

President's Message



First and foremost this month, I'd like to welcome back to the Omaha Chapter Mid-America Center and their representative Kimberly Martin. Welcome and I hope you enjoy the many opportunities that EWI has to offer through *Connections – Careers – Community*. We had a fun and very informative meeting in March with Becky Rupiper-Greene, Terro

International's representative. Becky spoke on a "Polished Appearance and the Impact of Body Language." I was intrigued by the nylons vs. no nylons discussion and the body language – I have a problem with my hands when I'm talking. Anyone know of a good tailor we could recruit to become a member? What about you? I hope you were able to take something away that will assist you in some aspect.

The next "Wine & Web" educational development program on "Repotting Yourself: Financial-Emotional-Spiritual Flow" will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. Thanks to McCarthy Group Advisors, LLC and Sue Buckhard for being our host.

I look forward to seeing you at the Omaha Chamber for our April meeting. Bridget Lynch, from the Chamber, will be presenting "Networking 101" (bring Business Cards) and we will also conduct our semi-annual Business Meeting. Attached to this newsletter are the Board of Directors reports for your analysis. Having the reports prior to the meeting should allow you time to review and prepare any questions you have regarding the activities of our Chapter during the first six months of the 2009-2010 year.

Also, I hope you have had a chance to view our updated website at <http://www.ewi-omaha.org>. What do you think? And EWI thanks to Patti Hayden, from OPPD, for her efforts in bringing it all together. Patti has been invited to attend a meeting where we can personally thank her for what she has done and is continuing to do for the Omaha Chapter.

You'll probably become weary of me repeating this, but I want to keep encouraging you to become involved in some way with our upcoming ASIST Scholarship fundraiser "Party with a Purpose," which will be held on October. Opportunities to become involved will be appearing in our newsletter – so watch for the information, "step up" and "help out."

See you next Wednesday!

Darlis

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EWI Board Meeting:
West Asset Management
4:00pm, April 13, 2010

EWI Monthly Meeting:
Greater Omaha Chamber
Wednesday, April 28
1301 Harney Street
5:30pm

Birthdays:

Cathy Bodammer	4
Shirley Gunderson	6
Kathy Fry	13
Marlene Johnson	26
Becky Rupiper-Greene	29

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.ewi-omaha.org

www.ewiconnect.com

April Meeting Highlights with Becky Rupiper-Greene



Thank you Lincoln Financial (Patty, Jo Anne) for hosting our last monthly EWI meeting. It was a wonderful evening and thank you to Becky Rupiper-Greene, Terro International for introducing us to the "Polished Appearance and the Impact of Body Language." We may have to have her back for a refresher later in the year!

SAVE THE DATE!

May Chapter Meeting
May 26, 2010
ASSIST Scholarship Banquet
College of St Mary's



In the Spotlight! EWI Omaha Chapter Committee

Hospitality Committee

Director: Janet Schawang - 315-2021
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As the Chair of the Courtesy Committee, my responsibilities are to make sure that all members, especially new members, are welcomed with a friendly hello and introduced to others. It is really up to me and the Courtesy Committee to make sure our members and guests all have name tags and any information they need about where to find the facilities, refreshments or coat storage. Also, the committee sends out birthday greetings, and occasionally condolences, to our membership. Cheryl Hahn and Carolyn McClean are also a part of the Courtesy Committee this year. We all are new members and I think we'd all agree this is an ideal way to get to know everyone in our EWI Chapter!

Have you checked it out!

<http://www.ewi-omaha.org/index.htm>

Take a peek at our updated and fabulous looking website! The EWI Omaha Chapter website has been renovated and updated thanks to **Patti Hayden with OPPD**. Patti did a fabulous job of bringing the Omaha Chapter to the forefront in providing an up-to-date, informative and user-friendly site. Thanks, again, to Patti for her assistance. Thanks, also to OPPD for their support of EWI by hosting our site and providing the "woman" power to keep it current.



Please keep in mind that if you, as Chapter Members, or your firm has anything they would like to donate for our monthly raffle, it would be greatly appreciated. The money generated from the raffles is deposited in our chapter's General Fund.

April Chapter Meeting Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Greater Omaha Chamber
1301 Harney Street
Omaha, NE 68102

Please bring business cards!!!

Starting at 5:30pm

Program: "Networking 101"
Presented by Bridget Lynch with the Greater Omaha

Parking is available in the Omaha Park Two parking garage. Access into the garage is from 14th Street between Harney and Howard streets. Bring ticket in for validation.

Menu: Deluxe Potato Bar, Mixed Greens, Fresh Veggies
Dessert: Birthday Cake

Please bring business cards!!!

\$25.00 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, April 23, 2010

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Guests: _____

Email: jschawang@aioicorp.com

Subject Line: EWI RSVP

Mail: Janet Schawang

AOI Corporation

8801 South 137th Circle

Omaha, NE 68138

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!

EWI Corporate News
Beginning next month be sure to watch for a new look to our Chapter Newsletter!

Our condolences go out to the family of Jeannie Aldridge. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Jeannie's father passed away in late March.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS 2009-2010 Membership Campaign

PROGRAM ELEMENTS:

Start date of October 1, 2009 with the 15 for 12 Campaign. Program ends August 31, 2010.

A supported public relations effort at the Corporate and Chapter level.

An incentive program for Chapters, representatives, and member firms.

RECRUITER/MEMBER FIRM INCENTIVES:

•The representative who recruits the most new member firms that join during the recruitment period will win the grand prize - payment of the recruiting representative's Chapter and Corporate annual dues for calendar year 2011, \$100 cash for the representative, feature article and announcement in the September 8, 2010, Corporate EWIconnect as well as special recognition during LCAM. (In the event of a tie, each of the tying recruiters will receive the award).

•For each new member firm that joins during the recruitment period, the recruiter's name will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win payment of Chapter and Corporate annual dues for her/his firm for calendar year 2011 and \$50 cash for the representative! There are no limits to the number of chances a representative can earn. To be eligible, the recruiter's name must appear on the membership application at the time of submission to the Corporate Office. Winner will be announced in the September 15, 2010, Corporate Connect, and receive special recognition during LCAM.

•During the campaign, the top five recruiters for each month will be featured in the EWIconnect as they share best practices on recruiting new firms.



Reminders, Reminders, Reminders, What would we do without them!

Just a couple of items:

- If you have an email or information you would like sent to the Omaha EWI chapter, please remember to send it to the Publications Director, Gwen Christensen, for distribution. Gwen's email address is as follows: gchristensen@west.com.
- Don't forget that if you or your firm would like to donate to the monthly raffle drawing, we are still taking items. The funds from this are deposited into our General Fund account.
- *Did we mention to make sure you bring Business Cards to this month's meeting?*

Thank you!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY EWI - OMAHA CHAPTER

Committee Assistance!

Are you looking for a way to get more involved with our chapter?

“Good Wishes” ASIST Scholarship Bags

If any of your firms have gift items that can be donated for the gift bags we give to the EWI scholarship winners at the Awards Banquet in May, please bring them on Wednesday night! We will be collecting them as we pass out name tags. These are usually items that the scholarship winners can use throughout their education and also a memento of the evening! Types of items that have been donated by our member firms in the past are book bags, pens, pencils, sports bottles, gift cards but any other items will be gladly accepted! If any of the items have your firm's logo on them that is perfectly acceptable!

Ways & Means/Philanthropy Committee – Thank you to all who stepped it up and became a committee member to help our chapter! The response Connie received was fantastic and we are well on our way to making the “Party with a Purpose” a magical success story!



We Saw It Here



Now she's finally done it! She's retiring! Our own Cathy Bodammer with OPPD “Your Energy Partner” will be retiring soon from her position with this company. We want to wish her all the happiness this can bring.

MAY Webinar!

Thursday, May 6, 2010:

The Truth about Negotiation - Collette Carlson

Have you had the chance to attend? Here is an excellent opportunity to do so!

Stop selling yourself short and leaving business on the table! Negotiation is a necessary skill throughout your business and personal life, but few of us have ever had any formal training on how to succeed. In this content-rich program based on the latest research, Colette discloses innovative ways that will forever change the way you close a sale, buy your home, ask for a raise, or even get your kids to clean their room!

Women Only Program: Women negotiate differently from men and only when we learn to adapt, do we get what we really want. With jaw dropping accuracy, Colette unveils hidden strategies that are sabotaging our goals AND shares the scores of solid techniques guaranteed to increase our chances of negotiation success.

Trivia Question

What does B/C/DP stand for?

Bring your answer to the next meeting to see if you're correct - a drawing will be held for all the correct answers.



FORM 18
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Omaha Chapter
EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL®
March 9, 2010

Call to Order:	West Assessment Management. Called to order at 4:17pm by Darlis Vauble.
Roll Call:	Darlis Vauble, Ruth Utman, Lori Mitera, Jennifer Chleboun, Janet Schawang, Alecia Hartwig, Gwen Christensen, Sue Burkhard, Connie Davis Excused: Sheryl Martin
Minutes:	
<p>The February Board Meeting Minutes are attached. Is there a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes? Motion made by Alecia Hartwig. Seconded by Sue Burkhard. All in favor.</p> <p>Are there any corrections? No</p> <p>Is there a motion to approve the February 2010 Board Meeting Minutes? Motion made by Gwen Christensen. Seconded by Sue Burkhard. All in favor.</p>	
Treasurer's Report:	
<p>The Treasurer's Report is attached. The balance in the General Account is \$4,420.53. The balance in the B/C/DP account is \$9,053.45 cash on hand and \$51,198.72 in investments, for a total of \$60,252.17.</p>	
Presentation of Statements:	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Sue Burkhard	Folders for new members
Cathy Bodammer	Website photo
Catering Affair	February meeting
	<u>Amount</u>
	\$57.92
	\$25.00
	\$430.00
<p>Is there a motion to approve payment of these statements? Motion made by Janet Schawang Seconded by Alecia Hartwig. All in favor.</p>	
Communications:	
<p>Form 2 due to the Corporate Office – Chapter Reporting and Historical Information – Darlis to follow up to see whose responsibility this is.</p>	
Committee Reports:	

Publication – Gwen Christensen – Newsletter to go out this week. Updated directory pages to be sent out in the near future with two recent new reps. It was also noted that all emails to be sent to the membership should be sent to the Publication Director for distribution.

Membership Committee – Sue Burkhard – Sue gave an update on where the committee is with each of the prospective members. We hope to see some of them at the March meeting. Sue will also be contacting the Corporate Membership Director regarding prorating of dues after a certain point in the year. Sue will also be getting more information on the 1 for 1 program to share with the board.

Sergeant-at-Arms – Janet Schawang – attendance report for the February meeting was given and will be published in the next newsletter.

Program Committee – Alecia Hartwig – The committee has outlined the programs for the remainder of the year and will be publishing it once it is confirmed. Our own Becky Rupiper-Greene will be our presenter at the March meeting with her “Power of a Professional Presence” program. Our April meeting will be held at the Chamber Office and will include a required Business Meeting.

Courtesy Committee – Janet Schawang – nothing new to report.

Ways & Means/Philanthropy – Connie Davis reported on some preliminary plans for the Party With A Purpose fundraiser scheduled for October 27. She is looking for members who would be interested in assisting her with this event. This is our major fundraiser for the year with a good portion of the proceeds to go toward the ASIST program. Connie will get a committee together to come up with a plan to present to the Board at the April Board meeting. Connie also reminded the Board that she is taking donations for monthly trivia and raffle items.

Long Range Planning/Marketing – Darlis Vauble – Our chapter website is almost ready. Cathy Bodammer and Darlis Vauble are finalizing it. Any photos for the website should be given to Cathy. They are hoping to launch it by April 1.

B/C/DP – Janet Schawang - the ASIST scholarship applications went out to the institutions. The committee will be meeting in early April. We would like to use the same judges as last year if they are willing. The scholarship winners will be recognized at our ASIST Banquet in May. The Board also discussed organizing donations of suits, shoes, purses, etc. to coincide with our ASIST program in May. Alecia to look into places to take our donations.

Investment Committee – Jennifer Chleboun – no report.

Nominating Committee - Patty Bain will be the committee chair instead of Jane Allamong. As Past President and now that she is officially a member again, she can chair this committee. She will present at the March meeting for vote with the membership. Straw ballots will be coming out in the next couple months for next year’s board.

Unfinished Business:

Chapter Life Member Approval – Cathy Bodammer will be retiring from OPPD on May 1. The board discussed and approved Life Membership in our chapter for Cathy. Motion made by Jennifer Chleboun. Seconded by Ruth Utman. All in favor. This will be presented to the membership at our March meeting.

Habitat for Humanity Omaha Women Build – We have 13 people who signed up to participate in this program. Darlis will get more information and publish with the membership.

New Business:

Discussion was held on making a donation to D.R.E.A.M. in the amount of \$50 as a thank you to Steve Warren for speaking at the February meeting. Motion made by Ruth Utman. Seconded by Janet Schawang. All in favor.

2010 Bylaw Amendments – Corporate request.

Reading Rally – Cheryl Hahn, Chair, would like to discuss with College of Saint Mary to see if they would be interested in partnering with us for the event this year.

“Finding your Hometown Hero” project – Ruth has someone she would like to submit for this.

Announcements:

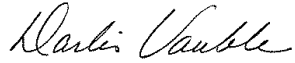
Publication Deadline: Tuesday, March 9
Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 13 at 4pm at Burlington Capital Group.
Next Chapter Meeting: Wednesday, March 24 at Lincoln Financial.

Adjournment:

Time: 5:55pm

Approved:

Submitted:



Darlis Vauble, President

Lori Mitera, Secretary

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**TREASURER'S REPORT - GENERAL ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
April 13, 2010**

Period: March 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010

CASH ON HAND: MARCH 1, 2010		\$ 4,420.53
 INCOME & RECEIPTS		
February Dinner Meeting	\$ 150.00	
February Raffle	62.00	
Bank Interest	0.94	
Total Income & Receipts	\$ 212.94	
 EXPENSES		
A Catered Affair - Feb Dinner Meeting	\$ 305.49	
Sue Burkhard - EWI Membership Folders	\$ 57.92	
Cathy Bodammer - EWI Website Pic	\$ 25.00	
D.R.E.A.M. - Donation \$50 (has not gone through account)		
Total Expenses	\$ 388.41	
Net Decrease in Funds for Period Ended March 31, 2010		<u>(175.47)</u>
CASH ON HAND: MARCH 31, 2010		<u>\$ 4,245.06</u>

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**TREASURER'S REPORT - B/C/DP ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
April 13, 2010**

Period: March 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010

CASH ON HAND: MARCH 1, 2010 **\$ 9,053.45**

INCOME & RECEIPTS

Interest Earned \$ 1.92

Total Income & Receipts **\$ 1.92**

EXPENSES

Total Expenses \$ -

Net Increase in Funds for Period Ended March 31, 2010 **1.92**

CASH ON HAND: MARCH 31, 2010 **\$ 9,055.37**

INVESTMENTS ON HAND: MARCH 31, 2010

Clipper Fund \$ 14,466.86

Vanguard Intermediate Bond Fund 15,385.09

Vanguard Balanced Index Fund 18,194.92

Vanguard Morgan Growth Fund 3,151.85

Total Investments **\$ 51,198.72**

Total Cash **9,055.37**

TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS ON HAND: MARCH 31, 2010 **\$ 60,254.09**

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ATTENDANCE REPORT

March 24, 2010 Dinner Attendance

Member Firms:	15
Representatives:	19
Life Members:	1
ASIST:	0
Guests:	8
Total Attendance:	28

*Percent of Total Firms: 55.5%

*Percent of Total Representatives: 50.0%

Submitted by:

**Janet Schawang
EWI Sergeant-at-Arms**

February 2010 Dinner Attendance

Member Firms:	18
Representatives:	22
Life Members:	1
ASIST:	0
Guests:	2
Total Attendance:	25

*Percent of Total Firms: 35.7%

*Percent of Total Representatives: 43.6%

Submitted by:

**Janet Schawang
EWI Sergeant-at-Arms**

***Based from Membership Report (27 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
Burlington Capital 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 – Lori Kaser
Embassy Suites Hotel – Gina Tielebein
Fraser Stryker, P.C., LLC – Doreen Shapiro
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
Mid America Center – Kimberly Martin
North Central Group – Patti Bain
Northern Natural Gas Company – Carol Armstrong
OPPD – 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
Life Members- Sharon Sacha, Sally Komrofske, Loy Flanagan, Sally Rose Burns, Patricia Leonard, Lenore Honke, Marlene Johnson, Ellie Morrow, Cathy Bodammer

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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