

Letter from President



This month I reach the six month mark of my tenure as President of the Kansas City Chapter and it has been quite rewarding. The April Scholarship Dinner is part of why EWI is so rewarding. We awarded six scholarships this year to high school juniors who have done incredible things and one scholarship to an exceptional ASIST winner. We were at full capacity at The InterContinental

Hotel on the plaza as we honored these students and our Executives that were in attendance. Thanks to John Holt, WDAF-TV/FOX 4, who graciously served as our emcee for the evening. Great job to Janna Dillon, Black & Veatch, and the Scholarship committee for their hard work in making this event a success once again. The evening's raffles helped to raise \$600 towards the scholarship program thanks to the hard work of the Fundraising committee. Please check out the photos from the evening and a listing of scholarship winners on page two of the newsletter.

Thank you to everyone that placed orders for the Annual Spring Flower Sale. This year the proceeds will benefit the Reading Rally literacy program. Thanks to Marcia Zanko, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, for coordinating the flower sale this year. Flower pick up this year will be back at the Helzberg warehouse on Saturday, May 7.

Marva Weir, U.S. Premium Beef, and the Nominating Committee will begin reviewing the straw ballots that were turned in and they will begin placing calls to fill board positions for the 2011-2012 year. Please consider how you are willing to serve your Chapter next year, whether it is a board position, committee chair, or serving on a new committee that you haven't served on before.

Don't miss our May meeting as we see and learn about Commerce Bank's extensive art collection. Tours will start at 6:00, so be sure to be on time. Check out the dinner meeting notice for more information about the May 18 meeting. Contact Debra Vesel, Black & Veatch, for your dinner reservations and dinner payments.

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2011 Annual Scholarship Night



ASIST winner: Tonia Titus – Avila University – \$2,000

EWISP winners:

- 1st Ashley Crisafulli, Staley High School – \$2,000
- 2nd Jeff Kraus, St. Thomas Aquinas High School – \$1,500
- 3rd Allison Pope, Bishop Miege High School – \$1,000
- 4th Taryn Brush, William Chrisman High School – \$750
- 5th Logan Masenthin, Southwest Early College Campus – \$500
- 6th Lauren Lester, Kearney High School – \$500



Accessory Event



The time is NOW!!! Clean out the closets. Check under the bed. Peek into that old jewelry box. Donate gently used purses, wallets, belts, scarves, gloves, jewelry or hats for the June Accessory Event.

The Fundraising Committee will be hosting an "Accessory Event Fundraiser" with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the EWI Kansas City Chapter Scholarship Fund. Collection deadline is May 31.

Event location, date and time is still in the works.

To make a donation please contact Janet Deering at janet.deering@siemens.com or call 913-449-9850.

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!

The EWI Connect deadline for next month is Thursday, June 2, 2011. Please send info to Robin Alva at ralva@kcciviccouncil.org

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
- Financial Holding Corporation
- Hallmark Cards, Inc.
- Halls
- 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

DATES TO NOTE

KC Chapter Meetings

- May 18, 2011
- June 15, 2011
- July 20, 2011

KC Chapter Board Meetings

- May 23, 2011
- June 20, 2011
- July 25, 2011

May Hospitality Update

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

Happy Birthday Wishes

Janna Dillon	May 2
Robin Alva	May 6
Mary Jo Spino	May 10
Edie Marie Battaglia	May 16

EWI Rep Anniversaries

Renee Danforth-Mulka KPMG LLP	5/17/2006
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Life Member Anniversaries

Dot Childs AT&T Microelectronics	5/19/1965
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Firm Anniversaries

Helzberg Diamonds	5/24/1961
Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP	5/22/1968
HNTB Holdings Ltd	5/20/1970

Courtesy and Hospitality Chair:

Linda McBroom
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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, May 18, 2011
Commerce Bank – 18th Floor
1000 Walnut
Kansas City, MO 64106
Vernita Beck – 816-234-2325

- Networking: 5:30 P.M. ~ 18th Floor Reception Area
- Tour: 6:00 P.M. ~ Tour the Arcade Art Gallery, Walnut Lobby and The Box Gallery
- Dinner: 6:30 P.M. ~ Menu: Almond Mandarin Salad with Orange Apple Cider Vinaigrette
Pork Crown Roast with Wild Rice Stuffing
Fresh Vegetable
Key Lime Pie
Water, Tea, Coffee, Soda

Parking at 1025 Main Street. Enter Commerce Bank Building from Level 2 of the parking garage and go through the double doors by The Box Gallery. Take elevators across from the guard desk to the 18th floor. There will be voucher cards given for parking to be used with your parking ticket.

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, May 13. 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

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 May 18th 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.