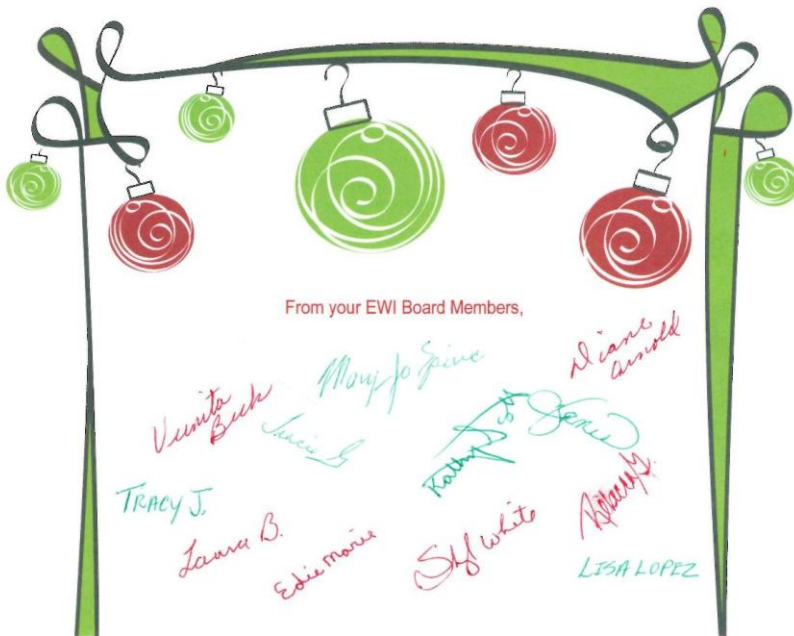


Letter from President.....



December 2016 – President’s Message

Wishing you Happy Holidays and
a New Year filled with Prosperity and Success!



2016 – 2017 Officers and Directors

President

Sheryl White
The Fiddly Fig

Vice President

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Jackson County, MO

Secretary

Laura Bird
Treat America Food Services

Treasurer

Tracie Giron
KPMG LLP

Sergeant-At-Arms

Janie Williams
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Kathy Scott, Balls Food Stores

Programs

Edie Marie Battaglia
AT & T

Fundraising

Lisa Lopez
The Kansas City Star

Communications

Tracy Jankowski
tracelle™

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Diane Arnold, Smithfield Foods
Vernita Beck, Commerce Bancshares, Inc.

Advisor

Kathy Scott
Balls Food Stores

Hospitality

Please direct updates regarding birthdays, illness, sympathy, anniversaries, congratulations and announcements to:

Hospitality Chair Kim Stripling,

WDAF-TV/Fox 4, (816) 853-5946, Kim.Stripling@wdaftv4.com.

Happy Birthday Wishes

Andy Staley	12/05
Candace Spurny	12/05
Phil Witt	12/15
Lisa Lopez	12/24

EWI Rep Anniversaries

Deborah Ross KPMG LLP	12/01/2010
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Janet Briscoe Stinson Leonard Street LLP	12/11/1997
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Victoria Flower Financial Holding Corp	12/11/2002
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Firm Anniversaries

Blue Cross Blue Shield of KC	12/19/1962
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Life Member Anniversaries

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EWI of KANSAS CITY 2016 MEMBER FIRMS

AT&T
 Balls Food Stores
 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City
 The Civic Council of Greater Kansas City
 Commerce Bancshares, Inc.
 The Fiddly Fig
 Financial Holding Corporation
 Jackson County, Missouri
 The Kansas City Star
 KC Deli Provisions
 KPMG LLP
 MRIGlobal
 Perfect Output, L.L.C.
 Smithfield Food Inc.
 Stinson Leonard Street LLP
 tracelette™
 Treat America Food Services
 WDAF-TV/FOX 4

18 Member Firms
 22 Representatives
 10 Life Members

Member Firm Updates

Featuring all the happening news from our Member Firms and their Representatives!

- **The Fiddly Fig** – Chapter President Sheryl White's busy season is in full swing! In addition to decorating for her clients' holiday parties, homes and businesses, she is also creating beautiful gifts for you to give! Stop by her shop in Brookside where you are sure to find something special!
- **Hallmark Cards, Inc.** – And they're back! Join us in saying congratulation to Tracie Giron on her new position with Hallmark Cards, Inc.! She will be working for the VP/General Manager-National Chain Drug. She is very excited about her role and we thank her for bringing this prominent member firm back to our organization! Here is the new address to send your checks for monthly meetings:

Tracie Giron
Hallmark Cards, Inc.
2501 Mc Gee Street
Kansas City, MO 64108

We will keep everyone posted when their membership is official and again congratulation to Tracie!

- **WDAF-TV/FOX 4** - In addition to Toys for Tots we are also supporting Sack It for Santa for WDAF-TV/FOX 4's Love Fund. Details are in an email you received from Kim about the program and what is needed. A second email from Kathy and Sheryl volunteering to collect and deliver our donations as a group was also sent. The details are below to drop off bags at:

Hen House – 6:00 am to 10:00 pm, 2724 Shawnee Mission Pkwy, Fairway, KS
The Fiddly Fig – 9:00 am to 5:30 pm, 22 W 63rd St, Kansas City, MO

Meet your 2016-2017 EWI Kansas City Board Members

“Our theme tonight is **The Power of Commitment**” ~ Vernita Beck, September 2016 Installation Meeting

Each month we will introduce you to several of our board members and their commitment for the new term.

In no particular order.....



Advisor, Kathy Scott/Balls Food Stores

Kathy is the Store Director at the Fairway Hen House and her boss is Gregg Frost. She is passionate about the business and enjoys leading people and helping them to grow and succeed.

Kathy has been with EWI for four years and as Advisor you will be a source of reference for the entire board. One of the tests of leadership is the ability to recognize a problem before it becomes an emergency.

Your commitment this year is guidance. Your role is to let the board members find their own way, but be there to offer guidance if you see them losing their way.



Communications, Tracy Jankowski/tracelette™

Tracy operates her own business, creating tracelette™ in October 2014. She enjoys that she has developed enough discipline to be her own boss and loves learning about other people and what makes them unique.

Tracy has been with EWI for six months and as Communications Director she will be responsible for the preparation, publication and distribution of the chapter Connect newsletter as well as the chapter website and social media.

Your commitment this year is quality. You will be the mouthpiece of our Chapter this year!

December Meeting Program Quick Facts!

Attire

Favorite Festive or
Participate in the Ugly
Sweater Contest

Thieving Secret Santa

Bring a wrapped gift no more than
\$20 for gift swapping game

Toys for Tots

Bring a new unwrapped toy
for a boy or girl between
0-2 years or 9-13 years old

Christmas Trivia

Prizes will be awarded for
top trivia players.

**More details can be found below
in the December Meeting Invitation.**

EWI MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY ~ DECEMBER 14, 2016


Location: Garozzo's, 526 Harrison St., Kansas City, MO 64106, (816) 221-2455**Networking:** 5:30 P.M. Networking**Chapter Business:** 6:15 P.M.**Dinner & Program:** 6:30 P.M. Chapter Holiday Party

Program: Good times are in store for us this month as we celebrate the holidays with our EWI family. Wear your favorite festive attire or participate in the **Ugly Sweater Contest**, where the best ugly sweater will win a prize! Once again we will be collecting toy donations for **Toys for Tots**. Please bring a new unwrapped toy for a boy or girl between 0-2 years old or 9-13 years old. Our **Thieving Secret Santa** gift exchange will bring out the rascal in you! Bring a wrapped gift (no more than \$20) to join this whimsical game of gift swapping! Freshen up your knowledge of holiday facts when we play **Christmas Trivia**. Along with top conversation starters for your next holiday party, prizes will also be awarded! The fun begins with you! See you there!

Menu: **Starters:** ~ Insalata Casa **or** ~ Soup of the Day
Choice of Entrée: ~ Chicken Spiedini ~ Manicotti ~ Cannelloni ~ Hill Special ~ Baked Lasagna
Dinner entrée choice will be selected on site.
Dessert: ~ Belfonte's Spumoni Ice Cream

Reservations: Active members have an automatic reservation for all monthly meetings but we would still really appreciate confirmation. To RSVP by **EMAIL:** ewikansascity@gmail.com or by **PHONE:** 913-832-0771 to Tracy Jankowski **by noon**, on Wednesday, December 7, 2016.

Please include any dietary concerns or food allergies with your RSVP! Thank you.

Mail Checks To: Tracie Giron, 7057 Roe Avenue, Prairie Village, KS 66208
\$35.00 per attendee, \$30.00 per Sustaining/Life Member

Name: _____ Member firm: _____

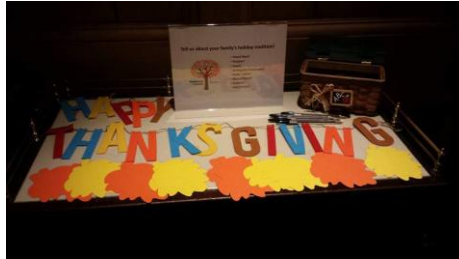
I will _____ will not * _____ attend the **December 14, 2016** meeting. * _____ *Donate my meeting fee to the Scholarship Fund*

I will bring _____ guest(s). **Guests/Names:** _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____ (or give to Tracie Giron at the meeting)
If you find it necessary to cancel, please email ewikansascity@gmail.com.

Highlights from our November 2016 Membership Meeting

It was fun to learn about how our members spend time with family and friends on Thanksgiving! Sharing our holiday traditions gave us the opportunity to discover how we share the same holiday in different ways!



Our dinner at the Mission Hills Country Club was scrumptious and these treats sweetened the deal!



Coping with Holiday Stress was presented by Frankie Elder – Transformation Educator. Frankie shared insight on how to turn the “I should” and “I need” statements, that produce rebellious feelings, into shifting the focus on the positive feeling of completing the task!



The Program Committee also gave us a preview of the Christmas Trivia game we are playing in December! Invite your spouse, friend or loved one to join us for the holiday fun!

EWI® Mission and Vision

MISSION

Executive Women **International**® brings together key individuals from diverse business for the purpose of promoting member firms, enhancing personal and professional development, and encouraging community involvement.

VISION

To be a global women's organization of 5,000 engaged members empowering others for positive change.

Glossary of Terms for EWI

BCDP – Business Career Development Program

LCAM – Leadership Conference Annual Meeting

ASIST – Adult Students in Scholastic Transition

EWISP – Executive Women International Scholarship Program

SHARE YOUR FIRM'S NEWS!

**What is new and exciting
happening with you or your firm?
We want to hear!!**

Please send items for publication to
Tracy Jankowski at
tracelette@outlook.com by the 15th
for the following month.

About Our Chapter Meeting

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

Reservation Policy:

Each active representative shall RSVP to ewikansascity@gmail.com by noon on Wednesday prior to the Wednesday meeting of the Chapter and indicate whether he/she will attend.

Sustaining, Life, Transitional and Honorary members shall notify on Wednesday prior to the Wednesday meeting of the Chapter; if no notification is received, they will not be expected to attend and will incur no liability

Meeting Notice:

The monthly meeting notice will include details of the meeting.

Attendance:

All representatives must attend the program/business portion of any regularly scheduled meeting in order to constitute attendance. Please let the Sergeant-at-Arms or President know if you need to leave early.

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 may be requested in writing to the President.

Social Media Corner!

Connect and Engage with EWI.....

Step up your password safety with these tips from www.staysafeonline.org.

Passwords can be inconvenient, but they're important if you want to keep your information safe. Protecting your personal information starts with STOP. THINK. CONNECT: take security precautions, think about the consequences of your actions online and enjoy the Internet with peace of mind. Here are some simple ways to secure your accounts through better password practices.

- **Make your password a sentence:** A strong password is a sentence that is at least 12 characters long. Focus on positive sentences or phrases that you like to think about and are easy to remember (for example, "I love country music."). On many sites, you can even use spaces!
- **Unique account, unique password:** Having separate passwords for every account helps to thwart cybercriminals. At a minimum, separate your work and personal accounts and make sure that your critical accounts have the strongest passwords.
- **Write it down and keep it safe:** Everyone can forget a password. Keep a list that's stored in a safe, secure place away from your computer. You can alternatively use a service like a password manager to keep track of your passwords.

Best practices help prevent you from becoming a target for theft! Contact Tracy J at tracelette@outlook.com if you would like help keeping your information secure!

**In closing we would like to thank everyone for a wonderful year with
EWI Kansas City! We could not do it without you!
We are looking forward to another fabulous year! Here's to 2017!
See you next year!**

Questions or Comment to:

www.ewikansascity.org

ewikansascity@gmail.com