

Letter from President.....



February 2017 – President’s Message

♥♥♥ Love is in the air... or so I am told. ♥♥♥

I am looking forward to my favorite day of the year, February 15th. (No, I did not make a mistake on that date.) Mary Jo Spino, with Jackson County, MO, our Vice President, will be heading up our meeting on February 15th. I will most likely be incoherent. Thank you, Mary Jo!

We are accomplishing a lot:

- We have finished our Annual Report and sent it to Corporate. Thank you, Tracie!
- We are embarking on our first fundraiser of the year. Sell those tickets! Thank you, Lisa and the Fundraising Committee!
- Counselors at local schools have been contacted with our Scholarship information. Thank you, Diane and Vernita!
- Membership is working hard to recruit new members. We can assist with their goals by inviting, welcoming and engaging with guests when they attend our meetings. Thank you, Rebecca and Kathy.
- Thank you, Tracy, our Communications Director. We appreciate our newsletter. We know it is a lot of work in putting it together, and reminding us all (me) to get our information in.
- The meeting and meal at Grand Street was wonderful. Thank you to our wonderful Programs Committee!

We have a dedicated board of directors. We are a very lucky chapter!

Have you seen the menu for February? I cannot believe I am going to miss it. Do not forget about our Red Scarf Donations for the February meeting. They will be delivered to female heart patients. Blessings for a wonderful meeting and a very Happy Valentine’s Day!

♥♥♥ Sheryl ♥♥♥

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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

Doreen Moore-Botz 02/09
Sandy Fockler 02/20

EWI Rep Anniversaries

Ellen Wall 02/10/2012
Perfect Output, LLC

Firm Anniversaries

Financial Holding Corporation 02/21/1995

Perfect Output, LLC 02/10/2012

Life Member Anniversaries

Candace Spurny 02/15/1984
The Kansas City Star

Mary Pace 02/15/1978
AT&T

With Sympathy

EWI of KANSAS CITY 2016 MEMBER FIRMS

AT&T
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18 Member Firms
22 Representatives
10 Life Members

These members has endured a family loss in the past few months:

- Janet Briscoe lost her Mother this past December and they held a private service in January.
- Here are some heartfelt words from Sheryl on the loss of her cousin:

"I recently went to Cleveland, OH, last for a funeral of my cousin who passed away from drug and alcohol addiction. He was 44 years old. I'm not sure if everyone knows, but I am a grateful member of Alcoholics Anonymous. I am very open about this. It keeps me accountable. Of my first thirteen cousins and siblings, eight of us suffer from addiction problems. 5 are in recovery, 1 has passed away, 1 is still in active addiction, and 1 we have not seen or heard from in years. Of the 8, 1 is a doctor, 1 is a lawyer, 1 is a business owner, 1 is a brilliant concert pianist... It affects every station in life. This is such a prevalent disease in our society. It is so genetic. If you know someone with a problem, reach out.

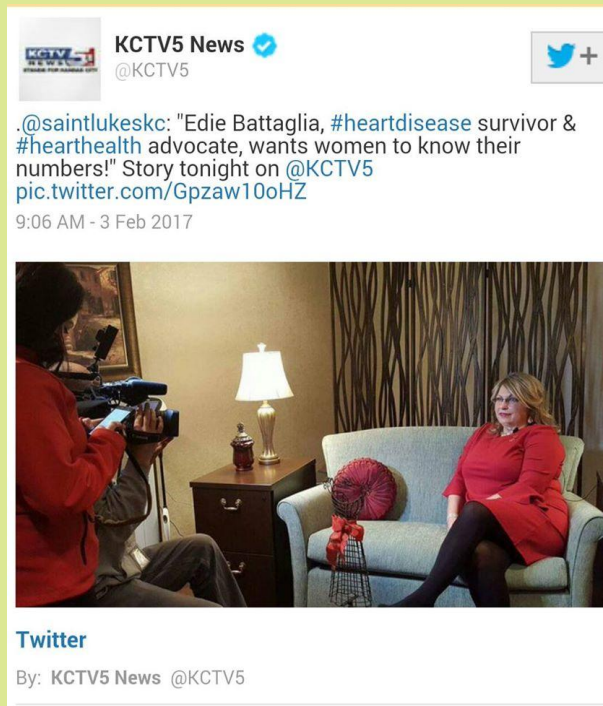
Death is truly a possibility. He is the fourth person in my life that I have known well, that has passed away from addiction. If I can every help, let me know, it is my mission.”

We are sorry for your losses and keep you both in our thoughts and prayers. A special Thank You to Sheryl for sharing her experience with addiction, raising awareness and offering support on this tragic disease.

Member Firm Updates

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

Edie Marie Battaglia of AT&T made headlines this month as her passion for advocating for women’s heart health was featured on several local news outlets! She was instrumental in planning the February meeting and creating the Heart Smart Basket that will be raffled at the meeting.



Meet your 2016-2017 EWI Kansas City Board Members

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

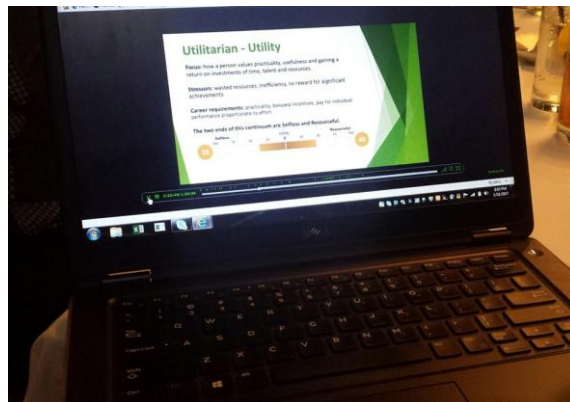
Each month we will introduce you to several of our board members and their commitment for the new term.

In no particular order.....

Be back next month with two member profiles!
 Thank you to everyone who serves on the board!
 We ❤️❤️❤️ your dedication to EWI Kansas City!

Highlights from our January 2017 Membership Meeting!

We were thrilled to have such a wonderful lineup of outstanding women at our January Meeting, including our EWI Corporate Webinar speaker!



Fundraising News.....

All tickets and money are due at the February Meeting.
 Please contact Lisa if you are not attending to make arrangements to get her your tickets and money.
 The winning ticket will be drawn at the meeting!

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**LEARN
 HOW TO
 FLAUTA
 FOR A
 GOOD CAUSE**

**Proceeds to Benefit
 EWI Scholarship fund.**

**JAN. 19
 THRU
 FEB. 14
 2017**

**WIN A COOKING
 CLASS ON
 HOW TO COOK
 FLAUTAS,
 RICE AND SALSA
 UP TO 6 PARTICIPANTS.
 FOOD AND SOME DRINKS
 WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**RAFFLE TICKETS
 1 FOR \$10
 3 FOR \$20**

For more information contact
 Lisa Lopez at 816.234.4907
 or Candace Spurny at
 816.223.9185

EWI MEMBERSHIP MEETING**WEDNESDAY ~ FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

*Saint Luke's
Muriel I. Kauffman
Women's Heart Center*



Location: Kauffman Women's Heart Center, 4401 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO 64111, 816-932-2000

Networking: **5:30 P.M.** Red Scarf Program Donation Collection & Heart Smart Gift Basket Raffle

Chapter Business: **6:15 P.M.** Fundraiser Prize Drawing – Please bring your tickets and money!

Dinner & Program: **6:30 P.M.** Go **Red** for Women – February is Heart Health Month!

Program: *"There is a shade of Red for every woman" ~ Audrey Hepburn*

Wear your perfect shade and invite a friend to join us for this heartwarming meeting that will raise your awareness about Heart Health with **Tracy L. Stevens, M.D.** a Board Certified Cardiologist with Saint Luke's Cardiovascular Consultants. She is on staff at Saint Luke's Mid America Heart Institute in Kansas City, Missouri and is the Julia Irene Kauffman Endowed Chair for Women's Cardiovascular Health, Ben D. McCallister MD Community Ambassador, and Professor of Medicine at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

"The Power of a Red Scarf"

Bring your finished scarves or yarn donations and know that you have fueled the power of the red scarf program. The red scarf offers comfort, support and encouragement for women with heart disease and becomes part of their healing journey. Thank you for supporting women's heart health!

Menu: *Four Course Menu:*

Course One: Wild Mushroom Pastries

Feta Cheesecakes w/Grapes

Course Two: Roasted Butternut Squash Bisque

Course Three: **Surf and Turf**

Filet Mignon and Barramundi, Pecan Carrots, Roasted Leek Mashed Potatoes

Course Four: Flourless Chocolate Tort

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, February 8, 2017.

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

Mail Checks To: Tracie Giron, Hallmark Cards, Inc. 2501 McGee Street, MD840, Kansas City, MO 64108
\$35.00 per attendee, \$30.00 per Sustaining/Life Member

Name: _____ Member firm: _____

I will _____ will not * _____ attend the **January 18, 2017** 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.

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.....

We ❤️❤️❤️ to grow on social media!

“Like” us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/EWIKansasCity/>

We currently have 91 people that ‘like’ our public Facebook page. That’s up by 7 followers since October! Let’s try to get our page to 100!

We have a friend page and a public page. The link to our public page is listed above. Check your device and make sure you are connected, then invite others to ‘like’ our page!

Other fun social media days: 2/14 – Valentine’s Day, 2/14 – Organ Donor Day, 2/17 – Random Act of Kindness Day, 2/20 – President’s Day, 2/28 – Mardi Gras

Look for posts on the EWI public page on these days and participate in the conversation!

Questions or Comment to:

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