

Letter from President



What a nice installation Darlis planned for us! The ceremony was very meaningful and the food was delicious. Thank you for all the planning, the beautiful rose and the pen for writing the next chapter in our history. For those of you that were in attendance, some of this will be repetitive but I did want to share with everyone my thoughts for the upcoming year. When Darlis asked me to be Vice President/President Elect a year ago, I was very apprehensive and nervous but she told me that we would

have a 2-year plan and be a team. She started the plan last year and did a terrific job! The plan is to continue along those same lines this year....as a TEAM. As I learned when my girls were playing sports, there is no "I" in T.E.A.M. TEAM means Together Everyone Achieves More and that is just what we will do. Achieve more for ourselves and our Chapter. We have increased membership and will continue to do so. We have worked hard to hold down expenses and still provide quality programs and networking opportunities and we started the process for a community service project that we hope to bring to fruition this year with the Open Door Mission.

LCAM was an eye-opening experience for me and we had a lot of information thrown at us in a short span of time, but one of the things that I brought home with me was that I did not need to be afraid of being President because it was not "my" chapter but "our" chapter and I would not be in this alone. With the awesome group of ladies that have agreed to serve with me and the diversity of all our talents, this promises to be another exciting year of growth but we will need your help. Since it is "our" chapter, I would ask you to answer the questions on the survey that will be coming your way honestly so that this is "your" organization. Also, take advantage of the opportunity to serve on a committee. Attend a Wine & Web. Help with the Reading Rally. The list goes on....Not only will you learn more about EWI, you will get to know your fellow members better and you will probably have a good time doing it! Remember, you will get out of EWI what you put into it...In other words; you will reap what you sow. Sow plenty & reap much! Our Corporate President urges us to: Know the Plan, Involve the Team, and Reach the Goal. We can do this together.

Next week our outgoing and incoming boards will meet for a Board Retreat at Take Flight Farms to learn some team building skills and then will have our first board meeting to set our goals and plans for next year. Our Reading Rally is on October 25, followed by our Party with a Purpose on October 27. Looking forward to seeing you then!

Ruth

2010-2011 Officers & Directors

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Gwen Christensen, West Asset Management
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We would like to extend our congratulations to Jennifer Chleboun and Frelima Gaines! Both of you were recognized at the Leadership Conference for winning a Corporate scholarship. A very prestigious honor for you both!

EWI Corporate News

CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

We want to recognize the anniversaries of the chapters that were chartered during the current month.

EWI of New Orleans, LA
Chartered: 1952 - Celebrating 58 Yrs
EWI of Memphis, TN
Chartered: 1957 - Celebrating 53 Yrs
EWI of Birmingham, AL
Chartered: 1960 - Celebrating 50 Yrs
EWI of Kentuckiana - Louisville, KY
Chartered: 1960 - Celebrating 50 Yrs

EWI of Milwaukee, WI
Chartered: 1965 - Celebrating 45 Yrs
EWI of Orlando, FL
Chartered: 1985 - Celebrating 25 Yrs
EWI of Tacoma, WA
Chartered: 1986 - Celebrating 24 Yrs
EWI of Lethbridge, AB Canada
Chartered: 1996 - Celebrating 14 Yrs

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EWI Board Meeting:

Fraser Stryker
4:00pm, November 2, 2010

EWI Monthly Meeting:

Executive's Night
Embassy Suites Downtown
5:30pm, November 17, 2010

Birthdays:

October

Gwen Christensen	2
Susan Burkhard	10
Jane Allamong	23

November

Alecia Hartwig	4
Patty Bain	7
Carolyn Ziemann	9
Carol Armstrong	13
Cheryl McCall	27
Doreen Shapiro	30

"15 for 12" Membership Recruitment Incentive

It is back starting October 1, 2010!

Now is the time to start posting new members and inviting prospective new members to your Chapter meetings so they are ready to join October 1, 2010 and able to enjoy the full advantage of those three free months at the end of the year.

The "15 for 12" deal means that if a new member firm joins October 1, 2010 its membership dues cover the cost through December 31, 2011. This deal also includes the 2nd and 3rd representatives.

What a value-packed opportunity!

[READ MORE >>](#)

<http://ewiconnect.com/pdf/membership-recruiting/Connection-Memo-15-for-12.pdf>



Dates to Remember

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

November 17, 2010 Executive's Night – Embassy Suites Downtown

October Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, October 27, 2010

Hot Shops

1301 Nicholas Street

Omaha, NE

Starting at 5:30pm

Party with a Purpose

Remember to invite your friends and family to this event as we are using the funds to benefit our A.S.I.S.T. fund.

There will be a \$5 Admission fee at the door. No RSVP needed. Remember to bring your raffle tickets and money collected.

Executive's Night November 17

We are asking for our firms to donate a basket for Executive's Night to use in our Silent Auction. Last year, due to the generosity of our firms, we were able to earn over \$2000 from the Silent Auction. If you have any questions or need suggestions, please contact Patty Bain – Committee Chair at pbain@ncghotels.com.



We Saw It Here

Published Sep 27, 2010

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Dallas firm acquiring McCarthy

By [Steve Jordon](#)

WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

McCarthy Group Advisors LLC of Omaha has agreed to be acquired by Westwood Holdings Group Inc. of Dallas by the end of this year.

Terms were not disclosed. McCarthy Group Advisors manages investments for wealthy individuals and small foundations.

It separated in 2004 from McCarthy Capital Corp., a merchant banking company at 1601 Dodge St.

McCarthy Chairman Art N. Burtscher said the company wanted a strong succession plan, although neither he nor Richard Jarvis, chief investment officer, have plans to retire. Both have agreed to remain with the company for at least five years.

"This is a way that McCarthy Group Advisors can go on indefinitely, if you will," said Burtscher, 59. He, Jarvis and McCarthy Capital are principal shareholders in McCarthy Group Advisors.

He said all 11 of the Omaha employees are staying with the company, which will remain at One Pacific Place and become a branch of Westwood Trust, the individual investment management arm of the 65-employee Westwood Holdings.

Westwood, whose shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange, also handles investments for large institutions such as insurance companies.

Westwood Trust manages about \$1.8 billion in assets out of Westwood's \$9.7 billion in assets under management. McCarthy manages about \$1 billion.

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September Meeting Highlights

Woodmen Tower – 2010-2011 Board Installation



LCAM Highlights



	<p>FORM 18 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting Omaha Chapter EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL® September 14, 2010</p>																		
Call to Order:	Woodmen of the World. Called to order at 4:20pm by Darlis Vauble.																		
Roll Call:	Darlis Vauble, Ruth Utman, Lori Mitera, Jennifer Chleboun, Janet Schawang, Connie Davis, Excused: Sheryl Martin, Alecia Hartwig, Sue Burkhard, Alecia Hartwig, Gwen Christensen																		
Minutes:																			
<p>The August Board Meeting Minutes are attached. Is there a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes? Motion made by Ruth Utman. Seconded by Janet Schawang. All in favor.</p> <p>Are there any corrections? No</p> <p>Is there a motion to approve the August 2010 Board Meeting Minutes? Motion made by Janet Schawang. Seconded by Jennifer Chleboun. All in favor.</p>																			
Treasurer's Report:																			
<p>The Treasurers Report is attached. The balance in the General Account is \$4,543.70. The balance in the B/C/DP account is \$5,187.99 cash on hand and \$51,280.81 in investments, for a total of \$56,468.80.</p> <p>Presentation of Statements:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Name</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Purpose</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>General Account:</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Spezia</td> <td>August luncheon meeting</td> <td>\$466.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EWI Corporate</td> <td>New firm fees for McFarlin & Brokke</td> <td>\$220.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EWI Corporate</td> <td>3rd rep fee for Baird Holm</td> <td>\$180.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ruth Utman</td> <td>President's corsage for Dar for LCAM</td> <td>\$27.06</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Is there a motion to approve payment of these statements? Motion made by Lori Mitera. Seconded by Janet Schawang. All in favor.</p> <p>It was also approved for Connie Davis to expend the following monies related to the upcoming Party With a Purpose fundraiser: \$100 for the venue, \$200 for Spirit World for food and \$135 for United Rentals for linens. Motion was made by Ruth Utman to approve these expenses. Seconded by Janet Schawang. All in favor.</p>		Name	Purpose	Amount	General Account:			Spezia	August luncheon meeting	\$466.22	EWI Corporate	New firm fees for McFarlin & Brokke	\$220.00	EWI Corporate	3rd rep fee for Baird Holm	\$180.00	Ruth Utman	President's corsage for Dar for LCAM	\$27.06
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<p>LCAM Leadership Conference & Annual Meeting – September 23-25, 2010, Kansas City, MO</p> <p>Form 40 Chapter Officers and Directors List due to Corporate 9/15/10 – Done.</p>																			

Committee Reports:

Publication – Gwen Christensen – No report. Gwen was absent.

Membership Committee – Darlis Vauble on behalf of Sue Burkhard – gave update on prospective members/firms. We will have a 3rd rep from Baird Holm. Her name is Marny Stricklin. We have a new firm, McFarlin & Brokke, P.C. Representative is Melissa Travis. The replacement rep for OPPD is Deb Emerson, a returning rep. We are also looking forward to a replacement rep for ConAgra Foods as Michelle Graham is no longer with the firm. Other follow-up with prospective member firms will be done in October. Sue has started her transition of duties to the new Membership Committee Chair, Alecia Hartwig.

Sergeant-at-Arms – Janet Schawang – Attendance report for the August meeting was given and will be published in the next newsletter. We had a very nice turnout with 62% of our firms being represented.

Program Committee – Darlis Vauble on behalf of Alecia Hartwig – September is Installation of Officers at Woodmen beginning at 5:30pm. Will have an annual business meeting before installation. Board member reports will be distributed to the membership prior to the meeting.

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

Ways & Means/Philanthropy – Connie Davis – Connie gave an update on Party With a Purpose. She has received payment from 27 vendors so far with more expected to come in. Flyers went out last week. The committee will meet before the September meeting. Additional volunteers are needed if anyone is interested. Wine tasting and catering will be provided by Spirit World. The basket raffle (with baskets provided by member firms) is being postponed until Executive’s Night in November. We will still have vendor raffles in October.

Long Range Planning/Marketing – Darlis Vauble – nothing new to report at this time.

B/C/DP – Janet Schawang - No report at this time.

Investment Committee – Jennifer Chleboun – No report at this time.

Nominating Committee - Patty Bain – no report at this time.

Unfinished Business:

We will be doing the membership survey in October (after LCAM) and use the information for the new Board.

LCAM -- We will have about 12 reps attending LCAM this year since it is close by in Kansas City. We are looking forward to a great conference. Our very own Jennifer Chleboun will be giving a speech at the Scholarship Luncheon as the recipient of the Fellows Scholarship.

New Board Member Retreat – Ruth is planning an event for the outgoing and incoming Board for October 18. More information to come once the details have been confirmed.

Reading Rally – Cheryl Hahn will be chairing the Reading Rally this year. She will give an update at the September chapter meeting.

Chapter Secretary Lori Mitera will be sending out an official notice of the Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers. This is to be sent to the membership 10 days prior to the meeting.

Jennifer Chleboun, Chapter Treasurer, will need to obtain bank resolution forms for checking accounts due to change in Board members.

Executive Night will be held at Embassy Suites in November. Darlis to talk to Tara Stark on the details and get an update to the Board.

Announcements:

Publication Deadline: Tuesday, September 16.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, October 18 at Take Flight Farms – time TBD. Board Retreat for outgoing and incoming Board members.

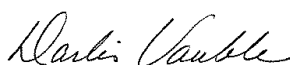
Next Chapter Meeting: Wednesday, September 29 at Woodmen of the World – Installation of Officers and Annual Meeting

Adjournment:

Time: 5:35pm

Approved:

Submitted:



Darlis Vauble, President

Lori Mitera, Secretary

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER**

**TREASURER'S REPORT - GENERAL ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
October 18, 2010**

Period: September 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010

CASH ON HAND: SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 **\$ 4,543.70**

INCOME & RECEIPTS

New Member Firm-McFarlin & Brokke, P.C.	\$ 305.00
Baird Holm 3rd Rep	180.00
August Lunch Meeting	150.00
Party with a Purpose - Vendor table fees	540.00

Bank Interest	1.03
Total Income & Receipts	\$ 1,176.03

EXPENSES

EWI Corporate - New Member Firm & 3rd Rep	\$ 390.00
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Total Expenses	\$ 390.00
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Net Increase in Funds for Period Ended September 30, 2010	786.03
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CASH ON HAND: SEPTEMBER 30, 2010	\$ 5,329.73
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**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER**

**TREASURER'S REPORT - B/C/DP ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
October 18, 2010**

Period: September 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010

CASH ON HAND: SEPTEMBER 1, 2010		\$ 5,187.99
INCOME & RECEIPTS		
Interest Earned	\$ 1.03	
Total Income & Receipts	\$ 1.03	
EXPENSES		
Darlis Vauble - LCAM Expenses	\$ 800.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 800.00	
Net Decrease in Funds for Period Ended September 30, 2010		(798.97)
CASH ON HAND: SEPTEMBER 30, 2010		\$ 4,389.02
INVESTMENTS ON HAND: SEPTEMBER 30, 2010		
Clipper Fund	\$ 15,158.91	
Vanguard Intermediate Bond Fund	17,282.07	
Vanguard Balanced Index Fund	19,341.23	
Vanguard Morgan Growth Fund	3,310.78	
Total Investments		\$ 55,092.99
Total Cash		4,389.02
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS ON HAND: SEPTEMBER 30, 2010		\$ 59,482.01

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER****ATTENDANCE REPORT****September 29, 2010 Attendance**

<u>Member Firms:</u>	<u>22</u>
Representatives:	28
Life Members:	2
ASIST:	0
<u>Guests:</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Attendance:	31

*Percent of Total Firms: 73%

*Percent of Total Representatives: 70%

Submitted by:

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

Based from Membership Report (30 firms, 40 reps, 9 Life Members)

August 25, 2010 Lunch Attendance

<u>Member Firms:</u>	<u>20</u>
Representatives:	25
Life Members:	1
ASIST:	0
<u>Guests:</u>	<u>2</u>
Total Attendance:	28

*Percent of Total Firms: 66%

*Percent of Total Representatives: 62%

Submitted by:

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

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EWI – Omaha Chapter Membership List

AAA Rents & Event Services – Sheryl Martin
 Access Bank – Cheryl McCall
 Alegent Health – Linda Franco
 Ameristar – Jennifer Chleboun
 AOI Corporation – Janet Schawang
 Baird Holm LLP – Linda Hammond, Connie Davis,
 Marny Stricklin
 Bland & Associates, P.C. – Hilary Allen
 Burlington Capital Group, LLC – Ruth Utman
 College of Saint Mary – Shirley Gunderson, Gail
 Thompson, Carolyn Ziemann
 ConAgra Foods – Kathy Fry
 Daugherty Foundation – Brianne Wilde
 Doubletree Hotel Downtown – Lori Kaser
 Embassy Suites Hotel – Tara Stark
 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
 McFarlin & Brokke, P.C. – Melissa Travis
 Methodist Health System – Sue Beem
 Mid America Center – Kimberly Martin
 North Central Group – Patty Bain
 Northern Natural Gas Company – Carol Armstrong
 OPPD – Linda Hutchens, Carolyn McClean, Deb
 Emerson
 SilverStone Group, Inc. – Jeannie Aldredge
 Tero International- Becky Rupiper-Greene
 Travel and Transport – Barb Ewer
 West Asset Management – Lori Mitera, Gwen
 Christensen, Stacie Robertson
 Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society – Darlis
 Vauble, Cheryl Hahn
 Transitional Members - Michele Graham
 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

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