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President's Message

As I am sitting at my desk writing this message it is snowing outside. I was just sitting outside in the sunshine enjoying the 60-degree weather yesterday! Only in Nebraska.

Our meeting on April 28 will feature Jeff Beals with Grow Omaha! Jeff will share with us the exciting economic development planned for the Omaha metro. Join us to hear the exciting developments planned for Omaha and invite your colleagues. Our Omaha Chapter business meeting will follow. We need a quorum, so please make sure you tune in.

Planning for the ASIST Scholarship Banquet on May 26 is underway. We have 28 applications and \$22,000 in scholarships! (Four \$5,000 scholarships and a \$2,000 Darlis Vauble scholarship.) I am looking forward to the announcement of our winners and meeting them at our Banquet. This is a great meeting to invite members from your firm and potential new members. Thank you to Kristin Gochenour, ASIST Committee Chair, and her team for all their hard work.

Sheila Fitzgerald has been working with Ollie Webb on our literacy venture for this year. We need volunteers to join her committee and be a part of the program. Please reach out to Sheila at sheila@anewleafomaha.com.

Check out the EWI Corporate website, <https://ewiconnect.com/>. Find out the latest news regarding LCAM, available professional development webinars. Click on MyEWICommunity and see upcoming events, join a chat room, find out about EWI's Train the Trainer Program (for AOL Alumni), update your profile, or fill out an application to be on the corporate Board!

I want to thank my fellow Board members for their contributions. I appreciate the time and effort they put in to making our chapter a success. I also want to thank all of you for your continued support of EWI. Our vision remains to enhance professional growth and development within a diverse group of women, while empowering them to make a difference as they inspire others. We are celebrating 60 years this month as a chapter. Congratulations!

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EWI of Omaha 2020-2021

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Happy Birthday EWI Omaha Chapter!

Our Omaha chapter was chartered on April 27, 1961 *and we are now 60 years old!* I guess you would say our chapter is “over the hill”, but just like good wine, we get better with age!

Betty Steele was the first Chapter President, and Betty represented Arthur Andersen. Besides Arthur Andersen, the founding firms included All Makes Office Equipment, American Community Stores Corp, The Blackstone Hotel, Bozell & Jacobs, Butter-Nut Foods, John Deere Co, Guarantee Mutual Life, I-Go Van & Storage, International Business Machines Corp, International Stanley Corp, Nebraska Consolidated Mills, Nebraska Methodist Hospital, Northwestern Bell Telephone Co, Omaha Chamber of Commerce, The Omaha National Bank, Omaha Public Power District, Standard Metal Fabricating Co, Storz Brewing Co, Storz-Wachob-Bender Co and United Airlines.

The organization was also known as Executive Secretaries Inc, but the name was changed in 1977 to Executive Women International to reflect the changing roles of women in business and the diverse careers held by our representatives.

Happy Birthday EWI Omaha Chapter! Wishing you many more years with amazing women leading our chapter forward!

MAY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR

Leadership with Panache: Inspire, Motivate, and Influence

Presenter: Diana Hoyt
Chief Strategist & Trainer
Formula for Fundraising

Tuesday, May 4, 2021
3:00 PM ET / 12:00 PM PT



Raffle Donations Needed!

We are bringing back the monthly raffle so we need raffle items for upcoming chapter meetings! If you or your company would like to donate, please contact Stacie Robertson (srobertson@signatureperformance.com) or Molly Murphy (mollym@omahasteaks.com). Thank you in advance!

Raffle money will be collected digitally during the meeting through Venmo or PayPal. If you have neither (Venmo is a free app and simple to use), you can send a check before the meeting to Susanne if buying in bulk or send after the meeting. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10 (buy 2, get 1 free!). Thanks for helping us raise money for our chapter!

CONTEST TIME!

Show off your design skills and create a sticker representing Omaha!

This year's LCAM Opening Reception is going to feature 'Passports' for all attendees to keep track of what Chapter their new friends are from and it is up to us to bring our own stickers!

1. Entries are due to Lindsay Christiansen by July 14th.
2. Your design must be able to fit a 1x1 size sticker.
3. All designs will be presented to the deciding party anonymously.
4. The winning design will not only 'stamp' other Chapter members' passports but will also be posted on our website and the designer presented with their choice of EWI mask and certificate to add to their portfolio.



June 10, 2021 | Indian Creek Golf Course | Elkhorn, NE

Your day of golf creates hope, adventure, and joy for our loved ones and neighbors living with vision loss and blindness.

- **18 Holes**
- **4-person Scramble (golf, lunch & dinner)**
- **Women's Flight**
- **All-in Players Package**
- **Awards Dinner**
- **Sponsorships Available**

Register today:

<https://outlookne.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/TeeItUpForeSight2021/tabid/1216660/Default.aspx>

EWI Omaha Chapter Recruitment Incentive 2020-2021 KENDRA SCOTT



As your new Recruitment and Retention Director, I would like to encourage you to invite guests to our monthly EWI Omaha Chapter meetings. Borsheims is donating this beautiful statement maker with an adjustable chain that combines the modern with the vintage, the Freida Gold Long Pendant Necklace in Dark Teal Amazonite is designed with a seamless setting where the stone is carefully cut to align exactly with the metal. 14K Gold Plated Over Brass Dark Teal Amazonite 32" necklace with 2" L x 1" Pendant. Retail \$98

Incentive Rules

To be entered into the drawing, an EWI representative must invite a non-member firm, future representative to a monthly Omaha Chapter meeting. This doesn't include guest speakers or 2nd or 3rd representatives. If your guest attends more than one meeting, the EWI representative can only enter the drawing one time.

Qualified guests attending Zoom meetings will be recorded by Sergeant-at-Arms, Paula Cooper beginning with the November 18th meeting and ending August 25th.

Winner of the drawing will be announced at the Sept 22nd Installation meeting.

A newly updated membership application has been uploaded as a pinned post to MyEWI.

**Interested in getting more involved with EWI? We have new members in need of mentors!
If you can help in any way, it would be most appreciated! Please contact Chris Buckingham if interested at chrisbuckingham@borsheims.com.**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EWI® Board Meeting
May 11, 2021

EWI April Monthly Meeting
April 28, 2021
Virtual

2021 Chapter Meeting Schedule

Mark your calendars!

April 28
May 26
June 24
July 28
August 25
September 22
October 27
November 18
December 9

ASIST Items needed!

We are collecting items that will help our ASIST Scholarship winners have a successful school experience! We will be collecting notebooks, paper, pencils, pens, backpacks, beverage containers, phone chargers, snacks and bags. We will give them to our winners at the end of the ASIST banquet in May. Help us collect some items that students can make good use of during the school year – it will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Kristin Gochenour to arrange pick up by May 21st.

SHARE THE NEWS!

Send submissions for the chapter newsletter to:

Contact: Jordan Stocking
Phone: 402-350-1686
E-mail: jstocking@olliewebbinc.org

This includes any Awards/KUDOS/Special Events

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.

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 Director Patty Bain at pattybain@marcushotels.com.

If you know of an occasion where we need to send a card on behalf of our membership, please email Paula Cooper at paula.cooper@hdrinc.com



April

Cathy Bodammer
Kristin Gochenour

April 4
April 9

May

Trish Bauermeister
Loy Flanagan

May 17
May 26



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A New Leaf – Sheila Fitzgerald
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 – Missy Peters, Ruth Utman
CHI Health – Samantha Kafka
Elegant Edge Events – Natalie Kotrc, Brenda Tharp
First Westroads Bank – Amy Hansen
Flood Communications – Janet Noll
Francine & Harper – Lindsay Christiansen
Greater Omaha Chamber – Sandy Spady
Green Plains Inc. – Sharon Mize
HDR – Paula Cooper
Hemphill Search Group – Susie Hemphill
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
Mutual of Omaha – Melissa Swan
Ollie Webb Center, Inc. – Jordan Stocking
Omaha Steaks – Kristin Gochenour, Molly Murphy
Outlook Collaborative – Susanne Waltermeyer
Partnership 4 Kids – Cheryl Murray
Signature Performance – Stacie Robertson
Silverstone Group/HUB – Marcia Hofmann
Streck – Alexis Boyd
Tenaska – Lauren Clark
United Republic Bank – Amy Keltner
United Way of the Midlands – Glenda Land
Visit Omaha – Cindy Brickey
WoodmenLife – Sarah Clayton
Sustaining Member – Carolyn McClean
Life Members- Jane Allamong, Carol Armstrong, Cathy Bodammer, Sue Burkhard, Loy Flanagan, Lenore Honke, Sally Komrofske, Patty McElderry, Ellie Morrow

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