

Letter from President.....



January 2017 – President’s Message

Happy New Year!

What a great time for renewal, expectations, and resolutions. My resolutions are about the same as every year; eat better, exercise more, and get organized. This year I am adding one, to stop, be thankful, and reflect on how wonderful life is, and how lucky that my family and I are healthy, and just how wonderful my life really is. So many people have it far worse. I guess it’s an optimistic attitude that I am determined to have and keep. (Wishing I was more optimistic about my other three resolutions, but maybe this is the year.)

I would like to thank the Program Committee for such a wonderful Holiday Party. I cannot tell you when the last time was that I had so much fun at a meeting. We need to make time for those games that we didn’t get to.

I believe we can all take pleasure in know that we made a lot of children and teenagers feel special with our donations to Toys for Tots and Sack it for Santa.

I would like to remind everyone that they should have received an email with a bill for their yearly dues. Please either give your payment to Tracie, or let her know when it was sent. That way we can better track it this year.

Thank you to everyone for you positive attitudes, encouragement and welcoming of guests, and great attendance! Let’s carry it to the New Year.

And— thank you Tracy, for such a great job on The Connect. It looks great and I have heard wonderful things about it.

See you all on January 18th!

Sheryl

2016 – 2017 Officers and Directors

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The Fiddly Fig

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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

Mary Pace	01/12
Mary Young	01/29

EWI Rep Anniversaries

Vernita Beck <i>Commerce Bancshares, Inc.</i>	01/15/1992
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Marcia Zanko <i>Blue Cross Blue Shield of KC</i>	01/17/1996
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Kathy Scott <i>Balls Food Stores</i>	01/17/2013
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Laura Bird <i>Treat America Food Services</i>	01/19/1983
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Kim Stripling <i>WDAF-TV/FOX4</i>	01/19/2000
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Ellen Wall <i>Perfect Output of KC, LLC</i>	01/31/2012
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Firm Anniversaries

Treat America Food Services	01/19/1983
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Life Member Anniversaries

Margaret Gambill <i>Blue Cross Blue Shield of KC</i>	01/21/1976
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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!

We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations and their gift of time as we all made a difference this past holiday season!

- **Consuelo Ross**, The Civic Council of Greater Kansas City volunteered to gather and drop off all of our donations from the December meeting to Toys for Tots!
- **Kathy Scott**, Balls Food Stores volunteered to gather and drop off all of our donations for WDAF/FOX4's Sack it for Santa!



A special Thank You to these two members for going the extra mile to make EWI shine while helping others!

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.....



Fundraising, Lisa Lopez/The Kansas City Star

Lisa is the Administrative Assistant to Mike Fannin, Editor and VP and has been at the Kansas City Star for 35 years. She loves the people and the variety of tasks that come up from day to day.

Lisa has been with EWI a year, and this is her first time serving on the Board. As Fundraising Director, Lisa with the assistance of Candace Spurny and the committee, will suggest, plan and carry out the ways and means of financing the special activities and scholarship fund of the Chapter. Lisa and her committee will organize the major fundraisers for the Chapter with the assistance of the entire membership.

Your commitment this year is achievement. The only limit to her impact is her imagination and commitment. Dream big this year for our fundraising!



Program Director, Edie Marie Battaglia/AT&T

Edie Marie is a Senior Consultant II, Fiber Solutions & Mobility at AT&T, reporting to Michael Branton and has been with AT&T for 22 years. She likes to know that she is making a positive impact on a customer's business by the solutions she provides.

Edie Marie has been with EWI for 15 years and enjoys the relationships. She plans on understanding what type programs our membership is interested in and working towards providing those programs so they will tell others, which will result in membership growth.

Your commitment this year is the commitment to excellence. Stay committed to excellence - In order to keep it simple, just think of the 3 Cs: Connections, Careers and Community.

Fundraising News!

Your EWI Fundraising Committee have been busy working out the details for our 2017 Fundraising Campaign! Lisa and Candace kicked things off at the December Meeting when they shared what is in the works for our campaign!

LEARN
HOW TO
FLAUTA
FOR A
GOOD CAUSE



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

Proceeds to Benefit EWI Scholarship fund.

More details coming soon!



CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY

EWI MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY ~ JANUARY 18, 2017



- Location:** Grand Street Café, 4740 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, MO, 816-561-8000
- Networking:** 5:30 P.M. Networking
- Chapter Business:** 6:15 P.M.
- Dinner & Program:** 6:30 P.M. EWI Training Webinar - The Power of Motivation: Getting it Right!
- Program:** Susanne Dalton Dupes, ABC, APR, Employee Engagement Consultant, Certified Analyst of behaviors, motivators, acumen, & emotional intelligence speaks about The Power of Motivation: Getting it Right presented by EWI Corporate in June of 2016. This webinar focuses on workplace engagement, understanding motivation and the driving forces behind it! Join us and set the pace for an excellent 2017 with EWI Kansas City!
- Menu:**
 - Salad:** Caesar or House
 - Choice of Entrée:**
 - Ricotta Gnocchi** – Gnocchi tossed with Sautéed Kale, Roasted Winter Squash, Confit Cherry Tomatoes, and Pecorino topped with Tomato Braised Brisket
 - Ravioli** – Butternut Squash-Mascarpone Cheese Filling tossed with Honey Brown Butter, Roasted Butternut Squash, Toasted Hazelnuts, Fried Sage, and Pecorino Brodo
 - Dessert:** Phyllo Brownie

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, January 11, 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.

Highlights from our December 2016 Membership Meeting

Our Holiday Party took place at Garozzo's and the evening was a gift of fellowship for all! The atmosphere was warm and cozy, our spirits were jolly and the food was absolutely fabulous!



Celebrating lasting friendships with our EWI family.



It's Date Night! We think these guys are pretty lucky!



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.....

National Clean Out Your Inbox week is January 22nd – 28th! From creativemarket.com's Blog: 10 Little-Known Pro Tips to Clean Up Your Email Inbox on the subject:

“With hundreds of billions of email messages sent daily, chances are your inbox hit the critical stage just in the time it took you to read this blog. Don't fall into the trap of trying to do it all at once - that's a recipe ripe for frustration! Instead, dedicate just five or 10 minutes a day to implementing the tips we've already showed you. Before you know it, you'll finally reach inbox zero.”

Find out if these 10 tips are on your radar at

<https://creativemarket.com/blog/10-little-known-pro-tips-to-clean-up-your-email-inbox>

Other fun social media days: 1/14 – Dress Up Your Pet Day, 1/19 – Get to Know Your Customers Day, 1/23 – Pie Day, 1/24 – National Compliment Day, 1/25 – Opposite Day, 1/31 – Backwards Day

Questions or Comment to:

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