

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



This month I feel like celebrating our connections, the first 'C' of the EWI Mission Statement.

**New Connections** - At our October Chapter meeting, we made some new connections and renewed others. We enjoyed the exceptional hospitality of one of our newer member firms, the Hyatt Regency Wichita, and became better acquainted with representative Tami Barker. We were delighted to encounter our Chapter's 2006 ASIST scholarship winner, Heather Fuller, who is employed at the Hyatt and was our Banquet Captain for the evening. Our Committee Chairs for 2011-2012 were introduced, and we began planning committee activities. Thank you for committing your time to these connections within the Chapter.

**Understanding Our Connections** - A program titled "The Architecture of EWI" will be presented at our next Chapter meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2011. I am scripting this program, which will include a review of our Chapter's **foundation**, description of its **structure**, and presentation of **additions & renovations**. Please bring your questions and comments, or better yet, send them to me now. I feel it's so important that we all understand this unique organization, in order to effectively utilize its value for ourselves and our firms. The meeting location is another of our newer member firms, the Wichita Marriott. See more detail about the location and menu in this newsletter, and please plan to attend.

**Retaining and Strengthening Connections** - As our Chapter's new Board of Directors met for a brief Retreat October 5, and for their first monthly Board meeting October 20, it became clear that an overall goal of each Director is to retain our member firms and their representatives. The Board will continue the dedication and hard work of previous Boards, and of all the representatives, which resulted in our Chapter's recognition at LCAM in September. On the day devoted to Connections, EWI of Wichita was among the Chapters that were awarded a certificate for "Outstanding Retention" for 2010-2011. A copy of the certificate, presented to Candace Parry, is included in this newsletter.

**Changing Connections** - We were dismayed at the October Chapter meeting when Sharon Phillips announced that she is moving back "home" to Louisiana to be closer to her mother and family. As the representative for Metro Courier since February 2007, Sharon has graced our Chapter with her delightful combination of professionalism, enthusiasm, affection, and Southern charm. We wish her every blessing and happiness, and hope to sustain the connection of friendship.

**Personal Connections** - November brings Thanksgiving Day, a time when we gather to enjoy our treasured connections with family and friends. This year I look forward to family who will travel from Lubbock, Texas, to visit Mother in Hutchinson. May you all have a blessed holiday with your loved ones!

Take good care,  
Helen Nicoli

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## READING RALLY - OCTOBER 26, 2011

By Charlene Dreiling

EWI Wichita Chapter had another fun and successful Reading Rally at Colvin Elementary School. The third grade class participated (about 120 students) and were very respectful listeners as members of the Wichita Police Department talked to the group about the equipment they carry with them at all times and how some of it is used in their work.



The wonderful Wichita Police Department officers who were such a special part of the event.



The Wichita Police Department volunteered 10 officers who were wonderful in reading the book "Arrowhawk" and interacting with the children. It was fun to watch how the officers were so friendly and made the children feel so comfortable with them.



While the children worked on writing and illustrating their own stories in special booklets (printed by Wichita State University), small groups were escorted outside to have their pictures taken with a police officer in front of one of their squad cars which each child will receive as another souvenir of the day.

Each child received his/her own Reading Rally t-shirt (made by Midwest Single Source) as they arrived to the meeting room. After the reading, writing and photo activities, the children were treated to pizza, cookies and orange drink. As the children left for the day, each child was presented with his/her own copy of the book (grant provided by Spirit Aerosystems, Inc.) in a bag with various school supplies.



The principal, Karen Whittle, and the third grade teachers all had high praise for the EWI chapter and the volunteers who ran a smooth and efficient process in handling the entire third grade class. They enjoyed the day as much as the children.

## READING RALLY (Continued)



Special thanks was also added for the “gently used” and new books that were donated by EWI members, co-workers and friends. Close to 700 books were gathered and left at the school.



EWI volunteers De Nelson, Pat Campbell, Pan Fullinwinder, Debbie Pfingsten, Jessica Emrick, Helen Nicoli, Theresa Hogan, Candace Perry, Connie Velghe, Charlene Dreiling, Denise Wickham. (Not pictured Martha Linsner)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### November Chapter Meeting

**PLEASE RSVP ON THE WEBSITE!!**

November 16 - 6:00 P.M.  
Wichita Marriott, 9100 E. Corporate Hill Drive  
Program - “The Architecture of EWI”

### **Menu:**

Toasted Hearts of Romaine Salad with Roasted Tri-Colored Peppers & Honey Lemon-Lime Vinaigrette  
Grilled Airline Chicken Breast with Artichoke, Snow Peas, Carrots, Pistachio & Vermouth  
Roasted Fingerling Potatoes with Herbs  
Pull Apart Potato Rolls with Butter  
Fudge Brownie Sundae drizzled with Caramel & Strawberry Mint Coulis

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### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Martha Linsner 11/5  
Tammy Voth 11/13  
Helen Nicoli 11/13  
Jamie Hunt 11/14  
Teresa Arthur 11/15  
Jenny Stephens 11/18

### **Dates to Note**

Wine & Dine or Lunch Bunch  
To be announced -

Carolyn Sayres Fine Jewelry  
Open House November 5  
4:00 - 9:00

### **December Chapter Meeting**

December 14  
Rolling Hills Country Club  
\$10 Ornament Exchange & Musical Entertainment

### **January Chapter Meeting**

WSU - Marcus Welcome Center  
Shirley Beggs - Speaker

## MEMBERSHIP

### Membership Incentive Program

The Corporate Board is pleased to announce a new incentive program for the remainder of 2011! We have designed the incentive to include all parties ... you, the new member firm, the existing firms and of course, the Chapter! Everyone has a chance to win and help grow our EWI network of members. The incentive plan will run from July 1 thru December 31, 2011. This incentive plan will take the place of the traditional 15 for 12 campaign.

#### Firms - New

Every New Member Firm that joins an EWI Chapter between July 1 and December 31, 2011, will have the \$50 Corporate administrative fee waived and will be entered into a drawing for a free 2012 EWI membership (Chapter and Corporate dues for all New Member Firms and their Representatives who joined during this time period).

#### Firms - Additional Representatives

Every Member Firm that adds an additional representative (maximum of three) between July 1 and December 31, 2011, will receive entrance into a drawing for a free 2012 EWI membership (Chapter and Corporate dues for all Representatives who joined during this time period).

#### Representatives

Every Representative who successfully recruits a new member firm (Complete membership application and funds must be received at the Corporate Office between July 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011) will receive an entry into a drawing for \$1,000 cash! (Representative's name can be entered multiple times – once for each new member firm recruited during this time period).

#### Chapters

The Chapter that recruits the most new member firms between July 1 and December 31, 2011, will receive a customized EWI Chapter banner stand or \$450 credit in the EWI Merchandise Shoppe. In the case of a tie, a drawing will be held to determine the one Chapter winner.

All winners will be announced in the January 2012 EWI Connect.



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**Executive Women International  
Wichita Chapter Meeting  
Hyatt Regency Wichita  
October 19, 2011**



L-R Jan Baggett, Programs; Helen Nicoli, Chapter President; Sonia McClintic, Membership; Heather Fuller 2006 Chapter and Corporate ASIST Scholarship winner, Hyatt Regency Hotel



Marlane Morris, Downing and Lahey Mortuary with guest Shelley Unruh, Executive Assistant

Catherine Thorpe, guest of J.L. White-Fuller; center D'Ann Drennan, Murfin Drilling; J.L. White – Fuller, Kansas Strong



Connie Velghe and Heather Fuller



Carolyn Sayre and Jenny Long

Charlene Dreiling, AGH and Reading Rally Chair and De Nelson, City of Wichita

Carolyn Sayre was one of the "Cutest Shoes Winners"





LCAM 2011 Moments shared by;  
 L-R Helen Nicoli, SJCF Architecture;  
 Sharon Phillips, Metro Courier, Inc.;  
 Theresa Hogan, Juhnke, Campbell & Associates;  
 Jan Baggett, Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce;  
 Connie Velghe, Westar Energy, Inc.;  
 Dawn Truman, J.P. Weigand & Sons, Inc.;  
 Carolyn Sayre, Carolyn Sayre's Fine Jewelry

This Chapter was stunned by the news that Sharon Phillips, Metro Courier, Inc. will be leaving November 4, 2011. We will miss this fabulous, entertaining, smart and caring lady. She has been the representative of this firm since 2007.



Also at LCAM this year the Wichita Chapter was awarded a Retention Certificate by EWI Corporate - WAY TO GO!!!!



### Outstanding Retention

**EWI OF WICHITA**  
**93% Retention**  
 For 2010-2011

In recognition of your valuable contributions to this organization.

*Sharon E. Bennett*  
 Sharon E. Bennett  
 2010-2011 EWI Corporate President

*Nancy Harrison*  
 Nancy Harrison  
 Corporate Retention & Recruitment Director



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## MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS....

Wichita Business Journal's October 28, 2011 PROFILE page featured Dawn Truman, EWI representative for J. P. Weigand & Sons, Inc. Congratulations to you, Dawn, for being selected, and again for your recent promotion to president of the firm.

And thank you so much for mentioning Executive Women International! The reporter called me to ask about you and about EWI, and I'm delighted that he gave the organization some favorable publicity.

Helen Nicoli, Chapter President



2011-2012 Board Retreat October 5, 2011 at Schaefer Johnson Cox Frye Architecture



September 28, 2011 Lunch Bunch  
Hyatt Regency Hotel

October 27, 2011 Wine & Dine  
Bocconcini's - For Dessert - Helen  
introduced the group to Panna  
Cotta, a traditional Italian dessert!!



Our thoughts and prayers go out to Chapter members facing difficult times...

Carla Rae Pitcher for the loss of her mother-in-law ~

Lynne Smith for a rapid recovery of her husband Tim ~