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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

JODY DAVIS | ACCENT MOVING, STORAGE & LOGISTICS

It has been my great honor to serve as your 2023–2024 Tulsa Chapter President, For Such A Time As This. Thank you for trusting me this past year with this incredible opportunity. I have felt supported and appreciated by all of you. It has been a year of growth and greatness for EWI of Tulsa.

As I return from the EWI 2024 Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting I feel extreme pride to be part of this exceptional Chapter. The hard work so many of you have put in over the past year was recognized through the awards the Tulsa Chapter received during LCAM.

- **CHAPTER OF EXCELLENCE.** The Tulsa Chapter attained this coveted recognition by meeting the standards of excellence set forth by the Corporate Board.
- **COMMUNICATIONS AWARD.** This award was for the professionally produced Connect, Chapter website, Chapter social media and correspondence shared with our Chapter.
- **MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AWARD.** We had 35% membership growth from October 2023 – September 2024.
- **CHAPTER LITERACY INITIATIVE GRANT.** We were awarded a \$1,000 grant from Corporate for the Tulsa Chapter Literacy Program based on our 2023, 2024 and 2025 Reading Rally programs and plans.
- **2024 LUCILLE JOHNSON PERKINS AWARD – OUTSTANDING LARGE FIRM.** T.D. Williamson received this prestigious award for its unwavering and generous support of the Tulsa Chapter. Currently, TDW has two Executives and three Representatives in the Tulsa Chapter. The Firm has contributed more than \$34,000 in sponsorship over the years of membership, benefiting both the Chapter and the Corporate levels. Additionally, TDW supports their Representatives in their service at both the Chapter and Corporate level.
- **MYRA TRAHERN ASIST SCHOLARSHIP.** The Tulsa Chapter presented a one-time \$5,000 ASIST Scholarship for the 2025 Corporate ASIST Program in memory of Myra Trahern.
- **ACADEMY OF LEADERSHIP.** Tamara Conner became the latest Tulsa Chapter Alumni of the EWI Academy of Leadership. She joins a distinguished group of Tulsa Chapter AOL Alumni.

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My final goal for this year is to help transition the Chapter leadership seamlessly to the Incoming President, Susan Miller, representing Warren Professional Building Corporation. I am committed to ensuring that our membership does not lose the forward and upward momentum. I believe that 2024 -2025 can be even greater with the quality of Member Firms, Executives, Executive Representatives and Firm Representatives that we have in the Tulsa Chapter.

I extend a sincere thank you to all of you who found your For Such A Time As This with me. The Tulsa Chapter would not be where it is without each of you and your contributions in the past year.

My parting hope is that you continue to step up, step out and step into your For Such A Time As This as you support our new leadership.

Very truly in EWI service,
Jody Davis
2023-2024 Chapter President

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MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING



CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY



OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE EWI OF TULSA OCTOBER BUSINESS MEETING AND INSTALLATION

Date: Thursday, October 10

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

Venue: Montereau | 6800 S. Granite Avenue

Parking: See email for details

Dress: Business

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

Do you have a door prize you wish to donate?

**If so, please contact Marnie Choisnard at
machoisnard@saintfrancis.com.**

As always, we appreciate your generosity!

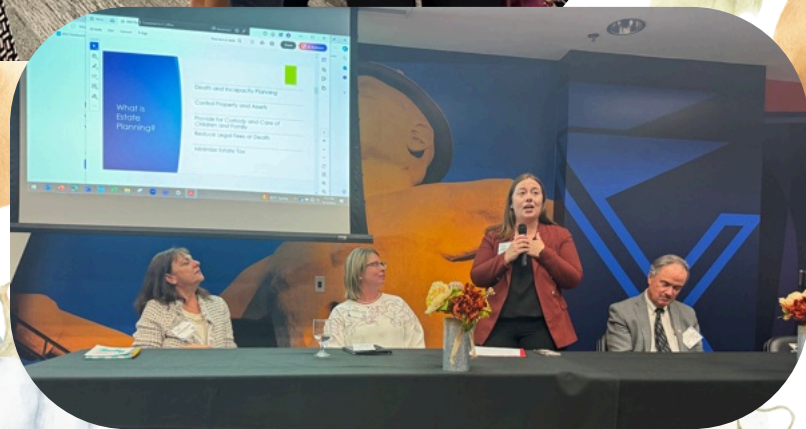
Please [click here](#) to connect to the RSVP form.

RSVP by **Wednesday, October 2** 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.



SEPTEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



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Welcome New Members!





LCAM 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

The 2024 EWI Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting was a great opportunity for those who attended. It clearly met the three tenets of EWI: Careers ~ Connections ~ Community.

Our incoming President, Susan Miller, and incoming Vice President/President Elect, LaFonda Murphy attended the Leadership Caucus hosted by the Incoming Corporate President, Marji Zamora. They received important information, met with other Chapter incoming leaders and even received training from our own, Felicia Senter, Past Corporate President and Past Tulsa Chapter President.

The Welcome Reception brought all attendees together to kick off this fantastic conference. The Tulsa Chapter attendees mixed and mingled with Chapter Members from both the US and Canada before heading off to dinner with the Oklahoma City Chapter attendees and past Corporate President, Cheryl Hawkins.

The next two and a half days were jam packed and non-stop! An energetic Keynote Speaker, Elizabeth Mc Cormick, kicked off the conference. We attended various Breakout Sessions (one was presented by our own, Felicia Senter), and a new Academy of Leadership module. The Magic of Working Together, led by Lori Giovannoni. There were Awards Presentations, the 2024 Corporate Reading Rally luncheon, EWI Town Hall, a Masquerade Gala and most importantly, the 2024 Annual Meeting.

Congratulations to Lori Heerlyn, representing T.D. Williamson, who was installed on the EWI Corporate Board of Directors for 2024-2025. It is always exciting to have one of our own serving on the Corporate Board.

Thank you to the many Tulsa Chapter Members who served on Corporate Committees for 2023-2024. Your service to both the Tulsa Chapter and Corporate Committees is sincerely appreciated and valued.

A big Thank You to those who donated to the Silent Auction and Door Prizes for LCAM. We contributed three baskets for the Silent Auction and they all sold for very handsome bids.



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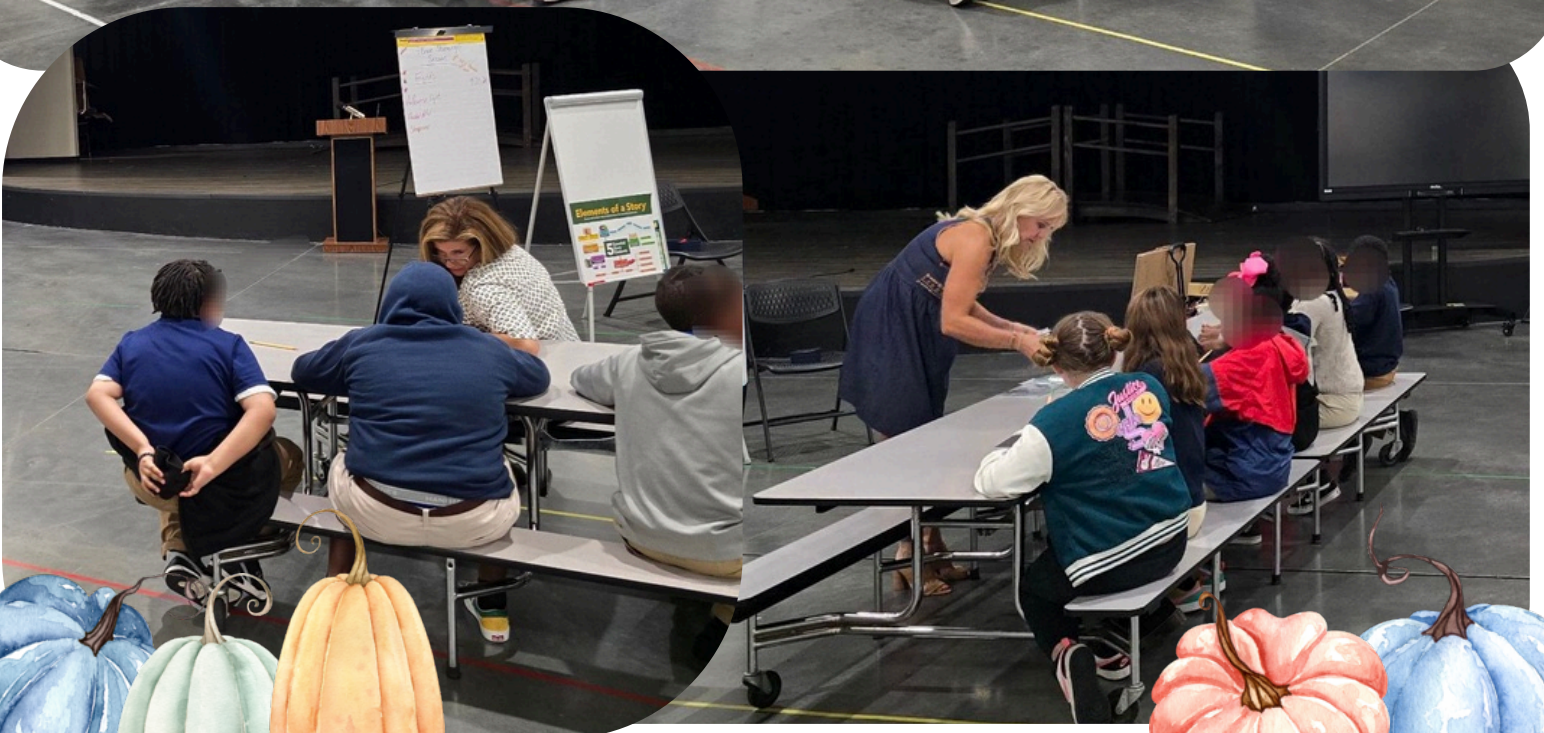
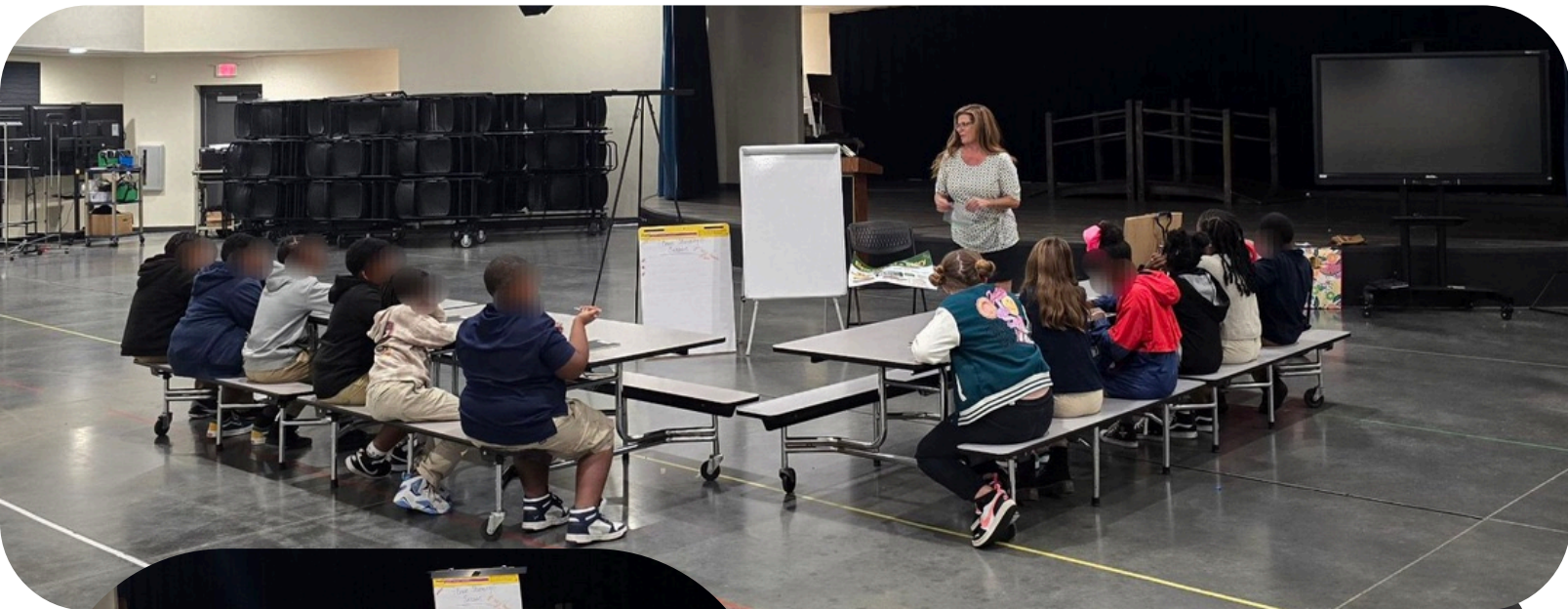




2024- 2025 READING RALLY



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 Marnie 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!

The September Chapter Meeting was an exclamation mark to the end of the 2023-2024 EWI year. Tinesa Siebert, Programs Director and her committee put together a wonderful final meeting. Thank you to Debbie Stumps, representing Purview Life, for coordinating our presentation panel for "Aging Smart." It was an important and informative discussion supported by Dr. Joseph Moore, Executive, Moore Funeral Homes; Andrea Tucker with Merrill Lynch and Colleen Morris, with Helton Law. The information presented is relevant to each Representative of our Chapter. The Q&A was robust and showed the importance of this timely topic.

I am so grateful for the generosity of our Representatives and Member Firms who have donated door prizes this year. I appreciate the contributions that enhance our Chapter Meetings.

Thank you to the following Member Firms and Representatives who provided September door prizes:

- Eva Blair – T.C. Blair & Associates
- Amanda Grace – Amanda Grace Designs
- Jackie Kozlowski – Cabi, Independent Stylist

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SERVED AS A COMMITTEE FUNCTION LEADER!

The following ladies served as Function Leaders this year. Your service to the Chapter and your leadership is greatly appreciated.

- Kim Owens, representing The Bama Companies – Chapter Chaplain
- Kelli Gernandt, representing Trust Company of Oklahoma – ASIST Chair
- Trish Richey, representing Helmerich & Payne – Bylaws Chair
- Reta Jay, representing LD Kerns Contractors – Strategic Plan Chair
- Janis Cohlmlia, representing Tropical Plant Design – Chapter Data and Directory Sarah Bowen, representing the Tulsa Zoo – Courtesy
- Marnie Choisnard, representing the Health Zone at Saint Francis – EOY Co-Chair
- Angie Walters, representing Schnake Turnbo Frank – Mentors
- Tamara Conner, representing ONEOK, Inc – Website, Nominating Committee Chair, Awards Committee Chair



SEPTEMBER FEEDBACK



THE MEAL

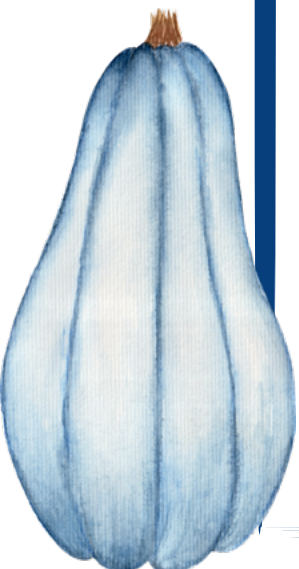
- OMG! Amazing!
- So good!!! And great waitstaff.
- THAT Cobbler! YUM!
- The food was very good.
- Loved everything that was prepared!!!

THE VENUE

- Great new location
- I have never been to the Armory so it was very interesting to see.
- Easy to find; good parking
- Nice venue.
- Good parking, private
- Set-up was great

THE PRESENTATION

- The level of detail that Colleen Morris included in her presentation was very helpful! I really enjoyed the overall topic as well.
- Tough for some to discuss but so needed. Well done panelists!
- Loved this topic. This was such an important topic and I am very thankful that we have so many resources to reach out to in this group.
- AMAZING year Tinesa!
- Panel was very informative





MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



ZOYA ALLEN

Zoya spent her formal education years in El Paso Texas attending The University of Texas at El Paso, graduating in 2007. After which she left her job with Immigration Naturalization Service, to embark on a career with the U. S. State Department. During her time with the agency She has worked with a plethora of state, federal and international law enforcement agencies . During her time in Dallas, Texas she met and married Mark Allen. Together in 2017, they opened Mark Allen Chevrolet in Sapulpa, Oklahoma with the intention of relocating the franchise they scouted a new location in Glenpool Oklahoma. Currently Mark Allen Chevrolet is the largest Chevrolet dealership in Oklahoma and is part of the Mark Allen Autogroup, boasting three locations. Mark Allen Chevrolet, Mark Allen Buick GMC and Mark AllenPreowned Center. Zoya is the Advertising Director for all locations, she manages the group social media platforms, community outreach and support and sponsorships, internal training and overall management of operations, brand management as well as their newly formed non-profit.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



OCTOBER

TBA - Membership Meeting

TBA - Programs Meeting

OCTOBER 23 - Joint Board of Directors Meeting,
4:30pm, Williams Building

NOVEMBER 13 - SAA Meeting

NOVEMBER 14 - November Chapter Meeting



EVENTS TO ATTEND



Let's go shopping at Amber Marie & Co.



91ST & YALE LOCATION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30
4-6 PM



Join us for a Shop & Sip night of fun and kick off your holiday shopping! Open to all. A percentage of the shopping proceeds will benefit the EWI of Tulsa Education Fund. Be sure to mention our organization at checkout! Online shopping is NOT Included in the event.

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

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 or (918) 633-2478, or visit BooksBrewsAndBBQ.com



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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



BIRTHDAYS & FIRM ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- October 3** - Virginia Cohlma, Honorary Member
October 3 - Connie Saunders, Representative, Burnett Home Improvement
October 19 - Jessica Vagin, Representative,
The StoneHaven Assisted Living & Memory Care
October 19 - Sarah Alfred, Representative, Hummingbird Tech
October 29 - Angie Walters, Representative, Schnake Turnbo Frank
October 29 - Sarah Bowen, Tulsa Zoo
October 31 - Josie Walden, Executive Representative, Just Catering by Orr

Executives birthdays for October

- October 11** - Lynda Wingo, Executive, Miss Helen's Private School
October 19 - Scott Helton, Executive, Helton Law

OCTOBER 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. 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



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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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](http://WWW.EWITULSA.ORG).