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President's Message

I've decided that 2020 needs to be added to the dictionary and the definition will be anything unexpected, negative or even crappy. For instance, "My car keeps

breaking down! It is just so 2020!" or "I can't believe Sylvia said that, that is so 2020!" I'm working hard to keep my thoughts positive and to move forward and through the year 2020. There are still so many blessings that we can be thankful for. People are still getting married, babies are still being born and EWI Omaha Chapter is still going strong! We have given away \$30,000 in scholarships to help out people that really need it! Not to mention, our 1st place scholarship winner ended up winning the 2nd place Corporate scholarship of \$4,000! Marina is set for this year and next year to finish out her degree. What a great accomplishment for her!

We had a great meeting in July. This month's meeting was our Firm Night and Signature Performance was our firm host. Chris Vairo, their Chief Revenue Officer, presented a great overview of the company and shared some great information regarding the effects of this pandemic on hospitals all over the country. It was very informative, and I so appreciate him taking the time to present to our group. Along with it being Firm Night, we also honored our EWI Omaha Chapter's past presidents. We had presidents join the virtual meeting back from 2001. We appreciate all our presidents and everything they did, and still do, for our Chapter!

I'm looking forward to next month's Executive Night. This won't be quite the same as last year, but I still believe it will be a complete success. Lindsay, along with her committee, have done a fabulous job planning this unique, virtual event. I encourage you all to participate and ask your executive, if applicable, to still join us! I'm looking forward to the video that will be shared!

As always, please stay healthy and thank you for your continued support to EWI Omaha!

Virtual hugs,
Jonna Radtke
President
EWI of Omaha 2019-2020

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Thank you to all of our past presidents for your years of service!

- 1978 Loy Flanagan (Lifetime member)
- 1991 & 2006 Jane Allamong (Lifetime member)
- 1998 Carol Armstrong (Lifetime member)
- 1999 Sally Komrofske (Lifetime member)
- 2001 Sue Burkhard (Lifetime member)
- 2003 Cathy Bodammer (Lifetime member)
- 2004 & 2009 Patty Bain
- 2005 Ellie Morrow
- 2010 Darlis Vauble
- 2011 Ruth Utman
- 2012 Janet Schawang
- 2014 Carolyn McClean
- 2015 Cheryl McCall
- 2017 Kristin Gochenour
- 2018 Diana Busche
- 2019 Rhonda Silvey

Interested in getting more involved with EWI? We have new representatives that recently joined and we are in need of mentors for these new reps!

**If you can help in any way, it would be most appreciated!
Please contact Jonna Radtke if interested at jonna.radtke@lundco.com.**

**AUGUST PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Goal Planning in a Changing Landscape**

Presenter: Samantha Lane

Time Management Coach and Speaker
Origami Day

**Tuesday, August 4, 2020
3:00 PM ET / 12:00 PM PT**



Congratulations to our Scholarship Recipients!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EWI® Board Meeting
August 11, 2020

EWI August Monthly Meeting
August 26, 2020

2020 Chapter Meeting Schedule

Mark your calendars!

August 26
September 23
October 28
November 18
December - TBD

Member Spotlight

August Presenter: Trish Bauermeister



At each meeting, a different member of EWI will tell the chapter a little bit about themselves. Names will be selected by the current presenter to determine the presenter for the next meeting.

ATTENTION MEMBERS: If you are NOT receiving the Corporate EWI Connect, which is emailed monthly, please let Cheryl McCall know and she will follow up with corporate to get you on the distribution list. Her email address is cmccall@accessbank.com. Thank you.

SHARE THE NEWS!
Send submissions for the chapter newsletter to:
Contact: Jordan Stocking
Phone: 402-350-1686
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This includes any Awards/KUDOS/Special Events

PLEASE SHARE!
Forward this copy of the EWI Omaha Connect to your Firm Executive and let them know that the EWI Omaha Chapter is promoting member firms, enhancing personal and professional development, and encouraging community involvement!

If your firm is interested in hosting an EWI of Omaha Chapter meeting, please reach out to our Program Directors, Cindy Brickey at cbrickey@visitomaha.com and Susan Hussey at susan.hussey@nebraskablue.com

If you know of an occasion where we need to send a card on behalf of our membership, please email Amy Hansen at ahansen@firstwestroads.bank



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<https://www.facebook.com/ewiomaha>

EWI Omaha Chapter Website
www.ewi-omaha.org

August

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| Rhonda Silvey | August 1 |
| Janet Schawang | August 3 |
| Lenore Honke | August 14 |
| Natalie Hadley | August 15 |
| Ruth Utman | August 19 |
| Susan Hussey | August 26 |
| Cindy Brickey | August 28 |
| Sally Komrofske | August 31 |

September

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| Amy Hansen | September 10 |
| Judi Huff | September 10 |
| Molly Murphy | September 11 |
| Samantha Kafka | September 11 |
| Lori Mitera | September 20 |

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Access Bank – Cheryl McCall
AOI Corporation – Janet Schawang
Bland & Associates, PC – Hilary Allen, Diana Busche
Bloom Companion Care – Gretchen Radler
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska – Jessica Corrado, Susan Hussey, Rhonda Silvey
Borsheims – Chris Buckingham
Burlington Capital – Rachel Jesske, Missy Peters, Ruth Utman
Cassling Diagnostic Imaging – Monica Casey
CHI Health – Samantha Kafka
CIT Bank – Audrey Farley, Judi Huff
Elegant Edge Events – Natalie Kotrc, Brenda Tharp
First Westroads Bank – Amy Hansen
Flood Communications – Itzel Gonzalez
Greater Omaha Chamber – Lindsay Christiansen, Kim DiMari, Sandy Spady
Green Plains, Inc. – Sharon Mize
Habitat for Humanity – TBD
HDR – Paula Cooper
Hyatt Place Omaha, Downtown Old Market – Trish Bauermeister
Lund Company, The – Jane Heath, Jonna Radtke
Marriott Downtown at Capitol District – Patty Bain

McFarlin & Brokke, P.C. – Melissa Travis
Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority – Gillian Austin
Midwest Maintenance – TBD
Mutual of Omaha – Melissa Swan
Ollie Webb Center, Inc. – Jordan Stocking
Omaha Steaks – Kristin Gochenour, Molly Murphy
Outlook Collaborative – Natalie Hadley, Susanne Waltermeyer
Partnership 4 Kids – Cheryl Murray
Signature Performance – Stacie Robertson
Silverstone Group – Marcia Hofmann, Michelle Miller
Streck – Alexis Boyd
Tenaska – Lauren Clark
Travel and Transport – Kami Maloley
United Republic Bank – Amy Keltner
United Way of the Midlands – Glenda Land
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West Corporation – Lori Mitera
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Our Mission

Executive Women International (EWI) brings together key individuals from diverse businesses for the purpose of promoting member firms, enhancing personal and professional development, and encouraging community involvement.



CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY

Our Vision

To enhance professional growth and development within a diverse group of women while empowering them to make a difference as they inspire others.

Our Values

Integrity | Excellence | Respect | Collaboration