



President's Message

What a nice setting for our April meeting! I am really looking forward to seeing Joslyn's sculpture garden which is scheduled to be completed in just a couple weeks. Jazz on the Green will take place amongst it, so you won't want to miss out. Special thanks to Ruth Utman for arranging to have Brooks Joyner speak to us. You can tell he has a passion for art and a knack for drawing the audience in.

We always look forward to the ASIST Scholarship banquet, don't we? Valda Boyd Ford, our speaker, will be one of 10 women honored by the YWCA on June 9 at its annual Tribute to Women luncheon. The luncheon annually recognizes women who make significant contributions to the community. Valda will be honored in the category of Human Services/Community Advocate. Valda will share an inspirational message not only to benefit our scholarship winners, but our membership as well.

We have room in the gift bags we give to the scholarship recipients for more items - thank you to AOI and OPPD for donating the bags. Typically these are logo gifts from our member firms that the scholarship recipients can use. It also helps identify for them the firms that make up the Omaha chapter. If you have something you can contribute to the bags, please bring them to the banquet. I hope everyone is able to make it on May 27. This would also be a good meeting to bring a guest.

TGFS! (Thank God for Spring!)

Patty Bain

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www.ewi-omaha.org

www.executivewomen.org

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May:

EWI Board Meeting
Bland & Associates
8712 West Dodge Rd.
4:00pm, May 12, 2009

EWI Monthly Meeting:
Omaha Country Club
6900 Country Club Road
5:30pm, May 27, 2009

Birthdays:

Michelle Mueller	May 23
Brianne Wilde	May 26

Our condolences to Ruth Utman on the recent loss of her father-in-law. Our sympathies are with Ruth and her family at this difficult time.

Ruth has asked that we pass the following message along to our membership.

Thanks to everyone who called and sent cards or e-mails during this difficult time. Even though my father-in-law was 90, he had been very active still riding his four-wheeler, pumping up water for the cows and cutting down trees with his chain saw. So it was a big shock for us and will take a while to sink in especially since he lived just four miles from us and we saw him almost daily. We are thankful he had a good, full life, and for our many friends like you who have been such a source of support and encouragement to us. We are truly blessed.

Ruth Utman & family

Mentors for New Reps

We are still in need of a couple more mentors for our new reps. If you are interested or have questions in this regard, please contact Sue Burkhard at sburkhard@mccarthyadvisors.com or via phone at 361-2015. Mentors that have volunteered thus far are Linda Hammond, Cathy Bodammer, Patty McElderry and Lori Mitera. Thank you for considering this worthwhile endeavor for the benefit of our chapter!

New Member Firm Spotlight – College of Saint Mary

(Representatives – Shirley Gunderson, Gail Thompson, Carolyn Ziemann)

College of Saint Mary was founded in 1923 by the Sisters of Mercy and moved to its current location on Mercy Road in 1958. CSM is a Catholic college dedicated to the education of women in an environment that calls forth potential and fosters leadership. We offer thirty programs of study including courses in education, nursing, applied psychology, forensic science and women's studies with divisions in professional studies, arts and sciences, and health professions. Our graduate programs in education, the health professions and organizational leadership enable professionals to reach their career and personal goals. CSM offers innovative programs typically not offered elsewhere, including a residence hall, Mothers Living & Learning, which allows over thirty single mothers and their children to live on campus while the mother pursues her degree. Our education students teach at-risk children while learning to instruct math and science in our Operation SMART Program.

College of Saint Mary has three EWI representatives. Please see below for an introduction of each of these ladies.

Shirley Gunderson is the Executive Assistant to College of Saint Mary President, Dr. Maryanne Stevens, RSM. Shirley has been with the college since 2007. Prior to this she was employed at Nebraska Methodist Hospital as the Administrative Assistant to the President, COO, and V.P. of Nursing. Shirley and her husband Shane have two teenagers and are active in the Stewardship Committee at St. James Church. Shirley prepares the alter server schedule for St. James and is also a member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Ministry of Mothers Sharing. Shirley enjoys reading, scrapbooking and playing with her pets; two cats (Tiger Lilly & Milo) and one dog (Max).

Gail Thompson has worked at College of Saint Mary for six years, five years as Assistant Registrar and one year as Data Manager for Institutional Advancement. Gail has a BA in English Literature and an MS in English Education from Wayne State College. Gail and her husband, Francis, reside in Fremont, NE with two miniature Schnauzers, LeLe and Harley, and cats Phoebe and Sophia. Her three sons, Spencer, Tyler, and Andrew are grown and successfully making their way in the world. Four grandsons and one granddaughter provide immense joy. She enjoys being outdoors gardening and is a voracious reader of all genres. Her hobbies are cross stitch and crochet.

Carolyn Ziemann has been with the College of Saint Mary for seven years and has enjoyed many positions including; student accounts, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, and most recently as the Administrative Assistant to the VP of Finance/CFO. She has a Bachelor Degree in Fine Arts from UNL as well as an Associate of Science degree from CSM. In her free time she enjoys doing her artwork, Pilates, reading, gardening, cooking and relaxing with her husband Kevin.

Welcome to College of Saint Mary as a new member firm! We look forward to having Shirley, Gail and Carolyn among our membership.

May Chapter Meeting

May 27, 2009

Omaha Country Club

6900 Country Club Road

(located just north of 72nd Street and Sorenson Parkway - south of I-680 and 72nd Street)

ASIST SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

5:30pm-6:15pm - Networking & Cash Bar

6:15pm-7:00pm - Welcome & Dinner

7:00pm-7:20pm - Guest Speaker Valda Boyd Ford, MPH, MS, RN, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Human Diversity, Inc.

7:20pm - Scholarship Award Presentation

Menu:

Mixed Greens with Sliced Strawberries, Feta, Candied Pecans and Champagne Vinaigrette

Chicken and Mushroom Purse with Basil Sauce: A warm creamy chicken and mushroom mixture wrapped inside a phyllo, served with sautéed vegetables

Rolls and Butter
Hot Fudge Sundae
Coffee, Tea

\$30.00 per person

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, May 22

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Guests: _____

Email: jennifer.chleboun@ameristar.com

Subject Line: EWI RSVP

Mail: Jennifer Chleboun

Ameristar Casino

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Donations for ASIST Scholarship Gift Bags

If your firm has any items they can contribute for use in the ASIST Scholarship winner gift bags, please let Patty Bain know and bring them to the May meeting. We would need items in quantities of two so that we can fill two gift bags. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events!

June Chapter Meeting – June 24, 2009 Omaha World Herald Press Tour

12:00-12:30pm – Lunch/Meeting in the Sun Room in the Omaha World Herald Cafeteria (pre-ordered sandwiches)

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

July Chapter Meeting – July 11, 2009 Omaha Development and Outlook Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce

5:30pm – Networking/cocktails

6:00pm – Dinner (informal)

6:30pm – Presentation/Q&A

62nd Annual Leadership Conference & Annual Meeting – September 24-26, 2009 Louisville Marriott Downtown Louisville, KY

Registration Opens: June 2009

Check ewiconnect.com for updates.

October Chapter Meeting - October 21, 2009 Executive's Night - Joslyn Castle

Please note that this will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month rather than the usual 4th Wednesday due to the availability of the venue. The Planning Committee, chaired by Linda Hammond, will have further information for us as the date gets closer.

Spring



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®
April 14, 2009

Call to Order: Greater Omaha Chamber, Called to order at 4:05 by Patty Bain

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

Minutes:

The March Board Meeting Minutes were published in the April newsletter. Is there a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes? Motion made by Sue Burkhard. Seconded by Hillary Allen. All in Favor.

Are there any corrections?

Is there a motion to approve the March 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: \$6,211.59 and in the B/C/DP Account is: \$1,857.58 cash on hand and total investments of \$45,387.00.

Presentation of Statements:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
International Catering – Brandeis	March appetizers	\$824.80
Thompson Alumni Center	Security at March event	\$80.00
EWI Corporate	Dues-College of St. Mary's	\$560.00

Is there a motion to approve payment of these statements? Motion made by Jennifer Chleboun. Seconded by Alecia Hartwig. All in Favor. The Treasurers report will be filed for audit.

The 2008 year end report needs to be compiled. Jo Anne Drefs, Patty Bain, and Darlis Vauble agreed to serve on this committee. Hilary Allen will organize.

EWI Corporate Communications:

None

Committee Reports:

Membership – Sue Burkhard: 24 member firms renewed for 2009, a loss of 10 member firms. Added two new members firms: The Daughterty Foundation represented by Brianne Wilde, and the College of St. Mary represented by Shirley Gunderson, Carolyn Ziemann and Gail Thompson. Several active prospects, many who plan to attend April's meeting. Firms with replacement representatives include: Embassy Suites (Mary Jane Taylor), AAA Rents (Sheryl Martin), Bridges Investment Counsel (Margaret "Sam" Rutherford). Firms with additional representatives include West Asset Management (Stacie Robertson and Gwen Christensen).

Program – Alecia Hartwig: April meeting on the 22nd held at Joslyn Art Museum – thanks to Ruth for putting together. May 27 meeting is the ASIST Awards Banquet held at Omaha Country Club. Discussed June meeting with David Brown, President and CEO of the Greater Omaha Chamber to present an update of development in Omaha. Discussed July meeting to be held at 12:00-1:30 at the Omaha World Herald, with a tour of the Freedom Center.

Publication – Lori Mitera: Will be updating the publications timeline, updated roster, and submittal for new member name badges.

Sergeant-at-Arms – Jennifer Chleboun: One of our new prospects is allergic to dairy and gluten.

Ways & Means – Linda Smith: Patty Bain in Linda absence gave the report. \$560.00 was raised for the ASIST Scholarship Fund at the Party with a Purpose event. See attached report. Discussion about doing this event again, perhaps in November before the holiday season or next year.

Long Range Planning/ Marketing – Darlis Vauble: No report.

B/C/DP - Open (Patty Bain): Planning of the ASIST banquet is moving forward. Valda Ford with the Center for Human Diversity agreed to present gratis with a \$50 donation to her organization. Received 5 scholarship applications. Looking at allotting \$2,000 for scholarships this year. Planning to do a basket auction at Executive's Night in October to build the scholarship fund.

Investment Committee – No report.

Philanthropy – No report.

Roster – Gwen Christensen: A new roster including new members is being put together.

Nominating – Open – See new business for approval of Jane Allamong as Chair of the Nominating Committee. Discussion about the nomination process.

Unfinished Business:

Finally sent updated information for local website. New contact for website at OPPD is Diana McKeever. dmckeever@oppd.com, Phone: 636-2347

New Business:

A motion was made by Sue Burkhard to nominate Jane Allamong as Chair of Nominating Committee.

Seconded by Jennifer Chleboun. The motion was approved. The board appointed Darlis Vauble to serve on the nominating committee as well. We will need 1 member for the general membership to serve as well.

A motion was made by Alecia Hartwig, seconded by Darlis Vauble, and all approved to post the following prospects.

- Lovgren Marketing Group, Nancy Petula
- The Holland Foundation, Deb Love
- UNMC, Chris Larson
- Methodist Health System, Sue Beem
- Travel and Transport, Barb Ewer
- NP Dodge, Linda Call
- SRM, Inc. Lexey Sorenson
- S'Imaginer, LLC, Deb Danielson

Business Meeting to be held in April. Besides committee reports, Need to vote on:

Ellie's Life Membership (board approved at March meeting)

Nominating Committee vote, 1 from floor

Announcements:

Publication Deadline: Tuesday, May 12

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 4:00pm at Bland and Associates on 87th and Dodge.

Next Chapter Meeting: Wednesday, May 27, 5:30pm at Omaha Country Club – ASIST Scholarship Award Dinner

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at: 5:01 p.m.

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FORM 18
Minutes of Chapter Business Meeting
Omaha Chapter
EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL®
April 22, 2009

Call to Order:	Joslyn Art Museum, Time: 7:20 pm
Roll Call:	Total number of Representatives in Chapter: 34 Total present: 26 present / 19 member firms Confirmed we have a quorum for voting purposes.
Minutes:	
<p>The minutes from the Annual Meeting in November 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.</p> <p>Are there any corrections? None</p> <p>Is there a motion to approve the November 2008 Annual Meeting minutes? Motion made by Darlis Vauble. Seconded by Patty McElderry. All in Favor.</p>	
Treasurer's Report:	
<p>The Quarterly Treasurer's Report is attached and has been sent to the corporate office. The balance in the General Account is \$6,211.59 and in the B/D/DP Account is \$45,387.00.</p> <p>Does anyone have any statements that need payment? \$167.50 reimbursement to Jane Allamong for Web Site Posting Fee</p> <p>Is there a motion to approve payment of these statements (if presented)? Motion made by Linda Hutchens. Seconded by Linda Smith. All in Favor.</p>	
EWI Corporate Communications:	
<p>New Executive Director – Lynn W. Shaffer, effective April 6, 2009.</p> <p>\$25.00 Education Stimulus offer for any EWI Online Course</p> <p>EWI Fellows Scholarship applications – deadline is April 30, 2009</p> <p>Reading Rally T-shirt Design Contest – deadline is April 27, 2009</p> <p>Loss of Past Chapter and Corporate President – Jeanne Rovenger Eddy passed away. She was Corporate International President 1975-1976.</p>	

Committee Reports:

Membership – Sue Burkhard – Report is attached. New mentoring program has also started. Thank you to seasoned representatives who are paired with new representatives. Mentor's introduced new members:

College of St. Mary: Shirley Gunderson, Gail Thompson

Bridges Investment: Margaret "Sam" Rutherford

Daugherty Foundation: Brianne Wilde

Sue also distributed new "Prospective Member Contact Records" for representative's to complete and give Membership Committee to follow up on.

Program – Alecia Hartwig – Chapter calendar is attached. Next meeting at Omaha Country Club, ASIST

Publication – Lori Mitera - Publication deadlines are attached

Sergeant-at-Arms – Jennifer Chleboun – no report

Ways & Means - Linda Smith – Party with a Purpose fundraiser results are attached

Long Range Planning/ Marketing – Darlis Vaule – new website contact, working out details on getting information posted to local chapter website.

B/C/DP - Patty Bain – Meeting at OCC next month w/ Valda Ford as speaker

Investment Committee – Hilary Allen – No report

Roster – Gwen Christensen – new pages for new members forthcoming

Nominating –Jane Allamong. The board elected Jane Allamong to serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee at the April 14, 2009 board meeting. Also elected to serve on the committee was Darlis Vaule. We need 3 or 5 people to serve on this committee (odd number), and so need a nomination from the general membership.

Gwen Christensen was nominated by Stacie Robertson. Seconded by Ruth Utman. All in Favor.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Chapter Life Membership Application: Ellie Morrow has submitted and board approved at March board meeting.

A Chapter Life Member shall be an individual not otherwise qualified for membership, who has been a Representative in good standing for at least ten years, and whose name the Chapter desires to enroll because of special meritorious service above and beyond the call of duty to the Chapter. A Chapter Life Member has no voting rights and may not serve as an Officer or Director, but may attend all meetings and functions.

Motion made by Ruth Utman to bestow Life Member status to Ellie Morrow. Seconded by Patty McElderry. All in Favor.

Announcements:

Publication Deadline: Tuesday, May 12

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 12

Next Chapter Meeting: Wednesday, May 27, ASIST Scholarship Award Dinner - Omaha Country Club, 5:30pm. Speaker is Valda Ford, she is involved with the Strongheart Fellowship in Liberia, West Africa, which is a program that teaches children who have been orphaned by war about leadership, social entrepreneurship and microenterprise.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at: 7:50 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER**

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

Period: March 1, 2009 to March 31, 2009

CASH ON HAND: March 1, 2009 **\$ 4,931.10**

INCOME & RECEIPTS

Dinner Income - February	\$	372.00
Dinner Income - March		300.00
Membership Income - 2009 Dues		815.00
Ways & Means Income - February raffle		39.00
Bank Interest		4.13
Total Income & Receipts	\$	<u>1,530.13</u>

EXPENSES

Bland & Associates, P.C. - FedEx charges for dues to corporate	\$	19.64
EWI Corporate - Daugherty Foundation Dues		220.00
First of Omaha Merchant Fees		10.00
Total Expenses	\$	<u>249.64</u>

Net Decrease in Funds for Period Ended March 31, 2009 **1,280.49**

CASH ON HAND: March 31, 2009 **\$ 6,211.59**

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER**

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

Period: March 1, 2009 to March 31, 2009

CASH ON HAND: March 1, 2009		\$ 1,692.58
 INCOME & RECEIPTS		
Donations to Scholarship Fund	\$ 165.00	
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Total Income & Receipts	\$ 165.00	
 EXPENSES		
None	\$ -	
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Total Expenses	\$ -	
 Net Increase in Funds for Period Ended March 31, 2009		 <hr/>165.00
 CASH ON HAND: March 31, 2009		 <hr/><hr/>\$ 1,857.58
 INVESTMENTS ON HAND: March 31, 2009		
Clipper Fund	\$ 14,017.26	
Vanguard Intermediate Bond Fund	13,040.07	
Vanguard Balanced Index Fund	14,258.67	
Vanguard Morgan Growth Fund	2,213.42	
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Total Investments		\$ 43,529.42
Total Cash		<hr/>1,857.58
 TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS ON HAND: March 31, 2009		 <hr/><hr/>\$ 45,387.00

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

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

*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)**

March, 2009 Dinner Attendance

Member Firms:	20
Representatives:	24
Life Members:	1
ASIST:	0
Guests:	27
Total Attendance:	52

*Percent of Total Firms: 80.0%

*Percent of Total Representatives: 77.4%

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
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

Vision

To be the Leading Connection for Business Professionals

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