

# Tulsa EWI Connect

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Happy August!

It seems too soon that schools will start in the next couple of weeks. The Jenks Outlet Mall will open on the 15th, just a little PSA. I can see it now; every mom will drop the kids off and head to the Grand Opening. I will spend August soaking up the last five pool weekends and enjoying every sun filled moment. I am not ready to hear the words "Pumpkin Spice" yet!

August is exciting for EWI of Tulsa. On August 8th we will honor the 2024 Executive of the Year at the Summit Club. This is a night to show all the Member Firm Executives our appreciation and celebrate the one Executive you chose as the most supportive, involved and exemplary of the EWI Values. I hope you all have encouraged your Executive to attend this exciting night. Please be sure to RSVP through the link provided with your August Meeting Notice.

I offer my apologies for missing the July Business Meeting and Tulsa Drillers Firm Night. I had a personal obligation that prevented me from performing my duties as the Tulsa Chapter President. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Susan Miller, Vice President/President-Elect for stepping in due to my absence. I would also like to offer my appreciation to Janis Cohlmiia, Board Advisor, for running the Business Meeting. A huge thank you also to the Nominating Committee as its members, worked so diligently to secure the Slate of Officers.

Tamara Conner, Immediate Past President, Nominating Committee Chair  
Susan Miller, Vice President/President-Elect, Committee Member  
Heather Stephen, Committee Member

Congratulations to the incredible women who have stepped up to lead the Tulsa Chapter for the 2024-2025 year. Please take time to congratulate the following slate of officers:

-Susan Miller, President, representing Warren Professional Building Corp  
\*Susan was elected as President for 2024-2025 at the Tulsa Chapter Annual Meeting in October 2023

-Dr. LaFonda Murphy, Vice President/President-Elect, representing Moore Funeral Home & Crematories

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- Osha Thompson, Secretary, representing TD Williamson
- Sara Shaklee, Treasurer – 2nd year of a two-year term, representing The Trust Company of Oklahoma
- Sarah Bowen, Sargeant-At-Arms, representing the Tulsa Zoo
- Jennifer Murphy, B/C/DP, representing Trinity Woods
- Amy Henderson, Membership Recruitment Director, representing Tulsa Oilers Entertainment Group
- Sarah Alfred, Membership Retention Director, representing Hummingbird Tech
- Marnie Choisnard, Program Director, representing Health Zone at Saint Francis
- Amanda Grace, Communications Director, representing Project Hope Worldwide

I look forward to working with this stellar group of ladies. It is the goal of the current Board of Directors to make this a smooth and seamless transition. To do this, I have invited this Slate of Officers to begin attending the current Board Meetings. I believe the more time the current Board has with these ladies, the more information we can impart to them. I appreciate the 2023-2024 Board and know as they continue to serve you, they will also be working to build our future leaders.

I am happy to announce the two newly-appointed Tulsa Education Fund Trustees.

- Janis Cohlma, representing Tropical Plant Design
- Heather Stephen, representing Helmerich & Payne

Thank you to Janis and Heather for agreeing to serve alongside Roberta Montgomery, Sustaining Member; Jan Ehrle, representing Mid America Land Grain & Cattle and me.

I continue to see many of you step out of your comfort zone to step into leadership and step up for this Chapter, For Such A Time As This.

Very Truly in EWI Service,

Jody Davis  
Tulsa Chapter President  
2023-2024

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# MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING

## Executive of the Year

Earlier this year, the Tulsa Chapter membership submitted nominations and held a vote to select our 2024 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!

**Date:** Thursday, August 8

**Time:** 5:30 PM Social | 6:00 PM Program Begins

**Venue:** Summit Club- 30th Floor  
(Located in the Bank of America Building)  
15 W. 6th Street

**Parking:** Guests have access to free non-reserved parking spaces located in the Bank of America parking garage. **Bring your parking ticket to dinner for validation.**

**Dress:** Better than Business

**Cost:** \$60 Members & Guests | \$35 Sustaining

Please **click here** to connect to the RSVP form. RSVP by Wednesday, July 31 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 will be invoiced!**

In an effort to focus our attention on our 2024 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





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# JULY TEXOMA BOARD FORUM HIGHLIGHTS





# THANK YOU!

Thank you to the **Tulsa Drillers** for hosting the July Business Meeting and Firm Night. **Brianna Root** and her “team” hit it out of the park. With a mic in Bri’s hand, she was a natural on her home turf. Her confidence and leadership were evidence that she is ready for “The Show”. A great night at the ballpark was had by all. We appreciate the Tulsa Drillers All-American hospitality!



## Thank you for contributing Door Prizes for the July Meeting:

- Tulsa Drillers
- T.C. Blair & Associates
- Dare to Develop Industries
- The Health Zone at Saint Francis
- Burnett’s Home Improvement
- ONEOK





# JULY MEETING FEEDBACK



## THE MEAL

- The food was the best ballpark food I've ever had. Delicious!
- Great for ball park food!
- Perfect for baseball!

## THE VENUE

- Great space. Easy access.
- Wonderful Venue!
- Wonderful venue, meeting space and game viewing spaces
- Nice!
- Fun and exciting environment

## THE PRESENTATION

- BEST invocation by Janis. And Bri was so great! She brought a lot of energy for her night!
- Wonderful job!
- Great!
- Great host and great giveaways including the game ticket!
- Informative and interesting!





## MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS



### ARQUICIA FRANKLIN

Arquicia Franklin is the owner/operator of Afra, a business consulting company specializing in existing businesses, business startups, point-of-sale systems, processing and invoicing, payroll services, and a wide array of business acumen. She brings more than 25 years of banking and financial experience into the professional arena to help business owners find efficiencies and succeed in the business environment. She is not just a business professional, but also a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. In her free time, she enjoys working out, traveling the world, spending time with her husband of 30 years, and making memories with her grandchildren, two sons, daughter-in-law, family, and friends. Her deep-rooted connection to the Tulsa community is evident in her passion to see it grow.

### SHELLEY CADAMY

Strategist, consensus builder, problem solver and advocate for no-nonsense effectiveness, Shelley Cadamy has built, turned around, or transformed organizations and programs since 1994. After a 25-year career in economic and workforce development, Shelley joined OKC consulting firm The Mettise Group in 2019, then launched Cadamy Business Consulting in 2022. Shelley has graduated from many leadership programs across Oklahoma and has received multiple awards for her business and community involvement, including YWCA Tulsa's Woman of the Year and the Journal Record's "50 Women Making a Difference." AS a foster/adoptive parent, she is an advocate for foster care, adoption, mental healthcare, and racial equity.





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## AUGUST

**AUGUST 8:** EWI OF TULSA EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR EVENT,  
CHECK-IN AT 5:30 PM, PROGRAM BEGINS AT 6:00 PM

**AUGUST 19:** MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING, 10:30 AM VIRTUAL MEETING

**AUGUST 21:** PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING, 11:30 AM, OU-TULSA CAMPUS

**AUGUST 28:** EWI OF TULSA BOARD MEETING, NOON AT TULSA TECH LEMLEY  
CAMPUS

**AUGUST 21:** NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION, 5:30 PM





## EVENTS TO ATTEND

# Sign up to Join the EWI Tulsa Team!

## Pink Power - EWI TULSA



EWI Tulsa Chapter Team Link: [REGISTER HERE](#)

Date: Saturday, September 21

7:00 a.m. | Registration

8:30 a.m. | Opening Ceremonies

9:00 a.m. | Race Begins

River Spirit Casino Resort

Tulsa, OK

[Map It](#)

[View Maps & Parking Info](#)



Team Captain: Tinesa Siebert- if you have any questions please email or call [tsiebert@ou.edu](mailto:tsiebert@ou.edu) or 918-645-3080.

\*If you are a SURVIVOR- use discount code SURVIVOR24.





# EVENTS TO ATTEND

PROJECT HOPE WORLDWIDE PRESENTS

# HOPE

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GALA *Rising*

*September 28, 2024*

STONEY CREEK HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER  
200 W. ALBANY STREET / BROKEN ARROW, OKLAHOMA  
6:00 P.M. / SEMI-FORMAL DRESS / RSVP BY AUG. 1

JOIN US FOR  
AN EVENING OF  
CELEBRATING  
**15 YEARS**  
OF RESTORING  
HOPE TO  
UGANDA



**BUY TICKETS HERE**





# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**CONGRATULATIONS to Jennifer Roblada!  
EWI Tulsa ASIST Winner \$2,000**

Ms. Jennifer Roblada is a full-time student at Tulsa Community College in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She is pursuing a degree in Accounting to further her knowledge of finance and investments, and to achieve an accounting certification as a CPA. Her continued education will help guarantee financial and personal stability for her family, as Jennifer is the only source of income in her home. Although life's circumstances have been difficult for her thus far, Jennifer perseveres, steadily progressing toward her goal. She is eternally grateful for the opportunity that EWI has afforded her as an ASIST Chapter and Corporate winner.

## DO YOU LOVE WINNING DOOR PRIZES?

OF COURSE YOU DO!

IF YOU HAVE WON A DOOR PRIZE THIS YEAR, WE HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER DONATING ONE FOR A FUTURE MEETING!

PAY IT FORWARD!

ALL DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED AND APPRECIATED. PLEASE CONTACT MARNIE CHOISNARD AT [MACHOISNARD@SAINTFRANCIS.COM](mailto:MACHOISNARD@SAINTFRANCIS.COM)

**\*There will be no door prizes for August, but we need donations for September and October!**

## We need mentors!

If you would like to serve as a mentor to new members, please reach out to Angie Walters to volunteer! :

[angie@schnake.com](mailto:angie@schnake.com)





# BIRTHDAYS & FIRM ANNIVERSARIES

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

**AUGUST 2:** Stefanie Phariss, Executive, 1907 Productions

**AUGUST 3:** Heather Fuhr, Representative, JPMorgan Chase & Co.

**AUGUST 6:** Colleen Farris, Representative, Moody's Jewelry

**AUGUST 10:** Tinesa Siebert, Representative, The University of Oklahoma Foundation

**AUGUST 17:** Marnie Knight, Representative, Admiral Express Office Supply

**AUGUST 19:** Arquicia Franklin, Individual Member

**AUGUST 20:** Dana Nichols, Sustaining Member, Coterra Energy

**AUGUST 22:** Whitney Hardesty, Representative, Warren Professional Building Corp.

**AUGUST 25:** Phyllis Rivers, Representative, Flintco, LLC

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

**AUGUST 2002:** Accent Moving, Storage & Logistics/Mayflower

**AUGUST 2015:** Burnett Home Improvement

**AUGUST 2018:** TTCU Federal Credit Union

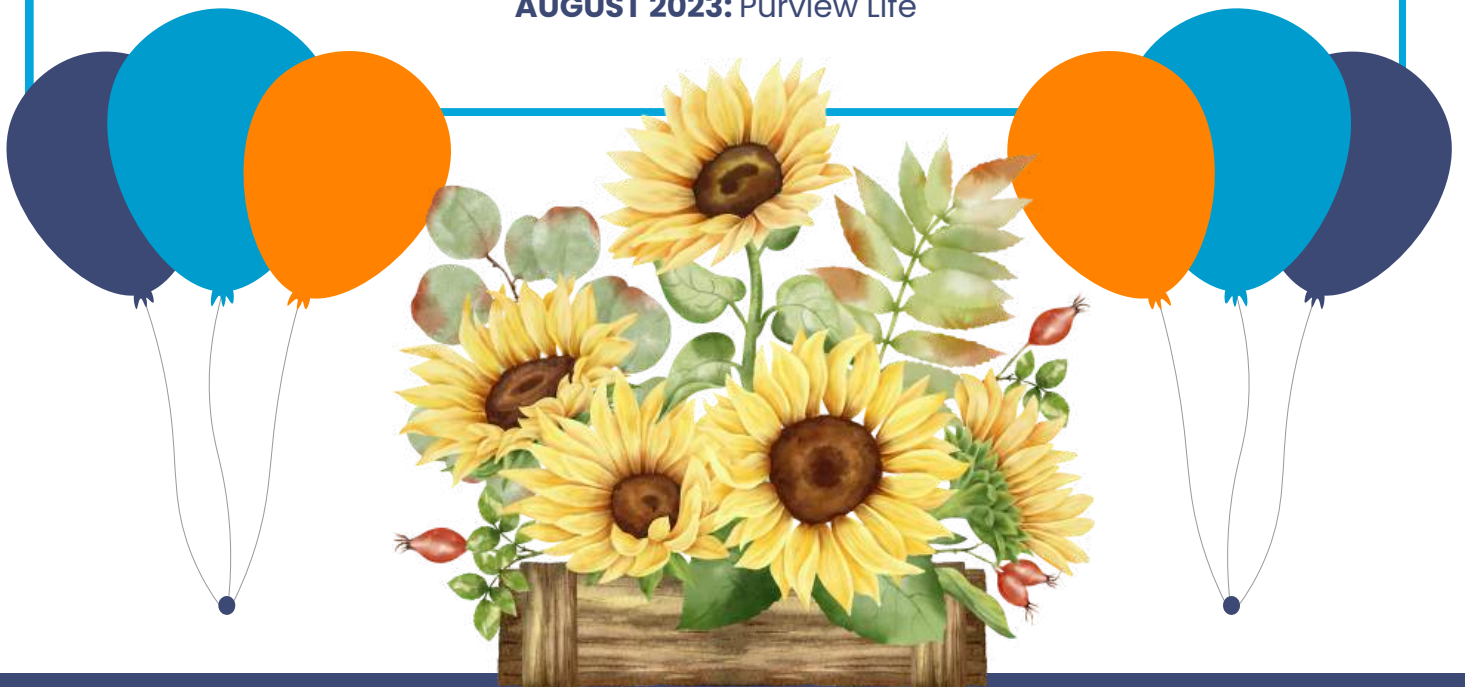
**AUGUST 2022:** Firststar Bank

**AUGUST 2022:** Food on the Move

**AUGUST 2022:** Warren Professional Building Corp.

**AUGUST 2022:** FranklinCovey

**AUGUST 2023:** Purview Life





## INFORMATION



### DOOR PRIZES

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



### MENTORS

Have questions about who your mentor is? Reach out to Aubry Oehlberg and she will help you out!  
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### NEWS & PHOTOS

Want your news or photos in the next Connect? Email [amanda@projecthopeworldwide.org](mailto: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](mailto: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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## ABOUT US

### 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

### 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.