



## President's Message

June is here already and the CWS is right around the corner. Go Tar Heels! No, I'm not from North Carolina, but that is the team that will be staying at the Doubletree, so I'm a little biased.

We had the opportunity last month to award two ASIST Scholarships! Rebecca was able to attend the banquet with her two sons. What a wonderful family. Rebecca is enrolled at the College of Saint Mary (one of our newest member firms as well!) and is in the Fast Track to Teaching Master's Program. Her goal is to teach children in Special Education. She is recently divorced, a single mother with two children. Her older son is in his first year of college at UNO and her younger son is 10 years old and developmentally disabled. He currently attends the Madonna School for children with special needs.

Our other recipient, Marcia, was unable to attend the banquet, but we look forward to introducing her at a future meeting. Marcia's goal is to complete her college education and obtain a Bachelor's degree in Business Management/Administration. She just graduated from Metro Tech with her Associates Degree and will now be able to enroll in the accelerated program at Bellevue University. Marcia is a single parent with two daughters, and has faced a lot of adversity in her life. She grew up in the foster care system and unfortunately did not obtain a college education early in her life.

Valda Boyd Ford, CEO of the Center for Human Diversity, Inc., was our speaker for the evening. She has done so much throughout her lifetime, that it would take up this entire newsletter to list everything. What an inspirational woman! I think she really moved all of us and we are thankful that she was able give of her time for our ASIST Banquet.

The Omaha Country Club did a fabulous job and the food was wonderful! Thanks to all that "assisted" with ASIST: Janet Schawang served as a judge, Bobbie Tvrdik, Ellie Morrow, Darlis Vauble and Alecia Hartwig. We also had two judges from outside EWI (as required): Betty Brehm and Tom McDonnell.

Have a great summer! Remember to get out and enjoy all the things our city has to offer. Joslyn Art Museum just opened their new Sculpture Gardens and Jazz on the Green kicks off July 9!

*Patty Bain*

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### June:

*EWI Board Meeting*  
 Doubletree Hotel  
 16<sup>th</sup> & Dodge  
 4:00pm, June 9, 2009

*EWI Monthly Meeting:*  
 Omaha World Herald  
 1314 Douglas Street  
 12:00pm, June 24, 2009

### Birthdays:

JoAnne Drefs	June 7
Linda Franco	June 19
Linda Hammond	June 19

### Win a 2009 LCAM Registration!

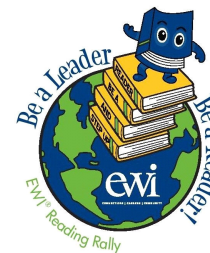
How? *The Summer Sizzle Membership Campaign!* All you have to do is recruit a new firm between June 1 and August 15, 2009. If the new member application and funds are in the Corporate Office by August 15, 2009, you will have a chance to be eligible for the final drawing before LCAM.

## NEW MEMBER FIRM SPOTLIGHT – METHODIST HEALTH SYSTEM (REPRESENTATIVE –SUE BEEM)

Created in 1982, Nebraska Methodist Health System (MHS) is the oldest health care system in the region. Today, MHS consists of the following affiliates: Methodist Hospital, Omaha, NE; Jennie Edmundson Hospital, Council Bluffs, IA; Methodist Physicians Clinic, Inc., eastern Nebraska and southwestern Iowa; Nebraska Methodist College – The Josie Harper Campus, Omaha, NE; Methodist Hospital Foundation, Omaha, NE; Jennie Edmundson Hospital Foundation, Council Bluffs, IA; Methodist Health Partners; Healthcare Partners of Western Iowa, Inc. and Shared Service Systems, Omaha, NE. The MHS mission is simple: “MHS is committed to caring for people.” The Health System strives to ensure that its programs and services and those of its affiliate corporations, are of superior value and readily available to all residents of the regions it serves.

Sue Beem is the Executive Assistant to the President of Methodist Health System, Mr. John Fraser. Sue has been with the Health System for 43 years. She started at Methodist Hospital in 1966 in the Human Resources Department and became the Administrative Assistant to the Administrator of Methodist Hospital in 1967. She also provides administrative support to Sara Juster, Vice President, Administrative Services, who manages and oversees the Health System’s Corporate Compliance Program, and areas of Risk Management and Environment of Care. Sue enjoys playing golf, reading, and traveling.

## MAY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



### 2009 READING RALLY

Watch for more Reading Rally details in upcoming newsletters. Co-Chairs for this year’s Reading Rally will be Bobbie Trvdik and Gail Thompson.



Best of luck to all the College World Series teams!

## June Chapter Meeting

June 24, 2009

### Omaha World Herald Press Tour

11:45am: Shuttle departs Doubletree Hotel for Omaha World Herald Freedom Center

12:00 -12:30pm: Lunch and Meeting in the Sun Room in the Omaha World Herald

12:45 - 1:30pm: Tour of Freedom Center with Joel Long, Director of Public Relations

1:30pm: Shuttle departs Omaha World Herald Freedom Center for Doubletree Hotel

#### Executive Boxed Lunch includes:

Choice of Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef, Tuna Salad,  
Chicken Salad or Egg Salad

Choice of White, Wheat or Marble Bread

Choice of Colby Jack, Swiss or Cheddar Cheese

Pasta Salad, Large Cookie & Bottled Water

*(please include your choice of meat, bread and cheese with your meeting RSVP)*

**Parking and Shuttle Service** will be sponsored by the Doubletree Hotel. Parking will be available at Doubletree/First National parking garage. Entrance to parking is on the right of the horseshoe drive at entrance of hotel, 16<sup>th</sup> & Dodge. Park in the garage above Level 3A and take the elevator to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, which is the lobby level of the hotel. Meet in the lobby to take short shuttle ride to the Omaha World Herald Freedom Center. Shuttle will depart promptly at 11:45am and pick up at the OWH at 1:30pm to return to the hotel.

**\$10.00 per person**

**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, June 19**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** jennifer.chleboun@ameristar.com

Subject Line: EWI RSVP

**Mail:** Jennifer Chleboun

Ameristar Casino

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Council Bluffs, IA 51501

#### *Thank You to our Mentors!*

In addition to Cathy Bodammer, Lori Mitera, Patty McElderry and Linda Hammond, the following reps have volunteered to be mentors for future new reps:

Bobbie Tvrdik

Connie Davis

Jane Allamong

Becky Rupiper-Greene

Linda Franco

Joanne Drefs

Linda Hutchens

Thanks to all of you for your willingness to help introduce and assimilate new representatives into our chapter! The Membership Committee believes it is vitally important to engage our new representatives at the time they join our chapter, and all of you are wonderful examples of caring and involved chapter reps. A strong mentoring program is a key element in retaining our member firms and reps. If anyone else who has been a chapter rep for one year or longer would like to become a mentor, please contact Sue Burkhard at [sburkhard@mccarthyadvisors.com](mailto:sburkhard@mccarthyadvisors.com).

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

#### **July Chapter Meeting**

**July 22, 2009**

Greater Omaha Chamber

Omaha Development and Outlook

Presented by David G. Brown, president and CEO of the Greater Omaha Chamber

5:30 p.m.: Networking/cocktails

6:00 p.m. Dinner (informal)

6:30 p.m. Presentation and Q&A

#### **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!



**FORM 18**  
**Agenda of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Omaha Chapter**  
**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL®**  
**May 14, 2009**

**Call to Order:** Bland & Assoc, 84<sup>th</sup> & Dodge, Called to order at 4:09 pm by Patty Bain

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

**Minutes:**

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

Are there any corrections? None

Is there a motion to approve the April 2009 Board Meeting Minutes?  
 Motion made by Hilary Allen. Seconded by Darlis Vauble. All in Favor.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurers Report is attached. The balance in the General Account is \$5,578.41 and in the B/C/DP Account is \$2,248.38 cash on hand and total investments of \$49,801.90.

**Presentation of Statements:**

Name	Purpose	Amount
Hap Abraham Catering	April Dinner	\$462.24
Joslyn Art Museum	Room Rental	\$350.00
Payless Office Products	9 Name Badges	\$ 67.22
EWI Corporate	Leadership CD's for scholarship recipients	\$ 34.90

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

**EWI Corporate Communications:**

From Diana Larsen, Corporate Secretary Treasurer. Does anyone know if we filled out the paperwork with Nebraska/Iowa to solicit funds (i.e. sponsorships, donations, etc.) for 501(c)(3) B/C/DP accounts? If so, we need to email her a copy. [Diana.larsen@gray-robinson.com](mailto:Diana.larsen@gray-robinson.com). Paperwork has not been done. Patty will email Diana to let her know. Also advised her that our chapter does cover 2 states. The counties in Iowa are Mills, Harrison, and Pottawattamie.

Received message from corporate that Ellie Morrow's application for Life Membership was received and processed.

**Committee Reports:**

Membership – Sue Burkhard – Sue reported on guests that are attending the May meeting and invited. Nancy Petula of Lovgren Marketing said EWI membership is not in budget to join now. Deb Love of Holland foundation still trying to join – may attend May mtg. Following up with Sue Beem of Methodist Hospital, Barb Ewer of Travel & Transport, Pam McCarty of Kiewit & Chris Larson of UNMC.

Program – Alecia Hartwig – May 27 is ASIST Scholarship Banquet at OCC at \$30 ea. Change June 24<sup>th</sup> mtg. to World Herald, over lunch & July 22<sup>nd</sup> mtg. to Chamber. Patty will check on parking options.

Publication – Lori Mitera – newsletter to go out tomorrow

Sergeant-at-Arms – Jennifer Chleboun - no report

Ways & Means - Linda Smith – no report

Long Range Planning/ Marketing – Darlis Vauble – Meeting with Cathy Bodammer and new website contact at OPPD, Diana McKeever, on Tuesday, May 19. Will bring templates for new website design.

B/C/DP - Patty Bain – two recipients: Marcia Friesz & Rebecca Jablonski. They are being notified & invited to attend dinner. Judges are also invited to attend the dinner.

Investment Committee – no report

Philanthropy – no report

Roster – Gwen Christensen – new pages going out per Lori Mitera

Nominating – Jane Allamong – progressing nicely per Darlis Vauble – nice list of candidates to chose from – committee is meeting next week to start calling candidates and finalize slate.

**Unfinished Business:**

Compilation is due June 1<sup>st</sup>. Hilary Allen is planning to schedule a meeting with Darlis Vauble, JoAnn Drefs & Patty Bain for next week at Bland & Assoc.

**New Business:**

None.

**Announcements:**

Publication Deadline: Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 4:00pm at Doubletree Hotel, 16<sup>th</sup> & Dodge

Next Chapter Meeting: Wednesday, June 24, 12 Noon at Omaha World Herald

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at: 4:55 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL  
OMAHA CHAPTER**

**TREASURER'S REPORT - GENERAL ACCOUNT  
Board Meeting  
May 14, 2009**

Period: April 1, 2009 to April 30, 2009

**CASH ON HAND: April 1, 2009** **\$ 6,211.59**

**INCOME & RECEIPTS**

Dinner Income - March	\$	340.00
Membership Income - College of St. Mary Dues		665.00
Bank Interest		4.12
<b>Total Income &amp; Receipts</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,009.12</b>

**EXPENSES**

Brandeis Catering - March dinner	\$	824.80
The Thompson Center - March meeting security fee		80.00
EWI Corporate - College of St. Mary Dues		560.00
Jane Allamong - Annual website hosting fee reimb.		167.50
First of Omaha Merchant Fees		10.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,642.30</b>

**Net Decrease in Funds for Period Ended April 30, 2009** **(633.18)**

**CASH ON HAND: April 30, 2009** **\$ 5,578.41**

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL  
OMAHA CHAPTER**

**TREASURER'S REPORT - B/C/DP ACCOUNT  
Board Meeting  
May 14, 2009**

**Period: April 1, 2009 to April 30, 2009**

<b>CASH ON HAND: April 1, 2009</b>		<b>\$ 1,857.58</b>
 <b>INCOME &amp; RECEIPTS</b>		
Proceeds from Party With a Purpose	<u>\$ 390.80</u>	
<b>Total Income &amp; Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 390.80</b>	
 <b>EXPENSES</b>		
None	<u>\$ -</u>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
 <b>Net Increase in Funds for Period Ended April 30, 2009</b>		 <b><u>390.80</u></b>
 <b>CASH ON HAND: April 30, 2009</b>		 <b><u><u>\$ 2,248.38</u></u></b>
 <b>INVESTMENTS ON HAND: April 30, 2009</b>		
Clipper Fund	\$ 16,206.22	
Vanguard Intermediate Bond Fund	13,654.01	
Vanguard Balanced Index Fund	15,299.52	
Vanguard Morgan Growth Fund	<u>2,393.77</u>	
 <b>Total Investments</b>		 <b>\$ 47,553.52</b>
<b>Total Cash</b>		<b><u>2,248.38</u></b>
 <b>TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS ON HAND: April 30, 2009</b>		 <b><u><u>\$ 49,801.90</u></u></b>

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

Member Firms:	18
Representatives:	23
Life Members:	2
ASIST:	0
Guests:	27
<b>Total Attendance:</b>	<b>32</b>

\*Percent of Total Firms: 69.2%

\*Percent of Total Representatives: 67.6%

**Submitted by:**

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

**\*Based from Membership Report (26 firms, 34 reps, 8 Life Members)**

**April, 2009 Dinner Attendance**

Member Firms:	16
Representatives:	20
Life Members:	1
ASIST:	0
Guests:	4
<b>Total Attendance:</b>	<b>25</b>

\*Percent of Total Firms: 64.0%

\*Percent of Total Representatives: 66.6%

**Submitted by:**

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

**\*Based from Membership Report (25 firms, 31 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  
Daugherty Foundation – Brienne Wilde  
Doubletree Hotel Downtown – Patty Bain  
Embassy Suites Hotel – Mary Jane Taylor  
Girls Incorporated of Omaha – Jane Allamong  
Goodwill Industries, Inc. – Bobbie Tvrdik

Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce – Alecia Hartwig  
Kelly Services – Jane Moffitt  
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  
SilverStone Group, Inc. – Jeannie Aldredge  
Tero International- Becky Rupiper-Greene  
West Asset Management – Lori Mitera, Gwen  
Christensen, Stacie Robertson  
Woodman of the World Life Insurance Society – Darlis  
Vauble  
Transitional Members – Barb Ewer  
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

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To be the Leading Connection for Business Professionals

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