

President's Message



"When you see that you can find and enjoy new cheese, you change course". Some of you may recognize this quote. It is from "Who Moved My Cheese?" by Dr. Spencer Johnson. This is one of the management philosophies of the North Central Group, the owners of the Homewood, Hampton and Hilton Garden that I have just recently joined. The book is about embracing change, and I guess that is what I am doing, but it seems like a lot of change at once!

I feel kind of strange writing the message this month since I am in transition now from my old firm, the Doubletree, to my new firm, the Homewood Suites. I am hopeful that Homewood Suites will re-join EWI. They were a member firm previously, but when the representative left the company, they did not have a replacement and did not rejoin in 2009. As of this writing, the firm has been posted to the membership, and as long as there are no objections, we will hopefully gain a new firm!

This means that Darlis Vauble, our incoming President, will take over office a month earlier than planned. I know everyone will welcome Darlis in her "earlier than expected" role, and I told her I am not deserting her or EWI! We submitted the urgent fax vote in order to vote in new delegates for our annual meeting. I am confident that Darlis and Jane Allamong will be very good representatives of the Omaha Chapter, as well as our alternate delegates, Cathy Bodammer and Bobbie Tvrdik.

Thank you everyone for your kind words in my transition, and I look forward to networking with you far into the future! Even when someone moves my cheese!

Patty Bain

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August:

EWI Board Meeting
Burlington Capital Group
1700 Farnam Street
4:00pm, August 11, 2009

EWI Monthly Meeting:
Upstream Brewing Company
171th & West Center Road
5:45pm, August 26, 2009

Birthdays:

Linda Smith	August 1
Janet Schawang	August 3
Jeanette Aldredge	August 7
Mindy Begley	August 14
Ruth Utman	August 19
Gail Thompson	August 30

In Memory of Billie Joan Rudd *Dec 10, 1937 to July 30, 2009*

Long time EWI representative of the Metropolitan Utilities District, Billie Rudd, passed away on July 30, 2009 after a battle with cancer. We received the following note from one of our Past Presidents, Sally Komrofski, retired from Creighton University:

Hi Patty,

I know you were changing jobs, thus I am sending this to your home.

Since I don't know Billie's family, I felt it appropriate to give to the Omaha Chapter ASIST Scholarship Program of EWI in Billie's memory. It was a cause she very much believed in and she was an active committee member of the ASIST scholarship. I know every little bit helps in education.

I appreciate the work of Billie in our Executive Women organization. In her memory I give this small gift.

Sincerely,
Sally Komrofski

Sally made a donation to our ASIST Scholarship Program in Billie's memory. Thank you to Sally for her thoughtfulness and generosity in this most appropriate way!

EWI Corporate Nominating Committee

Are you looking for an opportunity to take your EWI membership to the Corporate level? One area of service is the Corporate Nominating Committee. All EWI members are encouraged to consider serving the organization as a member of this committee. At the Annual Meeting in Louisville, they will elect three representatives to the 2010 Nominating Committee. If you have an interest in serving on this committee, contact Diana Larsen, Corporate Secretary/Treasurer, at dlarsen@gray-robinson.com. You will also need to develop a flyer for distribution at LCAM that lists your qualifications for this area of service.

For those of you who may not know, one of our local members, Jane Allamong, is currently serving as a Membership Advisor at the Corporate level. Thank you, Jane, for representing our chapter in this capacity!

July Meeting Highlights



August Chapter Meeting
August 26, 2009
Upstream Brewing Company
171st & West Center Road

Social Meeting

- 5:45 p.m. Networking with cocktails and hosted Hor's d'oeuvres
 6:15 p.m. Welcome
 6:20 p.m. Casual Dinner
 6:30 p.m. Get to know EWI with EWI Trivia and Get to know your EWI Friends!

Be prepared to share the following:

- one thing not many know about your firm
- one thing not many know about your executive
- one thing not many know about you

Dinner Menu, Served Buffet-Style

Assorted Pizza
 Vegetables
 Chocolate Ganache Cake

\$25.00 per person

(includes 1 drink ticket good for beer, Upstream Ale, glass of house wine or soft drink)

Checks payable to: Executive Women International

If you do not cancel your reservation with 48 hours of the event, you will be responsible for payment of the meal.

RSVP by Friday, August 21

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Guests: _____

Email: jennifer.chleboun@ameristar.com

Subject Line: EWI RSVP

Mail: Jennifer Chleboun

Ameristar Casino

2200 River Road

Council Bluffs, IA 51501

**New Member Firm Spotlight –
 Travel and Transport
 (Representative –Barb Ewer)**

Headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska, Travel and Transport was founded in 1946 and has become one of the nation's most experienced and well-respected travel management companies. Travel and Transport is the largest 100% employee-owned travel management company in the United States, serving clients throughout the country as well as globally. Travel and Transport's operating divisions include Business Travel Management, Global Travel Management, Travel and Transport Vacations, Meeting Trends (meeting, group, event, and incentive planning), and Loyalty Innovations (reward program fulfillment).

Travel and Transport's unique size means that we are small enough to provide personalized customer service, yet large enough to negotiate preferred cost savings solutions. We are also recognized as an industry leader in travel technology. Our 750 employee-owners have a vested interest in providing superior level service, catered to the unique needs of our clients. At Travel and Transport, we recognize our job is much more than simply arranging travel. Our employee-owners understand that their job is to learn their clients' business objectives and goals and use their travel industry expertise to serve as a partner to maximize travel programs now and into the future.

Barb Ewer worked for Meeting Trends, a division of Travel and Transport, from 1997 – 2002, then left to expand her experience in the hospitality arena. Barb returned to Travel and Transport in March 2009 where her primary focus is planning incentives, meetings and special events. Barb has 17 years of experience in the Hospitality / Tourism industry.

Membership Committee Request

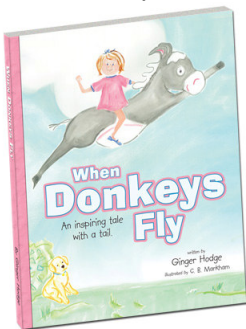
If you will be bringing a prospective member to this month's chapter meeting, please notify Sue Burkhard, Membership Chair, in advance of the meeting. The Membership Committee members will then make certain that your guest is welcomed on behalf of the Omaha Chapter and can visit with her about the membership process and answer any questions. Membership information kits will also be available for your guest to take if she is interested. Thanks for your help in introducing prospective members to our chapter!

“When Donkeys Fly”

EWI's Reading Rally has chosen “When Donkeys Fly” as the book to get our rally shooting off the ground! We will be partnering with Girls Inc. to host the October event (exact date TBD). We're asking our membership to participate with sponsorship in three levels:

1. **Shoot for the Moon** - Purchasing T-shirts for the girls (approximately 20-25 girls). Cost-approximately \$15/each.
2. **Blast-off** - Purchasing books - members could buy one for their own use and one for one of the girls! \$10/each.
3. **Landing** - Providing snacks for the girls after the program. \$?

If you or your firm would be interested in taking this program off the ground, please contact one of our Reading Rally Co-Chairs (Gail Thompson 399-2453 or Bobbie Tvrdik 231-1909). Thank you for your help as we show the girls that nothing is out of their reach - if they believe!



Great opportunities to help support EWI's Literacy Initiative!

In addition to our local Reading Rally, Corporate EWI is sponsoring a 2nd grade class in Louisville (LCAM host city). This class will be honored at the Reading Rally lunch at LCAM. EWI is inviting all member firms, Chapters, and representatives to partner with them in this unique opportunity to help these children and support literacy through monetary and in-kind donations. Below is the teacher's wish list. **Please consider bringing a donation(s) to the August chapter meeting.** Thank you!

<i>Pocket folders</i>	<i>Hand sanitizer</i>
<i>Cap erasers</i>	<i>Construction paper</i>
<i>Markers</i>	<i>Glue sticks</i>
<i>Crayons</i>	<i>Pencils</i>
<i>Copy paper</i>	<i>Kleenex tissues</i>
<i>Lotion</i>	<i>Coloring books</i>

Membership Challenge!!

The Omaha Chapter has created the opportunity outlined below for prospective members:

SPECIAL OFFER FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Join the Omaha Chapter of Executive Women International in 2009 and only pay dues for 12 months!

This is an opportunity to receive *up to five months free!*

For example, by joining in August, 2009, your dues will cover 17 months of chapter membership for the price of 12! Your next annual dues billing would not be payable until January, 2011.

The Omaha Chapter Board is challenging every chapter rep to recruit new member firms now through 12/31/09 so that we can offer this special dues rate to as many new member firms as possible.

The top recruiter from August 1 – December 31 will receive \$50 cash!

(In the event of a tie, a drawing will determine the winner.)

Invite interested prospects to our August chapter meeting (or any other chapter meeting) for an evening of socializing with a purpose – to learn more about EWI as an organization and the Omaha Chapter specifically.

The chapter hosts the cost of one meal for each interested prospect. So --- review your list of contacts and offer someone the gift of EWI membership soon!

Give EWI® a Gift from the Heart



Would you like to give a gift in memory of a loved one or honor an outstanding EWI member or executive? Maybe you want to honor a firm, chapter president or a scholarship recipient? Do you want to give something that says they are special and appreciated, while at the same time helping EWI continue to make an impact in today's society through scholarships and reading rallies? You can!

EWI is offering a page in the LCAM program dedicated to Honorariums and Memorials so you can pay tribute to your loved ones or honor that special person, while at the same time helping the organization that you love continue to do its work through scholarships and reading rallies. Your tribute will also be listed on the corporate website under Planned Giving. **Submit your form to the Corporate Office by August 19** and you and the special person you honor will be mentioned in this year's LCAM program!

UPCOMING EVENTS.....SAVE THE DATE!!!

(Please note the dates for the September and October meetings are not on the usual 4th Wednesday due to LCAM and venue availability.)

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

Hosted by West Asset Management
7171 Mercy Road

Watch for more details at a later date.

EXECUTIVE'S NIGHT COMING IN OCTOBER!!

JOSLYN CASTLE

OCTOBER 21, 2009

On October 21, we will be hosting an Executive's Night at *Joslyn Castle*. Executive's Night is a special opportunity when all the Executives of our member firms are invited to join us and network among the other Executives whose firms are members of EWI.



Along with Executive's Night, we will have a **Basket Silent Auction**. Now is the time to get your creative juices going! We will be collecting items to include in about a dozen baskets. The key to a successful Basket Silent Auction is quality, not quantity.

Some ideas for baskets include ·Spa Basket with spa items and gift certificate for spa services ·Mexican Basket with gift certificates to area Mexican Restaurants, jars of salsa, etc. ·Night on the Town Basket that would include gift certificates for hotel, dinner, show, etc.

You get the idea! Please let Patty Bain know if there is something you would like to contribute for a basket. Email: pbain@ncghotels.com, Cell Phone: 402-981-5238. Proceeds from the Silent Auction will go to our Business Career Development Program (B/C/DP Account), which funds our ASIST Scholarships.





FORM 18
Agenda of the Board of Directors Meeting
Omaha Chapter
EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL®
July 9, 2009

Call to Order: West Asset Management. Called to order at: 4:15 pm by Patty Bain.

Roll Call: Patty Bain, Hilary Allen, Ruth Utman, Darlis Vauble, Alecia Hartwig, Lori Mitera
 Excused: Sue Burkhard, Jennifer Chleboun, Linda Smith
 Absent:

Minutes:

The June Board Meeting Minutes are attached. Is there a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes? Motion made by Alecia Hartwig. Seconded by Darlis Vauble. All in Favor.

Are there any corrections? None

Is there a motion to approve the June 2009 Board Meeting Minutes?
 Motion made by Lori Mitera. Seconded by Alecia Hartwig. All in Favor.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurers Report is attached. The balance in the General Account is \$ 4,475.23 and in the B/C/DP Account is \$2,279.77 cash on hand and total investments of \$50,715.95.

Presentation of Statements:

Name	Purpose	Amount
Payless Office Supplies	Name Badges	\$ 14.94
Taste of America	June lunch meeting	255.30

Is there a motion to approve payment of these statements? Motion made by Darlis Vauble. Seconded by Lori Mitera. All in Favor. The Treasurers report will be filed for audit.

EWI Corporate Communications:

1. Jane Moffit retiring July 10. Replacement rep: Mindy Begley, beglemk@kelleyservices.com, 496-4656
 Patty sent a message to Jane that we would like to organize a lunch before she leaves Omaha. Jane responded that she has a lot of transitional things to do within the next couple weeks, but once she knows her schedule, she will let Patty know.
2. LCAM Registration/ New Academy of Leadership module
3. Reading Rally wish list – Annual meeting

Committee Reports:

Membership – Sue Burkhard – Sue created a Special Offer Flyer for Prospective Members, join now and membership dues due Oct good through end of 2010. Flyer was approved with removal of payment options. New rep for Kelly Services, Mindy Begley; Michelle Graham (a former EWI member) is now with ConAgra and is interested in joining.

Program – Alecia Hartwig – July 22nd at Chamber with President David Brown speaking. Food by Mangia Italiana.

Publication – Lori Mitera – newsletter going out tomorrow

Sergeant-at-Arms – Jennifer Chleboun – No report

Ways & Means - Linda Smith – No report

Long Range Planning/ Marketing – Darlis Vauble – EWI website – OPPD understaffed and not making headway. May need to get bids and consider having an outside company build the website.

B/C/DP - Patty Bain – Bobbie Tvrdik and Gail Thompson are co-chairs of Reading Rally – working with Girls Inc. It will be sometime after October 17th.

Investment Committee – Compilation complete.

Philanthropy – No report.

Roster – Gwen Christensen – updating with new reps

Nominating – Jane Allamong – Slate of new officers has been submitted

Unfinished Business:

Executive's Night – Linda Hammond handling- impersonator of Sarah Joslyn will be visiting with guests. Board wants to make sure there will be time and place during the evening to introduce the Execs. Patty will bring this to Exec Night committee.

New Business:

Delegates to annual meeting – 2 delegates + 2 alternates. Vote on at July meeting. (Business meeting) – Patty Bain & Darlis Vauble. Cathy Bodammer & Bobbie Tvrdik as Alternates.

Announcements:

Publication Deadline: Tuesday, Aug 11, 2009

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, Aug 11, 2009 at 4:00pm at Burlington Capital Group, 1700 Farnam Street, 28th floor

Next Chapter Meeting: Wednesday, July 22, Chamber of Commerce

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at: 5:09 p.m.

Approved:

Patty Bain

Submitted:

Ruth Utman, Secretary

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER****TREASURER'S REPORT - GENERAL ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
July 9, 2009****Period: June 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009****CASH ON HAND: June 1, 2009** **\$ 6,099.36****INCOME & RECEIPTS**

Bank Interest	\$ 3.39
Total Income & Receipts	\$ 3.39

EXPENSES

Omaha Country Club - May dinner meeting	\$ 947.32
Taste of America - June lunch meeting	255.30
EWI Corporate - Dues for Woodmen 2nd rep, Methodist	390.00
Darlis Vauble - Reimb. for leadership CDs for scholarship recipients	34.90
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Total Expenses **\$ 1,627.52****Net Decrease in Funds for Period Ended June 30, 2009** **(1,624.13)****CASH ON HAND: June 30, 2009** **\$ 4,475.23**

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER**

**TREASURER'S REPORT - B/C/DP ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
July 9, 2009**

Period: June 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009

CASH ON HAND: June 1, 2009		\$ 2,279.77
 INCOME & RECEIPTS		
None	\$ -	
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Total Income & Receipts	\$ -	
 EXPENSES		
None	\$ -	
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Total Expenses	\$ -	
 Net Increase in Funds for Period Ended June 30, 2009		 <hr/> -
 CASH ON HAND: June 30, 2009		 \$ 2,279.77 <hr/> <hr/>
 INVESTMENTS ON HAND: June 30, 2009		
Clipper Fund	\$ 16,289.05	
Vanguard Intermediate Bond Fund	14,275.43	
Vanguard Balanced Index Fund	15,430.79	
Vanguard Morgan Growth Fund	2,440.91	
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Total Investments		\$ 48,436.18
Total Cash		2,279.77 <hr/>
 TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS ON HAND: June 30, 2009		 \$ 50,715.95 <hr/> <hr/>

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER****ATTENDANCE REPORT****July, 2009 Dinner Attendance**

Member Firms:	17
Representatives:	18
Life Members:	1
ASIST:	0
Guests:	0
Total Attendance:	19

*Percent of Total Firms: 62.9%

*Percent of Total Representatives: 50.0%

Submitted by:

**Jennifer Chleboun
EWI Sergeant-at-Arms**

***Based from Membership Report (27 firms, 36 reps, 8 Life Members)**

June, 2009 Dinner Attendance

Member Firms:	17
Representatives:	20
Life Members:	0
ASIST:	0
Guests:	10
Total Attendance:	30

*Percent of Total Firms: 62.9%

*Percent of Total Representatives: 55.5%

Submitted by:

**Jennifer Chleboun
EWI Sergeant-at-Arms**

***Based from Membership Report (27 firms, 36 reps, 8 Life Members)**

EWI – Omaha Chapter Membership List

AAA Rents & Event Services – Sheryl Martin
Advanced Office Interiors – Janet Schawang
Alegent Health – Linda Franco
Ameristar – Jennifer Chleboun, Misty Sessions
Arbonne International– Linda Smith
Baird Holm LLP – Linda Hammond, Connie Davis
Bland & Associates, P.C. – Hilary Allen
Brandeis Catering – Michelle Mueller
Bridges Investment Counsel – Margaret “Sam” Rutherford
Burlington Capitol Group, LLC – Ruth Utman
College of Saint Mary – Shirley Gunderson, Gail Thompson, Carolyn Ziemann
ConAgra Foods – Michele Graham, Kathy Fry
Daugherty Foundation – Brianne Wilde
Doubletree Hotel Downtown – replacement rep to be determined
Embassy Suites Hotel – replacement rep to be determined
Girls Incorporated of Omaha – Jane Allamong

Goodwill Industries, Inc. – Bobbie Tvrdik
Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce – Alecia Hartwig
Kelly Services – Mindy Begley
Lincoln Financial Group – Patty McElderry, Jo Anne Drefs
McCarthy Group Advisors – Sue Burkhard
Methodist Health System – Sue Beem
Northern Natural Gas Company – Carol Armstrong
OPPD – Cathy Bodammer, Linda Hutchens, Carolyn McClean
SilverStone Group, Inc. – Jeannie Aldredge
Tero International- Becky Rupiper-Greene
Travel and Transport – Barb Ewer
West Asset Management – Lori Mitera, Gwen Christensen, Stacie Robertson
Woodman of the World Life Insurance Society – Darlis Vauble, Cheryl Hahn
Transitional Members – Patty Bain
Life Members- Sharon Sacha, Sally Komrofske, Loy Flanagan, Sally Rose Burns, Patricia Leonard, Lenore Honke, Marlene Johnson, Ellie Morrow

EWI® Mission and Vision

Mission

Executive Women International® is an organization which brings together key individuals from diverse businesses for the purpose of:

- ❑ Promoting member firms
- ❑ Enhancing personal and professional development, and
- ❑ Encouraging community involvement

Vision

To be the Leading Connection for Business Professionals

SHARE THE NEWS!

Send submissions for the Chapter Newsletter to:

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