

## Letter from President



June has finally arrived bringing much needed warm weather and sunshine to Kansas City. It is also a great start to summer, the many events around town and in our local EWI Chapter!!

I would like to thank Vernita Beck and Commerce Bancshares, Inc., for stepping up with our May program, due to the last minute cancellation of our original speaker. The Art Corridor tour with Robin Trafton, Art Coordinator at

Commerce Bancshares and The Box Gallery tour with Ted Wiedeman, Kansas City Square Riggers Club were quite interesting and insightful (I would have never thought it would take five years to put together a work of art like the beautiful ship we viewed). This was a great meeting with Commerce always serving up great food in their dining room – way to go!!!!

We are very excited about our first ever Accessory Event taking place Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at “A Wine Flight Bar & Bistro” in Leawood, Kansas. Janet Deering and her Fundraising Committee have been working extra hard to make this a fun and successful event. We hope to see our members and many friends for a great time!

Our June 15<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting should also be exciting at Anthony’s downtown, featuring the “Cupcake Ladies.” Mary Jo Spino has done an awesome job as Program Director to come up with “out-of-the-box” locations and programs for our monthly meetings this year. With this meeting centrally located for all we should have a great turnout and good food!

As president of the Kansas City EWI Chapter I would like to thank all of our member firms and representatives for their continued involvement and commitment to EWI. With the economy as it is and many of our workloads increasing it is sometimes hard to juggle everything that is thrown at us. I am personally grateful for the friendships and connections EWI has allowed me to have and the leadership roles I’ve held to help, as a TEAM, to be successful. Remember there is no “I” in TEAM, it takes all of us to make EWI a S-U-C-C-E-S-S!

Renee Danforth-Mulka  
KPMG LLP

### Kansas City Chapter Board

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## EWI Representative Changes

*My ewi friends, it is time for me to bid adieu for now. I am stepping away and have transferred my representative status to my co-worker Yolanda Branch. Yolanda attended the May meeting as a guest and is very excited to be a part of ewi Kansas City.*

*I cannot ever say enough wonderful things about the almost ten years I have been blessed to spend in this amazing organization; the personal and professional growth it's afforded me or the friendships I'll treasure always. I'm needed more at home these days, and so believe it is a good time to let someone else at HNTB benefit from the membership. I wish everyone the very best and think you will love Yolanda! I'm sure I'll see you from time to time but will miss you all dearly.*

Very Truly Yours,

Deb Caponetto

Yolanda Branch, Executive Assistant, HNTB, is the new representative in place of Deb Caponetto. She can be reached at (816) 527-2312 (w) or ybranch@hntb.com. Her executive is Tom O'Grady.

## Spring Flower Sale

We had another great sale with a net profit of \$650.15 for this year's Reading Rally. Special thanks to Marcia Zanko and the committee for coordinating the event and thank you to Helzberg Diamonds for the use of their warehouse for distribution.

## Mark Your Calendar

**Tuesday, July 12, 2011**

**Professional Development**

**Webinar:** "Generational Communication" with Anna Liotta (LCAM 2010 Presenter)

Please watch for additional information and a link to register in the June issue of the EWI Corporate Connect.

## New Beginnings



Elizabeth Smith, Helzberg Diamonds, announced the birth of Jude Joseph Smith. Born at Shawnee Mission Medical Center on June 2, Jude weighs 7 lb. 11 oz. and is 19 inches long. Both Jude and Elizabeth are doing well, and Jameson is very excited to be a big brother.

You can reach Elizabeth at bbeasmith@hotmail.com during her maternity leave. Happy birthday to Elizabeth on June 17<sup>th</sup>!



Renee Danforth-Mulka, KPMG LLP, welcomes her new grand-daughter, Jacquelyn Marie Horner. Born to Marianne and Chris, she was born prematurely on Easter Day, April 24<sup>th</sup> and came home from the hospital on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Tippin's Pies Wins Five Blue Ribbons



Ball's Food Store's Tippin's Gourmet Pies, received five blue ribbons at the 2011 American Pie Council Crisco National Pie Championships. The event took place April 8-10 in Orlando, Fla. It was the first time Tippin's competed in the event that pits the best bakeries in the United States and Canada against each other. Tippin's received blue ribbons for its **French silk pie** (silk cream category), **Key lime pie** (key lime category), **Lemon meringue pie** (citrus category), **Lemon supreme pie** (open cream pastry category) and **Turtle pie** (open category).

## New EWI Promotional Item for Sale

In celebration of its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, EWI Omaha, with permission from Corporate, had a die cut and mint molds produced of the EWI logo. They used them to make candies with two different colors of candy melts. The mold makes up to 11 candies at a time about a 2-bite size. The molds can be purchased from the Omaha Chapter at a cost of \$15 for two molds (they recommend at least two so one can set up while you are making the other) or \$8 each plus \$2 shipping & handling. You may send your order request to me at this e-mail address or mail your request along with a check payable to "EWI Omaha" to Ruth Utman, President, EWI Omaha, 402-930-3068, rutman@burlingtoncg.com.



### EWI<sup>®</sup> MISSION AND VISION

#### MISSION

Executive Women International<sup>®</sup> 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!

The EWI Connect deadline for next month is Thursday, July 8, 2011. Please send info to Robin Alva at [robinalva@allegiance.tv](mailto:robinalva@allegiance.tv).

### DATES TO NOTE

#### KC Chapter Meetings

June 15, 2011  
 July 20, 2011  
 August 17, 2011

#### KC Chapter Board Meetings

June 20, 2011  
 July 25, 2011  
 August 22, 2011

## June Hospitality Update

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

### Happy Birthday Wishes

Margaret Gambill	June 2
Barb Ramsour	June 14
Elizabeth Smith	June 17
Kim Stripling	June 25

### Sustaining Member Anniversaries

Judy Robinson	6/19/1995
Helzberg Diamonds	

### Firm Anniversaries

Halls	6/18/2008
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Courtesy and Hospitality Chair:

Linda McBroom  
Ball's Food Stores  
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## 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, June 15, 2011  
Anthony's Restaurant & Lounge  
701 Grand Avenue  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Networking: 5:30 P.M.

Dinner & Program: 6:00 P.M.

***Program: Cupcake Cupboard Ladies (Entrepreneurship)***

Menu: Fried Chicken, Baked Pasta, Salad, Bread & Butter  
Coffee, Tea, Soda  
Dessert provided by the Cupcake Cupboard Ladies

Directions: Corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Grand, downtown KCMO

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, June 10, 2011. Thank you!**

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

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Mail: Debbie Vesel, Black & 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 Member**

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

I will \_\_\_\_\_ will not \_\_\_\_\_ attend the June 15<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.***