

Letter from President



I hope everyone had an awesome Thanksgiving with your friends and family. Hopefully everyone got out over the holiday weekend and took advantage of the Black Friday / holiday sales. As we enter this holiday season please remember to pick up a gift for Toys for Tots or donate a gently used coat or blanket. City Union Mission is always in need of these items, as well as toiletries.

What a great November membership meeting. Our speaker, Stefanie Lee Thompson, was exciting and full of energy as she informed us of how to dress and the perceptions of various types of clothing and colors (I'll have to remember the three color rule)!

Thank you to Marcia Zanko and her committee's help with the annual Poinsettia sale. Don't forget distribution of plants will be at Office Essentials Inc., 1548 Erie, North Kansas City, on Saturday, December 4, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

What a great venue to wrap up 2010 by having our December 8 meeting at Union Station's Jarvis Hunt Room with food catered by Pierpont's – yum! We will also be doing a gift exchange (\$15 limit) for those that wish to participate – fun, fun!! I'm excited to have a member of the Marines attend the meeting and collect our Toys for Tots (remember to bring a toy for donation). Last week Janet Deering challenged our chapter to encourage employees at each of our offices to donate toys, with a prize going to the winner of most toys collected. Good luck to everyone with this inspiring challenge and way to go Janet!

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A special thank-you to the membership for approving the budget at our November meeting. Additional resources will allow us to move in the right direction for positive growth but it will take a T-E-A-M and WE CAN DO IT!!!

One final note, as we approach possible members and speak to our executives about renewing in 2011, please be sure they are aware EWI is made up of all levels of women in the workforce (i.e. Executive Assistants, Supervisors, Managers, Vice-Presidents, Business Owners, and Consultants). Let's continue to spread the word about EWI to our friends and business associates. If anyone is interested in our Kansas City Chapter, please send their name to Pam Walker who will follow-up and post them for possible membership.

Remember to stay positive, lead by example, and most of have fun in EWI. It takes all of us to build a strong chapter and I'm looking forward to doing this with all of you.

Renee Danforth-Mulka
KPMG LLP



Pictured left to right: Victoria Flower, Robin Alva, Janna Dillon, Deanna Harden, Diane Arnold, Jeannette Mormino



Pictured: Renee Danforth Mulka and November membership meeting speaker, Stefanie Lee Thompson, House of Color – Image Consultant

*Member Firms:
Profiles,
Milestones, and
Awards*

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Contact Pamela Garrett to sign up for rewards such as \$20 Visa gift cards and Marriott points.



EWI of Kansas City cookbooks are available for only \$10 at the Membership meetings or by contacting Janet Deering.

SHARE THE NEWS!

The EWI Connect deadline for next month is Friday, January 3, 2011. Please send info to Robin Alva at robinalva@allegiance.tv

New Beginnings



Barb Ramsour's grandson

Brant Michael Bitter recently turned four months old (born July 10). This is Barb's son Robert's (Rob) and his wife Amanda's first child. Rob works for the City of Overland Park golf course as Assistant Superintendent and Amanda teaches 2nd grade at Oak Grove Elementary school in Turner.



Jeannette Mormino's fourth grandson

Jeannette recently celebrated the birth of her fourth grandson, Elijah James Mormino. Ely was born October 10, weighing in at 8 lbs. 4 ozs.



Renee Danforth-Mulka's daughter's wedding

Renee recently celebrated the wedding of her daughter, Ashley Horner, who married Andrew Maxwell on November 13 (flowers by Fiddly Fig)

Kansas City Chapter 2010 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.
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- Siemens Energy, Inc.
- Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP
- Terracon
- Treat America Food Services
- U.S. Premium Beef
- WDAF-TV/FOX 4
- The Westin Crown Center

DATES TO NOTE

KC Chapter Meetings

- December 8, 2010
- January 19, 2011
- February 16, 2011

KC Chapter Board Meetings

- December 13, 2010
- January 24, 2011
- February 21, 2011



Victoria Flower's daughter is christened

Anastasia Juliette Flower was christened on September at noon at a very charming old church in the village of West Chiltington, West Sussex during the family's vacation to England. The service was followed by a lunch reception with 50 close family friends.



Vernita Beck's twin grandbabies

Vernita welcomes her twin grandkids, Noah and Sarah Wowak, born February 3.

December Hospitality Update

Please direct updates regarding birthdays, illness, sympathy, anniversaries, congratulations and announcements to the Courtesy/Hospitality Chair: Linda McBroom, Balls Food Stores, 913.573.1259 linda.mcbroom@ballsfoods.com

Happy Birthday Wishes

Andy Staley	December 5
Candace Spurny	December 5
Deb Caponetto	December 9
Betty Ballard	December 10
Dorothy Childs	December 14
Phil Witt	December 15
Debbie Vesel	December 26
Pamela Walker	December 31

EWI Rep Anniversaries

Janet Briscoe Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP	December 11, 1997
Victoria Flower Financial Holding Corporation	December 11, 2002

Life Member Anniversaries

Cathy Tristiano Blue Cross Blue Shield of KC	December 19, 1962
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Firm Anniversaries

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City	December 19, 1962
Marriott ExecuStay	December 27, 2007

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.

December Potential Firms Posting

Firm: Beauty Brands

Donna Young
4600 Madison, Ste. 400
Kansas City, MO 64112
913.707.3221

MAJOR: Consumer Merchandising & Service
MINOR: Beauty & Health Center

Firm: BONTERRA Catering

Alisa Breitenstein
320 N McGee
Kansas City, MO 64116
816.842.7484

MAJOR: Catering
MINOR: Caterers

Firm: Council of Women Business Owners

Nancy Zurbuchen
209 NW 44th St
Kansas City, MO 64116
816.452.4700

MAJOR: Business Service Management
MINOR: Business Counseling

Firm: Farmers Insurance Co

Catherine Connor
Catherine.connor@farmersinsurance.com

MAJOR: Insurance
MINOR: Agency

Firm: Green Leaf Holistic Coaching

Toni Defrees
1026 Wellington Way
Liberty, MO 64068
816.699.3499

MAJOR: Human Services
MINOR: Therapy

Firm: Massman Construction

Courtney Bell
8901 State Lind Rd St #240
Kansas City, MO 64114
816.523.1000

MAJOR: Construction-Special Trade
MINOR: Road & Bridge Construction

Firm: Morgan Stanley Smith Barney

Treana Albertson
4600 Madison Ate Ste 1200
Kansas City, MO 64112
816.932.8785

MAJOR: Finance
MINOR: Brokerage Firm

Firm: Straw, Sticks & Bricks

Lori McCann
1739 Walnut
Kansas City, MO 64108
816.421.7171

MAJOR: Building Materials
MINOR: Building Materials Dist/Ret.

Firm: Stella & Dot

Marcia Cardello
13001 Flint
Overland Park, KS 66213
913.634.7204

MAJOR: Jewelry
MINOR: Novelty Jewelry Mfg/Dist/Ret

Firm: Susan Nichols, Life Coach

Susan Nichols
26745 West 73rd St.
Shawnee, KS 66227
913.205.7427

MAJOR: Human Services
MINOR: Life Coaching

Firm: Zafar – Salon, Spa & Boutique

Lenora Wuattoux
1370 Main St.
Kansas City, MO 64105
816.527.0002

MAJOR: Hair and Beauty
MINOR: Spa Services

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

EWI MONTHLY MEETING NOTICE
 Wednesday, December 8, 2010
 The Jarvis Hunt Room at Union Station
 30 West Pershing Road
 Kansas City, MO 64108
 (816) 460-2020

Networking: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner & Program: 6:15 p.m.
 Holiday party, Toys for Tots, and Christmas Gift Exchange
 Bring a gift, receive a gift (\$15.00 limit)

Menu: Catered by Pierpont's
 Westport wedge salad, grilled chicken Lyonnaise, with caramelized onion sauce, roasted
 garlic whipped potatoes, and vegetables.
 Coffee and iced tea
 Vanilla bean crème brulee

Directions: Go through the front doors of Union Station, the Jarvis Hunt room is right before the entrance to Union Station on your left.

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, December 3. 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

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 December 8th meeting.

I will bring _____ guest/s. Guests/Names/s: _____

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

EWI RETIREE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Cascones Restaurant

6863 W. 91st, Overland Park, KS 66212

Cash Bar 11:30 A.m., Luncheon 12 Noon

MENU

BAKED LASAGNA

CHICKEN SPEDINI

TRADITIONAL PASTA BOWL: Choice of Spaghetti, Rigatoni, Shell Pasta, Mostacioli with Meat Sauce, Meatballs, or Italian Sausage

HOUSE SALAD

BREAD

DESSERT

BEVERAGE (Coffee or Tea)

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2010

Please RSVP with your check in the amount of **\$15.00** (includes tax and gratuity) payable to **Doreen Moore-Botz** and mail to 12908 W. 110th St., Overland Park, KS 66210 (Phone: 913-469-9054)

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