

Letter from President



Another awesome meeting of the Omaha Chapter was held at Access Bank's new location on Wed., August 24th. Cheryl McCall and her associates did a wonderful job with the evening and it was very interesting to learn of Access Bank's humble beginnings (3MV) and of their rapid growth.

Looking ahead...Shirley Gunderson is

gearing up for the Reading Rally for Wed., October 19th and Gail Thompson and her committee are in the midst of finalizing everything for the Party with a Purpose on Wed., October 26th, as well. (More information to follow on both in this newsletter.) While they are doing that, don't forget to do your part and *SELL, SELL, SELL* those raffle tickets plus invite friends, neighbors and co-workers to the "Party!"

And now, here we are at the "final" chapter of the 2010-2011 year. Hard to believe it has gone by so fast! I drug my feet on accepting the presidency for a number of years and it was pretty scary but with the board working with me, I found my fears were unfounded. When we started, I said that we would be a **T.E.A.M.** because **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore and I believe that is just what happened. We have had a great year as a chapter. We have increased our membership by 5 firms, celebrated our 50th anniversary with a record crowd at our Gala, performed a service to the community by volunteering at the Open Door Mission for an evening, raised enough money to present three ASIST scholarships, had a great variety of programs from educational to thought-provoking to fun! And, let us not forget, all this while surviving the Flood of 2011!

Thank you to all who played any part in making this a successful year for our Chapter as **YOU** are the reason we were successful! I have been proud to represent you. Please join me in thanking our current board and in giving your full support to Janet Schawang and our new board as they take office Wednesday, September 28th by attending our installation.

Thanks for the memories!

Ruth

2010-2011 Officers & Directors

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Alecia Hartwig, Greater Omaha Chamber
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Publications Director

Gwen Christensen, West Asset Management
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Director At Large

Kathy Fry, ConAgra Foods
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EWI Board Meeting: October 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:

September

Jennifer Chleboun	4
Linda Hutchens	12
Barb Ewer	14
Kimberly Martin	14
Lori Mitera	20
Candy Becker	25

October

Gwen Christensen	2
Sue Burkhard	10
Jane Allamong	23

Dates to Note

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Professional Development Webinar
"How to Communicate Effectively with a Virtual Team"
3:00 pm (ET)

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



September 22-24, 2011

Minneapolis, MN

Are you planning to attend?

Here is a note from a past attendee

"Step out" and Discover a New Adventure

"If you would like to play a leading role in positioning EWI to meet the future, I encourage you to submit your name at LCAM for election to the Corporate Nominating Committee. As a Nominating Committee member, you are inside the candidate selection process that works to choose the future leaders of EWI. I represented the Western Region proudly on this year's Nominating Committee, and it was one of the most fulfilling and meaningful experiences of my entire EWI membership. It was also a lot of fun! Make the choice to be a part of shaping EWI's future. You'll be thrilled that you did!"

Anna McCutcheon, EWI of San Diego
2010-2011 Nominating Committee

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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

Save the Date!

October 26

Party with a Purpose/ASIST Fundraiser

Hot Shops Art Center
1301 Nicholas Street

Leave a legacy gift and enhance financial security for those who will benefit from EWI's programs.



Call or go online for more details about how you can make a difference.



Dial Toll Free: 1-877-4-EWI-NOW or go to www.ewiconnect.com

CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY

September Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, September 28, 2011

Bland & Associates
450 Regency Parkway, Ste. 120
Omaha, NE

Directions: Bland is located on Regency Parkway just north of the Regency Lake & Tennis Club. Enter the parking structure and proceed down one level (one complete circle). Enter the building on the first floor. Bland's office is on the left.

Business Meeting & Installation of Officers

5:30pm - Networking/Refreshments
6:15pm - Roll Call/ Announcements/Inspirational Reading
6:30pm - Dinner
7:00pm - Business Meeting
Installation of Officers

Menu:

*Meat Lasagna, Pasta Alfredo
Dinner Salad, Rolls
Assorted Mini Desserts*

\$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, September 23, 2011

Name: _____
Firm: _____
Guests: _____

Email: beglemk@kellyservices.com

Subject Line: EWI RSVP

Mail: Mindy Begley

Kelly Services
14301 First National Bank Pkwy
Suite 112
Omaha, NE 68154



Dates to Remember

September 28, 2011 Installation of Officers/Business meeting
Bland and Associates

October 26, 2011 "Party with a Purpose" fundraiser for ASIST
Hot Shops

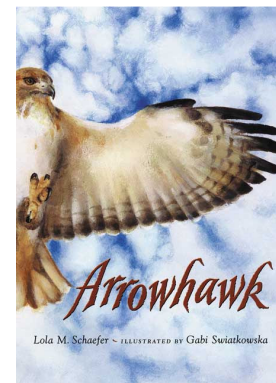
November 16, 2011 Executive's night/Silent Auction
Holland Center

Reminder!

Are you selling those raffle tickets? Don't forget that there is also the chance to win tickets to a Husker home Game!

Please contact Gail Thompson
gtompson@csm.edu with any questions about the upcoming event at Hot Shots.

Remember to bring any sold raffle tickets to the meeting on September 28



Join us in helping the Girl's Inc. promote literacy at the annual EWI Reading Rally, Wednesday, October 19, 2011 3:45pm until 5:45pm.

Location: Girl's Inc
2811 North 45th St

Books (Arrowhawk) will be available to purchase for donation at \$11.00 a book.


Contact Shirley Gunderson (sgunderson@csm.edu)

"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 hawks survival and freedom.

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

August Meeting Highlights Access Bank



	<p>FORM 18 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting Omaha Chapter EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL® August 9, 2011</p>	
Call to Order:	West Asset Management. Called to order at 4:20 pm by Ruth Utman	
Roll Call:	Ruth Utman, Janet Schawang, Lori Mitera, Jennifer Chleboun, Gwen Christensen, Gail Thompson, Alecia Hartwig, Mindy Begley Excused, Kathy Fry, Doreen Shapiro, Darlis Vauble	
Minutes:		
<p>The July Board Meeting Minutes are attached. Is there a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes? Motion made by Mindy Begley. Seconded by Gail Thompson. All in favor.</p> <p>Are there any corrections? No</p> <p>Is there a motion to approve the July 2011 Board Meeting Minutes? Motion made by Janet Schawang. Seconded by Mindy Begley. All in favor.</p>		
Treasurer's Report:		
<p>The Treasurers Report is attached. The balance in the General Account is \$10,648.31. The balance in the B/C/DP account is \$3,154.78 cash on hand and \$61,280.39 in investments, for a total of \$64,435.17.</p>		
Presentation of Statements:		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Account Durham Museum	July chapter meeting	\$ 600.00
B/C/DP Account EWI Corporate	Delegate fees for LCAM	\$100.00
<p>Is there a motion to approve payment of these statements? Motion made by Lori Mitera. Seconded by Gwen Christensen. All in favor.</p> <p>Jennifer Chleboun also reported that we were audited and stated that she responded to their inquiries.</p>		
Communications:		
<p>LCAM in Minneapolis, MN – September 22-24, 2011</p> <p>Professional Development Webinar – Presentation Skills – Part 2, Thursday, April 11, at 2pm Central w/Lori Giovannoni.</p> <p>Chapter Development Webinar – Budget Building Blueprint – Wednesday, April 17, at 12pm Central</p> <p>“Taste of Minneapolis: An Evening on a Stick” Progressive Dinner – Wednesday, September 21</p>		

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee – Alecia Hartwig – Alecia reported that she is following up on some pending membership leads. Two new firm applications are in the works. Announcement to be made once all paperwork is complete.

Program – Lori Mitera – Plans are finalized for the August 24 Firm Night at Access Bank. Lori is working with Hilary on plans for the September 28 meeting which will be installation of officers for our new Board. The meeting will be held at Bland & Associates’ new office in Regency. Lori will also be getting a committee together for Executive’s Night scheduled for November 16 at the Holland Center. If you are interested in being on this committee, please let Lori know.

Publication – Gwen Christensen – Gwen is working on a special newsletter which will display pictures from our 50th Gala. Attendance report was given and will be published in the newsletter.

Ways & Means/Philanthropy – Gail Thompson – Gail gave an update on Party with a Purpose on October 26. Table reservations from vendors starting to come in. Raffle tickets are underway. Sales to continue until day of event.

Long Range Planning/Marketing – Darlis Vauble – No report – Darlis not present.

B/C/DP – Janet Schawang – Janet announced that Barb Ewer and Mindy Begley will co-chair the ASIST Committee next year.

Investment Committee – Jennifer Chleboun – no updates to report.

Nominating Committee – Darlis Vauble – No report – Darlis not present.

Unfinished Business:

Memphis Chapter / Corporate Bylaw Change chapter e-mails

LCAM delegates are: Ruth Utman and Janet Schawang. Alternates are Jane Allamong and Darlis Vauble. Form 42 has been submitted via email. Original form and check sent via Fed Ex to Corporate office.

EWI Candy Molds are still available for sale. Will take to LCAM to sell there.

New Business:

Discussed who would be attending LCAM and transportation and events taking place while at LCAM. We will have a short meeting with those going to LCAM after our Chapter meeting on August 24 to discuss plans.

Announcements:

Publication Deadline: Wednesday, August 10, 2011

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at Burlington Capital Group, 1700 Farnam St., Suite 2850

Next Chapter Meeting: Wednesday, August 24, 2011 - Access Bank, 2625 S 140th Street (Oakview branch location). Executives are encouraged to attend with you.

Adjournment:

Time: 5:30pm

Approved:

Ruth L. Utman, President

Submitted:

Doreen Shapiro, Secretary

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER**

**TREASURER'S REPORT - GENERAL ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
September 7, 2011**

Period: August 1, 2011 to August 31, 2011

CASH ON HAND: AUGUST 1, 2011 **\$ 10,648.31**

INCOME & RECEIPTS

July Lunch Meeting	300.00
Party with a Purpose - Vendor fee	70.00
Bank Interest	<u>0.55</u>
Total Income & Receipts	\$ 370.55

EXPENSES

Hot Shops - Deposit for Party with a Purpose	\$ 100.00
Durham Heritage Museum - July Lunch Meeting	\$ 600.00
Patricia Catering - June Dinner Meeting	\$ 712.16

Total Expenses **\$ 1,412.16**

Net Decrease in Funds for Period Ended August 31, 2011 **(\$1,041.61)**

CASH ON HAND: AUGUST 31, 2011 **\$ 9,606.70**

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**TREASURER'S REPORT - B/C/DP ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
September 7, 2011**

Period: August 1, 2011 to August 31, 2011

CASH ON HAND: AUGUST 1, 2011		\$ 3,154.78
INCOME & RECEIPTS		
Party with a Purpose - Raffle tickets sold	155.00	
Interest Earned	\$ 0.18	
Total Income & Receipts	\$ 155.18	
EXPENSES		
EWI Corporate - Delegate fees	100.00	
Blooms - Corsage from May ASIST Banquet	\$ 96.30	
Total Expenses	\$ 196.30	
Net Decrease in Funds for Period Ended August 31, 2011		<u>(41.12)</u>
CASH ON HAND: AUGUST 31, 2011		<u>\$ 3,113.66</u>
INVESTMENTS ON HAND: AUGUST 31, 2011		
Clipper Fund	\$ 18,128.64	
Vanguard Intermediate Bond Fund	17,555.05	
Vanguard Balanced Index Fund	21,606.34	
Vanguard Morgan Growth Fund	3,990.36	
Total Investments		\$ 61,280.39
Total Cash		<u>3,113.66</u>
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS ON HAND: AUGUST 31, 2011		<u>\$ 64,394.05</u>

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
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ATTENDANCE REPORT

July 27, 2011 Attendance

Member Firms:	20
Representatives:	23
Life Members:	0
Sustaining Members:	0
ASIST:	0
Guests:	13
Total Attendance:	36

*Percent of Total Firms: 59%

*Percent of Total Representatives: 50%

Submitted by:

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

*Based from Membership Report (34 firms, 46 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 – Brianne Wilde, 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
 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
 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!

Send submissions for the Chapter Newsletter to:

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