

Letter from President



HAPPY NEW YEAR! Here we are in 2011!!! (I'm still practicing to write that correctly.) We finished up our EWI year with a very fun event just in time for the holidays....Cookie Decorating 101 taught by our very own Wilton Instructor, Kathy Fry of ConAgra & Judi Smith (who was once Kathy's instructor) from Mangelsen's. We learned tricks on how to decorate not only cookies but also Cupcakes-there were some pretty unique poinsettias' and snowflakes made out

of Fondant, we learned how to make "cake balls" too. The ladies at West (Lori Mitera, Gwen Christensen & Stacie Robertson) as usual, did an outstanding job of hosting us. Thanks to you all for making it such a nice evening. Thanks also for the contributions to the Open Door Mission Toy Drive. They were put to good use putting smiles on children's faces. The only drawback to the evening was when we left, the "weather outside was frightful" but fortunately, most of us, with the exception of Mrs. Claus (aka...me), made it safely home. I was a gracious overnight guest so I was at work bright and early the next morning!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are now ready for another exciting year with EWI. Lori Mitera and her Program Committee have been working hard to bring you a good line up of programs to look forward to in 2011 starting with a health topic of interest to all of us "Skin Cancer Prevention and Early Detection," presented by Amber Leed-Kelly of Alegent Health. Thanks to Linda Franco for helping to line this up and to Patty Bain for allowing us to come to the Hilton Garden Inn to meet on January 26th. Invite prospects to come along and see what EWI is all about.

Gwen Christensen has been good enough to put all the dates for the 2011 meetings in the newsletter so mark your calendar NOW and plan to attend them ALL!!! Especially note and put on your executive's calendar our **50 Year Anniversary Gala** to be held on **Wednesday, April 27, 2011**. This will be an extra special night. Keep watching for details. Plan now to attend as this only happens once every 50 years and, who knows, you may not be available for the one in 2061.

☺ *Ruth*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EWI Board Meeting: February 2011
 AOI
 4:00pm, February 1, 2011

EWI Monthly Meeting: February

February 23, 2011 Chapter Meeting

In keeping with our resolutions for more community involvement we will be having dinner and taking a tour of the Open Door Mission. At this meeting we would also like to ask our members to donate personal items like bath soap, small bottle of shampoo and conditioner, etc.. Look for more information in coming weeks.

Birthdays:

January

Connie Davis	6
Stacie Robertson	9
Sally Rose Burns	11
Lori Kaser	31

February

Bobbie Tvrdik	9
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Mark your calendars

Our meeting dates are set for the upcoming year, Locations and event information will be released at a later date, once we have all our venues set. All of our meeting will be on Wednesday unless otherwise noted.

January 26, 2011	July 27, 2011
February 23, 2011	August 24, 2011
March 23, 2011	September 28, 2011
April 27, 2011	October 26, 2011
May 25, 2011	November 16, 2011
June 22, 2011	December 14, 2011

(November & December are not the usual 4th Wednesday of each month due to the holidays.)

This past year was a wonderful year for our members to show off their firms by hosting our monthly meetings at their locations. We would love to keep this going this year as well. If you would like to host a monthly meeting please contact Lori Mitera our Program Director at lmitera@west.com or (402)546-7177



Did you miss the last Webinar, or maybe the one before that? Well we have a solution for you. EWI has put these out on the website for you to view at your leisure.

Webinar Recordings:

Professional Development Webinar

Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2011

Presenter: Tricia Molloy

Topic: CRAVE Your Goals!

Chapter Development Training Webinar For Program Directors

Date: Monday, January 10, 2011

“15 for 12” Membership Recruitment Incentive

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>

January Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, January 26, 2011

Program: Skin Cancer Prevention and Early Detection

Presenter: Amber Leed-Kelly, MA, CHES, Community Outreach Coordinator of Alegent Health Cancer Center

**Hilton Garden Old Market Area
1005 Dodge Street
Omaha, NE**

Directions: Hotel is on the Southwest corner of 10th & Dodge.
Parking is complimentary in the attached parking garage.
Garage entrance on Dodge Street just west of the main hotel entrance.

5:30pm – Networking & Complimentary Beer & Wine
6:00pm – Introductions-Inspirational Reading -Announcements
6:15pm – Dinner
6:45pm – Program

Menu:

Steak Filet OR Blackened Salmon (choose one)
Cranberry Walnut Salad
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Chef's Choice Vegetable
Naughty Cake

\$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, January 21, 2011

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Guests: _____

Email: beglemk@kellyservices.com

Subject Line: EWI RSVP

Mail: Mindy Begley
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14301 First National Bank Pkwy
Suite 112

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www.ewiconnect.com

Don't forget

Your member renewal is due back by January 15th. Please contact Jennifer Chleboun should you have any questions.

jennifer.chleboun@ameristar.com



Dates to Remember

January 26, 2011 Skin Cancer Prevention & Early Detection
Hilton Garden Old Market

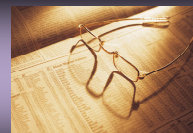
February 23, 2011 Open Door Mission Tour of Facilities
Open Door Mission

March 23, 2011 "What Would You Do?" Matt Ellis
Business Ethics Alliance
TBD

April 27, 2011 50th Anniversary and Executive's Night
Omaha Country Club

May 25, 2011 ASIST Banquet
TBD

June 25, 2011 Firm Night
TBD



We Saw It Here


Watch for our very own Chapter President, Ruth Utman in future Midlands Business Journal! Ruth was asked to be interviewed by MBJ to talk about our Chapter! What a wonderful way to get our name out there and create a buzz about EWI. This article will be included in a future edition of the MBJ. How exciting is that?!

December Meeting Highlights

Cookie and Cupcake Decorating 101



*Now is the time to glow with pride
 For another year we've given ride.
 To sing of accomplishments we met and matched,
 'Tis to sing of joy throughout we hatched!
 So smile and clap your hands with glee,
 For 'tis another day we're bound to see.
 And when this day draws to an end,
 Best wishes to our guardian angels we'll send.
 And when we wake to morning's dew,
 We'll smile and dance another day through!
 - Helen Polaski*

	<p>FORM 18 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting Omaha Chapter EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL® December 7, 2010</p>
Call to Order:	Burlington Capital Group. Called to order at 4:16 pm by Ruth Utman.
Roll Call:	Ruth Utman, Janet Schawang, Doreen Shapiro, Lori Mitera, Jennifer Chleboun, Gwen Christensen, Mindy Begley, Alecia Hartwig Excused: Darlis Vauble, Gail Thompson, Kathy Fry
Minutes:	
<p>The November Board Meeting Minutes are attached. Is there a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes? Motion made by Lori Mitera. Seconded by Alecia Hartwig. All in favor.</p> <p>Are there any corrections? No</p> <p>Is there a motion to approve the November 2010 Board Meeting Minutes? Motion made by Gwen Christensen. Seconded by Mindy Begley. All in favor.</p>	
Treasurer's Report:	
<p>The Treasurers Report is attached. The balance in the General Account is \$4,598.98. The balance in the B/C/DP account is \$6,212.39 cash on hand and \$55,092.99 in investments, for a total of \$61,305.38.</p> <p>Is there a motion to approve payment of these statements? Motion made by Darlis Vauble. Seconded by Lori Mitera. All in favor.</p>	
Communications:	
<p>December 6th – Membership – Recruitment & Retention – 2 & 8 p.m. CST</p> <p>December 13th – Treasurer – Renewal Process – 2 & 8 p.m. CST</p> <p>December 14th – Professional Development Webinar – "More Media, More Headaches, Social Networking and Textual Harassment" – 2 p.m. CST</p>	

committee Reports:

Membership Committee – Alecia Hartwig – New member: Sheila Fitzgerald with Blooms. Discussed other membership leads.

Program – Lori Mitera – Working on upcoming meeting dates and programs. Discussion was had regarding having more meetings/events out West in 2011. It was suggested we combine Executive Night with our Chapter's 50th Anniversary Gala which has been tentatively scheduled for April. Suggestions for upcoming events included dinner/tour/possible volunteer activity for Open Door Mission, a lunch meeting with a Magnificent Mansions tour, a possible tour of the new Methodist Women's Hospital at 707 West 190th Plaza and a Wine Tasting in December.

Publication – Gwen Christensen – Working on December newsletter.

Sergeant-at-Arms/Courtesy Committee – Mindy Begley gave the attendance report from the November meeting of both the Representatives and their Executives who attended.

Ways & Means/Philanthropy – Ruth Utman gave the report for Gail Thompson who was unable to attend. Gail has several volunteers to serve on the Ways & Means Committee: Bobbie Tvrdik, Doreen Shapiro and Cheryl McCall. She is planning to hold a committee meeting prior to the next board meeting.

Long Range Planning/Marketing – Darlis Vauble – no report

B/C/DP – Janet Schawang – Will chair the ASIST banquet and needs volunteer to assist her.

Investment Committee – Jennifer Chleboun – no report

Unfinished Business:

We will be doing a survey to members for feedback on the year's programs, events, newsletter information, etc. Board members should have already submitted questions to Darlis for inclusion in the survey. Would like to get results from the survey back within a few weeks.

Darlis is also working on our Chapter Banner/Poster.

New Business:

We have submitted articles to the Midlands Business Journal on Jennifer Chleboun's and Frelima Gaines' scholarships and the installation of new officers. The articles are in the December 3, 2010 issue.

Membership renewal notices will be going out this month. January 15, 2011 is the due date for the notices.

Discussion was had regarding whether Costco might donate a t.v. which we could raffle off around February, March or April as an additional fundraiser in 2011. due to possibly eliminating Executive Night this year.

At the December chapter meeting, Kathy Fry will demonstrate cookie decorating. Will be asking members to bring their favorite bottle of wine, favorite cookie recipe to share and the donation of an unopened, unwrapped new toy for the Open Door Mission Christmas Drive.

Janet Schawang and Darlis Vauble have volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee and will be looking for one more volunteer.

Announcements:

Publication Deadline: December 11 by 5:00 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at AOI Corporation, 8801 South 137th Circle, Omaha, NE (approx. 144th & Giles)

Next Chapter Meeting: January 26, 2011 at Hilton Garden Old Market Area

Adjournment:

Time: 5:18pm

Approved:

Ruth L. Utman, President

Submitted:

Doreen Shapiro, Secretary

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**TREASURER'S REPORT - GENERAL ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
January 11, 2011**

Period: December 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010

CASH ON HAND: DECEMBER 1, 2010 **\$ 4,898.98**

INCOME & RECEIPTS

November Executive Night Dinner Income	360.00
December Dinner Meeting	380.00
December Raffle	\$ 40.00

Bank Interest	1.02
Total Income & Receipts	\$ 781.02

EXPENSES

Linda Hammond - Food for Party with a Purpose	\$ 198.57
JD Diamond Magic - Executive Night Entertainment	\$ 300.00

Total Expenses	\$ 498.57
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Net Increase in Funds for Period Ended December 31, 2010	<u>282.45</u>
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CASH ON HAND: DECEMBER 31, 2010	<u>\$ 5,181.43</u>
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**TREASURER'S REPORT - B/C/DP ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
January 11, 2011**

Period: December 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010

CASH ON HAND: DECEMBER 1, 2010 **\$ 6,212.39**

INCOME & RECEIPTS

Executive Night Baskets 210.00

Interest Earned \$ 1.35

Total Income & Receipts \$ 211.35

EXPENSES

Total Expenses \$ -

Net Increase in Funds for Period Ended December 31, 2010 211.35

CASH ON HAND: DECEMBER 31, 2010 \$ 6,423.74

INVESTMENTS ON HAND: DECEMBER 31, 2010

Clipper Fund \$ 16,649.97

Vanguard Intermediate Bond Fund 17,602.42

Vanguard Balanced Index Fund 20,725.40

Vanguard Morgan Growth Fund 3,799.45

Total Investments **\$ 58,777.24**

Total Cash **6,423.74**

TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS ON HAND: DECEMBER 31, 2010 **\$ 65,200.98**

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ATTENDANCE REPORT

December 15, 2010 Attendance

<u>Member Firms:</u>	17
Representatives:	20
Life Members:	0
ASIST:	0
<u>Guests:</u>	2
Total Attendance:	22

***Percent of Total Firms: 53%**
***Percent of Total Representatives: 48%**

Submitted by:

**Mindy K. Begley
EWI Sergeant-at-Arms**

**Based from Membership Report (32 firms, 42 reps, 9 Life Members).*

November 17, 2010 Attendance

<u>Member Firms:</u>	23
Representatives:	28
Life Members:	1
ASIST:	0
<u>Guests:</u>	39
Total Attendance:	68

***Percent of Total Firms: 72%**
***Percent of Total Representatives: 67%**

Submitted by:

**Mindy K. Begley
EWI Sergeant-at-Arms**

**Based from Membership Report (32 firms, 42 reps, 9 Life Members).*

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
 Blooms – Sheila Fitzgerald
 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
 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
 Westwood Holdings Group Inc. – Sue Burkhard
 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

SHARE THE NEWS!

Send submissions for the Chapter Newsletter to:

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