

Letter from President



WOW! Are you still on Cloud 9? I am. Oh, what a night? If you missed our 50th Anniversary Gala, you missed the premier event of the *half* century. I'm not sure where to start. The night was perfect. The only really perfect spring day we've had. The venue was beautiful as were the flowers and table settings. The memorabilia and power point presentation on our history was very interesting and well done and the speakers were inspiring. We had a fantastic turnout complete with our Corporate President Sharon Bennett and Mayor Suttle, who proclaimed our charter date of April 28th as EWI Day.

We were only missing five of our member firms, and believe me....you were missed. The food was delicious and our special "EWI" candies were a big hit and tasty too. All involved...the Gala & History Committee, our Board & everyone else who stepped up.... are to be congratulated on a job well done and a successful event. Thank you!

(Watch for our special EWI Gala Newsletter Edition coming soon for pictures & more details.)

We don't have time to bask in our glory, however, as we are on to the next big event. It is spring and time to plant...whether it be corn & soybeans in the field, or tomatoes & peppers in the garden, or flowers on the patio....We are going to plant seeds of hope at our ASIST Scholarship Banquet. Janet Schawang and her committee have been working hard to make this a special event for our three scholarship winners. Come hear the stories of these students who are working to make a better life for themselves and their families.

And, don't forget, since it is spring, it is also time to clean that closet and bring in any business attire or accessories that you aren't using anymore to donate to the Chamber's Arbor Closet for those trying to go on interviews and get back in the working world. You'll feel better for having helped someone else and you'll have a clean closet!

Remember...Grow where you are planted....See you May 25th!

Ruth

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EWI Board Meeting: **June 2011**

Fraser Stryker
28th Floor Woodmen Tower
4:00pm, June 7, 2011

EWI Monthly Meeting: **June 2011**

June 22, 2011 Chapter Meeting
Goodwill Industries
Firm Night

Birthdays:

May

Linda Jensen	17
Michele Graham	18
Shannon McGree	22
Brianne Wilde	26
Loy Flanagan	26

June

Karin Holmes	6
Jo Anne Drefs	7
Carolyn McClean	13
Linda Franco	19
Linda Hammond	19
Patricia Leonard	21

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Mark your calendars

Our meeting dates are set for the 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.

May 25, 2011	September 28, 2011
June 22, 2011	October 26, 2011
July 27, 2011	November 16, 2011
August 24, 2011	December 14, 2011

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



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:: A New Way to Connect ::

As many of you know the Corporate Office has been working on a new social networking tool for the members of EWI. The new MyEWI social network has recently been released to the Corporate Board, Corporate Committees, Chapter Presidents and Chapter Vice Presidents. The time for the EWI general membership to begin using this great new tool is drawing near. The Corporate Office is anticipating your invite to this new tool to be arriving in your inbox in the next few days.

Your invite will give you all the information you need to begin using the new tool, from the initial login to all the features that are available to you to CONNECT with your fellow EWI members. We hope that you will find this an immediately effective communication tool for your Chapter, and all of EWI. For any questions on this new social network tool, email the Corporate Office at ewi@ewiconnect.com. We look forward to having you CONNECT at MyEWI.

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May Chapter Meeting

ASIST Scholarship Banquet

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

DoubleTree Hotel
1616 Dodge Street
Omaha, NE

Agenda:

5:30-6:15pm	Networking
6:15-6:30pm	Welcome: Roll call/Inspirational Reading/Announcements
6:30-7:00pm	Dinner
7:00-7:30pm	Guest Speaker – Natalia Peart, President and CEO Women’s Center for Advancement
7:30pm	ASIST Scholarship Presentation

Menu:

Hearts of Romaine Salad with Watercress, Tomatoes and Pepper Confetti with Asiago Dressing
 Champagne Pasta with Grilled Chicken Rolls and Butter
 Lemon Raspberry Torte
 Layered Chocolate Mousse Cake

\$30.00 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, May 20, 2011

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Guests: _____

Email: beglemk@kellyservices.com

Subject Line: EWI RSVP

Mail: Mindy Begley
 Kelly Services

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 Omaha, NE 68154



Dates to Remember

May 25, 2011 ASIST Banquet
 Doubletree Hotel

June 22, 2011 Firm Night
 Goodwill Industries

July 27, 2011 Lunch Meeting - Millionaires & Mansions Tour
 Durham Museum

Arbor’s Closet

At the ASIST scholarship banquet on May 25, we would like to collect good used professional clothing for men and women to donate to Arbor’s Closet again this year. Please bring gently used items such as suits, skirts, trousers, purses, briefcases or satchels, etc. Arbor’s Closet is a program sponsored by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce. Thank you!”

SAY, *Thanks!*

Say “Thank You” to a co-worker or Chapter guest with a beautiful keychain from the EWI Merchandise Shoppe at ewiconnect.com

SHOP NOW!

EWI of Omaha – 2011 Membership Campaign

Thanks to those that submitted leads, invited guests or assisted in recruiting a new member! Our goal during the 2010-2011 board year is 7 new members. So far, we are at 4. Prizes will be drawn at the May 26th ASSIST Banquet. Although this mini-campaign is ending, please keep the leads coming.

Prizes (revised):

- For every lead submitted or potential member recruited to attend a meeting, your name will be included in a drawing for \$25 cash.
- For every lead submitted, your name will be included in a drawing for 2 tickets to the College World Series at the new TD Ameritrade Park.

Thank you!
 Alecia Hartwig
 Membership Director

April Meeting Highlights
EWI Omaha Chapter 50th Anniversary



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New Member Firm Spotlight



Shannon McGree – 2nd Rep

Shannon McGree is the District Store Manager in charge of six out of 14 area Goodwill Stores. Shannon has been with Goodwill Industries since 2004, shortly after graduating from UNL with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She had worked at Goodwill in Lincoln, NE, while attending college and soon made her way to Omaha. Shannon started as an Assistant Manager then moved onto Manager and has held her current position since late 2008. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her two year old niece Mallory, traveling and playing softball in the summer.




IKON Office Solutions
Linda Jensen, Representative

IKON is the industry leading provider of document management systems & services and provides its customers with solutions that streamline every phase of the document lifecycle from input to output, distribution, storage and retrieval. IKON is recognized in the industry for designing and implementing customized workflow solutions. In 2008, IKON was purchased by RICOH. Ricoh is known across the globe as a world-class office automation manufacturer. Ricoh is also a recognized leader in sustainability, consistently ranked highly among global corporations for successfully balancing business productivity with environmental responsibility. For example, Ricoh was a charter member of Energy Star, and all Ricoh manufacturing plants worldwide are ISO 14001 certified, and all have achieved zero-waste-to-landfill level 2 or 3.

Ricoh has also been named one of the Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World by the World Economic Forum for six consecutive years, and has been a member of the Dow Jones Sustainability Index for five consecutive years, and a member of the FTSE4 Good global Index for four consecutive years.

Linda is a Senior Account Executive and has been with IKON for three years. Prior to that, Linda worked for other office equipment vendors in Omaha since 1997. Out of high school, Linda attended beauty school, and spent her early career in that field while living in Audubon and Atlantic, IA. The transition to Omaha and into sales came in the early 90's while working for a distributor of products to salons in Omaha and eastern Nebraska.

Linda has one married son who has provided her with two granddaughters. She is involved in Downtown Omaha, Inc. and has served on that organization's board. She spends free time sewing, gardening, enjoying family, friends and her dog Ginger.

	<p>FORM 18 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting Omaha Chapter EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL® April 12, 2011</p>									
Call to Order:	At College of St. Mary. Called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Ruth Utman.									
Roll Call:	Ruth Utman, Janet Schawang, Doreen Shapiro, Lori Mitera, Jennifer Chleboun, Gwen Christensen, Gail Thompson Excused: Mindy Begley, Alecia Hartwig, Kathy Fry, Darlis Vauble									
Minutes:										
<p>The March Board Meeting Minutes are attached. Is there a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes? Motion made by Lori Mitera. Seconded by Janet Schawang. All in favor.</p> <p>Are there any corrections? No</p> <p>Is there a motion to approve the March 2011 Board Meeting Minutes? Motion made by Doreen Shapiro. Seconded by Gwen Christensen. All in favor.</p>										
Treasurer's Report:										
<p>The Treasurers Report is attached. The balance in the General Account is \$6,978.70. The balance in the B/C/DP account is \$6,427.70 cash on hand and \$58,777.24 in investments, for a total of \$65,204.94.</p> <p>Presentation of Statements:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Name</u></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Purpose</u></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><u>Amount</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Prestige Membership</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 305.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chapter Insurance</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 200.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Is there a motion to approve payment of these statements? Motion made by Doreen Shapiro. Seconded by Gwen Christensen. All in favor.</p>		<u>Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	Prestige Membership		\$ 305.00	Chapter Insurance		\$ 200.00
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Communications:										
<p>Fellows Scholarships due May 31, 2011</p> <p>Corporate Board applications may now be submitted</p> <p>BCDP Director: Form 22 is Due April 29th</p> <p>Treasurer: Form 1 & 31 is Due April 29th (Electronic Copy is fine)</p> <p>LCAM in Minneapolis, MN – September 22-24, 2011</p>										

Committee Reports:

50th Anniversary Gala – Darlis Vauble - Darlis Vauble reported that she intended to invite our Corporate President to lunch while the President is in town for the Gala. She mentioned that if anyone wanted to join them for lunch they would be welcome to attend.

Membership – Alecia Hartwig – Ruth Utman gave the membership report in Alecia's absence. Our goal is to recruit at least 7 new members.

Publication – Gwen Christensen – no report.

Program – Lori Mitera - Lori Mitera has planned the 2011 meetings with fun and interesting events and/or speakers. Locations are still pending for the November and December meetings

Sergeant-at-Arms/Courtesy Committee – Mindy Begley - In Mindy's absence, Ruth Utman reported that the new name badges would be ready in time for Gala.

Ways & Means/Philanthropy – Gail Thompson – No report.

Long Range Planning/Marketing – Darlis Vauble - No report.

B/C/DP – Janet Schawang – Natalia Peart of Women's Center for Advancement will be our speaker for our ASIST meeting in May.

Investment Committee – Jennifer Chleboun – No report.

Unfinished Business:

Banner or Poster - Carolyn McClean is handling the creation of the poster for Gala.

New Business:

Discussed a donation to go to WCA for Natalia Peart speaking at our May ASIST Scholarship Banquet.

Announcements:

Publication Deadline: April 15, 2011

Next Board Meeting: May 10, 2011 @ Burlington Capitol Group, LLC, Woodmen Tower, 28th Floor

Next Chapter Meeting: April 27, 2011 @ Omaha Country Club

Adjournment:

Time: 5:15pm

Approved:

Ruth L. Utman, President

Submitted:

Doreen Shapiro, Secretary

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**TREASURER'S REPORT - GENERAL ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
May 10, 2011**

Period: April 1, 2011 to April 30, 2011

CASH ON HAND: APRIL 1, 2011 **\$ 6,978.70**

INCOME & RECEIPTS

Annual Dues - ConAgra, Prestige, Daugherty	1,225.00
February Dinner Meeting	100.00
March Dinner Meeting	\$ 825.00
March Raffle	\$ 56.00
50th Gala Sponsorships	5,750.00
April Dinner Meeting	2,135.00

Bank Interest	2.09
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Total Income & Receipts	\$ 10,093.09
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EXPENSES

Baird Holm - Gala Save the Date Cards	\$ 35.20
Darlis Vauble - 50th Gala invites	\$ 32.09
Treat America Food Service - March Dinner Meeting	\$ 874.82
EWI Corporate - New Firm Prestige Resorts	\$ 305.00
EWI Corporate - Chapter Insurance	\$ 200.00

Total Expenses	\$ 1,447.11
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Net Increase in Funds for Period Ended April 30, 2011	<u>8,645.98</u>
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CASH ON HAND: APRIL 30, 2011	<u>\$ 15,624.68</u>
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CASH ON HAND: MARCH 1, 2011	\$ 5,147.34
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INCOME & RECEIPTS

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER**

**TREASURER'S REPORT - B/C/DP ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
May 10, 2011**

Period: April 1, 2011 to April 30, 2011

CASH ON HAND: APRIL 1, 2011		\$ 6,427.70
INCOME & RECEIPTS		
Interest Earned	\$ 1.32	<hr/>
Total Income & Receipts	\$ 1.32	
EXPENSES		
Total Expenses	\$ -	<hr/>
Net Increase in Funds for Period Ended April 30, 2011		1.32 <hr/>
CASH ON HAND: APRIL 30, 2011		\$ 6,429.02 <hr/> <hr/>
INVESTMENTS ON HAND: APRIL 30, 2011		
Clipper Fund	\$ 17,713.28	
Vanguard Intermediate Bond Fund	17,155.24	
Vanguard Balanced Index Fund	21,398.48	
Vanguard Morgan Growth Fund	<u>3,965.46</u>	
Total Investments		\$ 60,232.46
Total Cash		6,429.02

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ATTENDANCE REPORT

April 27, 2011 Attendance

Member Firms:	28
Representatives:	37
Life Members:	6
Sustaining Members:	1
ASIST:	1
Guests:	77
Total Attendance:	122

*Percent of Total Firms: 85%
 *Percent of Total Representatives: 86%

Submitted by:

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

*Based from Membership Report (33 firms, 43 reps, 9 Life Members, 1 Sustaining Member).

March 23, 2011 Attendance

Member Firms:	22
Representatives:	27
Life Members:	1
ASIST:	0
Guests:	4
Total Attendance:	32

*Percent of Total Firms: 71%
 *Percent of Total Representatives: 68%

Submitted by:

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

*Based from Membership Report (31 firms, 40 reps, 9 Life Members, 1 Sustaining Member).

EWI – Omaha Chapter Membership List

Access Bank – Cheryl McCall
 Alegent Health – Linda Franco
 Ameristar – Jennifer Chleboun
 AOI Corporation – Janet Schawang
 Baird Holm LLP – Linda Hammond, 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, Candy Becker
 Daugherty Foundation – Brianne Wilde, Sharon Latham
 Doubletree Hotel Downtown – Lori Kaser
 Embassy Suites Hotel – Tara Stark
 Fraser Stryker, P.C., LLC – Doreen Shapiro
 Gavilon – Michele Graham
 Girls Incorporated of Omaha – Jane Allamong
 Goodwill Industries, Inc. – Bobbie Tvrdik, Shannon McGree
 Greater Omaha Chamber – Alecia Hartwig
 Ikon Office Solutions – Linda Jensen
 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 – Carolyn McClean, Deb Emerson
 Prestige Resorts & Destinations – Barb Ewer
 SilverStone Group, Inc. – Julie Ann Narans
 Tero International – Becky Ruper-Greene
 Travel and Transport – Karin Holmes
 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
 Sustaining Members – Linda Hutchens

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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