

Letter from President



I would like to thank AT&T for hosting our February business meeting at the offices. It was very educational to hear Jeff Mehlin speak about “New Technologies” and the direction mobile phones are headed. I was truly enlightened. Our meeting moved right along with the directors and committee chairs giving their reports to the membership. An updated copy of the Standing Rules, which were approved at the meeting, will be sent out this week.

Congratulations to Black & Veatch for receiving the “Ad Astra” award from the Kansas Chamber of Commerce. What a prestigious honor for one of our Member Firms - way to go!!!

Hopefully everyone is getting excited to hear Devon Plumberg at our March meeting being held at Cinzetti’s Restaurant, in Overland Park. She was to speak at our January meeting but due to bad weather we had to reschedule. That same evening we are having a Membership Drive which Pam Walker has been organizing. She has been working hard to get prospective members posted/invited and have some prize giveaways. So don’t forget to BRING A GUEST to the meeting and try to arrive early.

Our Scholarship Award Dinner and Executive’s Night will be April 13th at the InterContinental Hotel. The Scholarship committee is finalizing all the details and the judging process has started. We look forward to the speaker for the evening and presentation of these scholarships to the finalists. Please encourage your Executive to attend this extraordinary event. We really need to have a great turnout and show support of our Kansas City EWI Chapter and all that we do.

It’s all about TEAMWORK to be successful. We’ve got a great representation of member firms from across the Kansas City area in our local chapter and we can achieve great things together.

Let’s get excited and have fun!!!!

Renee Danforth-Mulka
KPMG LLP

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EWI Membership Drive

March 16 is going to be an exciting membership meeting. The membership committee would like to extend a special invitation for to you to attend this meeting. We need you there to greet our prospective members and showcase the Kansas City EWI Chapter to its fullest. What's going to be different?

- Great speaker and program
- Door prizes for attendance (multiple prizes)
- Bring a guest and receive an extra drawing entry
- Bring a qualified prospective member and receive two extra drawing entries (prospective member must be approved by the Membership Chair)
- Bring your executive and receive three extra drawing entries

Please help us grow our membership. We look forward to seeing you! Please contact Pam Walker, Membership Director with your questions at (816) 285-1031 pwalker@offess.com.

New EWI Representative

Rita Rios, Executive Assistant, Cerner Corporation, is the new representative replacing Kathleen Stark and can be reached at (816) 201-6400(w) or rita.rios@cerner.com. Her executive is Kim Robbins.

Kansas City Chapter 2011 Member Firms

AT&T
 Balls Food Stores
 Black & Veatch Holding Company
 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
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 Hallmark Cards, Inc.
 Halls Kansas City
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 Jackson County, Missouri
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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

DATES TO NOTE

KC Chapter Meetings

March 16, 2011
 April 13, 2011 (*second Wednesday*)
 May 18, 2011

KC Chapter Board Meetings

March 21, 2011
 April 18, 2011
 May 23, 2011

March Potential Member Firm Posting

Kansas City Marriott Downtown
 200 West 12th St
 Kansas City, MO 64105
 816.421.6800
 816.855.4418
 Major: Hotels and Resorts
 Minor: Hotels-Commercial

"THINK SPRING" ... The Fundraising Committee is sponsoring this "THINK SPRING" raffle item .This garden ready package includes a garden/camp stool with a detachable tote, pruning shears, spade, claw, flower seeds, dry fertilizer packets, sun screen and set of 4 solar stick lights. This is a great package for the beginner gardener! Valued at \$60.00

If anyone has any items to donate for future Raffle Baskets, please contact Janet Deering, Fundraising Director at (913) 752-3050 janet.deering@siemens.com

February Business Meeting



Pictured (left-right): Renee Danforth-Mulka, Jeff Mehl (Executive Director, Premier Client Group, AT&T), Edie Marie Battaglia



The EWI Kansas City Chapter’s Standing Rules and minutes will be sent to members by Renee Danforth-Mulka.

Member Award ♦ Black & Veatch

The Kansas Chamber of Commerce has named Black & Veatch as the recipient of its “Ad Astra” award, an honor presented to one business each year that exemplifies both business and civic excellence within the state.

The award was presented to Black & Veatch at an event attended by more than 1,200 dignitaries including legislators, business and community leaders and academic officials. Kansas Governor Sam Brownback served as master of ceremony of the event, which will be held in Topeka, the capital of the state.

“On behalf of Black & Veatch and more than 8,000 professionals, we are honored to receive this acknowledgement,” said Len Rodman, Chairman, President and CEO of Black & Veatch. “To receive the Ad Astra Award as the state of Kansas celebrates its 150th anniversary is a special recognition, since Black & Veatch has proudly been a part of this state for our entire 95-year history.”

In a move demonstrating a strong investment in the future of vital infrastructure and education, Black & Veatch announced that it will contribute \$1 million over the next decade from future earnings to the university system in the state of Kansas to fund scholars and research and development of new technologies related to clean energy, safe water and advanced communications infrastructure.

“We believe deeply in the need for innovation to address the long-term needs for sustainable infrastructure and the strong role that education must play to support new solutions,” said CEO Len Rodman.

The \$1 million will be issued through the company’s *Building a World of Difference* Foundation, and the company will work with the universities in the state to solicit proposals for achieving the objectives that support global issues around sustainable infrastructure solutions.

The investment aligns with the company’s Core Value of stewardship, which states, “In keeping with our founding principles, we honor other Black & Veatch professionals, past, present and future, by striving to grow the company’s value and vitality, and by our commitment to sustainability and the environment, and our support of the communities in which we work during our temporary stewardship of the company.”

Rodman added that this investment is a continuation of the company’s long-standing commitment to colleges, universities and K-12 educational programs in a number of locations where Black & Veatch does business. In 2010, the company supported more than 130 global organizations, with funding surpassing more than \$1.2 million.

“We hope that in some small way this encourages further understanding of the importance and vital role that critical infrastructure plays in assuring economic vitality. Our economic well being and social fabric depend heavily on abundant, cost-effective clean energy, adequate supplies of safe water and reliable communications networks to provide a foundation for creating 21st century jobs,” Rodman said.

Investment in education is imperative, Rodman said, because so much infrastructure needs to be designed and built over the coming decades. In Kansas, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) estimates that some \$4 billion -- in today’s dollars -- are needed just to address water and wastewater infrastructure needs in Kansas over the next 15 years, with a separate report from the Environmental Protection Agency indicating the need for an additional \$2 billion.

In the United States, the ASCE estimates needed water, energy and transportation investment exceeds \$2.2 trillion. Globally, infrastructure needs are estimated to be approximately \$41 trillion.

Investing in this vital infrastructure is critical to supporting economic development, and to attracting and retaining businesses in order to build stronger communities, Rodman said.

March Hospitality Update

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

Happy Birthday Wishes

Deanna Harden March 5
Judy Robinson March 20

EWI Rep Anniversaries

Edie Marie Battaglia 3/21/2001
AT&T Communications

Life Member Anniversaries

(none)

Firm Anniversaries

Burns Printing 3/26/2010

Courtesy and Hospitality Chair:

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

SHARE THE NEWS!

The EWI Connect deadline for next month is **Thur., March 31, 2011**. Please send info to Robin Alva at robinalva@allegiance.tv

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.

Toll Free: 1-877-4-EWI-NOW
or Go to www.ewiconnect.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 noon 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 noon 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, March 16, 2011
Cinzetti's Italian Market Restaurant
7201 West 91st Street
Overland Park, KS 66212
(913) 642-0101

Networking: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner & Program: 6:15 p.m.
 Devon Plumberg with Divine Coach
 "Scheduling for Success"

Scheduling for Success: From Facts to Fulfillment

Every success is based on a clear idea, multiple pathways to realize that idea, and enough time to get it all done. If any one of those components is weak, stress is looming and success is in danger. Explore a new relationship with facts, strategies, and time that allows you to experience freedom and accomplishment. Shift your thinking from feelings to facts and your calendar from being a list of deadlines and appointments to a structure for fulfillment.

Menu:
 Italian Buffet – Too many options to print. The food is wonderful, as is the dessert bar.

Directions: Turn west on 91st off of Metcalf Ave.

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, Friday, March 11. Thank you!**

If you have specific dietary concerns, please contact Mary Jo Spino, Program Chair.

Mail: Debbie Vesel, Black & Veatch Corporation, 11401 Lamar Ave., Overland Park, KS 66211
Fax: (913) 458-2934
E-mail: VeselDL@bv.com

- If bringing guest or your executive, please email Pam Walker along with your RSVP to Debbie at pwalker@offess.com***

Total amount enclosed \$_____ (or give to Debbie Vesel at the meeting)

\$35.00 per attendee – \$30.00 per Sustaining – \$30.00 Life members

Name:_____ Member firm:_____

I will_____ will not_____ attend the March 16th 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.



EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL Kansas City Chapter

2011 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM PLEDGE FORM

I/We will participate in the Kansas City Chapter EWI Scholarship program for 2011 by:

Sponsoring a student, sponsor and parents
for the Awards dinner (\$25/each) # _____ \$ _____

OR

Donating to the Chapter B/C/DP Fund \$ _____

Donor: _____

Rep: _____

Please RETURN BY March 30, 2011

Send checks payable to EWI to: Janna Dillon
Black & Veatch
11401 Lamar Avenue
Overland Park, KS 66211

Questions? Please contact Janna Dillon at dillonjl@bv.com or 913-458-7147.

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Kansas City Chapter Tax I.D. #74-2456838

EWI 2011 Spring Conference

The EWI Kansas City Chapter Board of Directors voted at its last meeting to offer membership a \$100 incentive toward attending the EWI Spring Conference in Tulsa, OK on April 14-16. This incentive is open to all of our Kansas City EWI Chapter Members, to be reimbursed upon your return with proof of attendance. Please contact Renee Danforth-Mulka when you have registered. This is a great opportunity to get pumped up about EWI and come back with some "Key-Learnings." You can also carpool or room with others, if you choose, in our local chapter that will be attending. Early registration is going on now with \$\$ savings for those that register early.

"Leadership: A Growth Experience"

Date: April 14-16, 2011 (Thursday at 5:30 p.m. through Saturday at 12 p.m.)

Location: Tulsa, Oklahoma

Registration Cost: Not to exceed \$300 (if registered by March 11, 2011)

Hotel: Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills

Cost: \$89.00 per night, double Marriott reward points.

The registration form is available on the EWI Corporate website or contact Renee Danforth-Mulka for the form.

The Kansas City EWI Chapter is offering this incentive as a way of giving back to our representatives and to say thank you for your continued support in EWI, continued learning opportunities, growing, and having fun!

If you have any questions, please contact Renee Danforth-Mulka at rdanforthmulka@kpmg.com or (816) 802-5255.