



President's Message

WOW, what a successful Executive Night!!! The Joslyn Castle was a wonderful venue to showcase our Chapter to our Executives and update them on the many accomplishments we've had over the past year. I felt extremely proud to inform them of the assistance we provided through our ASIST program and our Reading Rally. It was also great to see our Executives network with each other just as we do

at our Chapter meetings and within the community. Our Chapter's thanks to Linda Hammond and her Committee for all their hard work.

Kudos also to Bobbie Tvrdik and Gail Thompson for a triumphant Reading Rally held at Girls Incorporated this past October 20. The girls (ages 8-10) were very attentive as Shirley Gunderson read the book "When Donkeys Fly." After some conversation regarding the book, the girls were asked to write three goals on their note cards and place them in an envelope to be opened next year. Each girl diligently wrote their goals and was eager to share them. Thanks to all the firms who made donations and to the representatives who donated their time to be there.

Our November meeting should be a fun night! We'll be getting together for EWI 101 – come and learn or re-learn what EWI and your Chapter has to offer you and your firm. We'll play some EWI trivia, set some short-term goals, and have the opportunity to learn about the various committees you can become involved in. The highlight of the evening will be your suggestions on where you see your chapter heading and what programs would be of interest to you for the upcoming year. This is your chapter – become involved!!

Along those lines, you will be receiving a survey via email regarding the chapter. It has been awhile since we have conducted one and the Board hopes to incorporate the responses into our November meeting to assist with short-term goals and planning programs. Please complete the survey as soon as possible and be candid.

It is also that time of year when we begin to consider membership for the 2010 year. I want to encourage each of you and your firm to stay active in the Omaha Chapter and also to encourage you to invite a firm to become a member. With this economy, we need to show our firms that there are only good things to gain by staying in the organization or becoming a member of the organization.

In closing, I look forward to networking with each of you at the November meeting. Remember Chapter meetings take place the 3rd week during the months of November and December. May you and yours have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Darlis Vauble

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October Meeting Highlights EXECUTIVE'S NIGHT AT JOSLYN CASTLE!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November:

EWI Board Meeting
Burlington Capital
4:00pm, November 3, 2009

EWI Monthly Meeting:
College of Saint Mary
Wednesday, November 18,
7000 Mercy Road, Mercy Hall
5:45pm, November 18, 2009

Birthdays:

Misty Sessions	November 3
Alecia Hartwig	November 4
Patty Bain	November 7
Carolyn Ziemann	November 9
Carol Armstrong	November 13

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www.ewi-omaha.org
www.ewiconnect.com



Executives Night Recap

On October 21, we held our Executive's Night at *Joslyn Castle*. Our Executives were treated to an evening of networking and tours of the Joslyn Castle. Sarah Joslyn was on hand to give us an insight to what her life was like living in such a beautiful home. Brandies catering did a wonderful job with the hors d' oeuvres. Thank you to the Committee headed by Linda Hammond for the wonderful job they did on making it a night to remember!

Thank you to all who donated to the Silent Basket Auction. Due to your generosity we were able to generate **\$2,070.00** for our Business Career Development Program (B/C/DP Account), which funds our ASIST Scholarships.



Wishing all our members
and member firms
a wonderful
Thanksgiving holiday!



November Chapter Meeting

“EWI 101”

November 18

College of Saint Mary
7000 Mercy Road

5:45p.m. – Networking

6:15p.m. – Program and dinner

Directions

The meeting will be held in Mercy Hall in the conference room next to the book store on the ground level.

Parking: Enter campus through the Mercy Road entrance.

Parking is available in lot in front of Mercy Hall, which is to the left of the round-a-bout.

Menu: Fiesta Bar, Chips & Salsa, Wine and Dessert
\$20.00 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, November 13

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Guests: _____

Email: jschawang@aoicorp.com

Subject Line: EWI RSVP

Mail: Janet Schawang

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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!

SAVE THE DATE!

December Chapter Meeting

December 16

(note the date is not the usual 4th Wednesday due to the Christmas holiday)

Meeting Location to Be Determined

We Saw It Here



Look who's in the October 23rd edition of the *Midlands Business Journal*! It would be our own Becky Rupiper-Greene! Look for the article attached to this email.

COMING SOON!

Look for new additions to our newsletter.

We will be adding new features to the newsletter beginning with our new “We Saw It Here” segment. If you have a story you have seen somewhere that highlights a member or the member firm, email it to Gwen Christensen at gchristensen@west.com and we will put it in the next edition.

We will also be adding a “Member Spotlight Section”. This will feature a member and their firm.

Please keep the family of our member Jen Chleboun in your prayers. Her mother and sister were in a very bad car accident on their way to Phoenix, AZ. They are both out of the hospital now; however, they are still in a lot of pain. Jen's sister lost all of her belongings in the accident as the U-Haul she was towing and her vehicle were damaged beyond repair due to the accident.

Your opinion counts! Check your email soon for a very important SURVEY!!!

In keeping with our discussions of “Taking EWI Into the Future”, we have developed a survey for our Chapter Members to take regarding Omaha Chapter EWI. This survey is available to us due to the generosity of Woodman of the World. They are allowing us to use their survey program for our survey. We would like you to use this opportunity to be honest with your answers. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey. The survey will need to be completed by November 16, 2009.

“When Donkeys Fly” Reading Rally - October 20

submitted by **Bobbie Tvrdik**

At 4:30 pm on October 20th, EWI hosted a Reading Rally at Girls, Inc. for 23 little 9 and 10 year olds who bounced into a classroom with amazing energy and questions. Five EWI reps along with Shannon Dunning managed to draw their attention to Shirley Gunderson (College of St. Mary) who captivated them with her reading of “When Donkey’s Fly”.

Later the girls were each presented with the book, a t-shirt and a goody bag filled with stickers, pencils and 3x5 cards. We asked the girls to write down goals they would like to achieve within the next year, or even longer. The cards were given to Girls, Inc. staff that will redistribute them to the girls a year from now.

Special thanks goes to OPPD for donating the cost of twelve of the books and to Darlis Vauble, Cheryl Hahn (Woodmen), Shirley Gunderson, Gail Thompson (College of St. Mary) who were there to make the day memorable for the girls.

We still have six books available for sale at a cost of \$11.00 each. If you would like to purchase one or two, please email me at btvrdik@goodwillomaha.org if you would like to purchase one or two. They would make great gifts!

If you would like to see more photos and information from the reading Rally, you can go to Girls Inc.’s website under gossip blog for more pictures and comments from the girls. (www.girlsincomaha.org)



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 two months free!*

For example, by joining in November, 2009, your dues will cover 14 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 November 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!

EWI Corporate News

Calling All Chapters

EWI Corporate would love to hear you brag about your Chapter so we can brag about you to all of EWI! Tell us about your Chapter's best practices, fundraising events, outstanding programming, innovative recruitment efforts, or anything else that showcases the mission of EWI: Connections, Careers, and Communities. Among other things, your sharing will serve at least two purposes: 1) Attract attention to great ideas and successes, and 2) Help the Corporate Board to be watchful to see which Chapter(s) may qualify for the 2010 Tillie Award.

EWI's Tillie Award was first awarded in 1951. Although the award disappeared for many years, it was re-launched at LCAM 2008 and presented to EWI of Columbus. This award is given to a Chapter that demonstrates outstanding efforts in the mission of EWI by promoting Connections, Careers, and Communities. We congratulate EWI of Chattanooga for being the 2009 Tillie Award recipient!

Please submit information that you would be comfortable and excited to share with all of EWI about your Chapter through your newsletter, or otherwise, to ewi@ewiconnect.com. Subject line should read: EWI Sharing of Ideas.



FORM 18
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Omaha Chapter
EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL®
October 6, 2009

Call to Order:	Woodmen of the World. Called to order at: 3:45pm by Darlis Vauble.	
Roll Call:	Darlis Vauble, Patty Bain, Ruth Utman, Alecia Hartwig, Lori Mitera, Sue Burkhard, Jennifer Chleboun, Gwen Christensen, Connie Davis, Janet Schawang Excused: Hilary Allen Absent: Linda Smith	
Minutes:		
The September Board Meeting Minutes are attached. Is there a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes? Motion made by Sue Burkhard. Seconded by Alecia Hartwig. All in favor.		
Are there any corrections? None		
Is there a motion to approve the September 2009 Board Meeting Minutes? Motion made by Lori Mitera. Seconded by Gwen Christensen. All in favor.		
Treasurer's Report:		
The September Treasurer's Report will be emailed to the Board for approval as the outgoing Treasurer was not in attendance. The incoming Treasurer did not yet have this information.		
Presentation of Statements:		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ellie Morrow	Reimbursement of wine for September chapter meeting	\$64.36
Darlis Vauble	LCAM expenses (hotel/taxi/baggage fee)	\$1,010.16
Jane Allamong	LCAM expenses (taxi/dinner/corsage expenses)	\$118.05
Bellevue University	Scholarship payment (for Marcia Friesz)	\$1,000.00
College of Saint Mary	Scholarship payment (for Rebecca Jablonski)	\$1,000.00
Celestial Cuisine	September chapter meeting dinner	\$375.57
EWI Corporate	Dues for new members	\$780.00
Is there a motion to approve payment of these statements? Motion made by Gwen Christensen. Seconded by Connie Davis. All in favor.		
Communications:		
None.		
Committee Reports:		
Membership – Sue Burkhard – We have replacement rep for Embassy Suites. ACI is interested in attending Executives' Night. Opera Omaha may attend November meeting. Still working on Omaha Zoo Foundation. Ellie Morrow talking to HDM Corp. Executives' Night would be a great opportunity for a prospective member to attend. Discussed doing letters/calls to firms to encourage renewal for 2010.		

Committee Reports (continued):

Program – Alecia Hartwig – September is Installation of Officers hosted by West Asset Management. Looking for a volunteer to host the November meeting. Program will be a planning meeting for 2010.

Publication – Lori Mitera – Newsletter transitioning to new Publication Directory. Will go out this week.

Sergeant-at-Arms – Jennifer Chleboun – Report sent to Lori Mitera. Will train with Janet Schawang for next report.

Ways & Means - Connie Davis – Have 12 baskets for silent auction at Executives’ Night so far. Money will go to the BCDP account.

Long Range Planning/ Marketing – Darlis Vauble — Still working with OPPD on EWI chapter website.

B/C/DP - Patty Bain – Bobbie Tvrdik and Gail Thompson are co-chairs of Reading Rally – date is October 20. Update was given at September 30 chapter meeting. Those interested in assisting should contact Bobbie or Gail.

Investment Committee – Sue Burkhard’s firm has offered to help look at our investments in an advisor capacity.

Philanthropy – No report.

Roster – Gwen Christensen – Updated list of new officers and new cover will be sent to the membership along with new rep from Embassy Suites once they are available.

Nominating – New officers were installed at September 30 meeting.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Recap of LCAM by Darlis Vauble. Darlis shared material she received at the Presidents’ Caucus at LCAM.

Announcements:

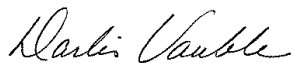
Publication Deadline: Tuesday, November 3.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 3 at Burlington Capital Group at 4:00pm.

Next Chapter Meeting: Wednesday, October 21, Joslyn Castle (Executives’ Night).

Adjournment:

Time: 5:33 pm

Approved:**Submitted:**


Lori Mitera, Secretary

Darlis Vauble, President

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER**

**TREASURER'S REPORT - GENERAL ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
October 6, 2009**

Period: September 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009

CASH ON HAND: September 1, 2009 **\$ 5,018.54**

INCOME & RECEIPTS

Dinner income - August meeting	\$ 525.00
Raffle income - August meeting	47.00
Bank Interest	0.98
Total Income & Receipts	\$ 572.98

EXPENSES

Upstream Brewing Company - August dinner meeting	\$ 650.00
Jane Allamong - LCAM registration and airfare reimbursement	844.40
Payless Office Products - 4 name badges	29.87
Atlanta Chapter EWI - EWI pins (to be reimbursed by members)	220.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1,744.27

Net Decrease in Funds for Period Ended September 30, 2009 **(1,171.29)**

CASH ON HAND: September 30, 2009 **\$ 3,847.25**

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER**

**TREASURER'S REPORT - B/C/DP ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
October 6, 2009**

Period: September 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009

CASH ON HAND: September 1, 2009 **\$ 2,279.77**

INCOME & RECEIPTS

None \$ -

Total Income & Receipts \$ -

EXPENSES

Absolute Serenity Day Spa - Gift Certificate for Basket Auction \$ 100.00

East Coast Creative Group - Reading Rally books 385.00

Total Expenses \$ 485.00

Net Increase in Funds for Period Ended September 30, 2009 (485.00)

CASH ON HAND: September 30, 2009 \$ 1,794.77

INVESTMENTS ON HAND: September 30, 2009

Clipper Fund \$ 20,359.34

Vanguard Intermediate Bond Fund 15,173.32

Vanguard Balanced Index Fund 17,570.67

Vanguard Morgan Growth Fund 2,934.83

Total Investments **\$ 56,038.16**

Total Cash 1,794.77

TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS ON HAND: September 30, 2009 \$ 57,832.93

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER**

ATTENDANCE REPORT

October 2009 Dinner Attendance

Member Firms:	18
Representatives:	27
Life Members:	0
ASIST:	0
Guests:	46
Total Attendance:	73

*Percent of Total Firms: 62.1%

*Percent of Total Representatives: 67.5%

Submitted by:

**Jenni Chleboun
EWI Sergeant-at-Arms**

***Based from Membership Report (29 firms, 39 reps, 8 Life Members)**

September, 2009 Dinner Attendance

Member Firms:	16
Representatives:	25
Life Members:	1
ASIST:	0
Guests:	1
Total Attendance:	27

*Percent of Total Firms: 55.2%

*Percent of Total Representatives: 64.1%

Submitted by:

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

***Based from Membership Report (29 firms, 39 reps, 8 Life Members)**

EWI – Omaha Chapter Membership List

AAA Rents & Event Services – Sheryl Martin
Alegent Health – Linda Franco
Ameristar – Jennifer Chleboun, Misty Sessions
AOI Corporation – Janet Schawang
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 – Gina Tielebein
Girls Incorporated of Omaha – Jane Allamong
Goodwill Industries, Inc. – Bobbie Tvrdik

Greater Omaha Chamber – Alecia Hartwig
Kelly Services – Mindy Begley
Lincoln Financial Group – Patty McElderry, Jo Anne
Drefs
McCarthy Group Advisors, LLC – Sue Burkhard
Methodist Health System – Sue Beem
Northern Natural Gas Company – Carol Armstrong
OPPD – Cathy Bodammer, Linda Hutchens, Carolyn
McClellan
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, Linda Smith
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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