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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we step into this beautiful season of reflection, celebration, and gratitude, I want to take a moment to share how truly thankful I am for each of you. December has a way of reminding us of what matters most; connection, community, and the joy that comes from working together toward shared purpose. And this year, our chapter has embodied those values at every turn. From your engagement at meetings to your willingness to step in, lift one another up, and support our initiatives, you continue to show what makes EWI of Tulsa so special. It has been inspiring to watch our chapter grow stronger in relationships, richer in conversation, and more united in mission.

As we look ahead, I hope you feel as energized as I do about the opportunities before us; opportunities to deepen our connections, elevate our careers, and make a meaningful impact in our community. Clarehouse is our philanthropic initiative this season and we will hear from them at our December meeting. Clarehouse is a truly remarkable organization right here in Tulsa, offering a loving, home-like environment for people in their final days, all at no cost to the guests or their families. By supporting Clarehouse this holiday season, we are helping provide one of life's most profound gifts: compassion at the very end, where every moment matters. Our contributions, whether financial or through raising awareness, help sustain this vital service for people and families who might otherwise face this chapter of life without such care.

During this busy season, I encourage each of you to take time to rest, recharge, and enjoy the celebrations with the people who mean the most to you. Thank you for your continued support, dedication, and enthusiasm for EWI of Tulsa and of Clarehouse. It is an honor to serve as your President.

Wishing you a warm, joyful, and peaceful holiday season – and a bright start to the new year!

With gratitude,
LaFonda

2025-2026
EWI Tulsa Chapter President

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DECEMBER PHILANTHROPY:

Clarehouse®

Living. Loving. Sharing.

I believe no one should die alone and no family should feel that they cannot give their loved one proper care in their last moments. That's why Clarehouse will be our December philanthropic this year.

Clarehouse's Vision is to create a loving community where all people have the care they need at life's end and no one walks their final days alone. It is their mission to embrace death and dying as a normal part of life and provide, at NO COST to guests and families, the support people need to make the most of every moment.

Please take a moment and visit the links below about Clarehouse so that you may better understand the role they play in our community. The Director of Development for Clarehouse will be attending our December meeting and will answer any questions you may have about their organization.

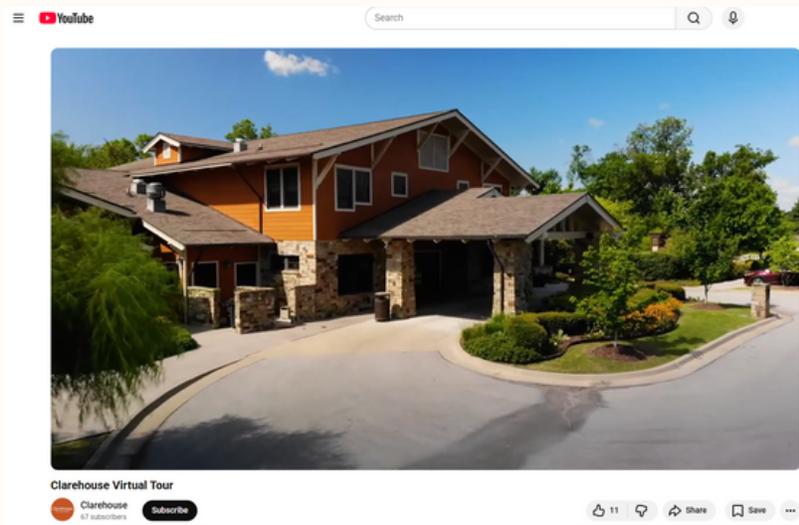
We'd love to overwhelm them with donations from EWI of Tulsa members and their firms. You may bring any donation checks to me made out to Clarehouse or make a donation online at the link below **(if you choose online please indicate "EWI of Tulsa" in the comment box right before the "Tell us about yourself" section of the form.)**

<https://www.clarehouse.org/>
<https://www.clarehouse.org/about-us>
<https://www.clarehouse.org/donate/>
<https://www.clarehouse.org/wish-list/>

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[CLICK HERE to Watch Clarehouse Video](#)

[CareBrochure.pdf](#)

[Volunteer and Donate Brochure.pdf](#)

☀️ **Programs Committee Needs Your Input!** ☀️

EWI is gathering recommendations from our members, and we'd love to hear from you!

Your insight helps us create memorable events, strengthen connections, and highlight the talents within our community.

What We're Looking For:

- Venue Recommendations (with no fee attached)
- Suggestions for a mini firm night venue
- Event Enhancements
- Speaker recommendations
- Theme ideas
- Caterer or restaurant suggestions
- Firms interested in hosting a member night
- Committee Listings

Please send your suggestions—your input truly makes a difference!
Thank you!

-Gina Shumard
2025-2026 Programs Director

MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING



CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF DECEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

Date: Thursday, December 11

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

Venue: Hilton Garden Inn Broken Arrow
420 W Albany, St, Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Parking: Free hotel parking

Dress: Business Professional

Theme: Holly Jolly Ridiculously Festive Sweater Party
(DIY or purchased; classic or crazy; sparkle optional)

Speaker: Christian McClain with Clarehouse

Cost: \$50 Members & Guests | \$35 Sustaining

Do you have a door prize you wish to donate?
If so, please contact Debbie Stumps at
d.stumps@purviewlife.com or (918)-520-0308 (cell)
As always, we appreciate your generosity!

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

RSVP by **Monday, December 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.

NOVEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



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NOVEMBER MEETING FEEDBACK

THE MEAL

Attendees largely loved the meal, praising the delicious food, the chance to try something new, and the excellent catering staff. A few noted they weren't fans of the cuisine or mentioned minor issues, but overall the feedback was overwhelmingly positive and enthusiastic about the unique, non-traditional menu.

THE VENUE

Overall, attendees loved the unique, fun atmosphere and beautiful style of the WOMPA venue, with many excited to experience it for the first time. The main drawbacks mentioned were difficult or dark parking areas and challenges hearing speakers due to noise and sound equipment.

THE PRESENTATION

Attendees overwhelmingly enjoyed the committee presentations, describing them as fun, creative, and engaging. They praised the energy, information shared, and the board's strong delivery, noting that the session was both entertaining and a great reminder of EWI's value.

Thank you to WOMPA for graciously hosting EWI's "Fall Into a Committee" event this November for the 2025-2026 Directors. The venue provided a warm and inviting atmosphere that made the evening truly special. We are grateful for your hospitality and support in celebrating this meaningful occasion.



Thank
you

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



JEANNIE MURPHY

Born in Raton, New Mexico, Jeannie spent her school years in Amarillo, Texas, where she played softball in the summers and trumpet in the band and orchestra. She has loved calling Tulsa home and has been involved with EWI since 1987, enjoying golf and cooking in her free time. She earned her Business Administration degree from Tulsa Junior College in 1979 and spent 20 years with Cities Service/Occidental. She then built a 30+ year career in janitorial supply distribution, including 20 years as a business owner, and now serves as the Sales Manager for Grimsley's Janitorial Supply.



Want to be featured in the next Connect?

EWI Tulsa Chapter – Member Bio Questionnaire

We love spotlighting our amazing members in the Connect newsletter! Take a few moments to answer as many of the questions below as you'd like—please try to keep your submission to 1–2 paragraphs. Don't forget to include a headshot so we can feature you properly!

Submissions can be emailed to: patherton@etscommercial.com

About You:

1. Full Name:
2. Current Employer & Title:
3. Briefly describe your career path or current role – what do you love about it?

Personal Highlights

4. What's something you're proud of – personally or professionally?
5. What's a fun fact or hidden talent most people don't know about you?
6. What's your favorite place to go or thing to do in Tulsa?
7. Do you have any hobbies, pets, or special traditions you'd like to share?
8. What's a quote or motto that inspires you?

**Don't forget to attach a headshot/photo with your submission.
Thank you for helping us celebrate the women of EWI Tulsa!**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

December 1 - B/C/DP Meeting, 4:00 PM, Virtual

December 3 - Quarterly After Hours Social, 5:30 PM, Puck's Bar & Grill inside the WeStreet Ice Center (4143 S Yale Ave, Tulsa, OK 74135)

December 5 - December Birthday Lunch, 11:30 AM, Wild Fork in Utica Square

December 9 - Communications Meeting, 11:00 AM, Virtual

December 9 - Membership Committee, Virtual, 10:30 AM

December 10 - Corporate Growth & Engagement Committee, 1:00 PM CST, Virtual

December 10 - Corporate Chapter Leadership Call, 12:00 PM CST, Virtual

December 10 - SAA Meeting, 3:00 PM, Virtual

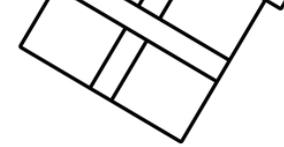
December 11 - Monthly Chapter Meeting

December 16 - Programs Meeting

December 17 - Board Meeting, 4:00 PM, Fitzgerald Funeral Services, Southwood Colonial Chapel, E 91st St



FRIDAY



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY LUNCH HIGHLIGHT

HAPPY
Birthday



HAPPY
Birthday



HAPPY
Birthday



HAPPY
Birthday



EVENTS

EWI Quarterly After Hours Social

JOIN US FOR AN
AFTER HOURS EVENT

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 3

When: 5:30 pm

Where: Puck's Sports Bar & Grill
Inside WeStreet Ice Center,
4143 S Yale Ave, Tulsa, OK
74135



HIGHLIGHTS

Tinesa welcomed grandbaby #3 on
November 19th



Waylon Gene

8 lbs 7 oz

BIRTHDAYS & FIRM ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER Birthdays

Rosemary Gaffey (Sustaining Member) – December 6

John Lindsey, Helmerich & Payne, Inc. – December 7

Brandy Bousquet – December 8

Amanda Grace – December 14

Sarah Jordan – December 14

Eva Blair – December 16

Michael Hairston, Trust Company of Oklahoma – December 18

Carla Thomas – December 24

Judy Russell (Sustaining Member) – December 25

Vernice Bersche (Sustaining Member) – December 27

Jan Ehrle (Sustaining Member) – December 29

Roberta Montgomery (Sustaining Member) – December 30

DECEMBER Anniversaries

Flintco – December 2020

1907 Productions – December 2023

Leadline Marketing – December 2024

INFORMATION



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 DEBBIE STUMPS AT D.STUMPS@PURVIEWLIFE.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



MEMBER UPDATES



We want to share your news! Email us with updates and news, and include photos for us to include in the Connect!

EWI Tulsa Chapter Cares



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**](mailto: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).