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EWI Connect

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we welcome the month of July, we're reminded of a season filled with energy, independence, and opportunity. Did you know that July is consistently one of the top months for professional travel and networking across the U.S.? With conferences, leadership retreats, and mid-year strategy sessions in full swing, it's a powerful time for executive women to reconnect, refocus, and reenergize both personally and professionally.

Our June Mini-Firm Night was nothing short of a tremendous success—engaging, informative, and full of energy from the very start. We kicked off the evening with a lively happy hour featuring great music and an open margarita bar, setting the tone for a fun and relaxed atmosphere. From there, attendees enjoyed everything from relaxing massages to the wealth of knowledge and expertise shared by our participating member firms. Adding to the excitement was the buzz surrounding the incredible firm prizes, which ranged from unforgettable experiences like helicopter rides to cozy creature comforts, beautiful jewelry, cash gifts, and more. The enthusiasm was felt throughout the room, making it a wonderful reminder of the strength of our network and the value we bring to one another.

Looking ahead, I am especially excited for our July Business Meeting, where we will introduce the 2026–2027 incoming Board slate. This remarkable group of women brings a powerful combination of talent, experience, and vision. Together, they will lead EWI of Tulsa into the future with purpose, while continuing to build upon the strong foundation that defines our chapter.

Following the business portion of the meeting, we'll shift into a fun and interactive speed networking session. Hosted at Cabin Boys Brewery, this will be a fantastic opportunity to engage in great conversation, meet new members, and reconnect with familiar faces. These moments of connection are what make our organization so impactful.

July also brings the highly anticipated TEXOMA Regional Conference in beautiful Corpus Christi. This event promises valuable professional development and meaningful connections with fellow EWI members from across our surrounding states. If you've never attended, I encourage you to go—it's an incredible experience. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like more information.

As we continue through this vibrant season, I encourage each of you to take advantage of the opportunities around you—connect, grow, and empower with purpose. I look forward to seeing you in July!

With appreciation,
LaFonda

2025-2026
EWI Tulsa Chapter President

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOGETHER, WE CAN
**MAKE AN
IMPACT.**

OUR GOAL:

\$10,000

We are still
TOO FAR
FROM OUR GOAL.

\$25
or more

We are asking each member to contribute a minimum donation of **\$25 or more** to help advance this important literacy initiative.



These funds will directly support the funding of **two literacy teachers** at the Tulsa Dream Center, providing critical educational support to children and families in our community.



We are still too far from our goal of gifting **\$10,000** to the center.



Your participation is essential as we work together to meet our collective goal and uphold our commitment to service.



Please take a moment and go to our chapter website [HERE](#) and donate directly on our **Reading Rally** page.

Thank you ❤️

FOR DOING YOUR PART
TO SUPPORT THIS **MEANINGFUL CAUSE!**

MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING



CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY

JULY BUSINESS MEETING

Date: Thursday, July 9

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

Venue: Cabin Boys Brewery
1717 E 7th St, Tulsa, OK 74104

Parking: Free parking at location
(Additional parking lot across the street)

Dress: Business Professional

Topic: Business Meeting & Speed Networking Event

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

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

RSVP by **noon on Monday, July 6** so that we may provide the appropriate seating arrangements and dinner servings. Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions.

Please take the time to RSVP, as we need to ensure we meet quorum for the business meeting. Invoicing applies regardless of attendance. This is a mandatory meeting.

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!

EWI OF TULSA – SPEED NETWORKING ANNOUNCEMENT

Following the conclusion of the business meeting portion of July's program, get ready to connect, engage, and expand your network at our upcoming Speed Networking session!



“HOW TO PREPARE”



Business Cards: Bring plenty to exchange with new contacts.



Elevator Pitch: Have a concise introduction ready to share.



Comfortable Attire: Dress professionally but wear comfortable shoes for standing and moving.

“Whether you're a seasoned networker or new to EWI, this is a great way to build relationships and strengthen our Connections pillar in action.”

“We look forward to seeing you there and making valuable connections together!”

JUNE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



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JUNE MEETING FEEDBACK

THE MEAL

Feedback on the catering was overwhelmingly positive, with attendees praising both the quality and quantity of the food. The taco bar was a particular favorite, with several members commenting that Mexican food is always a crowd-pleaser and expressing enthusiasm for having tacos again in the future. Attendees appreciated the variety of options available, especially the healthy, vegan, and gluten-free choices, and noted that the displayed menus with dietary information were a thoughtful touch. Many described the meal as delicious, plentiful, and well-executed, with several specifically complimenting the caterer. Overall, the catering was viewed as a major success and well received by attendees.

THE VENUE

Overall, attendees responded very positively to the venue and appreciated the opportunity to experience T.D. Williamson's space. Members highlighted the beautiful setting, convenient location, easy parking, and open layout that encouraged networking and interaction with vendor booths. Several attendees specifically thanked T.D. Williamson for hosting and felt the space was a great fit for the event. While feedback was overwhelmingly favorable, a few members noted audio challenges and minor layout concerns when visiting booths. Overall, the venue was viewed as welcoming, functional, and well-suited for the meeting.

THE PRESENTATION

Overall, feedback on the June Chapter Meeting and Mini Firm Night was extremely positive, with many attendees describing it as one of the best EWI events in recent memory. Members praised Gina and the Programs Committee for their excellent planning and organization, highlighting the fun atmosphere, networking opportunities, and chance to showcase their firms. The interactive format, door prizes, and member engagement were frequently mentioned as event highlights. While a few attendees felt the evening was somewhat rushed and the venue a bit tight for a firm night, the event was overwhelmingly viewed as a successful and enjoyable experience that fostered meaningful connections.

Thank you to Il Warren Place and T.D. Williamson for hosting our EWI Mini Firm Night!

What a great space to gather, connect, and learn. We appreciate the warm hospitality and the incredible work being done by your team.

Thank you for a wonderful evening! ✨



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Kathy King

I am a Branding Specialist at CareFirst Compounding Pharmacy. I love everything about my current role. Most days I'm in doctors' offices, educating providers and sharing materials on everything from male and female hormones to veterinarian medications for your pets. I truly enjoy building relationships and helping others learn about the benefits of compounding pharmacy. I try to walk with Jesus Christ daily. Most days I'm weak, but I'm always hoping to grow stronger in my faith. He gives me hope, and I'm proud to share His love with others.

A fun fact that most people don't know is that several years ago I flew helicopters for fun. I'm not sure how many hours I have logged in my logbook, but I was the first female to complete night takeoffs and landings in a Robinson R44 helicopter. One of my favorite things to do in Tulsa is enjoy the patio at one of the restaurants in Utica Square, feel the nice breeze, hear the bells ringing, and spend time with friends. My hobbies include making things look better, gardening flowers and herbs, decorating my home inside and out, and spending time with my grandson, Garrett.

Favorite Poem

High Flight

By John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds, — and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air...
Up, up the long, delirious burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or ever eagle flew —
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

— John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

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, July 2nd

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

New Member Connection Cafe - 8:00 AM (Parea Coffee, 10111 E 81st St Ste A, Tulsa, OK 74133)

Tuesday, July 7th

Communications Meeting - 11:30 AM (Virtual)

Wednesday, July 8th

Corporate Chapter Leadership Call - 12:00 PM CST [Click here](#)

Thursday, July 9th

Monthly Chapter Meeting - 5:00 PM (Cabin Boys, 1717 E 7th St, Tulsa, OK 74104)

Monday, July 13th

EWI Chapter Development Webinar Series: Beyond Recruitment: Building a Chapter People
12:00 PM, Virtual, [Click here](#)

Tuesday, July 14th

Programs Meeting - 11:00 AM (Virtual)

Membership Retention - 10:30 AM (Virtual)

Wednesday, July 15th

SAA Meeting - 3:00 PM (Virtual)

Thursday, July 16th

Professional Development Webinar: Strengthening Your Personal Power for Professional Impact
12:00 PM, Virtual, [Click here](#)

Friday, July 17th

July Birthday Lunch - 12:00 PM (McGill's, 6058 S Yale Ave, Tulsa, OK 74135)

Wednesday, July 22nd

Board Meeting - 4:00 PM (Fitzgerald Funeral Services, Southwood Colonial Chapel, E 91st St)
New Member Orientation - 10:00 AM, Virtual

Thursday July 30th

Corpus Christi Chapter Meeting for TEXOMA conference attendees, Corpus Christi, TX - 6:00 PM

Friday, July 31st

Webinar: The Happiest of Hours with EWI - 12:00 PM, Virtual, [Click here](#)

Friday, July 31 - Saturday, August 1, 2026

TEXOMA Regional Conference (Open to all EWI of Tulsa members!), Corpus Christi, TX

EVENTS

The graphic features a background of soft, warm light rays. On the left, there is a green leafy branch and a white coffee cup. The EWI Tulsa logo is at the top center. Below it, the text 'You're Invited!' is written in a red script font, flanked by two sets of three radiating lines. A large, dark blue brushstroke banner contains the words 'NEW MEMBER' in white serif font and 'Orientation' in red script font. At the bottom, three icons (calendar, clock, laptop) are used to denote the date, time, and format of the event.

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TULSA

You're Invited!

NEW MEMBER
Orientation

 **WEDNESDAY**
JULY 22, 2026

 **10:00 AM**

 **VIRTUAL MEETING**

Join us for an overview of EWI and the Tulsa Chapter, including our history, structure, calendar of events and ways to get involved.

EVENTS



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

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2026



PAREA COFFEE
10111 E 81ST ST, SUITE A, TULSA, OK 74133

EVENTS

Executive Women International – Corpus Christi
IS THRILLED TO WELCOME YOU TO

TEXOMA

2026
this summer!

This year, we will be  **Rising with the Tide:**
Leading, Connecting, Advancing  as we come together
for two days of learning, inspiration, and connection.

We are preparing a dynamic program featuring illuminating speakers,
networking opportunities, and a fun Friday evening experience
you won't want to miss.

TEXOMA CONFERENCE:

- Friday, July 31st & Saturday, August 1st
- **Venue:**
Omni Corpus Christi Hotel

PLEASE JOIN US! CHAPTER MEETING & DINNER:

- Thursday, July 30th at 6:00 PM
- **Venue:**
Omni Corpus Christi Hotel

REGISTRATION DETAILS:

- Early Registration (by July 1st): \$250
- Standard Registration: \$300
- Chapter Meeting & Dinner: \$50
 - add-on available through the RSVP link

 Early registration is now open, and we encourage you to secure your spot and take advantage of the discount.

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We're excited to welcome you to Corpus Christi, where we will rise with the tide as we connect and advance together.

Scan me! 



Link to our Registration Page:

<https://www.corpuschristiewi.org/2026-ewi-texoma-conference/>

Hotel Information & Links:

Omni Corpus Christi Hotel: 900 North Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Reservation Link: <https://bookings.omnihotels.com/event/corpus-christi/ewi-texoma-rooms>

Room Block Name: EWI TEXOMA

Dates of Stay: 7/30-8/2/26

Group Rate: \$179

Overnight Garage Self-Parking: \$10 per vehicle, per night

Central Reservations Line: 1-800-843-6664

Complimentary Airport Shuttle (to/from): 361-887-1600

Holiday Inn Corpus Christi Downtown Marina: 707 North Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

[Corpus Christi Hotel | Holiday Inn Corpus Christi Downtown Marina](#)

Residence Inn by Marriott Corpus Christi Downtown: 309 S. Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

[Residence Inn Corpus Christi Downtown | Long-Stay Hotel with In-room Kitchens](#)

EVENTS



Hello, EWI Members,

We're thrilled to announce that LCAM 2026 is just a few months away, and we're ready to make this year's conference in Mobile, Alabama, September 16–19, an unforgettable experience! This is your chance to shine – we invite you to put your firm front and center by becoming a sponsor and elevating your brand at LCAM.

EWI offers a wide range of sponsorship opportunities, each packed with valuable benefits. Whether your firm is looking for vendor tables, ad space in the printed program guide, reserved seating, gala tickets, or more, there's a level to suit every interest. Sponsoring the event, or even just a portion, is a fantastic way to support our mission of Careers, Connections, and Community, while gaining exposure and making meaningful connections.

This year, sponsorship is especially important to us, and we're aiming for participation from every Chapter and member. Your support will be instrumental in ensuring a successful and prosperous conference for all. We're excited to offer a variety of sponsorship levels so everyone can join in and make an impact.



[View the LCAM 2026 Sponsorship Packet](#)

As we gear up for this year's event, we are reaching out to ask for your help in making it a tremendous success. We'd love for each Chapter to contribute a basket for the Silent Auction, along with a single item for our bid-give portion, or themes. Our themes this year are Nautical for the Opening Reception and Onyx & Ivory for the Gala. Your support is essential to ensure that everyone attending receives something special each day.

With everyone's participation, we can create a memorable experience and spread joy throughout the event. Please help us by providing these items and encouraging your Chapter members to join in. Each contribution, big or small, will make a difference and help us reach our goal. Thank you so much for your enthusiasm and generosity.

And don't forget – early bird registration for LCAM is still open through June 30! Secure your spot now and enjoy significant savings.

Let's work together to make LCAM 2026 the most memorable conference yet, with your brand at the heart of the event. We can't wait to see what we accomplish together!



c/o Vicki Chapman, SWBC

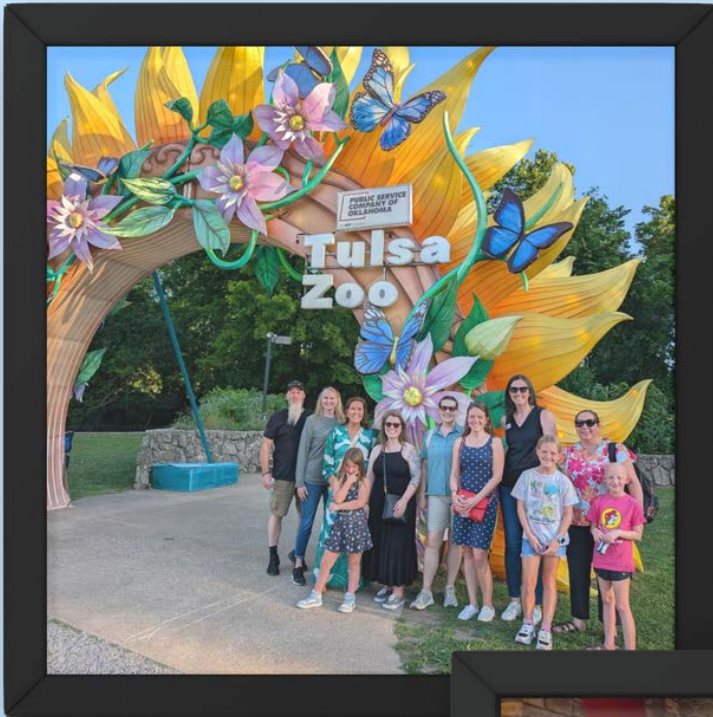
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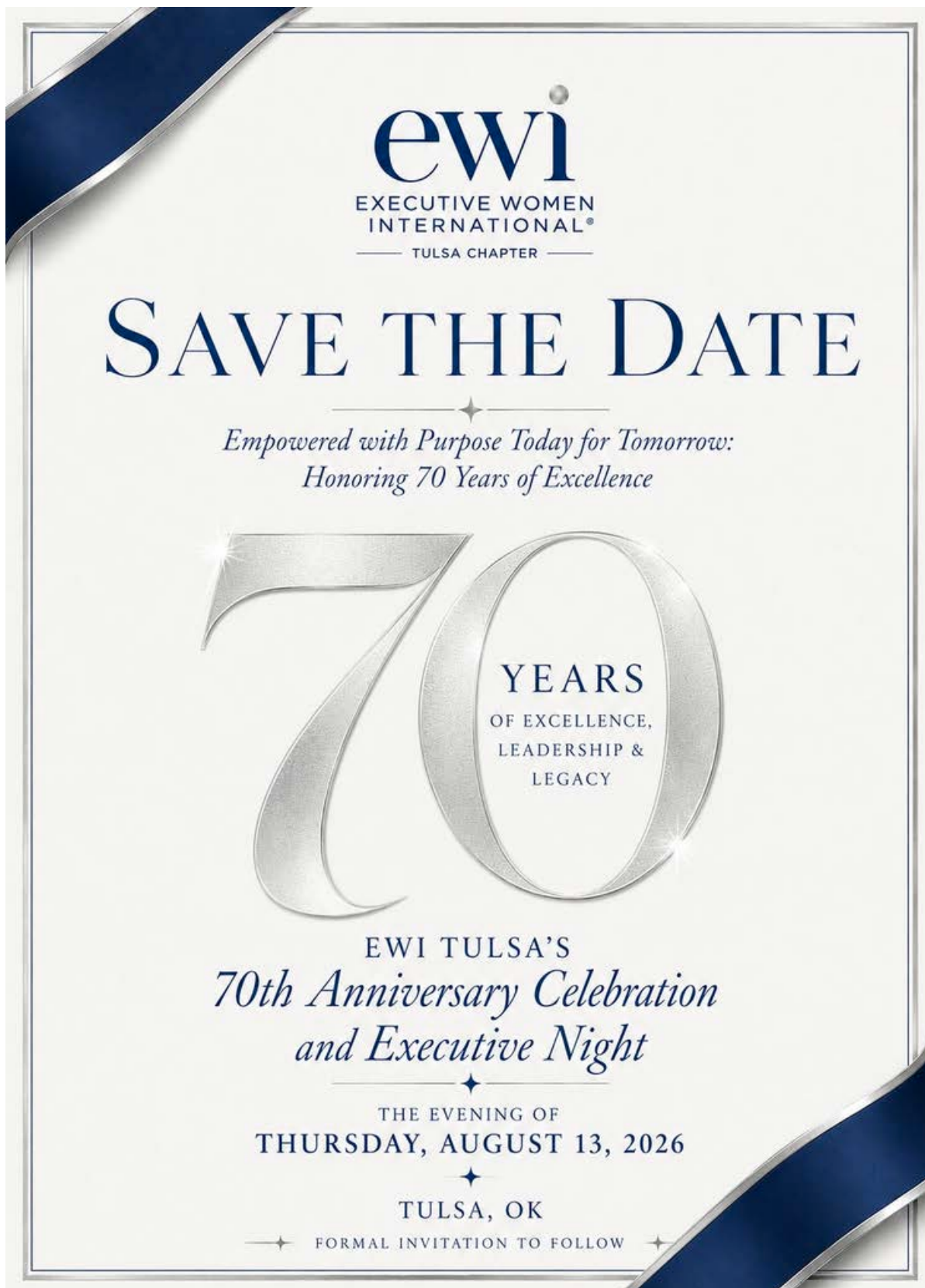


Tulsa's ZooLightFul
at the Tulsa Zoo



Quarterly Luncheon, P.F. Changs

SAVE THE DATE



BIRTHDAYS

July Birthdays - Representatives & Exec/Reps & Sustaining Members

Destiny Campos, Oklahoma's Credit Union - July 2
Rita Young, Sustaining Member - July 3
Victoria Dietz, Snowflake - July 7
Kari Crowder, Helmerich & Payne - July 7
Lynette Freeland, Tulsa Regional Chamber - July 7
Paula Miller, Montereau - July 10
Alandra Baggett, Sustaining Member - July 17
Trish Richey, Transitional Member - July 21
Jennifer Young, Arvest Bank - July 22
Dawn Pevey, Helmerich & Payne - July 29

July Birthdays - Executives

Tory Baker, TD Williamson - July 2
Votaw Nelson, Tedford Insurance - July 10
Kevin Vann, Helmerich & Payne - July 10
Graydon Yohe, Health Zone at Saint Francis - July 15
Bob McGrew, TD Williamson - July 20
Beth Stepien, Senior Care Referral Services - July 24
Susan Boyd, Purview Life - July 25



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

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.