



President's Message

Happy New Year! Many of us, I'm sure, have made some New Year Resolutions and hopefully we have not broken them already. If you did, resolve to try again. Who says we have to wait until the start of a New Year to make changes in our life? When you are ready, you will know it.

My husband and I laughed as we pulled into Gold's Gym parking lot on January 5. We have never seen so many people there at 5:00am! By the end of the week, it was the normal crowd. A resolution to change has to become a habit. Working out for us is like brushing your teeth in the morning, just part of the daily ritual. Now I need to work on the calorie intake, several pounds crept on during the holidays!

So I know we don't want to talk about it, but the economic recession is real. Everyone is being affected somehow, i.e. doing business differently, job loss, retirement put on hold. Hopefully you are not in danger of being laid off, but if you are, know that your job does not define you. I heard Ben Stein give a message at the beginning of the year. In essence, the message was that it does not matter what possessions you have, but about the love you have for your family and friends. The quality in our lives is about the investment we have made in family, not possessions. Take time for your family.

In these tough economic times, one thing that you can do is make EWI work for you! Promote your firm through your EWI connections. Don't forget that EWI is an inexpensive marketing tool. If you want to do more business with an EWI firm, use your networking skills to find the appropriate person within that firm's organization. It may not be the actual EWI representative, but I bet that representative would work with you on finding the right person within their organization. Not only should we "Buy Omaha", but we should promote doing business with our EWI firms too.

I am excited about this year's line up of programs. Alecia has worked on diversified program ideas sure to be of interest to us all. I look forward to growing with you in EWI!

Patty Bain

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www.executivewomen.org

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January:

EWI Board Meeting
McCarthy Group, 1125 South 103rd Street
4:00pm, January 13, 2009

EWI Monthly Meeting:
Embassy Suites Downtown
5:30pm, January 28, 2009

Birthdays:

Ginny Molinaro	January 21
Sue Rodenburg	January 26

2009 Annual Dues

By now you should have received an invoice for your annual dues. Please send your payment to Hilary Allen, Chapter Treasurer, by January 22. Your prompt payment would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

F.Y.I.

February Meeting Date Change!

Due to Ash Wednesday on the 4th Wednesday of February, the Board has decided to change the date of the February meeting. We are also going to do a lunch meeting rather than an evening meeting. So, mark your calendar for Wednesday, **February 18, at 11:30am.** Location and further information will be provided in the February newsletter.

Save the Date!

EWI Chapter Announces
"Party with a Purpose!"
2009 ASIST Scholarship Fundraiser
March 25 Chapter Meeting
UNO Alumni Center

Do you have a side business? Kitchen Supplies? Jewelry? Purses? Makeup? Etc.? If you would like to participate in something fun that also raises funds for our ASIST Scholarship Fund, then let us know!

Individual suppliers will have a booth at our event and a portion of their sales will go to the EWI ASIST Scholarship Fund. For more information, or to let us know you are interested, please call Linda Smith at 657-9735. We are looking forward to this exciting event!

December Meeting Highlights



Operation Santa Thank You!

A great big thank you to those who brought books to the November and December meetings.

As a result, we donated 37 pounds of books to the Open Door Mission for their Operation Santa program! Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the recipients!

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

January Chapter Meeting

January 28, 2009
Embassy Suites Omaha
555 South 10th Street

5:30 PM – Cash Bar/Networking
6:15 PM – Dinner
6:30 PM – “Networking to Develop a Brand You”
Presented by April Kelly, Senior Director,
Omaha Center at LinkedIn

Menu

Embassy Caesar Salad
Sliced Beef Tenderloin with Bourbon Sauce
Stuffed Chicken Florentine with Creamy Supreme Sauce
Rosemary Roasted New Potatoes
Fingerling Squash and Petite Green Topped Carrots
Grand Marnier Chocolate Mousse

\$25.00 per person

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

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Guests: _____

RSVP

RSVP by Friday, January 23

Please RSVP regrets also.

Email: jennifer.chleboun@ameristar.com

Subject Line: EWI RSVP

Mail: Jennifer Chleboun

Ameristar Casino

2200 River Road

Council Bluffs, IA 51501



Hearts of Hope Baby Shower

We will be participating in the Hearts of Hope Baby Shower at our January 28 meeting to benefit the Lydia House. The following **NEW** baby items are on their wish list:

- ❖ Formula
- ❖ Bottles
- ❖ Bibs
- ❖ Receiving Blankets
- ❖ Car Seats
- ❖ High Chairs
- ❖ Swings
- ❖ Clothes (day and night)
- ❖ Baby Food
- ❖ Pacifiers
- ❖ Rattles
- ❖ Baby Utensils



If you are able to donate any of the above, please bring them to the January meeting. Alecia Hartwig will collect the items and attend the actual shower on Sunday, February 15, from 2-4pm at the Lydia House. Please let her know if you are interested in attending also.

Announcing the Lucille Johnson Perkins Award for Outstanding Member Firm

In 1938, Lucille Johnson Perkins recognized the importance and potential of an association of key women working with their executives to promote their firms and improve their community.

In September 2009, the Lucille Johnson Perkins Award will recognize one outstanding member firm as the first honoree. Each Chapter is permitted one nomination. The nomination form must be submitted to the Corporate office by the Chapter President by April 15.

Award Purpose:

- To recognize the outstanding areas of support that a member firm has displayed within the EWI network on both Corporate and Chapter levels.
- To distinguish the contributions a member firm has made outside the EWI network in growing membership and in communicating the value and benefits of EWI.
- To honor a member firm that has engaged the mission of EWI by enhancing personal and professional development and by encouraging community involvement.



FORM 18
Agenda of the Board of Directors Meeting
Omaha Chapter
EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL®
December 9, 2008

Call to Order: Burlington Capital Group offices, 1700 Farnam Street, 2850 Woodmen Tower.
 Called to order at: 4:11 pm by Patty Bain.

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

Minutes:

The November 11th Board Meeting Minutes were published in the December Pulse. Is there a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes? Motion made by: Darlis Vauble Seconded by: Sue Burkhard. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Are there any corrections? No

Is there a motion to approve the October 8, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes?
 Motion made by: Darlis Vauble. Seconded by: Hilary Allen. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurers Report is attached. The balance in the General Account is: \$4,486.51 and in the B/C/DP Account is: \$1,419.58 cash on hand and total investments of \$47,435.41.

Presentation of Statements:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Brandies Catering	November Dinner Meeting	\$574.89 (General)
Entertainment Publications	Books sold for fundraiser	not to exceed \$500.00 (BCDP)
Marijo Schneiderwind	Jewelry Sale	\$560.00 (BCDP)

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

EWI Corporate Communications:

Ellie Morrow's Mother-in-law passed away.

The Board shared cell phone numbers for Board use:

Hilary Allen: 402-672-9632

Patty Bain: 402-981-5238

Jennifer Chleboun: 503-670-9883

Lori Mitera: 402-490-6465

Darlis Vauble: 402-681-1039

Kayla Jones: 402-880-6668

Sue Burkhard: 402-670-8062

Alecia Hartwig: 402-639-7506

Ruth Utman: 712-592-1151

Board Reports:

Membership – Sue Burkhard – Report attached. Discussed retention of current companies/ reps. Each Board member will be asked to make calls to several members to discuss EWI membership, promote EWI and give highlights. Sue will give us a “script” and who to call. Also, asked for approval to post ConAgra Foods, Inc.; Bravadas, Wig Design, Your Style, Our Secret; and Frontier Bag Company, Inc.

Program – Alecia Hartwig (absent) – January – Olsen Center for Women’s Health presenting. Discussed mini-firm night.

Publication – Lori Mitera – New template for January.

Sergeant-at-Arms – Jennifer Chleboun - 14 firms; 19 representatives; 4 guests at November meeting

Ways & Means - Linda Smith – Discussed Silent Auction & jewelry fundraiser at November meeting. Ginny Molinaro will serve on committee. Mini firm night could double as fundraiser if done by firms that sell products & they donate a percentage of proceeds to EWI. Linda has done this before called “Party with a Purpose”. Patty will send out feelers to the group. Looking at March for this.

Long Range Planning/ Marketing – Darlis Vauble – checked web site update. Patty will bring laptop on Wednesday for rep’s to update their info.

B/C/DP - Kayla Jones – No report

Roster – Gwen Christensen – current

Nominating – Kayla Jones – No report

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

New Business:

No new business.

Announcements:

Next Chapter Meeting: Wednesday, December 17, Biaggi’s – White Elephant exchange / Food Drive

Publication Deadline: Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 4:00pm at McCarthy Group, 1125 South 103rd Street

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at: 5:15 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER****TREASURER'S REPORT - GENERAL ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
December 9, 2008****Period: November 1, 2008 to November 30, 2008****CASH ON HAND: November 1, 2008** **\$ 4,298.33****INCOME & RECEIPTS**

Dinner Income - October	\$ 1,939.00
Bank Interest	2.82
Total Income & Receipts	\$ 1,941.82

EXPENSES

DoubleTree Hotel - October dinner meeting	\$ 1,741.87
First of Omaha Merchant Fees	11.77
Total Expenses	\$ 1,753.64

Net Increase in Funds for Period Ended November 30, 2008 **188.18****CASH ON HAND: November 30, 2008** **\$ 4,486.51**

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER**

**TREASURER'S REPORT - B/C/DP ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
December 9, 2008**

Period: November 1, 2008 to November 30, 2008

CASH ON HAND: November 1, 2008 **\$ 1,309.58**

INCOME & RECEIPTS

Entertainment Books income \$ 230.00

Total Income & Receipts **\$ 230.00**

EXPENSES

Entertainment books expense \$ 120.00

Total Expenses **\$ 120.00**

Net Increase in Funds for Period Ended November 30, 2008 **110.00**

CASH ON HAND: November 30, 2008 **\$ 1,419.58**

INVESTMENTS ON HAND: November 30, 2008

Clipper Fund \$ 16,212.80

Vanguard Intermediate Bond Fund 12,553.83

Vanguard Balanced Index Fund 14,966.62

Vanguard Morgan Growth Fund 2,282.58

Total Investments **\$ 46,015.83**

Total Cash **1,419.58**

TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS ON HAND: November 30, 2008 **\$ 47,435.41**

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER****ATTENDANCE REPORT****December, 2008 Dinner Attendance**

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

*Percent of Total Firms: 50%
*Percent of Total Representatives: 45.2%

Submitted by:

Jennifer Chleboun
EWI Sergeant-at-Arms

***Based from Membership Report (34 firms, 42 reps, 7 Life Members)**

November, 2008 Dinner Attendance

Member Firms:	14
Representatives:	19
Life Members:	0
ASIST:	0
Guests:	4
Total Attendance:	43

*Percent of Total Firms: 41.1%
*Percent of Total Representatives: 45.2%

Submitted by:

Jennifer Chleboun
EWI Sergeant-at-Arms

***Based from Membership Report (36 firms, 43 reps, 7 Life Members)**

EWI – Omaha Chapter Membership List

AAA Enterprises – Replacement rep to be determined
 Achievement Unlimited, Inc. – Rose Mary Hefley
 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 – Cheryl Moninger Bettin
 Brownell Talbot – Julie Adams
 Burlington Capitol Group, LLC – Ruth Utman
 Doubletree Hotel Downtown – Patty Bain
 Embassy Suites Hotel – Mary Jane Taylor
 Girls Incorporated of Omaha – Jane Allamong, Shannon Dunning
 Goodwill Industries, Inc. – Bobbie Tvrdik
 Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce – Alecia Hartwig
 Interpublic Group – Jan Trerice
 Kelly Services – Jane Moffitt
 Kohl's Pharmacy – Laurie Dondelinger

Lincoln Financial Group – Patty McElderry, Jo Anne Drefs
 MarketSphere Consulting – Sue Rodenburg
 McCarthy Group Advisors – Sue Burkhard
 Mid-America Center – Replacement rep to be determined
 Northern Natural Gas Company – Carol Armstrong
 Omaha Print – Pam Stanton
 OPPD – Cathy Bodammer, Deb Emerson, Linda Hutchens
 Prestige Title & Escrow – Jody Hill
 SilverStone Group, Inc. – Jeannie Aldredge
 TD Ameritrade Holding Corporation – Sandra Sealock
 Tero International- Becky Rupiper-Greene
 Travel Faire/American Express – Ginny Molinaro
 West Asset Management – Lori Mitera, Gwen Christensen
 Woodman of the World Life Insurance Society – Darlis Vauble
 Transitional Members – Ellie Morrow, Barb Ewer, Kayla Roberts-Jones
 Life Members- Sharon Sacha, Sally Komrofske, Loy Flanagan, Sally Rose Burns, Patricia Leonard, Lenore Honke. Marlene Johnson

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!

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