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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

February is the sweetest month to me—where Galentine's, Valentine's, National Tater Tot Day, and Carrot Cake Day are all celebrated. I pulled up a February awareness calendar and discovered there seems to be something to recognize every single day. From history and politics to rare diseases, health awareness, and meaningful remembrances. February truly has it all. And, of course, it wouldn't be complete without some confectionary delights like National Chocolate Mint Day. There's even a Breakup Day and a Proposal Day—talk about an emotional range!

February also gives us the opportunity to honor and reflect during Black History Month, as well as celebrate World Thinking Day, reminding us of the importance of learning, leadership, and global connection.

This month, we have some wonderful things to look forward to as a chapter. We'll be welcomed by our member firm, RiverSpirit Casino, for our February chapter meeting. We are grateful to Tonya and her crew for the chance to spend time together in a space that reflects the strength of our partnerships and the support in our membership. We'll also be adding a little February sweetness of our own with a Secret Galentine Exchange. Be sure to keep an eye out for more details coming soon from Programs so you can join in on the fun.

As we move through this busy and meaningful month, I encourage you to take a moment to enjoy both the big moments and the small ones—whether that's learning something new, reconnecting with a fellow member, indulging in a favorite treat, or simply showing kindness to yourself and others. February may be short, but it is certainly full. Don't forget to ask membership about the special promotion being offered for firms that join in January, February, and March. It's a great time to bring that firm in that you think would be perfect for EWI of Tulsa!

I'm looking forward to spending this meaningful (and delicious!) month with all of you and continuing to celebrate the connections that make our chapter so special!

Warmly,
LaFonda

2025-2026

EWI Tulsa Chapter President

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Hello EWI members!

The corporate board is pleased to offer the **Emerging Executive Women program** again for 2026! Here's what a couple of our 2025 winners had to say about the program and their experiences:

Tia Scott (EWI of Harrisburg) sees the award as a catalyst for personal transformation, explaining, "I'm truly honored to be selected as one of the 2025 Emerging Executive Women program winners. I will be using the funds to deepen my own coaching journey – investing in transformational inner work that will enable me to develop powerful, actionable strategies for success. This investment will not only help me continue to grow personally but will also amplify the success of my clients, creating ripple effects across the communities I serve."

Molly Murphy (EWI of Omaha) shared how this opportunity will directly impact her educational goals and career advancement, "With the help of this grant and the leadership coaching that accompanies it, I will have the tools and support needed to finally take the plunge and invest in myself by pursuing a Master's in Legal Studies. This degree will allow me to assist our HR team in navigating complex legal challenges while broadening my overall impact as a leader within our company. I'm excited to embark on this next chapter and grateful for the support that makes it possible."

The program is launching today, and winners will be announced in April. The links to the program guidelines and the application are listed below.

If you have any questions, please contact the Growth and Engagement Director, **Lesley Cornathan** at lcornathan@columbusconventions.com or 614-827-2661.

[CLICK HERE FOR PROGRAM GUIDELINES & APPLICATION](#)

☀️ 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



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FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING: FIRM NIGHT

Date: Thursday, February 12

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

Venue: RiverSpirit Casino

8330 Riverside Pkwy, Tulsa, OK 74137

Parking: Free parking available at meeting location

Dress: Business Professional

Theme: Dress in your favorite pink, red, or Valentine-inspired attire and join us for a Secret Sister gift exchange to add a little extra fun and celebration to Valentine's Day. 💕

Speaker: Heather Turner

Topic: How Women Rise

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

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

RSVP by **noon on Monday, February 9** so that we may provide the appropriate seating arrangements and dinner servings. Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions.

No-RSVP and No-Shows will be charged the full amount of the meeting fee. Please RSVP for regrets or attending!

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!

JANUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



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JANUARY MEETING FEEDBACK

THE MEAL

Overall feedback was strongly positive, with many attendees praising the food as delicious, flavorful, and high quality, along with the professional, organized, and helpful staff who contributed to a smooth experience. A few minor comments noted personal preferences on certain dishes and a brief shortage of wine glasses, but overall the catering was well received and greatly appreciated.

THE VENUE

Overall feedback on the venue was very positive, with attendees praising the beautiful, spacious facility, ample parking, and central location that made it easy to find and navigate. The screens throughout the room and helpful greeters enhanced the experience, though a few comments noted minor challenges with acoustics, construction-related confusion, and the need for a microphone for speakers.

THE PRESENTATION

Overall feedback on the meeting and presentation was very positive, with attendees praising the speaker as engaging, informative, and inspiring, and noting that the content was timely and valuable. Several comments mentioned that additional time, a microphone, and handouts would have enhanced the experience, along with minor tech and flow challenges, but the meeting was still widely described as enjoyable, well run, and a great opportunity to connect.

Thank
you

Thank you to Tulsa Tech for hosting our January meeting. We truly appreciate your hospitality, the welcoming and well-organized space, and the support that helped make the meeting run smoothly. Our members enjoyed the environment, and we are grateful for your partnership and generosity in hosting us.

Speaker

for February meeting



We are thrilled to announce Heather Turner as our February speaker! An Oklahoma native, Heather is a certified John Maxwell coach, author of DreamTraders, founder of Anthem Road Academy School of Music, and Executive Director of CORE at the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. She has held leadership roles in community and economic development, including President of the Jenks Chamber of Commerce. Heather will be sharing insights on How Women Rise and empowering women to reach their full potential. She enjoys life with her husband, two teenage sons, three dogs, and staying active in her community.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Kim Bowman

I have worked at T.D. Williamson for nearly 45 years and will celebrate this milestone on February 9. I have been a proud member of Executive Women International (EWI) of Tulsa since February 1999 and had the honor of serving as Chapter President from 2013–2014, with the theme “Tap Into Success.” I am currently serving as an advisor to President, Dr. LaFonda Murphy. I am the proud parent of three children, grandmother to four grandchildren, and also have four very loved grand pups—two Boxers and two standard Poodles. I am a lifelong Tulsan and I attend First Baptist Church in Jenks. My favorite place to visit is Panama City Beach, Florida, where I enjoy spending time with my family. One of my most recent adventures was a trip to Las Vegas, where I enjoyed seeing The Wizard of Oz at the Sphere—an unforgettable experience. I truly love EWI and deeply value the friendships I have cultivated over the years. If you are not currently serving on a committee, I encourage you to get involved—you will not regret it!



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: vgordeyev@worldtvl.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- FEBRUARY

Tuesday, February 3

Communications Meeting – 11:00 AM (Virtual)

Thursday, February 5

B/C/DP – 4:00 PM (Virtual)

Tuesday February 10

Membership Retention – 10:30 AM (Virtual)

Wednesday, February 11

Corporate Chapter Leadership Call – 12:00 PM CST (Virtual)

SAA Meeting – 3:00 PM (Virtual)

Thursday, February 12

Monthly Chapter Meeting – 5:30 PM (RiverSpirit Casino)

Tuesday, February 17

Programs Meeting – 11:30 AM (Virtual)

Friday, February 20th

February Birthday Lunch – 12:00 PM (McGills)

Wednesday, February 25

Board Meeting – 4:00 PM (Fitzgerald Funeral Services, Southwood Colonial Chapel, E 91st St)

Friday, February 27

Quarterly Luncheon – 12:00 PM (Charleston's on Yale)

SAVE THE DATE:

Executive Breakfast (for Executives, Co-Executives and Exec/Reps only):
March 3rd at 7:15am at Hilton Garden Inn Tulsa-Broken Arrow

JANUARY BIRTHDAY LUNCH



Pictured:

Taylor Hanoch from Key Personnel
Trevor Swanson with SJS Hospitality Hotels LLC
Sarah Bowen from Tulsa Zoo
Darlene Adkins from KMS
Jessica Vagin from The Stonehaven
Carla Thomas from JP Morgan Chase & Co.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tamara Conner with ONEOK got engaged to Jeremy Lunsford on November 9, and the couple officially tied the knot on December 12, 2025. 💍



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FOMO PROMO

Start the year off with
\$100 discount on corporate membership fees for the first year
New Memberships to include Additional Firm Representatives, New Member Firms and Individual Members

Get in on these **PROMO** Prizes!

- 1st Place** Chapter receives ONE Free 2026 LCAM Registration
- 2nd Place** Chapter receives ONE Free 2026 LCAM Leadership Caucus Registration
- 3rd Place** Chapter receives \$50 EWI Store Gift Card (redeemable at LCAM 2026)

Promo is from 1.1.26 to 3.31.26

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Corporate Membership Initiative

EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE

TEXOMA Corpus Christi

July 30th - August 1st



EVENTS

4th Annual Galentine's Day Happy Hour with CJC Architects & LDKerns



❤ [Click here to Register](#) ❤

BIRTHDAYS

February Birthdays

Osha Thompson, TD Williamson - February 8

Diane Jarvi, Sustaining Member - February 13

Gina Shumard, Cherokee Nation Businesses - February 22

Debbie Stumps, Purview Life - February 23



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 Trevor Swanson and Heidi Garrett to volunteer!

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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

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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).