.
As always, we appreciate your generosity, consideration and understanding.

JULY CHAPTER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



President Tamara Conner, ONEOK



2023-2024 Board Elects: Communications, Peyton Shaffer, Polston Tax; Programs, Tinesa Siebert, The University of Oklahoma Foundation; Membership Retention, Aubry Oehlberg, Firstar Bank; Membership Recruiting, Shari Holdman, Susan G. Komen; B/C/DP, Dr. LaFonda Ehlers, Moore Funeral Homes; VP/President Elect, Susan Miller, Warren Professional Building Corporation; & President, Sam Schultz, JPMorgan Chase. Not Pictured: Treasurer, Sara Shaklee, The Trust Company of Oklahoma; Secretary, Arquicia Franklin, Get Beyond; Sargeant-At-Arms, Jessica Vagin, The Linden at Stonehaven Square.



Susan Miller, Warren Professional Building Corporation

JULY CHAPTER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Kim Bowman, T.D. Williamson & Kelli Gerandt, Trust Company of Oklahoma

Left: Cayanne Brander, Warren Professional Building Corporation; Gloria McQuade, Burnett Home Improvement; Andrea Tucker, Merrill Lynch. Right: Tinesa Siebert, The University of Oklahoma Foundation; Pam Elmore, Miss Helen's Private School; Susan Miller, Warren Professional Building Corporation; Aubry Oehlberg, Firstar Bank & Amanda Grace, Project Hope, guest of Firstar Bank



Left: Angie Walters, Schnake Turnbo Frank; Shari Holdman, Susan G. Komen; Conniee Gibson, Food on the Move; Amy Henderson, Tulsa Oilers. Right: Janis Cohlmlia, Tropical Plant Design; Judy Russell, ONEOK; Colleen Farris, Moody's Jewelry; Linda Safley, Sustaining; Rita Young, Sustaining.



Judy Russell, ONEOK, Tinesa Siebert, The University of Oklahoma Foundation, Angie Walters, Schnake Turnbo Frank, Tamara Conner, ONEOK & Janis Cohlmlia, Tropical Plant Design

JULY MEETING FEEDBACK

THE FOOD

- Food was delicious!
- Delish!
- Food was excellent
- Very good
- Great food. Bread pudding was amazing
- Food was amazing
- The. Best. Bread Pudding. Ever
- So delicious!
- Great food and wonderful bread pudding!
- I think we need two lines with our catering since we've grown so much, but this was really nice.

THE VENUE

- Great venue!
- A little noisy when everyone was talking
- It was super-hot in there
- Very loud in the room.
- Loud but fun!
- I have no doubt there will be many comments about the temperature and noise, but it was a great meeting room and I loved how the tables were set up. Everyone seemed to be in a great mood and just happy to be together!
- I'm in the midst of hot flashes and it was a little too warm for me in that meeting room.
- A little noisy.
- Good size room and nice to have cash bar and great location - not downtown 👍

THE PRESENTATION

- Good meeting! Mic did not seem to be working properly.
- Very efficient
- It was a little hard to hear
- I continue to be impressed by each meeting because of the leadership and presentation.
- Jeannie did a wonderful job talking about LCAM.
- This was an excellent meeting.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS



WELCOME AMY HENDERSON, TULSA OILERS

Amy initially joined the Tulsa Oilers in July of 1999. Over the course of two decades, she occupied various positions within the organization, ranging from overseeing merchandise and group ticket sales to managing community relations, corporate sponsorship, and marketing efforts. Following a brief period with another company, she has returned to the Oilers family in a Business Development capacity, encompassing all Oilers entities, including the hockey team, indoor football team, Oilers Ice Center, and the upcoming WeStreet Ice Center.

Amy possesses a passion for developing relationships, driving growth for the Oilers' enterprises, and actively contributing to the community. A proud Tulsa native, she resides in Broken Arrow with her husband Jeremy, and takes pride in her role as a mother and stepmother to their five children: Colton, Malachi, Gabriel, Dreiman and Jori. Additionally, she enjoys being a "Memaw" and spending time with her grandsons Elias and Titan.

WELCOME VICKI DIETZ, AMAZON SERVICES

Vicki grew up in Elkhorn, Nebraska, and holds a BA, and MS from Creighton University. Vicki and her family made the decision to relocate to the Tulsa area in 2022, to escape the harsh winters in Nebraska, and to be closer to the customers she supports within the energy industry – through her role with Amazon Web Services. Prior to joining Amazon,

Vicki spent 20 years with the IBM Corporation, managing account teams in the financial, manufacturing, transportation, retail, and energy sectors in North America. Vicki and her husband, Del, have three adult children; Olivia, Dakota, and Andrew. Olivia works as an account manager at TEK Systems in Omaha, NE, Dakota is a civilian aerospace engineer on contract at Tinker AFB in Oklahoma City, and Andrew studies marine engineering and management at college in Key West, FL. Vicki enjoys running, riding, playing the violin, and spending time outdoors with the entire family; which includes dogs, horses, a bunny, and miniature donkey named Charlie. Outside of work and family, Vicki's passion is coaching other executives, and younger professionals through challenging business conversations, helping recent graduates prepare for the interviewing process, and encouraging them to pursue their career goals.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS



MARIE STEPHENS, EWI EXECUTIVE REPRESENTATIVE, DARE TO DEVELOP INDUSTRIES & ACCOMPLISHED AUTHOR

Jennifer Jarnagan-Riem is an Ironman triathlete who loves a challenge. She calls herself a national parks enthusiast after hearing her father speak of them so fondly when she was a child. In the years since, she and her family have taken numerous trips to multiple parks around the country. Jennifer lives on a farm with her family in Oklahoma where she enjoys gardening, beekeeping, and all of their animals. Currently, she is pursuing her dream of being an author and sharing the adventures of Twilla & Rye.

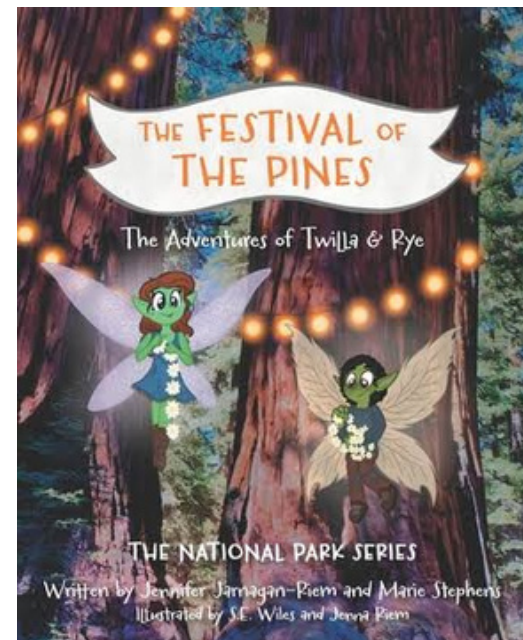
Marie Stephens can be a big kid at heart. Marie's life has revolved around educating children and adventure. She started out as a teacher and has taught in her native Oklahoma, Kansas, as well as north of the Alaskan Arctic Circle. She also traveled in a motorcoach for 2 years visiting many National Parks throughout the US. Marie is an entrepreneur that provided countless numbers of happy celebrations while co-owning and operating 2 Nothing Bundt Cake bakeries. She spends much of her time in the outdoors kayaking, beekeeping, riding her motorcycle, and gardening. She now plans to help children see exciting worlds through the adventures of Twilla & Rye.

In a forest full of giants, it's hard to imagine a world so small.

Soaring through the trees, befriending woodland creatures, best of friends, and adventure buddies, Twilla and Rye are just like you and your friends, but with one 'tiny' exception, they are tree sprites!

Among the giant Sequoia trees in the Sierra Nevada Mountain range where they live, Twilla and Rye are looking for daisies when their adventure takes an unexpected turn. Will they be able to collect their daisies before The Festival of the Pines begins? Will they make it home before it's too late?

Find out in the first book of this series.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



AUGUST

AUGUST 10: EWI OF TULSA MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING

AUGUST 11: CORPORATE BYLAW AMENDMENTS AND BUDGET WEBINAR,
1:00 PM

AUGUST 23: TULSA CHAPTER BOARD MEETING



REGISTER TODAY!
**LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE &
ANNUAL MEETING**

September 13-16, 2023

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EWI AFTERHOURS



Hosted by Evon Markum, ASM
Global Tulsa



Peyton Shaffer, Polston Tax;
President, Tamara Conner,
ONEOK Inc.; Angie Walters,
Schnake Turnbo Frank

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READING RALLY

Reading Rally is coming up on
September 6th! For more
information or questions, reach out
to Susan Miller at
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WELCOME ANDERSON ANN "ANDI"

Our Communications Director,
Autumn Everett welcomed her new
daughter, Anderson Ann "Andi", to
the world on July 26th. Congrats
Autumn!



BIRTHDAYS & FIRM ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 6: Colleen Farris, Representative, Moody's Jewelry

August 7: Dr. Joseph Moore, Executive, Moore Funeral Homes

August 10: Tinesa Siebert, Representative, The University of Oklahoma Foundation

August 17: Marnie Knight, Representative, Admiral Express Office Supply

August 19: Arquicia Franklin, Representative, Get Beyond

August 20: Dana Nichols, Sustaining, Coterra Energy

August 25: Phyllis Rivers, Representative, Flintco, LLC.

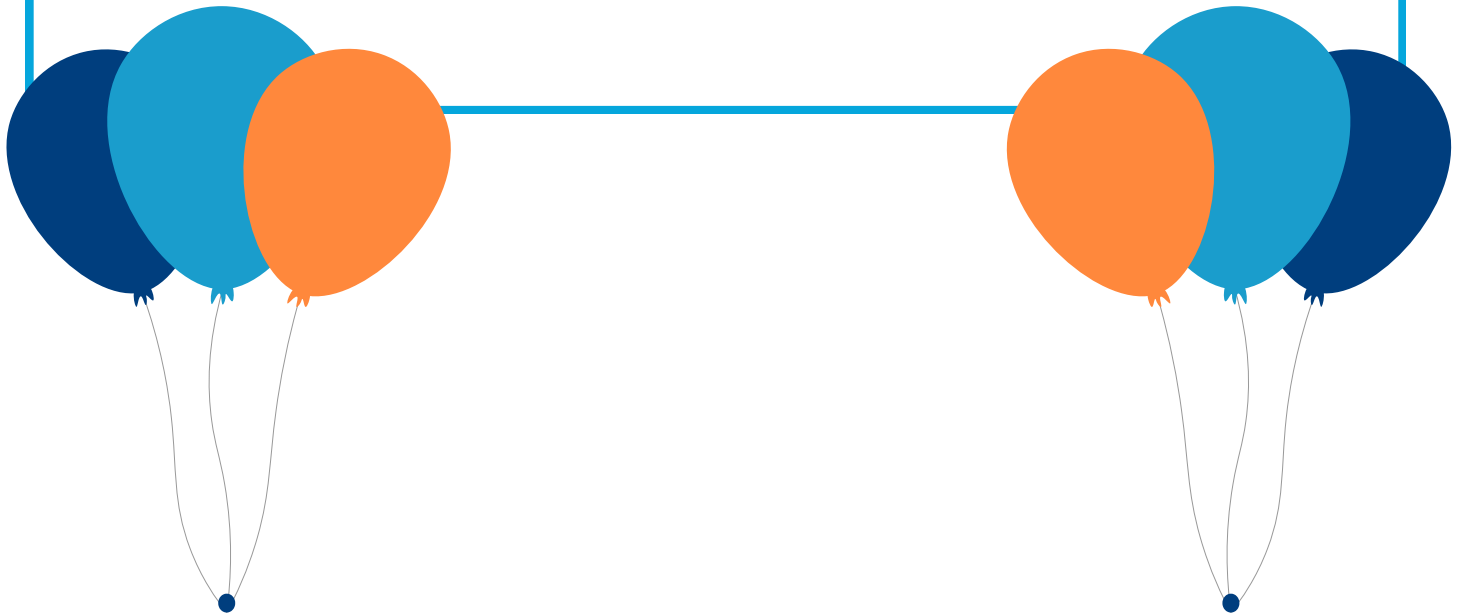
AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 2015: Burnett Home Improvement

August 2018: TTCU Federal Credit Union

August 2022: Firststar Bank

August 2022: Food on the Move



INFORMATION



DOOR PRIZES

Interested in donating a door prize for an upcoming meeting? Please contact Tamara Conner at tamara.conner@oneok.com

MENTORS

Have questions about who your mentor is? Reach out to Shari and she will help you out!

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ABOUT US

OUR VISION

TO ENHANCE PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT WITHIN A DIVERSE GROUP OF WOMEN WHILE EMPOWERING THEM TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AS THEY INSPIRE OTHERS.

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 VALUES

INTEGRITY | EXCELLENCE | RESPECT | COLLABORATION

EWI

EWI OF TULSA IS A CHAPTER OF EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL ("EWI"). IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT EWI INCLUDING THE MANY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES OR CONNECT WITH MEMBERS IN OTHER CHAPTERS, PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO REVIEW THE [EWI CORPORATE WEBSITE](http://WWW.EWITULSA.ORG).