

# Tulsa EWI Connect

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

WARREN PROFESSIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION



This time last year I was traveling around Ireland without a care in the world, thinking I had more than enough time to prepare myself for my term as Tulsa EWI Chapter President. I underestimated just how quickly time flies when an important commitment is looming in my future! With 10+ years of EWI service, I have observed our past presidents and stored certain aspects of their leadership styles. To say I have much to draw upon would be an understatement.

I look forward to continuing the development of our Chapter and encouraging our newer members to step into leadership roles by joining a committee to improve their understanding of what Executive Women International is truly all about.

Our November meeting will be all about committees. Without our committees, we would be lost as a chapter. Serving on a committee will increase your sense of belonging within the chapter and help in promoting your interaction with fellow members.

Enjoy this fabulous fall weather! I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Outstanding leaders go out of their way to boost the self-esteem of their personnel. If people believe in themselves, it's amazing what they can accomplish. —Sam Walton

*Susan Miller*

2024-2025  
EWI Tulsa Chapter President



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# Tulsa ewiConnect

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# MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING



CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY

## NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

Fall into a Committee (Wear autumn colors to celebrate the season!)

**Date:** Thursday, Nov 14

**Time:** 5:30 PM Social / 6:00 PM Meeting Time

**Venue:** Tulsa Technology's Lemley Memorial Campus

3420 S Memorial Dr, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74145

Client Service Center, Training Room 8

**Parking:** Free Parking Available at the meeting location

**Dress:** Business (welcome the season with colors of Autumn)

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

**Do you have a door prize you wish to donate? Please Contact Marnie Choisnard regarding door prize donations at [machoisnard@saintfrancis.com](mailto:machoisnard@saintfrancis.com) or 918-519-5611 (cell). As always, we appreciate your generosity!**

Please [click here](#) to connect to the RSVP form.

**RSVP by Friday, Nov 8** 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.





# OCTOBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS





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## 2023-2024 *Leading Ladies*



Congratulations to these amazing ladies for perfect attendance during the last year!



# OCTOBER BOARD INSTALLATION



## 2024 - 2025 *Board of Directors*





**REMEMBERING**

*Marji Zamora*

**A NOTE FROM EWI CORPORATE BOARD**



It is with profound sadness that we share that our beloved Corporate President, Marji Zamora, passed away surrounded by her family. We join together in grieving the loss of a remarkable leader, colleague, and friend.

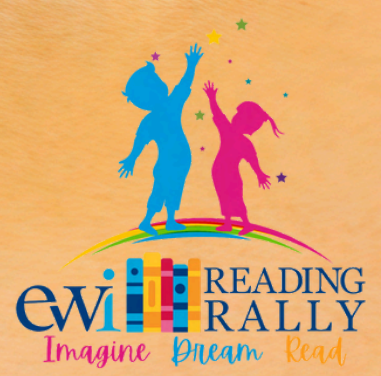
Marji dedicated her time, expertise, and vision to our organization, embodying the values we hold dear and inspiring us all with her passion and commitment.

We are focusing on supporting Marji's family and honoring her memory. The family has requested privacy at this time.

Marji was truly created to make a difference, and her impact will live on in all of us. Thank you for joining us in honoring her memory.

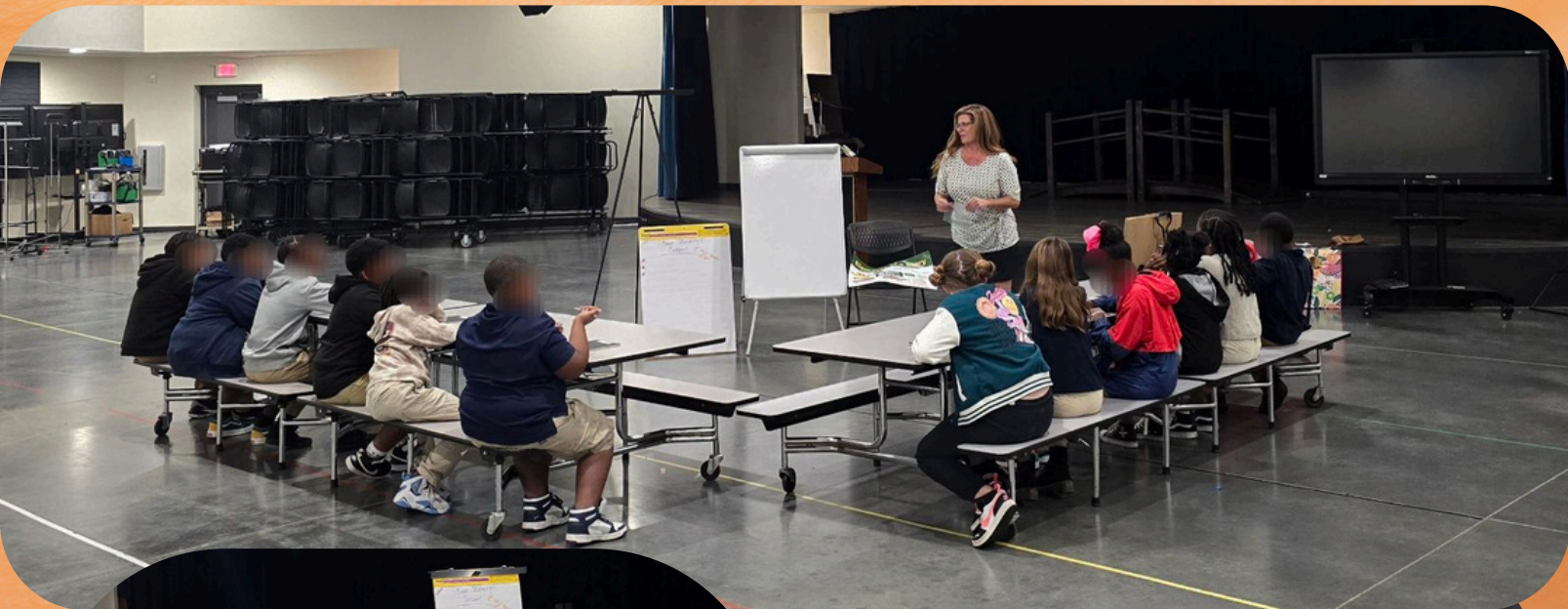
With warmest regards,  
Your 2024-2025 Corporate Board





# 2024- 2025 READING RALLY

The 2024 – 2025 Reading Rally has kicked off with the Fourth Grade Class at Emerson Montessori Elementary. Marie Stephens, representing Dare to Develop Industries and Mamie Choisnard, representing The Saint Francis Health Zone have completed three sessions. It is an exciting project working with the students to write their class book.





# THANK YOU!

Thank you to our 2023-2024 Board of Directors for your service to EWI Tulsa Chapter this last year!

A special thank you to everyone who worked to make our Board Installation night so special.

Looking forward to this next year, Susan would like to personally thank our incredible board members and advisors for their positive attitudes and their willingness to serve the Tulsa Chapter.





# OCTOBER FEEDBACK

## THE MEAL

- Very good and fresh food
- The portions were really small but the food was delicious
- Food was excellent

## THE VENUE

- Beautiful room.
- Lovely room and perfect for the presentation.
- Beautiful venue with the perfect size space to accommodate our group.
- Valet was so friendly!
- Great venue!
- Beautiful Venue! Thank you for the valet service!

## THE PRESENTATION

- Little bit too long, but overall a great meeting. Congrats to Susan and her incoming board!
- I know it takes a lot of work to facilitate these meetings and you all do a great job!
- Great program!
- Always love the installation of the new board.
- It was a lovely evening.
- Always a special time!
- Welcome the 2024-2025 Board Members.



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS



### ANDREA TUCKER

Most importantly, I am a mother of 4 (two girls ages 27 and 25 and two boys 23 and 21) and I am a new grandma this year!

My husband, Jim, works for the City of Broken Arrow in the IT and Communications division and I manage a Wealth Management Practice as a Senior Financial Advisor at Merrill Lynch in Tulsa.

I am passionate about sharing the message of saving early and often with young investors to help create a more financially independent next generation. I help families build, protect, and manage their wealth amid complex life challenges and economic changes. Having a financial plan brings peace of mind and clarity to the clients I serve allowing them to focus on what matters most to them in life, knowing their finances are purposeful and protected.

The boards I currently volunteer on are Broken Arrow Neighbors Food Pantry and Assistance, Northeastern State University, and the Merrill Lynch Women's Exchange.

### PATTY ATHERTON

"I'm Patty Atherton, a Tulsa native and the Senior Commercial Escrow Officer at ETS Commercial Title Services. With a dedicated and thorough approach, I take pride in supporting both clients and colleagues. Outside of work, I'm an outdoor enthusiast, spending much of my free time camping and kayaking with my partner, Matt. When I'm not out adventuring, I enjoy relaxing at home with my red heeler, Barley (or as I like to call him, Barley Baby Doggie). I also make time for regular dinners with my three sisters and our mom—if you see all five of us together, brace yourself; we're basically a traveling comedy show with snacks!"





## MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS



### ANGIE WALTERS

Angie Walters joined the firm in 2013 to serve as an executive assistant to Schnake's management team.

Prior to working at Schnake, Angie spent nearly ten years as an executive assistant at the Tulsa Regional Chamber. Before her time at the Chamber, she spent many years working in the law and private investigator fields, working as a legal clerk, court-appointed special advocate, and licensed private investigator (you should ask about dumpster diving).

Growing up in Spring, Texas until middle school, Angie, an Oklahoma native, returned and attended Sapulpa and Broken Arrow schools. She graduated from Langston University with a degree in criminal justice.

In addition to her work at Schnake, Angie is the Founder and CEO of Breast Cancer Assistance Program (BCAP), a charity she founded after surviving breast cancer in 2005.

Community involvement: Breast Cancer Assistance Program, founder and chairman of the board; Executive Women's International, past president; Tulsa Regional Chamber campaign volunteer; Susan G. Komen Leadership Council

Accolades: Susan G. Komen 2022 Women of Inspiration; 2012 Williams Women of Inspiration, Top 30 nominee; 2010 Tulsa Shock Women of Inspiration, Top 5 nominee; member of Mensa

Passions: grandchildren and family, motorcycle and ATV riding, boating on the lake, family vacations in Mexico, skeet shooting and football

### ALLYSON BALDWIN

Allyson Baldwin is the Director of Business Development at CJC Architects, where she leads strategic growth initiatives, client engagement, and marketing.

Fun details about my life:

Born and raised in Tulsa

Avid supporter of Oklahoma State and the Chiefs (at least one team is winning )

Family is what my life revolves around - 2 kiddos – Georgia & Thomas and my amazing husband – Andrew

Loves celebrating all holidays, but most of all Christmas

Favorite fashion trend – coastal grandma chic





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## November



**TBA** - BCDP Meeting



**NOVEMBER 13** - SAA Meeting, 3 PM, Virtual



**NOVEMBER 20**- Board of Directors Meeting,  
12:00 PM, Williams Building



**NOVEMBER 19** - Programs Meeting



**NOVEMBER 21**- Membership Meeting, 10:30  
AM, Virtual



**DECEMBER 5** - Communications Meeting, 11:30  
AM, Puck's @ WeStreet Ice Center or Virtual



**DECEMBER 12** - November Chapter Meeting



## EVENTS TO ATTEND



READING  
PARTNERS

Annual Books, Brews, & BBQ trivia night, where your support will help serve 1,000 students and fund critical literacy programs in Tulsa and Union Public Schools.

INFORMATION & TICKETS:  
[BooksBrewsAndBBQ.com](http://BooksBrewsAndBBQ.com)

Date:  
Thursday, November 21, 2024

Time:  
6 pm CST

Location:  
Cain's Ballroom  
423 N Main St, Tulsa, OK 74103



Whether or not you can attend, we have added something new this year! You can purchase a raffle ticket for only \$10 or a pack of 6 tickets for \$50 to enter to win a Hasty Bake Legacy Model 131 charcoal grill! Raffle tickets are available now; you don't need to be present to win. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity—purchase your tickets today! (Value \$1,500)

For more information, contact Emily Fuller at [emily.fuller@readingpartners.org](mailto:emily.fuller@readingpartners.org) or (918) 633-2478, or visit [BooksBrewsAndBBQ.com](http://BooksBrewsAndBBQ.com)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## COMMITTEES

YOU CAN JOIN A COMMITTEE AT ANY TIME! IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN JOINING A COMMITTEE, REACH OUT TO THE BOARD MEMBER WHOSE COMMITTEE YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN!

COMMITTEES ARE A GREAT WAY TO GET TO KNOW FELLOW EWI MEMBERS!

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR BOARD MEMBERS IS ON THE "CONTACT" PAGE!

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## DOOR PRIZES

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)



## MENTORS

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

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# BIRTHDAYS & FIRM ANNIVERSARIES

## NOVEMBER Birthdays

Pam Elmore, Miss Helen's Private School - 11/5  
Heather Stephen, Helmerich & Payne, Inc. - 11/5  
Aggie Landry, Amazon Web Services - 11/5  
Shari Holdman, Susan G Komen - 11/6  
Linda Safley, Sustaining Member - 11/6  
Amy Henderson, Tulsa Oilers - 11/10  
Pat Desormeau, Sustaining Member - 11/11  
Nicole Smith, 1-800 Water Damage of SE Tulsa - 11/12  
Linda Polson, Sustaining Member - 11/16  
Jackie Kozlowski, Cabi - 11/18  
Camille Newbro, Tulsa Area United Way - 11/30

### Executives' birthdays for October

Cindy Webb - Oklahoma Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma - 11/28  
Becky Frank - Schnake Turnbo Frank - 11/23

## NOVEMBER Anniversaries

Grimsleys Janitorial Supplies since 2022  
Miss Helen's Private School since 2003  
Schnake Turnbo Frank since 2011  
Tulsa Tech since 1998  
KMS International since 2022



## 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!  
[aohlberg@firststar-bank.com](mailto:aohlberg@firststar-bank.com)



### 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.