



Tulsa

EWI Connect



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

WARREN PROFESSIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION

Dear EWI Sisters,

It seems like it was just a minute ago we were lamenting the high temperatures and planning beach vacations. Now we're bundling up so we can get out and shop for Christmas! I love all the holidays, but Christmas stands apart from the others. I love the lights, baking, family, music, and the Midnight service to celebrate the reason for Christmas. I also love to hear and learn about Christmas traditions from friends and other countries. If my figures are correct, I have celebrated Christmas in five different countries; six if I want to include Texas, as it considers itself "A Whole Other Country"!

No matter where we are in the world or with whom we are sharing the Christmas season, it is always a time for thinking of others and sharing goodwill. The Ronald McDonald House has been selected as our philanthropic endeavor this EWI term. The residents at the House are away from their homes and families in order to be near their loved one who is undergoing medical treatment. This is a rather stressful time, to say the least, so by providing much-needed items, we can alleviate some of their stress and do what we can to help, so they may take care of themselves, as well as their incapacitated loved ones. Please review the Wish List included in this issue of the Connect and consider bringing donations to our December 12th chapter meeting, which will take place at The Ronald McDonald House.

I truly hope you all have a safe and happy Christmas and that you carry the Christmas spirit within you throughout the upcoming year.

Best wishes,

Susan Miller, President
Executive Women International, Tulsa Chapter

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."
-- Maya Angelou

2024-2025
EWI Tulsa Chapter President



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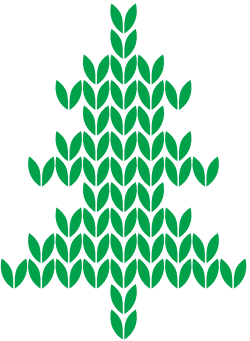


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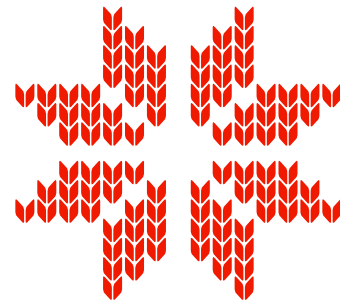


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MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING



CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY



NOTICE OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS MEETING

Date: Thursday, December 12
Time: 5:30 PM Social | 6:00 PM Meeting
Venue: Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tulsa, Inc.
6102 S. Hudson Ave, Tulsa, OK 74136
Parking: Free parking, west side of bldg.
Dress: Business (with a seasonal flare of “stop you in your tracks” tops; sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets, etc
Theme: Funky Fun and Ugly Christmas Sweater Party (homemade or store bought; new or old; lights optional)
Speaker: Scarlet Henley, President/CEO, Ronald McDonald House Charities Tulsa

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

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

RSVP by **Tuesday, December 10** 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. As always, we appreciate your generosity!





Wish List

Unfortunately, we do not accept used items.
Thank you for understanding!

FOOD ITEMS ●●

- Granola Bars
- Breakfast Bars
- Pudding
- Individual Bags of Chips
- Cheese Crackers
- Cereal Cups
- Fruit Snacks
- Cookies
- Candy
- Frozen Pizzas

FOR ADULTS ●●

- Writing Journals
- Puzzle Books
- Adult Coloring Books
- Pens and Colored Pencils
- Books

FOR KIDS/TEENS ●●

- Coloring Books
- Small Lego Sets
- Small Toys
- Small Games
- Play-Doh
- Stress Balls
- Bracelet Making Kits
- Color by Number
- Stationary
- Pop Its
- Crayons and Markers

BEVERAGES ●

- Bottled Water
- Liquid Coffee Creamer
- Coffee (Folgers)

TOILETRIES ●●

- Hair Brushes and Combs
- Deodorant
- Mouthwash
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Feminine Hygiene Products

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS ●

- Clorox Bleach
- Trash Bags (39 Gallon)
- Laundry Detergent
- Styrofoam To-Go Boxes (3 compartments)
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Powder-Free Vinyl Gloves
- Dryer Sheets
- Individually Wrapped Spoons and Forks

MISCELLANEOUS ●

- Restaurant Gift Cards
- "Forever" Postage Stamps
- 8.5"x 11" Printer Paper
- Convenient Store Gift Cards

Drop-off Location:

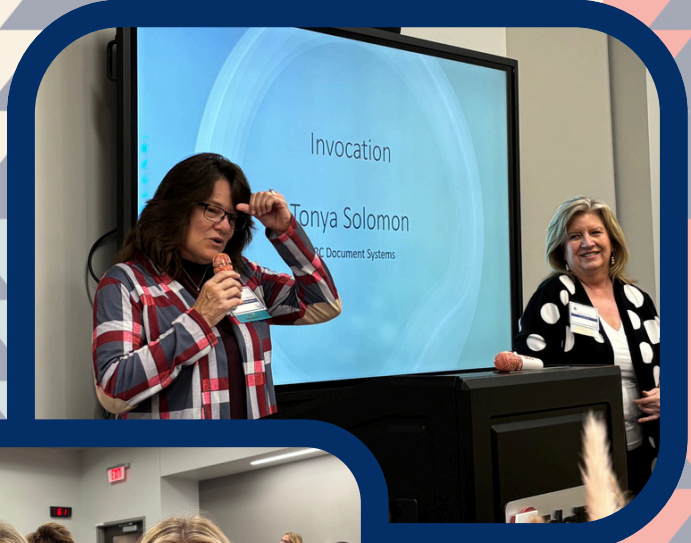
6102 S. Hudson Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74136
918-496-2727

● =The Ronald McDonald House

● =The Hospitality Cart

● =Lunches with Love

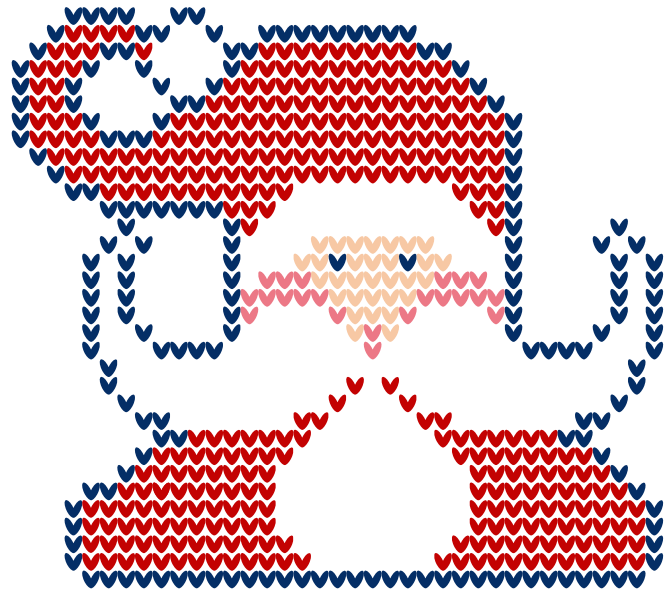
NOVEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



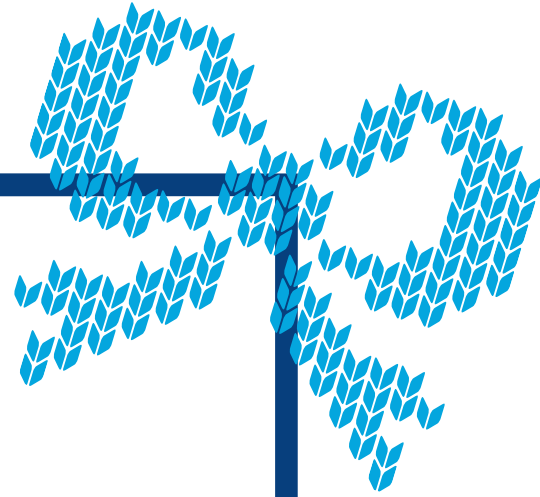
THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who signed up to be on a committee at the November meeting! Our committees are off to a fantastic start, and we are excited to work with you all this year!

You can join a committee anytime, so let your mentor or a board member know if you have interest in joining an EWI Tulsa committee!



NOVEMBER FEEDBACK



THE MEAL

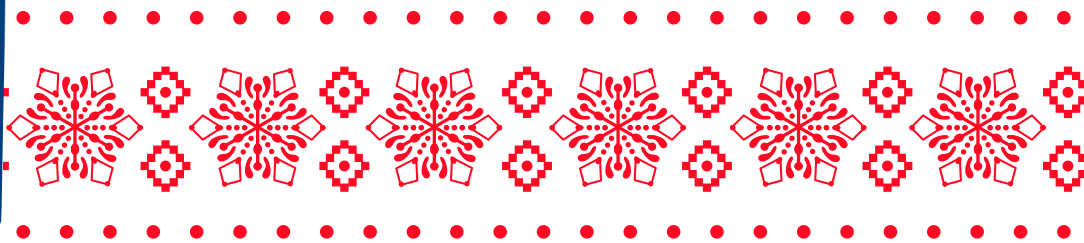
- Always love Orr!
- Orr always does a great job.
- Great food!
- Orr is always delicious.

THE VENUE

- I absolutely love this venue. It is easy to get to, easy to park, well lit, and attendees do not have an issue finding the meeting place.
- Tulsa Tech is a fantastic venue
- Such a convenient location and easily accessible
- Perfectly sized space, and Felicia is always the best host!

THE PRESENTATION

- Loved the involvement of the new Board!
- The energy from the new board was awesome. Hope everyone signs up to serve.
- The speakers did a wonderful job detailing the need and the scope of work.
- It was so great to have a large attendance. Our leaders are doing a tremendous job



MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS



LORI HEERLYN

I was born and raised in Tulsa, OK. I graduated from Oklahoma State University with a major in Political Science and Public Affairs. I lived in Connecticut for 10 years with my husband Ron while he served in the Navy. I work for T.D. Williamson, a 104 year old company. My firm has been a member of EWI since 1975. My passions outside of work are community service and wine education.

Philanthropy:

- Member of the Susan G. Komen Foundation Pink Gala Event Committee;
- Wine and wine education. Plan to own or invest in a winery when I retire.

JEANNIE MURPHY

- Love Tulsa, however, I still claim to be a Texan, raised in Amarillo until moving to Oklahoma in 1971.
- EWI member from 1987-2004, then re-joined Tulsa Chapter in 2022.
- President of Tulsa Chapter EWI in 1994 and had the most fun annual meeting in Hawaii.
- EWI members, new and seasoned, are all very precious friends that I truly cherish.
- Two diverse careers – 20 years Executive Secretary at Cities Service/Occidental, and 20+ years in business ownership and now in account management in Cleaning Supply Distribution.
- Pioneered a new business (Murphy Sanitary Supply) in 2002 and grew it for 20 years. Following the sale of the company, I stayed on with the new company, Grimsleys Janitorial Supplies.
- During my school years, I played softball, and trumpet/French horn in band and orchestra.
- Hobbies are Golf, Shopping, Travel, and girlfriend outings.



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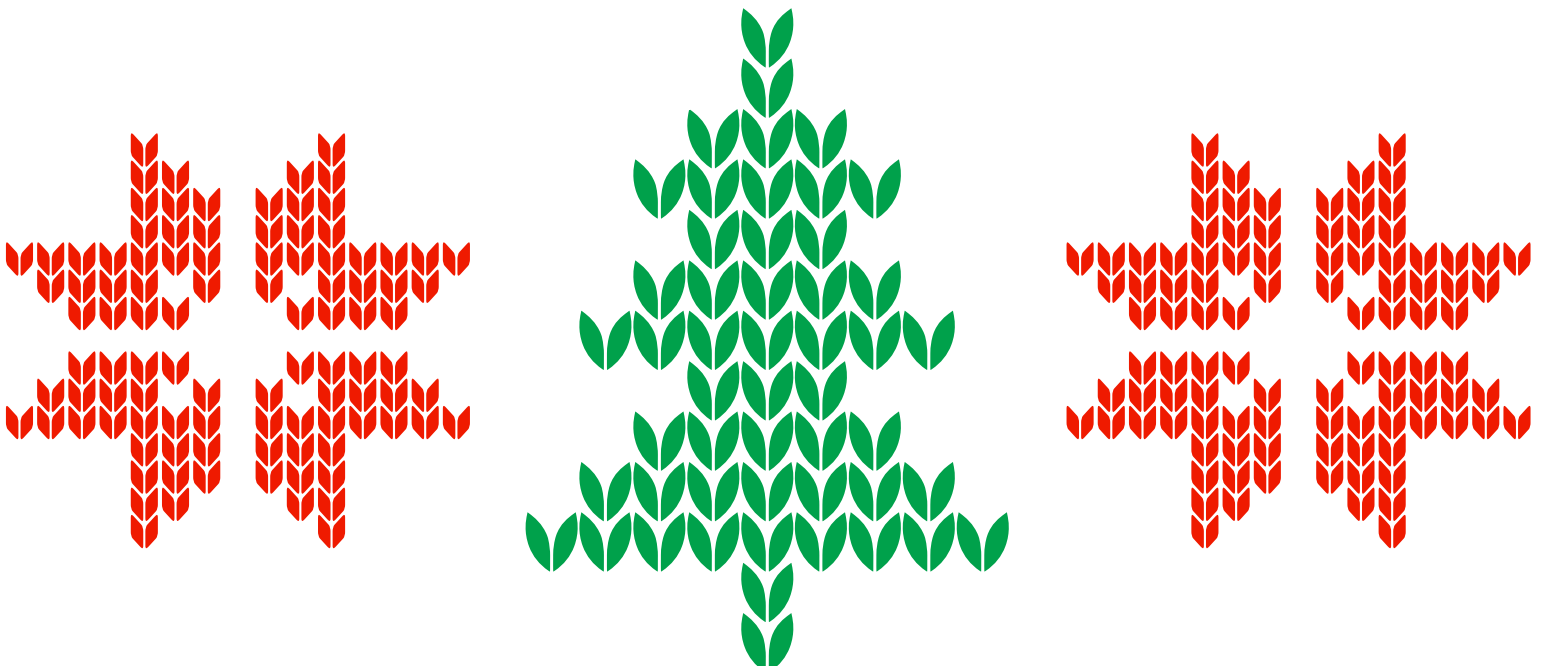


LINDA POLSON

1997 EWI Tulsa Chapter President

Corporate Theme: Ride the Wave of the Future

After my husband (Bill) and I made a 'quality of life' decision to move home to Claremore, I started working for HTB, Inc. (now Dewberry) in January 1990 as their Marketing Coordinator. Later that year, I was asked to become the EWI representative for the firm. When our Chapter held its annual EWI Scholastic Classic Golf Tournament, I was asked to coordinate the volunteers on each hole of the golf course. I had no idea what I was doing but it sounded like it should be an easy task, so I said, 'yes'. After coordinating the volunteers that first year, I asked if I could do it again as I had some ideas on how to improve a few things. That was the very beginning of my progression in EWI, from chairing a small golf committee to serving as Chapter President in 1997, and I never looked back! Throughout the 24 years of my career, the EWI Tulsa Chapter and my EWI friends played an important role in my life. What a wonderful blessing it was to serve in leadership to this amazing group of women. And what a wonderful blessing it is to have so many of them as such special friends for 30+ years!!!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December



TBA - BCDP Meeting



DECEMBER 11 - SAA Meeting, 3 PM, Virtual



DECEMBER 12 - December Chapter Meeting



DECEMBER 13 - December Birthdays Lunch



DECEMBER 17 - Programs Meeting



DECEMBER 18- Board of Directors Meeting, 12:00 PM, William Building



DECEMBER 18- After Hours Music Bingo



DECEMBER 16- Membership Meeting, 10:30 AM, Virtual



JANUARY 2 - Communications Meeting, 11:30 AM, Puck's @ WeStreet Ice Center with virtual option

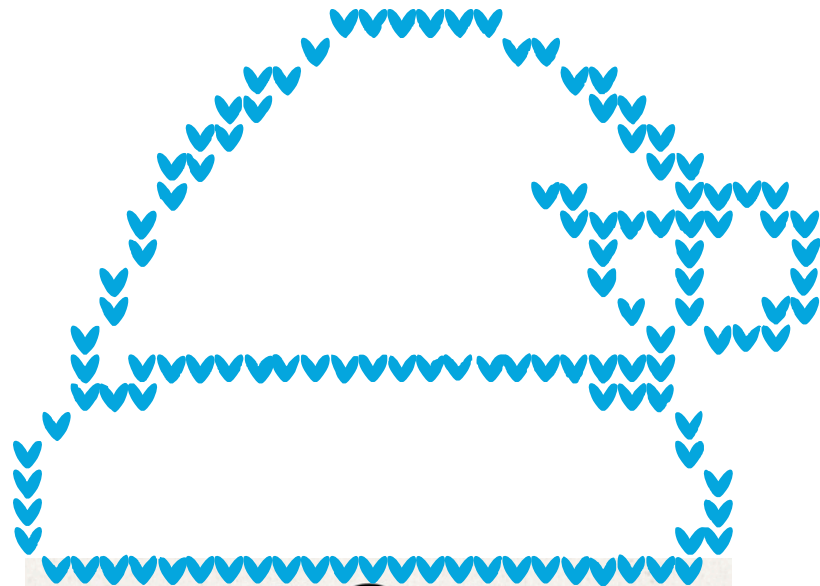
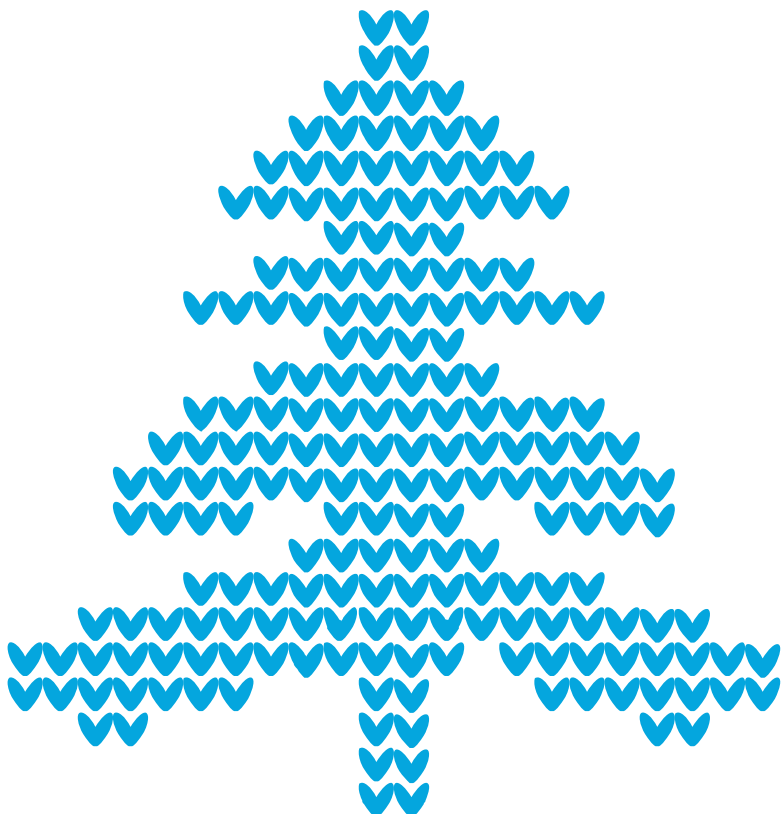


JANUARY 13 - Mentor Training, 12 PM, Puck's @ WeStreet Ice Center



FEBRUARY 12 - Executive Breakfast
*Execs and Exec Reps only.

EVENTS TO ATTEND



You're Invited to an

EWI Tulsa

After Hours
MUSIC BINGO

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 18
6:00PM

(BINGO AT 7PM & OPTIONAL)

HOP THE GRIFFIN
BREW PUB
7143 S. YALE AVE
TULSA, OK 74136

The invitation card has a scalloped black border. In the background, there is a faint illustration of a house with a red roof, a pink musical note, and a blue musical note. A gold starburst is positioned near the top right of the card.

EVENTS TO ATTEND



SAVE THE DATE

EWI of Tulsa

Executive Breakfast



FEBRUARY 12 | 7:15 AM CHECK IN
CEDAR RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB
10302 S GARNETT RD
BROKEN ARROW, OK 74011

EWI EXECUTIVE INVITATION TO FOLLOW

***Executives & Executive Reps Only**



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!

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



MENTORS

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

angie@schsnake.com





BIRTHDAYS & FIRM ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER Birthdays

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- 12/6 - Rosemary Gaffey, Sustaining Member
 - 12/14 - Amanda Grace, Project Hope Worldwide
 - 12/16 - Chris Swart, Coldwell Banker Select
 - 12/16 - Eva Blair, TC Blair & Associates
 - 12/25 - Judy Russell, Sustaining Member
 - 12/27 - Vernice Bersche, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management
 - 12/29 - Colleen Morris, Helton Law Firm
 - 12/29 - Jan Ehrle, Mid-America Land, Grain & Cattle
 - 12/30 - Roberta Montgomery, Sustaining Member
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DECEMBER Anniversaries

- Mrs. Dehaven's Flower Shop since 1956
- ONEOK, Inc. since 1958
- T. D. Williamson since 1975
- Helmerich & Payne, Inc. since 1984
- Mid-America Land, Grain & Cattle Co., Inc. since 1986
- The William K Warren Foundation since 1997
- Moore Funeral Home since 1998
- Merrill Lynch Wealth Management since 2001
- Accent Moving, Storage & Logistics/Mayflower since 2002
- Admiral Express Office Supply since 2003
- Tropical Plant Design, Inc. since 2008
- Warren Professional Building Corp. since 2010
- Moody's Jewelry since 2014
- 1907 Productions since 2023

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 Sarah Bowen at sbowen@tulsazoo.org

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).