

President's Message



One of the most exciting features of new beginnings is that you have the opportunity to set the tone for all that follows! When the new board met this week, we took our first step towards setting some new goals with a tool that I was introduced to this year through my firm. It is the S-W-O-T analysis which is designed to create some thought starters by examining the **S**trengths, **W**eaknesses, **O**pportunities and **T**hreats for an organization. And, it did have an

immediate impact on conversations for the rest of the evening as the board discussed new ideas for meetings, fun get-togethers, new member orientation, and attracting new members. Soon we will send out a survey to you so that you can also share your ideas and feedback!

LCAM this year was very exciting! Since it was my first LCAM, I wasn't sure what to expect, but I came back loaded with an abundance of information. It was truly a learning experience! The Omaha chapter was recognized in a couple of different ways during the conference which was extremely gratifying for all who attended. Our own Darlis Vauble was elected for the Central Division Corporate Nominating Committee, competing against four other individuals! Jenni Chleboun was recognized for winning the Fellows Award, a scholarship for EWI members returning to school, and Omaha's own LeAnn Harter also received recognition for winning the Corporate ASIST Scholarship. Jenni gave a speech during the Scholarship Luncheon, as did both of the winners for the Corporate EWISP Scholarship and the Corporate ASIST Scholarship. For me, that was the most memorable event of the Conference! Several members participated in the first 5K event: Running for Reading. The goal of this event was to get community support behind the EWI Literacy initiative; the funds raised went to Maxwell School, a local elementary school.

The Reading Rally will be held October 19 at the Girls Inc. north Omaha location. The next two big events are our most important fundraisers for the ASIST Scholarship program, so let's gear up! Promote the Party with a Purpose event on October 26 and get your all friends and relatives there! Executive's Night is on November 16 and Save the Date cards were mailed to your executives. Please talk up this event as well for them and their guests. We will be doing the Basket Silent Auction at this event so start thinking about a basket donation from your firm.

Lots to do before the holidays strike; let's have some fun doing it!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EWI Board Meeting: October 12, 2011

AOI
8801 S. 137th Circle
October 12, 2011, 4pm

EWI Monthly Meeting: October 26, 2011

Party with a Purpose
Hot Shots
1301 Nicholas Street

Birthdays:

October

Gwen Christensen	October 2
Sue Burkhard	October 10
Jane Allamong	October 23

November

Alecia Hartwig	November 4
Patty Bain	November 7
Carolyn Ziemann	November 9
Marny Stricklin	November 10
Carol Armstrong	November 13
Deb Emerson	November 20
Cheryl McCall	November 27
Doreen Shapiro	November 30

Dates to Note

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Professional Development Webinar
"Building Trust in the Workplace"
3:00 pm (ET)

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

Professional Development Webinar
"The New Frontier - QR Codes: Expanding the Relevance of Print"
3:00 pm (ET)

September 13-15, 2012

Save the Date!
65th LCAM in Dallas, TX

Raffle Ticket Sales

Please continue to sell raffle tickets up until October 26. Drawings will take place at Party With A Purpose. Prizes include a 10.1" notebook laptop and a 32" flat screen TV! Proceeds from the raffle benefit the ASIST Scholarship Program.

If you have any questions about the upcoming event at Hot Shots, please contact Gail Thompson at gthompson@csm.edu.

Save the Date!

Executive's Night

November 16, 2011

Holland Performing Arts Center

13th & Douglas Streets

5:30pm

Silent Basket Auction

To benefit the ASIST Scholarship Program

*We will also have a tour of the amazing
Holland Performing Arts Center!*

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.ewi-omaha.org
www.ewiconnect.com

Member Corner

Congratulations to Tara Stark, representative from Embassy Suites Hotel! Tara was recently engaged and has set a wedding date of May 19, 2012.

Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of Sandra Sealock, a former EWI of Omaha representative from TD Ameritrade. Sandra passed away on October 3 after a very short battle with cancer.

October Chapter Meeting Wednesday, October 26, 2011

**Party With A Purpose
ASIST Scholarship Fundraiser**

Hot Shops
1301 Nicholas Street, Omaha, NE

5:30 – 7:30 PM

Open to the Public
\$5 Admission

Light Hors d'oeuvres Spirit World Wine Bar
Raffles: 10.1" Notebook Laptop & 32" Flat Screen TV

BASKET SILENT AUCTION November 16 Holland Center

We are asking 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 \$1,650 from the Silent Auction to benefit the ASIST Scholarship Program. Watch your email for more information on basket donations. If you have any questions or need suggestions on types of baskets, please contact Patty Bain at pbain@ncghotels.com.

CORPORATE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

We would like to extend our congratulations to Jenni Chleboun and LeAnn Harter! Both were recognized at the Leadership Conference as a Corporate scholarship winner. A very prestigious honor! Congratulations!

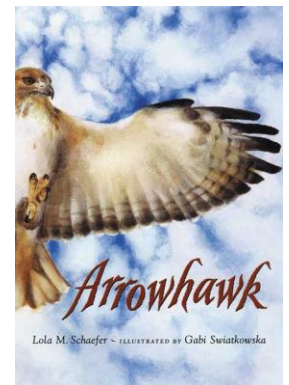


Dates to Remember

October 26, 2011 "Party with a Purpose" Fundraiser Hot Shops

November 16, 2011 Executive's Night/Silent Auction Holland Center

December 14, 2011 December Chapter Meeting Program TBD, Baird Holm LLP



Please join us in helping Girls Inc. promote literacy at the annual EWI Reading Rally on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 3:45pm - 5:45pm. This event will be held at Girls Inc., 2811 North 45th Street.

The girls will be making pine cone bird feeders. Supplies for the craft are being donated by EWI members (thank you!).

The challenge is out for EWI members or firms to consider making a donation to help offset the cost of the books (\$11 per book). Please contact Shirley Gunderson at sgunderson@csm.edu if you are interested. Here is your chance to contribute to the community!

"Familiar hands tossed him gently into the winter air. Hawk flapped his wings and skimmed the earth. Then he beat his wings harder, rose, and flew over the trees. And straight as an arrow, Hawk soared into the wild." A hungry red-tailed hawk sits near a fence post and devours his..... This is a story of an injured red-tailed hawk's survival and freedom.


Join us on October 19 to hear the rest of the story!

September Meeting Highlights Installation of Officers



LCAM Highlights September 21-24, Minneapolis, MN



	<p>FORM 18 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting Omaha Chapter EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL® September 7, 2011</p>	
Call to Order:	Burlington Capital Group. Called to order at 4:30 pm by Ruth Utman.	
Roll Call:	Ruth Utman, Janet Schawang, Doreen Shapiro, Jennifer Chleboun, Mindy Begley, Gwen Christensen, Darlis Vauble, Lori Mitera, Alecia Hartwig Excused: Gail Thompson, Kathy Fry	
Minutes:		
<p>The August 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 August 2011 Board Meeting Minutes? Motion made by Alecia Hartwig. Seconded by Gwen Christensen. All in favor.</p>		
Treasurer's Report:		
<p>The Treasurers Report is attached. The balance in the General Account is \$9,606.70. The balance in the B/C/DP account is \$3,113.66 cash on hand and \$61,280.39 in investments, for a total of \$64,394.05.</p>		
Presentation of Statements:		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
B/C/DP		
Ruth Utman	LCAM Registration	\$615.00
General Account		
Easel for our banner	For Gala and Executive Nights	\$28.75
Spirit World	August Dinner Meeting	\$1,370.72
<p>Is there a motion to approve payment of these statements? Motion made by Mindy Begley. Seconded by Gwen Christensen. All in favor.</p>		
Communications:		
<p>LCAM in Minneapolis, MN – September 22-24, 2011</p> <p>“Taste of Minneapolis; an Evening on a Stick” Progressive Dinner – Wed., Sept. 21</p>		

Committee Reports:

Membership –Alecia Hartwig - Alecia reported that we have five new members this past fiscal year.

Program – Lori Mitera - Distributed a program calendar with the remaining programs for 2011.

Publication – Gwen Christensen – Gwen said that the photos from the Gala will be available after LCAM.

Sergeant-at-Arms/Courtesy Committee – Mindy Begley - Mindy reported that there were 35 firms and 47 representatives at the August meeting.

Ways & Means/Philanthropy – Gail Thompson – “Party with a Purpose” Fundraiser - Report prepared by Gail Thompson and presented by Ruth Utman.

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

B/C/DP – Janet Schawang – No report.

Investment Committee – Jennifer Chleboun - No report.

LCAM Committee – Darlis Vauble – Darlis gave update on LCAM.

Nominating Committee – Darlis Vauble – Slate presented (closed as of July 31, 2011).

Unfinished Business:

Memphis Chapter / Corporate Bylaw Change chapter e-mails
 Budget
 Choose Delegates – Done – Form 42 submitted via e-mail & then original & check sent via Fed Ex to Corporate.
 Delegates are: Ruth Utman & Janet Schawang and Alternates are: Jane Allamong & Darlis Vauble.

New Business:

Reading Rally - Shirley Gunderson is leading Reading Rally this year and is requesting donations to purchase books and supplies for the girls.

Detroit Chapter / Chapter Bylaws - it was recommended that our Chapter send Ruth Utman and Janet Schawang to LCAM uninstructed but voting no on this amendment to the Chapter and Corporate Bylaws.

Announcements:

Publication Deadline: September 16, 2011
 Next Board Meeting: To be determined
 Next Chapter Meeting: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 – Installation of Officers & Business Meeting @ Bland & Associates.

Adjournment:

Time: 5:44 p.m.

Approved:

Ruth L. Utman, President

Submitted:

Doreen Shapiro, Secretary

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER**

**TREASURER'S REPORT - GENERAL ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
October 12, 2011**

Period: September 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011

CASH ON HAND: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011		\$ 9,606.70
 INCOME & RECEIPTS		
July Lunch Meeting		80.00
August Dinner Meeting		1,250.00
Bank Interest		0.41
Total Income & Receipts		\$ 1,330.41
 EXPENSES		
Spirit World - August Dinner Meeting		\$ 1,370.72
Total Expenses		\$ 1,370.72
Net Decrease in Funds for Period Ended September 30, 2011		<u>(40.31)</u>
CASH ON HAND: SEPTEMBER 30, 2011		<u>\$ 9,566.39</u>

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER**

**TREASURER'S REPORT - B/C/DP ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
October 12, 2011**

Period: September 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011

CASH ON HAND: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 **\$ 3,113.66**

INCOME & RECEIPTS

Party with a Purpose - Raffle tickets sold

Interest Earned	\$ 0.08
Total Income & Receipts	\$ 0.08

EXPENSES

Janet Schawang - LCAM Registration & Airfare	1,162.50
Ruth Utman - LCAM Registration	\$ 615.00
Maintenance fee (average daily balance needs to be \$5000.00)	<u>\$10.00</u>

Total Expenses **\$ 1,787.50**

Net Decrease in Funds for Period Ended September 30, 2011 **(1,787.42)**

CASH ON HAND: SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 **\$ 1,326.24**

INVESTMENTS ON HAND: SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

Clipper Fund	\$ 18,128.64
Vanguard Intermediate Bond Fund	17,555.05
Vanguard Balanced Index Fund	21,606.34
Vanguard Morgan Growth Fund	<u>3,990.36</u>

Total Investments **\$ 61,280.39**

Total Cash **1,326.24**

TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS ON HAND: SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 **\$ 62,606.63**

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER****ATTENDANCE REPORT****September 28, 2011 Attendance**

Member Firms:	23
Representatives:	26
Life Members:	2
Sustaining Members:	0
ASIST:	0
Guests:	1
Total Attendance:	29

*Percent of Total Firms: 66%

*Percent of Total Representatives: 55%

Submitted by:

Mindy K. Begley
EWI Sergeant-at-Arms

*Based from Membership Report (35 firms, 47 reps, 9 Life Members, 1 Sustaining Member).

August 24, 2011 Attendance

Member Firms:	18
Representatives:	23
Life Members:	1
Sustaining Members:	1
ASIST:	0
Guests:	24
Total Attendance:	49

*Percent of Total Firms: 51%

*Percent of Total Representatives: 49%

Submitted by:

Mindy K. Begley
EWI Sergeant-at-Arms

*Based from Membership Report (35 firms, 47 reps, 9 Life Members, 1 Sustaining

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 – Sharon Latham
 Doubletree Hotel Downtown – Patti Goodman
 Embassy Suites Hotel – Tara Stark
 Fraser Stryker, P.C., LLC – Doreen Shapiro
 Gavilon – Michele Graham, Rachel Galley
 Girls Incorporated of Omaha – Jane Allamong
 Goodwill Industries, Inc. – Bobbie Tvrdik, Shannon McGree
 Greater Omaha Chamber – Alecia Hartwig
 Ikon Office Solutions – Linda Jensen
 Jet Linx Aviation – Lauren Clark

Kelly Services – Mindy Begley
 Lincoln Financial Group – 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 Rupiper-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
 Life Members- Sharon Sacha, Sally Komrofske, Loy Flanagan, Sally Rose Burns, Patricia Leonard, Lenore Honke, Marlene Johnson, Ellie Morrow, Cathy Bodammer, Patty McElderry
 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!

Send submissions for the Chapter Newsletter to:

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