

Letter from President



I'd like to welcome to the Omaha Chapter, Access Bank and their representative Cheryl McCall. Welcome and I hope you enjoy the many opportunities that EWI has to offer through *Connections – Careers – Community*.

What an outstanding ASIST Banquet!!! This year's scholarship recipients, Fremila Gaines, Gretchen Ward and Caitlin Thompson are wonderful examples of why the Adult Students in Scholastic Transition (ASIST) Program was created. Pam Hernandez, spoke about adversity and barriers and how we all have had to overcome them in some point in our lives. Barriers are something we create for ourselves. We all have a little voice in our head (Edith's) that won't be quiet, but we are not our thoughts and we need to learn to express our "true self" (Edith Ann's).

I participated in the Open Forum that was scheduled on May 27 to discuss the Corporate Board of Directors contract with Association Solutions, an association management company, in providing our corporate office's daily tasks and responsibilities. I believe this is a positive move for the organization. With over 1,000 EWI chapters, it was becoming much harder to manage operations with a staff of four and stay current with technology. It is anticipated that the cost savings will be incorporated back into the system to support educational development and other opportunities for each of the chapters.

We were unable to get enough members this year to participate in the Omaha Habitat for Humanity Women Build. I believe the times given to work, mostly Fridays, were not conducive to most members calendars. The Board felt this is an opportunity we should address again next year. Also, we have received very positive "kudos" from Corporate regarding our newsletter and have been asked to submit it for judging at LCAM. Way to go Gwen! Thanks for all you do to get our Chapter's information out to its members.

I hope to see you at the June meeting. Burlington Capital will host "Firm Night" at the Rising View Housing Club at Offutt AFB. We will be one of the first to tour this new facility supported by Burlington Capital. We will also be taking a Chapter photo since we have not had one in quite some time, so please be in attendance if you can.

Just a friendly reminder that LCAM is right around the corner! Have you informed your Executive of the many opportunities this conference will offer? It is a great venue for leadership training and networking with women (and a few good men) from across the country that shares a common bond.

I look forward to seeing you on June 23rd.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EWI Board Meeting:

Omaha Chamber
4:00pm, June 3, 2010

EWI Monthly Meeting: *Firm Night*

**Sponsored by Burlington Capital
The Point Clubhouse at Rising View**

32nd & Lockbourne Drive
Bellevue, NE

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

5:30pm

Birthdays:

Jo Anne Drefs	June 7
Linda Franco	June 19
Linda Hammond	June 19

NEW MEMBER FIRM SPOTLIGHT



**Mid-America Center
(Representative –Kimberly Martin)**

The Mid-America Center strives to be an active leader in the community and industry through consistent and best practices; to exceed the expectations of our clients and patrons; to host a stage that promotes diversity and quality of life. The Mid-America Center is the Heartland's premier entertainment and convention center.

SMG manages, operates and maintains the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa on behalf of the City of Council Bluffs. With over 200 properties worldwide, SMG is the world leader in venue management, marketing and development.

The multi-purpose facility is the metro area's link to the ultimate in live entertainment and sporting events. From rock shows to family shows to sporting events and much more, the arena has hosted top names in show business as well as numerous community events. Performers and events hosted at the MAC include Sheryl Crow, Black-Eyed Peas, Martina McBride, Cher, John Mellencamp, Pearl Jam, Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Kings of Leon, Tom Petty, Foo Fighters, Kenny Rogers, Three Days Grace, Kenny Chesney, Tool, Counting Crows, Def Leppard, Alan Jackson, Journey, Reba McEntire, Slipknot, Miranda Lambert, B.B. King, Harlem Globetrotters, Monster Jam, Disney on Ice and countless others. The arena is proud to be the home of the 2009 APFL Champion Iowa Blackhawks.

The MAC opened on October 18, 2002 and continues to attract attention for its contemporary design. The facility will celebrate its 8th Anniversary this fall and looks forward to hosting another year of great entertainment for all.

Kimberly Martin is the Executive Assistant to Mid-America Center General Manager, Charles Schilling. Kimberly joined the company full-time shortly before graduating from Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, with her BA in Management. Kimberly resides in Council Bluffs and enjoys working on projects around her house, attending local sporting events and spending time with friends and family.

NEW MEMBER FIRM SPOTLIGHT



**Access Bank
Representative – Cheryl McCall**

Access Bank was founded in 2007 by three co-workers who held a desire to provide quality, high-level banking services to individuals and businesses in the greater Omaha area. Capital for the new bank was raised largely on a local basis, whereby today there are over 80 shareholders, which include all of the bank's directors and many of its employees.

AB has grown steadily over its first 2½ years to just over \$97 million in asset size. As a new, fresh alternative for banking services in the greater Omaha marketplace, Access Bank focuses on building lifelong financial partnerships with businesses, professionals and individuals in the Greater Omaha community. Find out more at www.accessbank.com.

Patrick J. Corrigan is the President and CEO of Access Bank, and one of its founders. Pat has a thirty year career in banking, the last fifteen in Omaha. He has experience as a chief lending officer, regional business banking manager, market president and division executive overseeing both retail and commercial banking operations. Pat and his wife Mary have seven children and recently welcomed grandchildren numbers eleven and twelve.

Cheryl McCall has over twenty years of experience as an administrative professional, the last thirteen with regional banks in Omaha. Cheryl has had the unique experience of working with Pat at three different banks in Omaha and has been with Access Bank since its inception in 2007. She and her husband Gary enjoy cooking, boating and spending time with their dog, Annie.

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June Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

The Point Clubhouse at Rising View
32nd & Lockbourne Drive
Bellevue, NE

Starting at 5:30pm

5:30 p.m. – Networking

Light Hors d'oeuvres & Wine, Beer or Soft Drinks hosted by
Burlington Capital Group

6:00 p.m. – Dinner and Program

BCG's Role in military privatized housing

7:00pm – Tour of new housing

Menu: Smoked Brisket of Beef, Carved at the Table
BBQ Pork Ribs, Fried Chicken w/ BBQ sauce on the side
Bake Beans, Pasta Vegetable Salad Vinaigrette, Fresh Fruit,
Garlic Bread

Dessert: Cherry Crisp a la mode

Coffee, Iced Tea or Water

\$35.00 per person – *Your Executive has been invited*

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 18, 2010

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Guests: _____

Email: rutman@burlingtoncg.com

Subject Line: EWI RSVP

Mail: Ruth Uttman

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Did you know? WOW!

Nebraska (Omaha) was ranked #4 in the Top States for Volunteering according to the Corporation for National & Community Service.

<http://www.volunteeringinamerica.gov/>

EWI Corporate News

Have you heard the latest about LCAM 2010?!
It's in Kansas City this year!!!!
Are you making plans to go?
Well here's the latest scoop!



Dates to Remember

July 28, 2010

Past President's and Casino Games Night
Ameristar Casino

August 25, 2010

Open Door Mission, Candace Gregory & Business Meeting (TBD)

September, 29, 2010 Installation of Officers
Firm Feud – Woodman of the World

October 27, 2010 "Party with a Purpose" fundraiser for EWI and ASIST – Hot Shops

November 17, 2010 Executive's Night
Embassy Suites Downtown

December 15, 2010 Holiday Party: Cake Decorating with Kathy Fry and Wine Tasting
West Asset Management

May Meeting Highlights

ASIST Scholarship Banquet

We are dedicating this page to the ASIST Scholarship winners.

The things taught in schools and colleges are not an education, but the means to an education.
Ralph Waldo Emerson



A future member of EWI



The important thing is not to stop questioning.
Albert Einstein



Privatization efforts ahead of schedule, flourishing at Offutt By Ryan Hansen 55th Wing Public Affairs

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. -- With an average of more than 500 new or renovated homes entering the privatized housing inventory each month, the Air Force's goal of creating quality homes and thriving communities for Airmen and their families is well under way.

To highlight this effort, officials at the Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment launched the "Home of the Blue" campaign. This initiative showcases how privatized housing is successfully accomplishing this goal.

Here at Offutt, the proof is in the pudding. Due to the tremendous teamwork between all of the partners involved in the privatization program here, it has become the Air Force example for other bases to follow.

"The Offutt team led the way in developing many of the processes, tools and templates used today in the AFCEE Design and Construction Oversight Handbook," said Ruth Rodriguez, chief of the housing flight for the 55th Civil Engineering Squadron. "This handbook helps establish consistent procedures across all Air Force projects for use in efficiently managing the (Military Housing Privatization Initiative) construction oversight program."

Since America First Communities assumed responsibility of base housing in September 2005, occupancy rates in Rising View have grown from 1,232 residents to 1,560.

"Things are going tremendously well," said Dora Stuch, director of property management for Rising View. "We're trying to build a sense of community for our families here and I think we're doing that."

To date 914 new homes have been built with more than 450 undergoing major renovations and an additional 200 going through minor renovations.

"We're two years ahead of schedule," Ms. Stuch said. "We're virtually done with new homes, we're on the last home that needs major renovations and we have about 10 homes left that need minor renovations."

Air Force officials began privatizing housing in 1998 as a way to improve the quality of life for Air Force families by improving the condition of their housing. At the time, the Air Force had 104,000 military housing units in its inventory, most of them built between 1948 and 1975. More than 40,000 units were considered inadequate.

"We went ahead and built far more new homes as opposed to renovating older ones here," said Kevin Hensel, chief communications officer for the **Burlington Capital Group**, the parent organization of America First Communities. "In the Air Force request for proposal (for Offutt) they asked for an end state of 1,444 homes and in our proposal we were able to submit 1,640 homes."

Visitors passing through Rising View will quickly notice that it isn't their parent's military housing.

"We've really raised the quality of life for our military members," Ms. Stuch said. "We're able to offer three-and four-bedroom homes with two-car garages that have wall-to-wall carpet, laminate floors, built-in microwaves, self-cleaning ovens, light fixtures and window coverings."

With construction and renovation work nearly complete, the Rising View staff is now focusing their efforts on building and enhancing a sense of community that may have been missing previously.

"We're not only building a physical community, but we're also trying to build a community within the community," Mr. Hensel said. "We want this to be a desirable place for our military families so they can be living among their peers and connected to those people."

Part of this effort includes the renovation or outright creation of "tot lots" and playgrounds throughout Rising View.

"When we took over there were only 14 playgrounds for 2,600 homes," Ms. Stuch said. "Now we have 61 playgrounds and approximately 15,000 linear feet of walking trails."

Another new addition to the community is The Point at Rising View. Scheduled to open in May, this 5,600 square-foot facility is designed for residents and other groups from around base to use for special events with a maximum capacity of 150 people.

Wellness Corner

Did you know that for every 2,000 steps you'll burn an average of 110 calories?



Let's Walk!


****Look for more interesting facts and recipes in future editions of EWI Omaha Connect

EWI Corporate Dates to Note

June 29, 2010
President's Chat
Additional Information Coming Soon

July 30, 2010
Entries for EWIconnect Contest due!
Please use the NEW Green Chapter Template

September 23-25, 2010
63rd LCAM in Kansas City

	<p>FORM 18 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting Omaha Chapter EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL® April 13, 2010</p>	
Call to Order:	Noodle Zoo. Called to order at 4:20pm by Darlis Vauble.	
Roll Call:	Darlis Vauble, Ruth Utman, Lori Mitera, Jennifer Chleboun, Janet Schawang, Alecia Hartwig, Gwen Christensen, Sue Burkhard Excused: Sheryl Martin, Connie Davis	
Minutes:		
<p>The April Board Meeting Minutes are attached. Is there a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes? Motion made by Sue Burkhard. Seconded by Gwen Christensen. All in favor.</p> <p>Are there any corrections? No</p> <p>Is there a motion to approve the March 2010 Board Meeting Minutes? Motion made by Lori Mitera. Seconded by Ruth Utman. All in favor.</p>		
Treasurer's Report:		
<p>The Treasurers Report is attached. The balance in the General Account is \$5,273.04. The balance in the B/C/DP account is \$9,057.23 cash on hand and \$52,665.65 in investments, for a total of \$61,722.88.</p>		
Presentation of Statements:		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jane Allamong	EWI website hosting	\$167.50
EWI Corporate	New member firms: MAC & Fraser	\$440.00
Alecia Hartwig	April dinner meeting	\$434.52
<p>Is there a motion to approve payment of these statements? Motion made by Ruth Utman. Seconded by Gwen Christensen. All in favor.</p>		
Communications:		
<p>Year-end Compilation/Audit and Form 51 B/C/DP Financial Review due to the Corporate Office by May 31. Hilary Allen and Gwen Christensen to serve on this committee with Ruth Utman and Jennifer Chleboun. Committee will meet on May 19.</p>		

Committee Reports:

Publication – Gwen Christensen – Gwen will be submitting a sample newsletter to Corporate for the newsletter contest. Will need a committee to feature in the next newsletter.

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 May meeting. Sue will be doing some follow up with other prospects.

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

Program Committee – Alecia Hartwig – Our May meeting will be held at College of Saint Mary and will be the ASIST Banquet. June will be Firm Night at Rising View Housing Club hosted by Burlington Capital Group. July's meeting will be our Past President's Night held at Ameristar. The August meeting will include a speaker from the Open Door Mission, location still to be determined.

Courtesy Committee – Janet Schawang – nothing new to report this month.

Ways & Means/Philanthropy – Connie Davis – Connie Davis and her committee are working on arrangements for this event. The committee is meeting next week.

Long Range Planning/Marketing – Darlis Vauble – Our chapter website is ready and looks awesome!!

B/C/DP – Janet Schawang - we will honor 3 scholarship recipients at the May meeting. Letters were sent to all applicants and notification has been sent to Corporate. Pam Hernandez from Woodmen of the World will be our speaker. The Board voted in favor of making a \$50 donation to the Humane Society as a thank you for speaking. Pam sits on the Board of the Humane Society. Alecia is working on the program bios. Janet will take care of the corsages for the recipients. Ruth will read the inspiration. Janet is compiling the gift bags with the items donated from member firms.

Investment Committee – Jennifer Chleboun – No report.

Nominating Committee - Patty Bain – The committee is working on the slate of officers for the next Board year.

Unfinished Business:

Gift certificate to the Country Sampler for our Webmaster, Patti Hayden – motion made by Gwen Christensen for \$100 gift certificate, seconded by Sue Burkhard. All in favor.

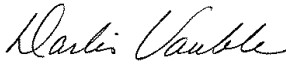
Habitat for Humanity Omaha Women's Build – May 7 to July 31, 2010 – reminder sent to the membership of dates available.

New Business:

"Wine & Web" on Wednesday, June 9 @ 6pm – Get Fired Up Without Burning Out – Janet Schawang will host at her firm.

"Wine & Web" on Thursday, June 24 @ 1pm – Releasing Leadership Brilliance – possibly hosted by Woodmen of the World. Location to be confirmed at a later date.

The Board would like to do a survey at the end of the chapter year (September) to see where the membership feels we are at and how the year went. Board members to provide their survey questions to Darlis. This will help the new Board with planning for the next year.

Announcements:	
<p>Publication Deadline: Tuesday, May 11 Next Board Meeting: Thursday, June 3 @ 2pm via conference call. Next Chapter Meeting: Wednesday, May 26 at College of Saint Mary / ASIST Banquet.</p>	
Adjournment:	
Time: 5:20pm	
Approved:	Submitted:
 Darlis Vauble, President	Lori Mitera, Secretary

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**TREASURER'S REPORT - GENERAL ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
June 3, 2010**

Period: May 1, 2010 to May 31, 2010

CASH ON HAND: MAY 1, 2010 **\$ 5,273.04**

INCOME & RECEIPTS

March Dinner Meeting	\$ 150.00
April Dinner Meeting	575.00
April Raffle	77.00
May Dinner Meeting	720.00
May Raffle	75.00
New Member Firm - Access Bank	305.00
Bank Interest	1.16
Total Income & Receipts	\$ 1,903.16

EXPENSES

Jane Allamong - EWI website hosting	\$ 167.50
Janet Schawang - Courtesy Committee Cards	\$ 12.82
Alecia Hartwig - April Dinner Meeting	\$ 434.52
Treat America Food Services	\$ 600.62
EWI Corporate-New Member Firms \$440	
Janet Schawang - EWI Namebadges	29.87

Total Expenses **\$ 1,245.33**

Net Increase in Funds for Period Ended May 31, 2010 **657.83**

CASH ON HAND: MAY 31, 2010 **\$ 5,930.87**

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**TREASURER'S REPORT - B/C/DP ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
June 3, 2010**

Period: May 1, 2010 to May 31, 2010

CASH ON HAND: MAY 1, 2010 **\$ 9,057.23**

INCOME & RECEIPTS

Interest Earned \$ 1.93

Total Income & Receipts **\$ 1.93**

EXPENSES

College of St. Mary - Gretchen Ward Scholarship Winner

Total Expenses \$ -

Net Increase in Funds for Period Ended May 31, 2010 **1.93**

CASH ON HAND: MAY 31, 2010 **\$ 9,059.16**

INVESTMENTS ON HAND: MAY 31, 2010

Clipper Fund \$ 16,118.77

Vanguard Intermediate Bond Fund 15,903.15

Vanguard Balanced Index Fund 18,982.79

Vanguard Morgan Growth Fund 3,312.85

Total Investments **\$ 54,317.56**

Total Cash **9,059.16**

TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS ON HAND: MAY 31, 2010 **\$ 63,376.72**

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ATTENDANCE REPORT

May 26, 2010 Dinner Attendance

<u>Member Firms:</u>	<u>17</u>
Representatives:	25
Life Members:	1
ASIST:	3
<u>Guests:</u>	<u>7</u>
Total Attendance:	36

*Percent of Total Firms: 56.6%

*Percent of Total Representatives: 62.5%

Submitted by:

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

April 28, 2010 Dinner Attendance

<u>Member Firms:</u>	<u>20</u>
Representatives:	25
Life Members:	0
ASIST:	0
<u>Guests:</u>	<u>8</u>
Total Attendance:	33

*Percent of Total Firms: 74.0%

*Percent of Total Representatives: 65.7%

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
 Access Bank – Cheryl McCall
 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!

Send submissions for the Chapter Newsletter to:

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