

## Letter from President



I hope everyone is digging out of all the snow and staying warm. I cannot remember ever having a EWI monthly membership meeting canceled! I am sure glad we did in January. It took me over two hours to get home the night of January 19<sup>th</sup> and I only had to stop four times to wipe off my wiper blades and back window!!!

Also, Devon Plumberg, will be speaking at our March 16<sup>th</sup> membership meeting which will be held at Cinzetti's Restaurant, 91<sup>st</sup> & Metcalf, in Overland Park. They both graciously accommodated our cancellation in January and rescheduling to March.

I'm sure we will be sharing "blizzard-mania" stories at our upcoming meeting this month. I've seen some pretty interesting snow mounds, snow men and snow designs around town; I only wish I could be that creative.

Let's look at the bright side; it is not that much longer until:

1. The First day of Spring March 20<sup>th</sup>
2. The start of my "15" day vacation & cruise April 22<sup>nd</sup>
3. The First day of Summer June 21<sup>st</sup>

Our February meeting will be our business meeting. I will be sending out, in one PDF file, reports from each of the committee chairs that you can print and bring to the meeting with you. We will be meeting at AT&T on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Edie Marie is having an AT&T executive speak to our group on new technologies prior to the start of the business portion of our meeting.

Thank you for processing your dues statements and returning payment to Vernita. These were due to Vernita on January 14<sup>th</sup>, so if you are still trying to get your firm's dues processed, please call Vernita immediately 816.234.2325.

Renee Danforth-Mulka  
KPMG LLP

### Kansas City Chapter Board

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## Influential Women

A Kansas City Business Signature Event

*KC Business* is proud to continue to recognize Kansas City's most Influential Women. Candidates were evaluated by an independent panel of judges, and those selected will be featured in the March 2011 issue of *KC Business* magazine.

Influential Women are those who inspire others, create opportunities for their organizations, give back to their communities and mentor others.

Thursday, March 10, 2011  
 World War I Museum - Liberty Memorial  
 100 W 26th St | Kansas City, MO 64108

Space is limited. Last year this event sold out! Purchase your tickets early, for \$25 each, by going to the following website:  
[http://www.kbccentral.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=58&Itemid=50](http://www.kbccentral.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=58&Itemid=50)

## February Potential Firm Posting

**Firm: J.E. Dunn Construction**

Executive: Stephen Dunn  
 Rep: Sabra Sandy  
 1001 Locust Street  
 Kansas City, MO 64106  
 816-474-8600

**MAJOR:** Construction – Special Trade  
**MINOR:** General Construction

### SHARE THE NEWS!

The EWI Connect deadline for next month is Tuesday, March 1, 2011. Please send info to Robin Alva at [robinalva@allegiance.tv](mailto:robinalva@allegiance.tv)

### DATES TO NOTE

**KC Chapter Meetings**

February 16, 2011  
 March 16, 2011  
 April 13, 2011

**KC Chapter Board Meetings**

February 21, 2011  
 March 21, 2011  
 April 18, 2011

### Kansas City Chapter 2011 Member Firms

AT&T  
 Balls Food Stores  
 Black & Veatch Holding Co.  
 Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Kansas City  
 Burns Printing  
 Cerner Corporation  
 The Civic Council of Greater Kansas City  
 Commerce Bancshares, Inc.  
 Farmland Foods, Inc.  
 The Fiddly Fig  
 Financial Holding Corporation  
 Hallmark Cards, Inc.  
 Halls Kansas City  
 Helzberg Diamonds  
 HNTB  
 Jackson County Missouri  
 The Kansas City Star  
 KPMG LLP  
 Marriott ExecuStay  
 Office Essentials, Inc.  
 Siemens Energy, Inc.  
 Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP  
 Treat America Food Services  
 U.S. Premium Beef  
 WDAF-TV/FOX 4  
 The Westin Crown Center

### 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

## February Hospitality Update

Please direct updates regarding birthdays, illness, sympathy, anniversaries, congratulations and announcements to the Courtesy/Hospitality Chair: Linda McBroom

### Happy Birthday Wishes

Sarah Templeton	February 4
Doreen Moore-Botz	February 9
Pamela Garrett	February 15
Sandy Fockler	February 20

### EWI Rep Anniversaries

Candace Spurny	2/15/1984
The Kansas City Star Co.	

Marva Weir	2/21/2007
US Premium Beef	

Sarah Templeton	2/04/2009
Halls Kansas City	

Pamela Walker	2/11/2009
Office Essentials	

### Life Member Anniversaries

Mary Pace	2/15/1978
AT&T Communications	

### Firm Anniversaries

Financial Holding Corporation	2/21/1995
US Premium Beef	2/15/2007
Office Essentials	2/04/2009

Courtesy and Hospitality Chair:

Linda McBroom  
 Ball's Food Stores  
 913.573.1259  
 linda.mcbroom@ballsfoods.com

### About Our Chapter Meeting

**Meeting Dates:** The Kansas City Chapter meets the third Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise specified.

**Standing Reservation:** Each representative has an automatic reservation for all meetings. **If the Sergeant-at-Arms does not receive cancellation by 12:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the monthly membership meeting, your firm will be charged the dinner cost for that month.** Life, Sustaining, and Transitional Members DO NOT have an automatic reservation and therefore must rely to the Sergeant-at-Arms if they plan to attend by 12:00 p.m. the Friday prior to the monthly Membership meeting.

**Meeting Notice:** Each month a meeting notice will be in the newsletter giving the details of the next month's meeting. This needs to be filled out and faxed to the Sergeant-at-Arms before the deadline. Then it can be used to request a check from your company and sent along with the check for payment. You can also call or e-mail the Sergeant-at-Arms.

**Attendance:** Each representative is required to remain at the Chapter meeting until adjournment in order to be counted as present. Each representative must attend a minimum of six meetings a year. Each member firm must be represented by a Representative or an Executive at seven meetings a year. A firm's membership could be forfeited for noncompliance.

**Leave of Absence:** A leave of absence can be requested in writing to the President prior to any meeting.

**EWI MONTHLY MEETING NOTICE**  
 Wednesday, February 16, 2011  
 AT&T, Multi-Purpose Room  
 2121 E 63rd Street, Kansas City, MO 64130  
 Edie Marie Battaglia (816) 728-8793 cell  
 or (816) 995-4430 office

Networking: 5:30 pm

Dinner & Program: 6:15 pm

*Speaker: An executive from AT&T will speak briefly on AT&T's new technologies*

Menu: Chicken Spedini  
 Pasta with Creamy Tomato Sauce  
 Salad (Ranch or vinaigrette)  
 Bread/butter  
 Cheesecake  
 Catering by Grand Slam Event Planning  
 1701 W. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Kansas City, MO 64101

**Directions:**

From Highway 71 going North, take the Meyer Blvd./63<sup>rd</sup> Street turn left at Meyer St/63<sup>rd</sup>. Turn left on East Meyer and take the first right at Prospect St. Take the second left onto E. 63<sup>rd</sup> and go .3 miles.

From Highway 71 going South, head South on Hwy. 71 toward 55<sup>th</sup> Street. Take the 63<sup>rd</sup> Street exit toward Meyer Blvd., turn right onto E. 63<sup>rd</sup>, and go .4 miles.

***Park in front of building in the visitor's parking space – North and South. When entering the doors tell the guard you are with EWI and he will allow access. The guard will have a sign in sheet, provide you with a visitor's pass and escort you to the Multi-Purpose room.***

Reservations: Active members have an automatic reservation for all monthly meetings (but we would still appreciate confirmation). Please complete this form for yourself and return it to Debbie Vesel by one of the three options below, **before noon, February 11, 2011.** Thank you! If you have specific dietary concerns, please contact Sheryl White, program chair.

Mail: Debbie Vesel, Black and Veatch Corporation, 11401 Lamar Ave., Overland Park, KS 66211

Fax: (913) 458-2934 E-mail: [VeselDL@bv.com](mailto:VeselDL@bv.com)

Total amount enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ (or give to Debbie Vesel at the meeting)  
**\$35.00 per attendee, \$30.00 per Sustaining, Life members no charge**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member firm: \_\_\_\_\_

I will \_\_\_\_\_ will not \_\_\_\_\_ attend the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ guest(s). Guests/Names: \_\_\_\_\_

***If you find it necessary to cancel, please call Debbie Vesel at 913-406-7257 or 913-458-2657.***