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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

JODY DAVIS | ACCENT MOVING, STORAGE & LOGISTICS

Why do I associate Labor Day with the end of Summer? According to the calendar, Summer does not end until the Autumnal Equinox on September 22. I attempt to trick myself every year to stay in Summer mode, but it just does not work! I get frustrated that the daily temperatures are staying so warm when I am feeling ready to pull out the fall attire and harvest home decorations. The kids are back in school, football and volleyball seasons are in full swing, and it is not warm enough to keep going to the pool, but it is still too darn hot. Make it make sense. September is just weird to me.

September is a little more weird for me this year. This month marks the final meeting with the honor of serving as your Tulsa Chapter President. A little over a year ago I was asked to step in for the then Incoming President who relinquished her membership due to a move out of state. It was only a moment of pause before I felt this opportunity would be my EWI For Such A Time As This. It has been my great honor to have a “do-over” year. The first time I served as the Tulsa Chapter President, 2007-2008, I was at a much different place in life, in business, in motherhood, and as a woman. To be able to serve you this year, with that experience already in my past, I can only hope that I have been a better leader for you and the Chapter this term. My goal was to build on Tamara’s leadership and continue the strong path that lay before me while cultivating leaders to come up through our organization for the future. You will see at our October Installation Meeting the accomplishments of the past year, I will not be redundant here. I would like to express my gratitude for your support, your trust, your endless encouragement, and your patience with me over the past 12 months.

The September Chapter Meeting will be a panel of professionals from both our Member Firms and the Tulsa Community to discuss “Aging Smart.” The topic is one of importance in both personal and professional development. It is not always comfortable to discuss aging, but it is important to be prepared. This panel will help us navigate aging parents and loved ones in addition to recommendations on how to ensure our affairs are in order. I encourage you to attend.

During the meeting, we will take time to introduce ourselves to the group, we have so many new Members, that it is important to put the names and faces together. The Membership Directors will pin new Members, and you will be impressed with the quality of our growth. Very importantly, there will be a display of EWI of Tulsa memorabilia for you to take a glimpse of our history. Come early to take the time to view our beautiful legacy and the rich heritage of this incredible Chapter.

I cannot express to each of you the extent of my gratitude to have served as your 2023-2024 EWI of Tulsa Chapter President. This has been a challenging and rewarding year, one that I will cherish. Thank you for finding your For Such A Time As This, I hope you continue to do so in your support of your incoming leadership in October.

Very Truly in EWI Service,  
Jody Davis

For Such  
A Time  
As This



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# MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING



CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY

## SEPTEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

Join us for a panel discussion on “Aging Smart” led by Debbie Stumps with Purview Life.

**Date:** Thursday, Sept 12

**Time:** 5:00 pm “ A Historical Journey Through the Years of EWI” Memorabilia Social | 6:00 pm Meeting

**Venue:** Armory Conference Center  
@ Expo Square

**Parking:** Free Parking Available at the meeting location (see map)

**Dress:** Business

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

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

**RSVP by Wednesday, Sept 4** 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.

Do you have a door prize you wish to donate? If so, please contact Marnie Choisnard at [machoisnard@saintfrancis.com](mailto:machoisnard@saintfrancis.com). As always, we appreciate your generosity!



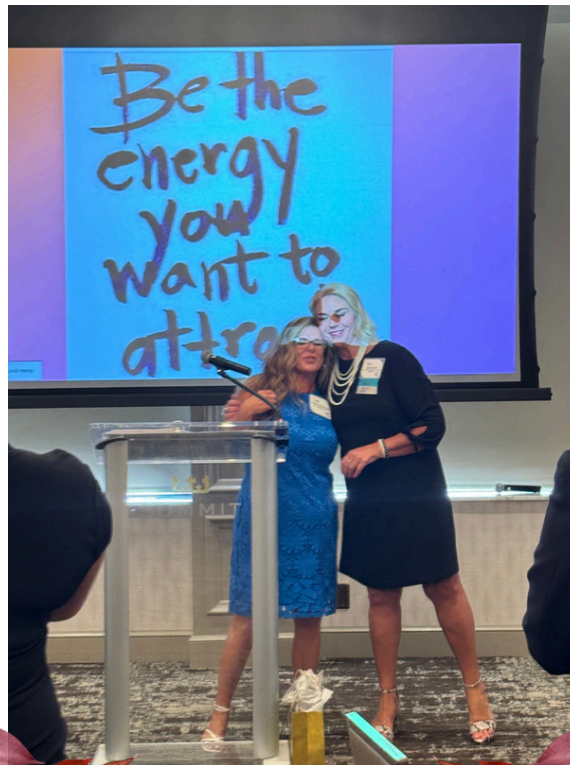
# AUGUST EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

On August 8th we celebrated Marie Stephens, Executive Representative for Dare to Develop Industries as the 2024 Executive of the Year. It was a wonderful evening held at the Summit Club with 96 attendees. There were 14 Executives and 15 Executive Representatives in attendance for this exceptional night.

Marie joined EWI of Tulsa in 2021. Her initial Member Firm was Nothing Bundt Cakes but after selling her interest in the bakery she joined under her new venture, Dare to Develop Industries. Marie is an active Executive Representative. She attended LCAM 2023.

As a now published children's book author, Marie will take the lead with the fourth-grade class at Emerson Montessori Elementary School for the 2024-2025 Reading Rally. She will help the Chapter by working in the classroom and leading approximately 60 students in writing their own book. Once she has completed the editing process, the book will be published on behalf of the student authors.

Please congratulate Marie on this distinct honor as the 2024 Executive of the Year of the Tulsa Chapter.



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# THANK YOU!

A sincere THANK YOU to Susan Miller, representing Warren Professional Building Corp and Marnie Choisnard, representing The Health Zone at Saint Francis for leading the EOY Committee.

Additional Thank You's to the following Members and Firms for their contributions:

John Hamill, Honorary Member – Pianist  
ARC Document Solutions – Printing  
ONEOK, Inc. – Printing, Speaker, Summit Club  
Sponsor

Wine Sponsors – Trish Richey, Dr. Joseph Moore,  
Jan & Bob Ehrle, LD Kerns Contractors, T.C. Blair &  
Associates





# AUGUST EOY FEEDBACK

## THE MEAL

- The dessert!
- The beef was amazing.
- Braised Beef Short Ribs - Yummy
- The meal was delicious
- The short ribs were just perfection.

## THE VENUE

- Such a beautiful venue- PERFECT for EOY!
- Very nice, wish they would have lifted the shade at dusk.
- Love Summit Club
- I believe we were in the ballroom.
- The venue was perfect
- Amazing

## THE PRESENTATION

- Great job ladies!!
- WOW! He could be a good Texoma speaker!
- The entire presentation and all the speakers were awesome, engaging, and flawless.
- Such an incredible speaker!
- Nice program and I loved the honoring of past winners.



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

### SARAH ALFRED

Sarah Alfred is the Sales Manager for Hummingbird.tech, a downtown Tulsa IT Services firm that partners with small to mid-sized businesses in a variety of ways to manage their technology footprint and reduce their cybersecurity risk. She grew up in Tulsa and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School and then attended both OU and OSU, graduating with a theatre degree. Sarah earned her Master's of Business Administration while working for Hewlett-Packard Enterprise where she first earned her technology stripes. She is passionate about translating technical jargon into everyday speech that business owners and senior leaders can use for decision making.

She also loves being a hub and connector for her ever-growing network. Sarah is an avid travel fiend and will be exploring Iceland this month; she loves to cook and bake, garden, read, and is a professional grade foodie. She also believes in giving back to our community and has served on the Iron Gate Tulsa board for the past three years. She is honored by the appointment to the incoming EWI Tulsa board and is delighted to meet each member of the chapter while she serves as the Director of Member Retention next year.



### VICKI DIETZ

Vicki is a self-proclaimed 'data nerd', with over 30 years helping customers modernize their technology environments to support their core business strategy. Vicki holds a BA and a master's degree from Creighton University in Omaha, NE. This year, she completed a Generative AI program for business leaders and decision making from the Wharton School of Business.

She currently holds the position as Senior Manager and Client Account Lead for Midstream companies in Tulsa area at technology consulting firm, Accenture.

Vicki is married to Del and lives just outside of Tulsa in Mounds, OK with her horses Dapper and Legacy, dog Toby, and mini donkey named Charlie. Vicki and Del have 3 adult children they are so proud of. Olivia works in Omaha in technology consulting, Dakota is an aerospace engineer Oklahoma City, and Andrew owns and operates a marine and dive business in the Florida Keys.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



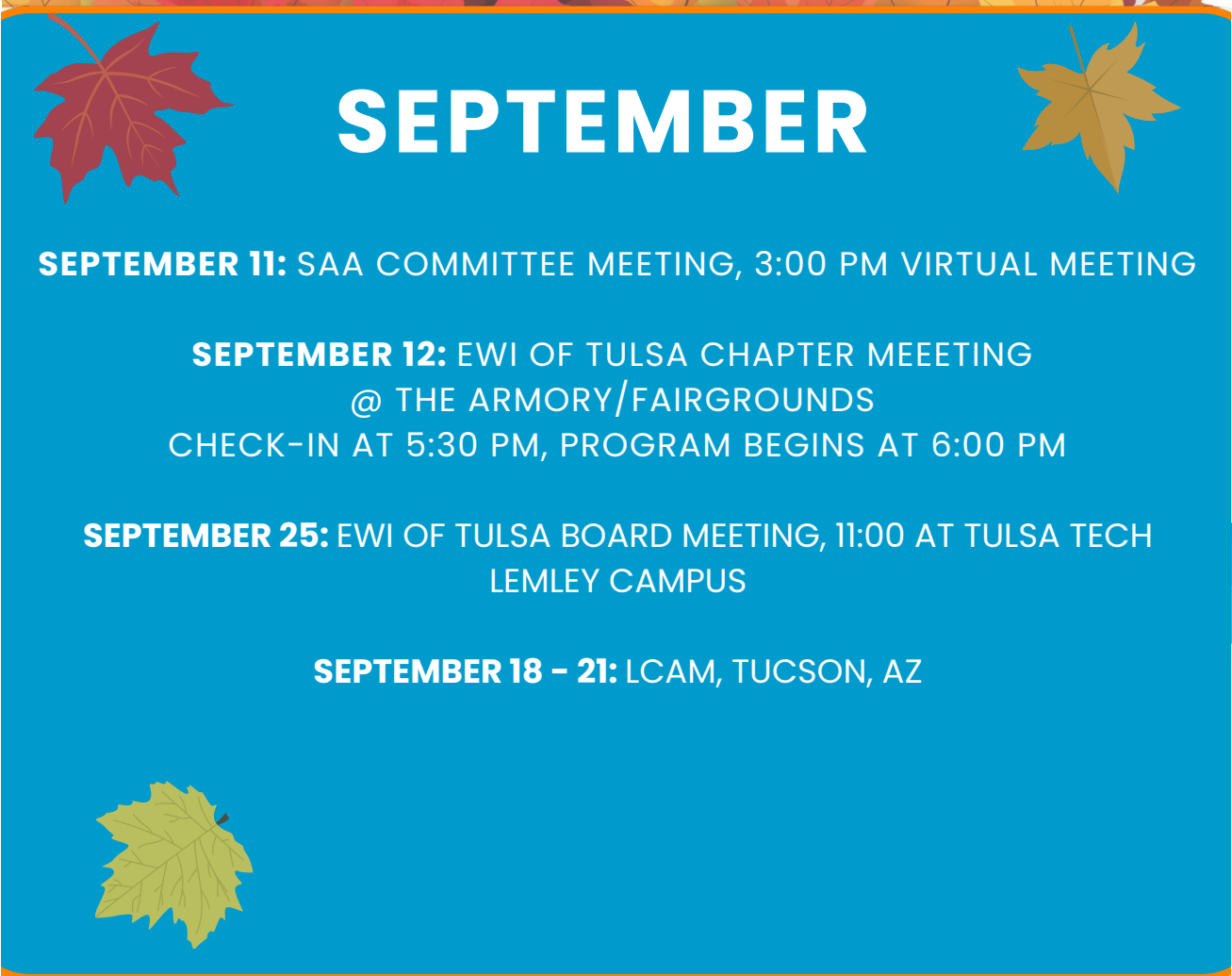
## SEPTEMBER

**SEPTEMBER 11:** SAA COMMITTEE MEETING, 3:00 PM VIRTUAL MEETING

**SEPTEMBER 12:** EWI OF TULSA CHAPTER MEETING  
@ THE ARMORY/FAIRGROUNDS  
CHECK-IN AT 5:30 PM, PROGRAM BEGINS AT 6:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 25:** EWI OF TULSA BOARD MEETING, 11:00 AT TULSA TECH  
LEMLEY CAMPUS

**SEPTEMBER 18 - 21:** LCAM, TUCSON, AZ



# 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



**Join the mission to bring hope and excellent care to orphans around the world.**

There are 140 million orphans in the world...  
This happened through no fault of their own but was thrust upon them due to a natural disaster, war, disease, malnutrition, poverty, or abandonment.

**It takes just one caring person to change EVERYTHING.**

**Join us September 28, 6 PM at Stoney Creek Conference Center in Broken Arrow!  
Tickets/Tables can be purchased [here](#).**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations, Judy Russell  
on your retirement!



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## READING RALLY 2024-2025

The Reading Rally event kicks off on September 9th at Emerson Montessori Elementary School. Marie Stephens and Marnie Choisnard will start by giving each fourth grade student a copy of Marie's first children's book, "The Festival of the Pines." After reading through the book, they will begin the process of walking through the writing process. Marie and Marnie will spend the following 6 weeks working with the students.

Once the students have completed their part of the project, Marie will complete putting it all together and editing. We will have the book published for the students. On March 13, 2025, we will host the students for an EWI of Tulsa Meeting luncheon. We will collectively celebrate their accomplishment and present them with their published books.

We are excited to share that EWI Tulsa Chapter was awarded an EWI Corporate Literacy Grant of \$1000 for our Reading Rally!

How can you or your Firm be involved?

Right now, we are still accepting items that may be purchased off the Amazon wish list or monetary donations.

We will keep you posted on the progress of our young authors.

Note: We are not allowed to take photos that include the faces of any of the students we will be working with during this Reading Rally.

### 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)

### We need 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

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**SEPTEMBER 2:** Tascina Foster, Representative, TTCU Federal Credit Union

**SEPTEMBER 5:** Gloria McQuade, Representative, Burnett Home Improvement

**SEPTEMBER 10:** Sheila Sayne, Executive, Sayne Law, PLLC

**SEPTEMBER 13:** Kim Bowman, Representative, T.D. Williamson

**SEPTEMBER 15:** Victoria Gordeyev, Representative, World Travel Service LLC

**SEPTEMBER 19:** Katherine Schell, Representative, Senior Care Referral Services of Oklahoma

**SEPTEMBER 22:** Andrea Tucker, Representative, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management

**SEPTEMBER 23:** Lou Winsworth, Sustaining Member, Public Service Company of Oklahoma

**SEPTEMBER 23:** Emily Blackshear, Representative, Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma

**SEPTEMBER 28:** Briana Root, Representative, Tulsa Drillers

**SEPTEMBER 30:** Heidi Garrett, Representative, Trinity Woods

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

**SEPTEMBER 2001:** Merrill Lynch Wealth Management

**SEPTEMBER 2003:** Miss Helen's Private School



## 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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### 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

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