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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we welcome the beauty and renewal that spring brings, I'm reminded of how closely this season mirrors the energy within our chapter—fresh growth, new beginnings, and a renewed sense of purpose. There's something inspiring about longer days and brighter moments that encourages us all to lean in, reconnect, and continue building something meaningful together.

Last month, we had the distinct honor of celebrating and toasting 17 Sustaining Members—women whose dedication, leadership, and commitment have helped shape our organization over many years. Their legacy is one of service, resilience, and impact, and it was a truly special evening reflecting on all they have contributed. We were especially proud to recognize our longest running Tulsa Chapter member, Jan Ehrle, for an incredible 51 years of membership. While we deeply missed her presence at the celebration, her legacy within our chapter continues to inspire us all.

As we look ahead, there is an undeniable excitement building within EWI of Tulsa. Our recent meetings have been filled with new faces, fresh perspectives, and a growing enthusiasm for connection and engagement. It's clear that we are in a season of momentum—charging forward with strength and intention as we continue to expand our membership and deepen our impact.

April will bring another meaningful milestone as we welcome and recognize our newest scholarship recipients. These individuals represent the future—driven, capable, and full of potential. We look forward to celebrating their achievements more formally at our May Scholarship Banquet, where we will honor their hard work and the opportunities that lie ahead for them.

Spring reminds us that growth takes both time and intention. As a chapter, we are fortunate to have both a strong foundation and an exciting future. Thank you for your continued commitment to EWI of Tulsa and to one another. Together, we are cultivating something truly special and empowering each other with purpose.

Warmly,
LaFonda

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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](#)

MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING



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

NOTE: All gifts are appreciated. Please do not feel obligated to bring anything expensive. Gift cards of any value are also welcomed. Anything helps!

APRIL CHAPTER MEETING

Date: Thursday, April 9
Time: 5:30 PM Social | 6:00 PM Meeting
Venue: Tulsa Central Library (Aaronson Auditorium)
(400 Civic Center, Tulsa, OK 74103)
Parking: Parking garage available at location
(EWI will provide a code to scan to enter + exit garage)
Dress: Business Professional + Spring Dress
Theme: "Spring Picnic"
Speaker: Pamela Jean Brady, A New Life LLC
Topic: AI (Artificial Intelligence)

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

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

RSVP by **noon on Monday, April 6** 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!

This year, our Scholarship Banquet will be hosted at the Tulsa Dream Center (TDC), our 2026 Reading Rally partner. The BCDP Committee is excited to introduce our larger membership to this worthy organization, and to deepen our impact, we're inviting members to bring new children's books or fun school supplies to our April meeting. These supplies will be incorporated into the centerpieces at the Scholarship Banquet and then gifted to TDC students, connecting our scholarship programs and Reading Rally in a tangible, lasting way.

We hope you choose to participate!

MARCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



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MARCH MEETING FEEDBACK

THE MEAL

Overall, the catering was viewed as fresh, well-presented, and consistent, with many attendees appreciating the healthier, lighter soup and salad options—especially the lentil soup. However, several concerns were raised, including portions being too small (particularly protein), the meal feeling too light for a formal or higher-value event, and limited accommodations for dietary preferences like vegan and vegetarian options. While some guests enjoyed the concept, others felt it did not match the cost or expectations of the event, leaving a portion of attendees unsatisfied or still hungry.

THE VENUE

Overall, the venue was well received for being clean, easy to find, and offering convenient, accessible parking. Attendees appreciated that the space felt comfortable and not overly large, though some noted it was slightly small for a larger group and had a somewhat complex layout with multiple entry points. A few concerns were raised about the temperature being too cold, unclear address or arrival instructions, and safety when walking to the parking garage at night.

THE PRESENTATION

Overall, attendees had a very positive experience with the meeting, program, and catering, particularly enjoying the focus on honoring sustaining members and learning more about EWI's history. The EWI 101 content was well received, and the interactive elements—especially the game and quizzes—were engaging and added a fun dynamic to the event. While one comment noted the program felt slightly drawn out at times, the general sentiment was that the evening was meaningful, enjoyable, and a fitting way to celebrate the chapter's legacy.

Thank you so much to the Warren Professional Building Corporation for helping us host our March chapter meeting. We truly appreciate your support in bringing our members together and creating such a welcoming environment. It meant a lot to celebrate EWI and honor our sustainable members. Your partnership and generosity help make these moments possible, and we are so grateful to have you as part of our community.

*Thank
you*

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Anya Sleezer

Since joining EWI last November, she has been inspired by the warmth, inclusivity, and energy of the group and looks forward to building connections and serving alongside fellow members.

She is the founder of Levo, a certified woman-owned creative agency that helps mid-sized companies bring their brands to life through branding, marketing, digital strategy, and creative campaigns. She also created the RallyPoint™ framework and has led impactful work for brands like Estée Lauder and Valvoline. Her approach centers on making marketing more human, honest, and connected.

A little more about her:

- Competitive a cappella singer (top 10 globally), with experience in film, TV, and theatre
 - Dual German citizen who hopes to live abroad in retirement
 - Married to her husband Drew for 13 years, with a shared love of travel
 - Enjoys hiking, escape rooms, and time with her pets, Gracie and Gizmo

We're so glad to have her as part of EWI Tulsa



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?

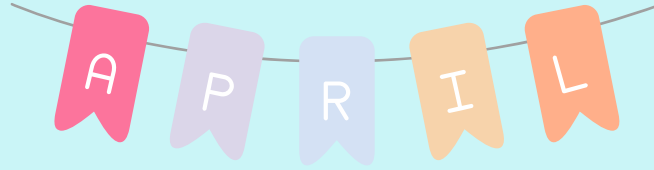
Personal Highlights

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



Thursday, April 2

B/C/DP - 4:00 PM (Virtual)

New Member Connection Cafe - 8:00 AM (Laurannae Baking CO, 112 W Commercial St Broken Arrow, OK 74012)

Tuesday, April 7

Communications Meeting - 11:30 AM (Virtual)

Thursday, April 9

Monthly Chapter Meeting - 5:30 PM (Tulsa Central Library, Downtown Tulsa)

Tuesday, April 14

Programs Meeting - 11:00 AM (Chick-fil-A, 11201 E 71st St, Tulsa, OK 74133)

Tuesday, April 14

Membership Retention - 10:30 AM (Virtual)

Wednesday, April 15

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

SAA Meeting - 3:00 PM (Virtual)

Friday, April 17

April Birthday Lunch - 12:00 PM (In The Raw On the Hill, 6151 S Sheridan Rd, Tulsa, OK 74133)

Wednesday, April 22

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

Thursday, April 30

New Member Orientation - 4:00 PM (Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 2201 N Stonewood Circle, Broken Arrow, OK 74012)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



A MONTHLY COFFEE MEETUP FOR
NEW EWI MEMBERS
TO CONNECT, ASK, & LEARN.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026
LAURANNAE BAKING CO
112 W COMMERCIAL ST, BROKEN ARROW, OK 74012

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Thursday, April 30, 2026

4:00 PM

Holiday Inn Express

Are you new to the organization or looking to get more involved?

This is your chance to get connected, informed, and inspired!

Meet fellow members

Learn about committees and leadership opportunities

Discover upcoming events and initiatives

Get your questions answered

Start building meaningful connections

Whether you're brand new or just ready to dive deeper, this session will help you make the most of your membership.

EVENTS

TEXOMA 2026

Save the Date

Friday, July 31st - Saturday, August 1st

Omni Corpus Christi Hotel

You're also invited to attend our chapter meeting on **Thursday, July 30 at 6:00pm**

More details will be shared soon.

We can't wait to welcome you to our beautiful city!



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BIRTHDAYS

Representative's birthday's for April

Jamie Harris, Sustaining Member – April 4

Jeannie Murphy, Grimsleys Janitorial Supplies – April 8

Patty Atherton, ETS Commercial Title Services – April 9

Autavia Sharp, Oklahoma Chiller – April 9

Shelli Schroeder, Oklahoma Central Credit Union – April 10

Sharon Keasler, Sustaining Member – April 15

Kim Owens, The Bama Companies – April 18

Tonya Solomon, ARC Document Solutions – April 20

Marilyn Cinocca, Sustaining Member – April 27

Ashley Stanton, Stanton Aesthetics – April 27

Pam Carlson, Hilton Garden Inn Broken Arrow – April 30

Executive's birthday's for April

Shelby Beil, TTCU Federal Credit Union – April 9

Billy Aldridge, Enovation Control – April 1

Stan McCabe, Key Personnel – April 17

Aaron Walton, Tedford Insurance – April 30

MARCH BIRTHDAY LUNCH



From left to right:

- LaFonda Murphy
- Gina Shumard
- Aubrey Walters
- Kim Bowman
- Osha Thompson
- Zoya Allen

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



CONSIDERING INVITING A GUEST

If you wish to bring a guest to a chapter meeting, you must first contact our Membership Directors – Heidi Garrett and Trevor Swanson. They will assist you in vetting your guest for membership.

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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 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).