

Letter from President.....



October 2016 – President’s Message

I am so honored and excited to be the 2016-2017 President of EWI. It is truly an amazing organization with amazing women. It has enhanced my career life, my personal life, and increased my confidence.

My goal for our organization this year, is to engage every member, to grow, not just in numbers, but in quality of the meetings and the quality of relationships we have with each other and our community. That said, what I need each and every member to do is engage and participate.

We had our first board meeting last week, and the excitement and level of participation was energizing. Lots of ideas... Our Programs Committee met this week, and I know they have great plans for us.

Our October meeting will be held at McCoy’s in Westport. Our speaker, Paula Rios, will be talking to us about teamwork. I have been told she is a wonderful motivational speaker. You won’t want to miss it.

I want us to take about 10 minutes, after our program, to break into our committees. That will get us off to a good start in planning our year.

I look forward to seeing everyone on October 19th at McCoy’s. Let’s kick off our New Year with a full house.

See you there—
Sheryl

2016 – 2017 Officers and Directors

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Sheryl White
The Fiddly Fig

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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

Sheryl White	10/26
Tracy Jankowski	10/31

EWI Rep Anniversaries

Phil Witt	10/11/2000
WDAF-TV/FOX4	

MaryJo Spino	10/08/2009
Jackson County, Missouri	

Firm Anniversaries

Jackson County, Missouri	10/20/2009
The Civic Council of Greater KC	10/21/2009

Life Member Anniversaries

Mary Young	10/21/1985
Hallmark Cards, Inc.	

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!

Balls Foods Store:

- Kathy Scott has moved to a new location! Here is her new contact information:
Hen House Market
Fairway Shops
2724 W 53rd St
Fairway, KS 66205
35director@ballsfoods.com
- The new and improved state-of-the-art Hen House Store at 117th and Roe in Leawood opened on August 3rd! We will be planning a Firm Night at this location soon!

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.

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.....



Treasurer, Tracie Giron/KPMG LLP

Tracie is a Senior Administrative Assistant at KPMG and works for partners and managers. She has been there three years and the thing she likes best about her job is doing different tasks, as each day is different.

Tracie has been with EWI for four years and as Treasurer she will keep full and accurate accounts, prepare monthly financial reports for the Board and yearly reports to be distributed to the Membership and Corporate.

Your commitment this year is accuracy. Your attention to detail and ability to meet deadlines will be a key to our success as a chapter.



Sergeant-at-Arms, Janie Williams/MRI Global

Janie is the Executive Assistant to Tom Sack, President and CEO of MRIGlobal and has been there almost 20 years. She likes the people and variety of job responsibilities.

Janie has been with EWI for two years and as Sergeant-at-Arms she will keep complete records of Representative/Guest attendance at meetings, be in charge of all reservations, and provide the appropriate people with a list of membership/guests and report monthly to the Board.

Your commitment this year will be cooperation. You will collect monies for the monthly meetings and work closely with the Treasurer in a timely manner.

Thank you to The Fiddly Fig for hosting the October 2016 Board Meeting!



We want to extend a big **THANK YOU** to Kathy Scott, Chapter President 2014 – 2016. We are grateful that she accepted the role and along with our Board Members kept EWI Kansas City moving forward in the midst of transition within our own chapter and at the Corporate level.

Here are some photos from the evening! Visit our Facebook page to view the complete photo album.



Thank you to Laura Bird for planning meetings that educated and inspired.



Connections for a Lifetime....Janie Williams and Cathy Tristano sharing a special moment.



Passing the President's Pin to 2016-2017 President, Sheryl White.



Our gift to 2014-2016 President, Kathy Scott.

**EWI MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016**



Location: McCoy's, Plot Room, 4057 Pennsylvania, Kansas City, MO 64111, (816) 960-0866

Networking: 5:30 P.M. Membership Networking

Chapter Business: 6:15 P.M. Vote on the budget

Dinner & Program: 6:30 P.M.

Program: **GUEST SPEAKER: Pauline Rios** is a graduate of the University of Central Missouri, and owner of BRAVA Enterprises, a consulting business. She has been called "Ms. Energizer" for her ability to motivate people in all areas of their personal and professional endeavors. With forty-seven years of professional experience, she is a renowned public speaker and is always in demand from numerous organizations, government agencies, universities and businesses to provide exceptional trainings, workshops and consulting requests. She has volunteered with over forty organizations in the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan area, and is a recipient of numerous awards and recognitions. Her Motto in life is: Success is not something to wait for; Success is something worth working for.

COMMITTEE BREAKOUT SESSION: We will have some time near the end of the evening for the committees to assemble to talk about their plans for the year and discuss next steps.

Menu: Choice of House salad, Caesar salad, Chicken Noodle soup, or Soup of the day, and one entrée:

- o Fish and Chips: beer-battered whitefish, fries, basil tartar sauce, side of creamy cider slaw
- o Beef Brisket Dip: smoked brisket, crispy onion frito, chipotle mayo, bbq jus, potato bun
- o Greek Pizza: spinach, mushroom, artichoke, tomato, red onion, feta, provolone, Kalamata olives
- o Mac-n-Cheese: jumbo shell pasta, cheddar, mozzarella, provolone, parmesan, buttered breadcrumbs

(Just tell your server your selections)

Includes Public House Rolls

Dessert: Mini Ice Cream Sandwiches

Beverages: Iced Tea, Coffee or Soda (Alcohol may be purchased separately.)

Reservations: Active members have an automatic reservation for all monthly meetings but we would still really appreciate confirmation. To RSVP, email, ewikansascity@gmail.com or Tracy Jankowski 913-832-0771 by noon, **Friday, October 14, 2016.**

Any dietary concerns, please contact Tracy Jankowski, Program Committee at 913-832-0771 or ewikansascity@gmail.com.

Mail Checks To: Tracie Giron, KPMG LLP, 1000 Walnut Street, Suite 1100, Kansas City, MO 64106
E-mail RSVP To: ewikansascity@gmail.com

Total amount enclosed \$_____ (or give to Tracie Giron at the meeting)
\$35.00 per attendee, \$30.00 per Sustaining/Life Member

Name: _____ Member firm: _____

I will _____ will not * _____ attend the **October 19, 2016** meeting. * _____ *Donate my meeting fee to the Scholarship Fund*

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

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

Designating your United Way Contribution to EWI

Please use the address below for your United Way contributions to the EWI of Kansas City scholarship fund. Please direct questions to Vernita Beck at (816) 234-2325.

Executive Women International
P.O. Box 419248
Kansas City, MO 64141
EIN number, 74-2456838

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.....

“Like” us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/EWIKansasCity/>
We currently have 84 people that ‘like’ our public Facebook page.

“Follow” us on Twitter at https://twitter.com/EWI_KansasCity
We currently have 20 “followers” on Twitter.

“Follow” us on Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/ewi_kansascity/?hl=en
We currently have 11 “followers” on Instagram.

Interacting with our social media accounts ensures that our chapter stays relevant on Google and helps build public presence to aid in recruitment. In upcoming issues of Connect, this section will be filled with tips and updates on our stats!

In closing,

- ❖ Thank you to Vernita Beck of Commerce Bancshares, Inc. for hosting our September Membership Meeting, performing the Installation and for her contribution to the board member bios on Page 4.
- ❖ Life Member, Winona Murray of WDAF-TV/Fox 4 shared these inspiring words at the September Membership Meeting : *“May we approach our tasks with wisdom, and may we approach our members with respect.”*



- ❖ From Chapter President, Sheryl White:

The Power of Attitude

Our lives are not determined by what happens to us, but by how we react to what happens; not by what life brings to us, but by the attitude we bring to life. A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events, and outcomes. It is a catalyst... a spark that creates extraordinary results.

Questions or Comment to:

www.ewikansascity.org

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