



President's Message

As I reflect over the past year, it was both rewarding to be part of such a great group of women and uncertain with the start of the recession. None of us are immune from what is happening with our economy. We had some firms that were unable to renew their membership due to cutbacks, and we saw our investment funds that support our Business/Community & Development Program (B/C/DP) plummet.

The good news is, it can only get better! More good news, our Membership Committee excelled! Thank you to Sue Burkhard, our Membership Director, who persevered and lead the way for the committee to succeed. Membership is a committee that really takes commitment and follow through. It is not easy, but Sue and her committee have done an excellent job this year with promoting membership, pairing mentors for new members, and making new members feel welcome.

Programs are also a crucial for bringing value to our members. I would be remiss if I did not give extra kudos to Alecia Hartwig for the creative programs and speakers she brought to us this year. They were not only informative to the majority of our membership, but she was able to make them affordable during this tough economic year.

Now I feel like I have won an Academy Award, because the rest of the board and committees have really contributed to making this a successful year and I want to publicly thank them. *Lori Mitera* with her creative newsletters; *Gwen Christensen* for keeping our directory updated and ordering nametags; *Ruth Utman* for her fantastic recording of all board and business meetings; *Hilary Allen* for keeping our accounts in line; *Jennifer Chleboun* for tracking our meetings; *Linda Smith* for coming up with the fun "Party with a Purpose" fundraising event; *Linda Hammond* for heading up Executive's Night coming up; *Bobbie Tvrdik* and *Gail Thompson* for heading up our Reading Rally this year; and last but not least, *Darlis Vauble* who I know will be welcomed and supported as our incoming President for this upcoming year.

I know my decision to leave the Doubletree was not expected, but again our members pulled together to support our chapter. We have wonderful leadership representing the Omaha Chapter at our Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting in Louisville this year. Darlis Vauble and Jane Allamong serving as our Delegates as well as Cathy Bodammer and Bobbie Tvrdik as our Alternate Delegates.

Thank you Omaha Chapter! As our city is known for being welcoming and friendly, our chapter shines! I really appreciate the opportunity I had to serve you.

Patty Bain

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Ameristar Casino
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Greater Omaha Chamber
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Lori Mitera, Publication Director
West Asset Management
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Linda Smith, Ways & Means
Arbonne International
402-657-9735

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September:

EWI Board Meeting
Patty Bain's home
5:00pm, September 8, 2009

EWI Monthly Meeting:
West Asset Management
7171 Mercy Road
5:45pm, September 30, 2009

Birthdays:

Jennifer Chleboun	September 4
Linda Hutchens	September 12
Barb Ewer	September 14
Sheryl Martin	September 19
Lori Mitera	September 20

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.ewi-omaha.org
www.executivewomen.org

August Meeting Highlights



EXECUTIVE'S NIGHT AT JOSLYN CASTLE!

On October 21, we will be hosting an Executive's Night at *Joslyn Castle*. You and your executive will receive the formal invitation very soon. 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 by October 13 if there is something you would like to contribute for a basket.** Patty can be reached via email at pbain@ncghotels.com or via cell phone at 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.



September Chapter Meeting

September 30, 2009

West Asset Management
7171 Mercy Road

Installation of Officers & Annual Business Meeting

5:45 p.m. Networking
6:15 p.m. Dinner
6:45 p.m. Installation of Officers
Annual Business Meeting

Dinner Menu

Garden salad w/ranch & fat free Italian dressing
Grilled chicken breast with tarragon cream sauce
Roasted baby red potatoes
Vegetable medley
Rolls/butter
Assorted cheesecakes
Soda/water/wine

\$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, September 25

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Guests: _____

Email: jennifer.chleboun@ameristar.com

Subject Line: EWI RSVP

Mail: Jennifer Chleboun

Ameristar Casino

2200 River Road

Council Bluffs, IA 51501

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!

New Member Firm Spotlight – ConAgra Foods

(Representatives –Michele Graham and Kathy Fry)

ConAgra Foods is a leading branded foods company and is the trusted name behind many leading brands, including: Healthy Choice, Chef Boyardee, Egg Beaters, Hebrew National, Hunt's, Orville Redenbacher's, PAM, and Banquet, among others.

Since our first bag of flour was sold in 1867, ConAgra Foods has grown from a small Nebraska company into one of America's largest food companies. Our consumer brands are found in 97% of U.S. households and 26 are ranked first or second in their category. ConAgra Foods also has a very significant presence in commercial food products and is one of the nation's leading specialty potato providers to restaurants and other foodservice establishments.

With a vision statement: "One company growing by nourishing lives and finding a better way today ... one bite at a time," the company is dedicated to providing customers and consumers with food they can count on to taste great and provide good nutrition at a fair value.

As a part of ConAgra Foods dedication to the communities it serves, the ConAgra Foods® Foundation is leading the charge to *raise awareness* of the more than 12 million children in America who are at risk of hunger and to do something about it. The Foundation pursues sustainable solutions to end child hunger and teaches kids about nutrition so that children can get the nourishment they need today to flourish tomorrow. Through the *Nourish Today, Flourish Tomorrow* community involvement platform, the Foundation is committed to building a community of people who are passionate about ending child hunger and teaching kids and families about nutrition. We work to ensure kids have access to the food and facts they need to eat nutritiously, live balanced lifestyles and succeed in school and life.

Michele Graham is the Executive Assistant to the President and General Manager, and enjoys running, cycling and reading.

Kathy Fry is the Administrative Assistant to the Senior Vice President, Consumer Finance, and cake decorating and classic cars.

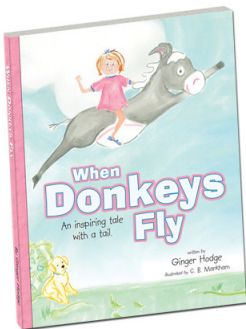
“When Donkeys Fly” Reading Rally – October 20

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 event on October 20 from 4:30-5:30pm for a group of 25 girls ages 9-10 years. We’re asking our membership to participate with sponsorship in three levels:

1. **Shoot for the Moon** – Purchasing T-shirts for the girls at a cost of 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 Tvrđik 231-1909). If you or your firm are unable to help financially, you may still participate by coming to Girls Inc. on October 20 to help with the program.

Thank you for your help as we show the girls that nothing is out of their reach – if they believe!



**GREAT
OPPORTUNITY
TO HELP
SUPPORT
EWI’S
LITERACY
INITIATIVE!**

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 four months free!*

For example, by joining in September, 2009, your dues will cover 16 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 September 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 SPEAKERS BUREAU

As part of EWI’s mission to “promote member firms”, EWI members and members of their firms with speaking experience are now able to post their profiles online at ewiconnect.com. This opportunity allows speakers to make their services available to EWI audiences, but also allows members to easily access speakers who can provide quality programming for their Chapters.

Registration is free for EWI members and your posting does not expire. Go to ewiconnect.com and select the “Speakers Bureau” button.

Non-EWI speakers may participate in this program also. If you know an excellent speaker who would like to network through EWI, refer them to the Speakers Bureau. They may join the Bureau for a fee of \$100 for a one-year posting. But if they join EWI – the posting is free!





FORM 18
Agenda of the Board of Directors Meeting
Omaha Chapter
EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL®
August 11, 2009

Call to Order: Doubletree Hotel EMC, Called to order at 4:10pm by Hilary Allen.

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

Minutes:

The July Board Meeting Minutes are attached. Is there a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes? Motion made by Sue Burkhard. Seconded by Hilary Allen. All in favor.

Are there any corrections? None

Is there a motion to approve the July 2009 Board Meeting Minutes?
 Motion made by Lori Mitera. Seconded by Sue Burkhard. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurers Report is attached. The balance in the General Account is \$5,320.76 and in the B/C/DP Account is \$2,279.77 cash on hand and total investments of \$53,375.86.

Presentation of Statements:

Name	Purpose	Amount
Woodmen of the World	Reimbursement for LCAM Airfare & Registration For Darlis Vauble	\$1,129.40

Is there a motion to approve payment of these statements? Motion made by Hilary Allen. Seconded by Sue Burkhard. All in favor. The Treasurers report will be filed for audit.

EWI Corporate Communications:

Note from Sally Komrofsky – Billie Rudd memorial to ASIST Program
 L-CAM materials

Committee Reports:

Membership – Sue Burkhard – New member firms are ConAgra with two reps: Michelle Graham & Kathy Fry and Travel & Transport with Barb Ewer. Checking on replacement rep for DoubleTree with Patty Bain leaving to work for Homewood Suites. Posted Homewood Suites/Patty Bain for membership. Also will check with Embassy Suites to see if they have a replacement rep.

Sue proposed a recruitment contest from now until the end of the year to increase membership. After discussion, a motion was made to offer \$50 to the person recruiting the most new firms from August through December 31, 2009. If there is a tie, a drawing will be held to determine the Top Recruiter / winner. Motion made by Jennifer Chleboun. Seconded by Lori Mitera. All in favor.

Program – Alecia Hartwig – August meeting is August 26th at Upstream West. Social meeting to begin at 5:30 pm. Casual dinner followed by EWI Trivia game. \$25 per person to include drink ticket with meal. Upstream is hosting appetizers. September is Installation of officers. Date moved to last week in Sept. (Sept. 30th) due to LCAM conflict.

Publication – Lori Mitera – will add new firms & reps and put out in newsletter

Sergeant-at-Arms – Jennifer Chleboun – Report published

Ways & Means - Linda Smith – No report

Long Range Planning/ Marketing – Darlis Vauble – OPPD has new website person, Jim Schober, who will be working on EWI website

B/C/DP - Bobbie Tvrdik, Gail Thompson – Will have baskets to bid on at October meeting for fundraising

Investment Committee – No report

Philanthropy – No report

Roster – Gwen Christensen – Will get new name tags & update roster per Lori Mitera

Nominating – Jane Allamong – Slate complete

Unfinished Business:**New Business:**

Installation - September

Announcements:

Publication Deadline: Tuesday, September 15

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 8, Patty Bain's house, 5:00 pm

Next Chapter Meeting: Wednesday, August 26, Upstream West

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at: 5:20 p.m.

Approved:


Patty Bain

Submitted:

Ruth Utman, Secretary

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FORM 18
Minutes of Chapter Business Meeting
Omaha Chapter
EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL®
August 26, 2009

Call to Order:	Called to order by Darlis Vauble, Vice President at the Upstream, 171 st & West Center Road Time: 7:50 pm
Roll Call:	Total number of Representatives in Chapter: 36 Total present: 24 Confirmed that a quorum was present.
New Business:	
<p>A vote on change of Delegates for Annual Meeting was cast by a fax ballot and 25 votes were cast in favor of changing the delegates to Darlis Vauble & Jane Allamong and alternates to Cathy Bodammer & Bobbie Tvrdik. This was done as one of the previous approved delegates changed firms and could not serve as a delegate.</p> <p>Darlis Vauble reviewed the proposed corporate budget and bylaw changes that will be discussed at the EWI Annual Meeting in Louisville. After discussion, a motion was made by Linda Hammond and seconded by Alicia Hartwig to send our chapter delegates to the Annual Meeting informed and uninstructed. Motion carried.</p>	
Adjournment:	
Meeting adjourned at: 8:00 p.m.	
Approved:	Submitted:
 Darlis Vauble, Vice President/President Elect	Ruth Utman, Secretary

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER**

**TREASURER'S REPORT - GENERAL ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
August 11, 2009**

Period: July 1, 2009 to July 31, 2009

CASH ON HAND: July 1, 2009 **\$ 4,475.23**

INCOME & RECEIPTS

New member dues - Woodmen & Methodist	\$ 485.00
Dinner income - May meeting	60.00
Dinner income - June meeting	291.20
Dinner income - July meeting	342.00
Raffle income - May	48.00
Raffle income - July	52.00
Bank Interest	1.18
Total Income & Receipts	\$ 1,279.38

EXPENSES

Alecia Hartwig - July dinner meeting	\$ 218.91
Payless Office Supplies - 2 name badges	14.94
EWI Corporate - LCAM Delegates fee	100.00
Robert Glaser - Deposit for Executives' Night pianist	100.00
Total Expenses	\$ 433.85

Net Increase in Funds for Period Ended July 31, 2009 **845.53**

CASH ON HAND: July 31, 2009 **\$ 5,320.76**

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER**

**TREASURER'S REPORT - B/C/DP ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
August 11, 2009**

Period: July 1, 2009 to July 31, 2009

CASH ON HAND: July 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 July 31, 2009		<hr/> -
CASH ON HAND: July 31, 2009		\$ 2,279.77
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INVESTMENTS ON HAND: July 31, 2009		
Clipper Fund	\$ 19,203.73	
Vanguard Intermediate Bond Fund	14,588.75	
Vanguard Balanced Index Fund	16,812.51	
Vanguard Morgan Growth Fund	2,770.87	
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Total Investments		\$ 53,375.86
Total Cash		2,279.77
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TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS ON HAND: July 31, 2009		\$ 55,655.63
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**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER****ATTENDANCE REPORT****August, 2009 Dinner Attendance**

Member Firms:	21
Representatives:	23
Life Members:	0
ASIST:	0
Guests:	1
Total Attendance:	24

*Percent of Total Firms: 72.4%

*Percent of Total Representatives: 59.0%

Submitted by:

Jennifer Chleboun
EWI Sergeant-at-Arms

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

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)**

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 – 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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