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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Happy May!

May 1st is May Day. It is halfway between the spring equinox and summer solstice. It is also the halfway point of our EWI year.

May the 4th be with you. Important if you are a Star Wars fan! Fun fact: I have never seen a Star Wars movie.

May 5th is Cinco de Mayo. Will you go find a great patio and listen to a mariachi band?

May 27th is Memorial Day.....a day to honor those who lost their lives while serving our country. Please join me in remembering the fallen soldiers who are no longer with us.

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, ALS Awareness Month, Jewish American Heritage Month, Mental Health Awareness Month and many more, including my favorite, National Moving Month!

Your Board of Directors recently met for a mid-year Board Retreat. It is hard to believe we are halfway through this EWI year. We discussed the goals that we set back in October 2023 at our Board Retreat and the progress we have made towards achieving them. As a Board and a Chapter, we have already accomplished so much, but there are still goals we need to reach.

One primary focus is on Recruitment and Retention of Member Firms. This is where YOU come into play. Everyone can have an impact on our Chapter by either helping to bring in qualified new Member Firms or by serving as a Mentor to a new Representative. If you are a new Member and have not been through Orientation, please mark your calendar for May 15th at 5:30 p.m., more details to follow. There will also be another Recruitment luncheon on May 3rd for potential new Member Firms that have been vetted previously for EWI.

A goal we had for the year was to have at least two Firm Nights. We have already succeeded. In March we were hosted by the Tulsa Oilers Entertainment Group and Executive/Rep, Amy Henderson. In April, Kim Owens, Executive/Rep and the Bama Companies hosted EWI at Cabin Boys Brewery. What a great presentation on the incredible legacy of the Bama Companies and where it is today.



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Additional accomplishments have been the successful fundraiser with Amber Marie & Co. and the Executive Breakfast that was held in March. Although there is still work to be done, we are so close to launching our new EWI of Tulsa website through Star Chapter. This will be a one-stop web-based platform for EWI of Tulsa.

The next half of the year is filled with incredible opportunities and programs. A few highlights will be the B/C/DP Scholarship Banquet on May 9th, the Tulsa Drillers Firm Night and Business Meeting on July 11th and the Executive of the Year Banquet at the Summit Club on August 8th.

There are still committees that we would like to have you join, please do not wait until October rolls around to sign up. The Membership Committee, the Hospitality Committee, the Communications Committee and the Program Committee are all still looking for YOU! It is not too late to find your "For Such A Time As This" in EWI.

Very Truly in EWI Service,

Jody

Tulsa Chapter President 2023-2024

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MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING



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MAY CHAPTER MEETING & BCDP SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

We are excited to invite you to the annual BCDP Scholarship Banquet to be held at the May Chapter Meeting. Please join us as we honor new and continuing students with scholarships through EWI's 2024 ASIST and EWISP scholarship programs.

Date: Thursday, May 9, 2024
Time: 5:30 PM Social | 6:00 PM Meeting
Venue: Tulsa Tech- Lemley Campus
Health Science Center
3350 S. Memorial Dr, 3rd Floor
Room 3117 - Auditorium
Parking: Free Parking Available at the meeting location (map attached)
Dress: Business

Cost: \$45 Members & Guests | \$30 Sustaining

Please **click here** to connect to the RSVP form.

RSVP by Wednesday, May 1, so that we may provide the appropriate seating arrangements and dinner servings. Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions.

No RSVPs and no-shows to meetings will be invoiced! Business Meeting fees are mandatory for all members. While you will be invoiced regardless of attendance, please take the time to RSVP.

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SCHOLARSHIPS



EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
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EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



EWI of Tulsa will award eight scholarships totaling \$18,000 to deserving ASIST and EWISP winners at the 2024 BCDP Banquet.



Since 1980, EWI of Tulsa has awarded more than \$671,479 in scholarships!



APRIL CHAPTER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Felicia Senter, Tulsa Tech & Judy Russell, ONEOK



Angie Walters, Schnake Turnbo Frank, Jennifer Murphy, Trinity Woods, Sarah Bowen, Tulsa Zoo, Terah Williams, Food on the Move



Marnie Choisnard, Health Zone at Saint Francis & Tinesa Siebert, The University of Oklahoma Foundation



Kim Owens, The Bama Companies

APRIL CHAPTER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS





THANK YOU!

APRIL FIRM NIGHT FOR BAMA COMPANIES

Thank you to Bama Companies and Executive/Representative Kim Owens for hosting a fabulous Firm Night at Cabin Boys Brewery. It was a fun venue, with good food and I am sure you beer lovers enjoyed the tap room. The presentation on the history of the Bama Companies was wonderful. Didn't you just want a Grandma Alabama pie! What a rich legacy but also what an incredible impact Bama Companies has on the Tulsa community and worldwide.

Jessica Vagin, Representative, The Stonehaven, SAA, and the Hospitality Committee welcomes everyone and helps to keep our attendance records updated. We appreciate all the lovely ladies who greet our members and guests as it ensures that all feel welcome.

Marnie Choisnard, Representative, The Health Zone, serving as our Door Prize Function Leader. Everyone is grateful for the wonderful door prizes.

Thank you to the following for April Door Prize Donations:

T.C. Blair & Associates and Eva Blair

Jody Davis, Accent Moving, Storage & Logistics/Mayflower

Please contact Marnie Choisnard at MAChoisnard@saintfrancis.com if you would like to make a door prize donation for June or July.



APRIL MEETING FEEDBACK

THE MEAL

- Food was AMAZING!
- Can't go wrong with a taco bar!
- It was delicious. One of the Best!
- Great job!
- Food was very good.

THE VENUE

- Fun and different!
- Loved the open area. Great for networking
- Loved that they had a meeting space for us to use right outside
- What a great change of pace.
- I loved the venue. And the weather was terrific. Such fun tasting the Cabin Boys brews.

THE PRESENTATION

- Learned a lot about Bama- great presentation!
- Loved hearing the story
- Kim was great - enjoyed hearing about Bama.
- I had no idea Bama had such an interesting story.
- I loved learning the history and more about what Bama does.
- So cool to learn about Bama Companies. I had no idea!
- Great job Kim!
- Fantastic presentation!!





MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS



Jennifer Murphy

Jennifer Murphy serves as the Director of Finance at Trinity Woods, where she has dedicated six years of her career, initially joining as a Staff Accountant. Her journey has been marked by a commitment to the organization's success and a deep-seated belief in values such as kindness, transparency, and accuracy. Jennifer prioritizes collaboration and mutual growth within her team fostering a culture of trust and communication. She strives to start each day with a servant's heart and recognizes the importance of every individual's contribution to the collective mission. Beyond her professional responsibilities, Jennifer finds joy in simple pleasures like spending quality time with her family, camping in the great outdoors, and exploring local farmer's markets. These moments of connection and reflection are essential to her well-being and provide a grounding balance to her professional endeavors.

Josie Walden

Josie took over Just Catering by Orr at the end of 2017, with little to no idea of how to run a business. Since then JCO has expanded tremendously, a normal full-service offsite catering company doing about 1,100-2,000 events a year, from the presentation of food, types of food and just the creative presence that food can do. Josie later bought the Lark Venue in March 2023. Josie has a background in restaurant management, event management, membership services, and organization dynamics. She holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a Master's degree in human services. Josie's team describes her as hardworking, straight forward, fun, loud, and good-hearted woman. She does believe in "never say never, if there is a will there is a way and if a man can do it, she can too, (if she wants to)." When she is not working on an event or at an event, she loves to spend time with her two children, her partner, friends and family.





MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS



Terah Williams

Terah joined Food On The Move, just over a month ago, as Executive Assistant. She is a Tulsa native with a diverse background in office administration, events, customer service, and radio. Kindness, hard work, and efficiency are important to her, and she finds genuine fulfillment in lending a helping hand and hopefully making the lives of those around her better. Away from work, you'll find her traveling to new places, attending an array of concerts, and sometimes behind the bar at Cain's Ballroom. Some of her favorite activities are laughing over drinks with friends, getting outside for a hike, or spending quality time with her sweet, spoiled dog, Darcy.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MAY

MAY 8: B/C/DP COMMITTEE MEETING, 11:30 AM VIRTUAL MEETING

MAY 8: SAA COMMITTEE MEETING, 3:00 PM VIRTUAL MEETING

MAY 9: EWI OF TULSA MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING, CHECK-IN AT 5:30 PM,
MEETING BEGINS AT 6:00 PM AT TULSA TECHNOLOGY CENTER- LEMLEY CAMPUS

MAY 20: MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING, 10:30 AM VIRTUAL MEETING

MAY 15: PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING, 11:30 AM AT OU TULSA

MAY 22: EWI OF TULSA BOARD MEETING, NOON AT TULSA TECH LEMLEY CAMPUS

MAY 23: EWI OF TULSA LUNCH SOCIAL, 11:30-1:30 PM AT WESTREET ICE CENTER





EVENTS TO ATTEND

EWI SOCIAL LUNCH

WHERE: WeStreet Ice Center
WHEN: May 23, 2024, 11:30-1:30

WHAT: Come enjoy lunch and get to know your fellow EWI sisters in a relaxed social setting

*After-Hours Socials are not meant to take the place of a regular monthly meeting, and they do not count for meeting attendance. All food & beverage costs are the responsibility of the attendee, EWI of Tulsa does not cover the tab.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Myra Trahern



It is with a heavy heart that we inform the Tulsa Chapter of the passing of Myra Trahern.

Myra stepped into eternity on April 19, 2024.

[View Myra's obituary here.](#)

Myra represented a Charter Member Firm, now Chase, until retirement when she became an active Sustaining Member of the Tulsa Chapter.

Myra served as the Tulsa Chapter President in 1987 and then as EWI Corporate President in 1997-1998. She served on many committees throughout her years in the Tulsa Chapter, including an appointment as a Trustee of the Tulsa Chapter Education Fund. And at a time when EWI Corporate was focused on expanding into other countries, Myra was instrumental in advancing that initiative.

The Tulsa Chapter Board of Directors, Chapter Membership and Past Chapter Presidents are mourning the loss of a beloved Matriarch of the Chapter.

Later in May, we will be sharing a special edition of the Connect honoring Myra's life & legacy in EWI.

NEW MEMBER FIRM RECRUITMENT

Do you know a company that you think might be a good fit for EWI of Tulsa?

Please contact our Membership Recruitment Director, Shari Holdman at SHoldman@komen.org to discuss the next steps. Remember: EWI of Tulsa is a non-compete Chapter. All potential Member Firms must go through the vetting process first before an invitation is extended.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to Food On The Move President & CEO Kevin Harper who has been named among Oklahoma's Most Admired CEOs!

The Journal Record named 41 outstanding state leaders to its 2024 Oklahoma's Most Admired CEOs and Financial Stewardship honorees list for their contributions to their companies, nonprofit organizations and the state overall. Kevin was recently recognized in Oklahoma City for the category of Nonprofit Organizations.



BIRTHDAYS & FIRM ANNIVERSARIES

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- May 3:** Susan Miller, Representative, Warren Professional Building Corp.
- May 11:** Joni Whitehead, Sustaining Member, Anchor Search and Consulting
- May 12:** Felicia Senter, Representative, Tulsa Tech
- May 14:** Sarah Shaklee, Representative, Trust Company of Oklahoma
- May 15:** Terri Vaught, Representative/Executive, Mrs. Dehaven's Flower Shop
- May 19:** Marnie Choisnard, Representative, Health Zone at Saint Francis
- May 28:** Jennifer Cummings, Executive, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- May 1975:** T.D. Williamson
- May 1998:** Tulsa Tech
- May 2008:** Tropical Plant Design
- May 2022:** SERVPRO of South Tulsa County
- May 2022:** The University of Oklahoma Foundation
- May 2022:** Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma
- May 2023:** Amazon Web Services



INFORMATION



DOOR PRIZES

Interested in donating a door prize for an upcoming meeting? Please contact Marnie Choisnard at machoisnard@saintfrancis.com. As always, we appreciate your generosity!



MENTORS

Have questions about who your mentor is? Reach out to Angie Walters and she will help you out! angie@schnake.com



NEWS & PHOTOS

Want your news or photos in the next Connect? Email amanda@projecthopeworldwide.org



LIFE EVENTS

If you are having any life events that you wish to share with the Chapter, please send them to Jessica Vagin at Jessica.vagin@legendseniorliving.com We want to make sure the Chapter leadership and membership are kept informed of important happenings and are reaching out to support you! It is important to your Board of Directors that we celebrate your personal and professional accomplishments but also offer care and support in the event of surgery, illness or loss.



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OUR MISSION

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

OUR VALUES

INTEGRITY | EXCELLENCE | RESPECT | COLLABORATION

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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).