



## President's Message

Happy spring although our weather in Omaha isn't exactly cooperating...yet. Keep the faith, it will be here soon.

WOW! It was inspiring to hear from Jamie Gutierrez talk about Transformational Leadership at our March meeting. If you are like me, I wanted to hear more from her. Maybe we can work on that for a future meeting. Having both Jaime and her life-long friend, Karen Goracke, CEO of Borsheims attend our meeting was a treat. We appreciate their support of our EWI Chapter. For our April 24 Meeting, we will be at CHI McCauley Fogelstrom Center. You will have an opportunity to check your blood pressure and hear from Visit Omaha all on the same night.

Welcome Natalie Kotrc and Brenda Tharp of Elegant Edge Events to our Chapter! We are happy to have you as Representatives and hopefully will be able to taste your cuisine. Congratulations to Signature Performance for being named as a winner in the 2019 Best Places to Work in Omaha!

We should all be so proud to have our Chapter's Vision Statement chosen by EWI Corporate! Thank you to everyone who sent in your ideas. As our prize, we gained a complimentary LCAM Registration from EWI Corporate. We now have two registrations available to attend LCAM this year. Both entry forms are due back by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Come join us in Milwaukee!

I wish you and your families a blessed Easter holiday!

*Rhonda Silvey*  
President  
EWI of Omaha 2018-2019

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## EWI Webinars

### Watering Weeds but Expecting Flowers

Presenter: Dwight Bailey,  
Owner / President  
HelicalWork, Inc.

Tuesday, May 14, 2019  
3:00 PM EST / 12:00 PM PST



**ewi** PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
**WEBINARS**

**Raffle Donations Needed! We need raffle items for our upcoming chapter meetings to raise money for our chapter! If you or your company would like to donate, please contact Melissa Travis - email: [melissat@mcbrok.com](mailto:melissat@mcbrok.com) or at (319) 330-5419.**

**2019 ASIST Scholarship Banquet  
Wednesday, May 22, 2019  
PITCH Pizzeria in Dundee  
5021 Underwood Avenue**

## THRIVE @ FIVE



Sometimes there isn't enough time to chat at our monthly meetings. Thrive @ Five is casual conversations and connections for our Chapter members to meet and get to know each other a little better. Feel free to invite someone new to join us!  
We will meet quarterly for just this purpose.

Next Meeting: **April 18, 2019**  
Beacon Hills in Aksarben Village – 6750 Mercy Road  
Come join the fun!

2019 Dates  
Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

# The Corner Office

**Cliff Robertson, M.D.,  
MBA**



Cliff Robertson, M.D., is the chief executive officer (CEO) of CHI Health, which is Catholic Health Initiative's (CHI) Nebraska/Southwest Iowa Division. He also serves as a Senior Vice President of Divisional Operations for CHI and sits on the CHI President's Council. An experienced family practice physician and health system executive, Dr. Robertson has more than 20 years of experience as a business leader in both healthcare and private business.

*This is a section of the newsletter where we will put a spotlight on one of our executives from one of our member firms. If you are interested in spotlighting your executive, please let Jordan Stocking know. Thank you!*

As CEO of CHI Health, Dr. Robertson leads the largest regional health system in Nebraska, which consists of 14 hospitals, 136 clinic locations and 12,500 employees caring for more than one million patients each year. CHI Health is also home to the renowned Creighton University Medical Center. Together, CHI Health and Creighton University teach and train the physicians, nurses, pharmacists and therapists who will care for the next generation. Whether patients are in the Level 1 Trauma Center or being seen virtually, CHI Health is poised to lead the region into a new era of health care.

Prior to joining CHI Health in 2014, Dr. Robertson served CHI in a dual role as interim CEO of St. Luke's Health System in Houston and as chief operating officer (COO) of CHI Franciscan Health in Washington State, where he was responsible for daily operations and strategic direction of the seven-hospital system. Dr. Robertson earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder and his medical degree from Ohio State College of Medicine. He completed his residency and internship in family practice at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma. He later received his master's in business administration from Pacific Lutheran University.

Dr. Robertson serves on various community and civic boards including The Geneva Foundation, Carena, Inc., CHI Health at Home, CHI's Institute for Research and Innovation (CIRI) and the Greater Omaha Chamber. He is an assistant clinical professor in the Department of Medical Education at Creighton University School of Medicine.

Dr. Robertson is married and has three children. When he is not working, Dr. Robertson enjoys playing golf, skiing and traveling with wife, Carol, and his family.



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## Tee It Up Fore Sight Golf Tournament

June 6 | Indian Creek Golf Course

- Save \$100 on your foursome with our early bird rate!
- Be a sponsor! All proceeds benefit Outlook's enrichment programs.
- Now offering a women's flight

**Registration and Sponsorships**  
*[outlookne.org/golf](http://outlookne.org/golf) or 402.614.3331*

Tee It Up Fore Sight on June 6 – Featuring a Ladies' Flight

Spend a day on the links at Indian Creek and support Outlook Nebraska's programs for people living with vision loss and blindness. Sign up for the Ladies' Flight or volunteer for the Blind Golfer Clinic that morning to help blind golfers enjoy the game. Not a golfer? Help by donating a raffle prize. More info at [www.Outlookne.org/aolf](http://www.Outlookne.org/aolf) or contact Donna 531-365-5342.

**The Bland Women's Initiative  
for Rising Stars (Be WinRS)  
presents:  
Networking Tips for Women**

5.15.2019 | 3-6 PM

Thunderhead Brewing Company  
13304 W Center Rd #126, Omaha, NE

*Heavy appetizers, salad and drinks will be available*

RSVP to [apostlewait@blandcpa.com](mailto:apostlewait@blandcpa.com) by May 8<sup>th</sup>

**\*\***In lieu of an event fee, we are asking our guests to bring a donation for the Women's Center for Advancement. Items of greatest need are: diapers, formula, wipes, socks, undergarments, lip balm, shampoo, non-perishable food & snacks for adults & Children.

Agenda:

**3:00-3:15** – Check-in

**3:15-3:45** – Introduction and Learn About the Women's Center for Advancement

**3:45-4:45** – Speaker – Alana Muller – Networking Tips for Women

**4:45-6:00** – Food, Drinks, and Networking

## EWI Recruitment & Retention Committee Call RESCHEDULED - Save the Date!

Tuesday, April 30, 2019  
2:00 PM CT

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/3242245562>

Dial by your location  
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)  
+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)  
Meeting ID: 324 224 5562

Please mark your calendars for this all-member phone call with our Corporate Recruitment and Retention Committee. It is highly recommended that all Chapter Presidents and Membership Chairs attend and all members are welcome!

**LCAM**<sup>2019</sup><sub>ewi</sub>  
*Retain. Grow. Inspire.*



**LCAM 2019 in Milwaukee, WI**  
September 19-21, 2019  
(Leadership Caucus September 18, 2019)

**ONLY 6 MONTHS UNTIL LCAM!**

<https://ewiconnect.com/lcam2019/>



Plan to bring items that will help our ASIST Scholarship winners have a successful school experience! We will be collecting notebooks, paper, pencils, pens, backpacks, beverage containers, travel drives and bags at the April Chapter meeting. 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!

*Thank you to everyone who donated tubs to help in the clean-up efforts of my dad's home and our 'happy place' property. The tubs have been extremely helpful in the sorting process. I am so grateful to belong to such a wonderful organization.*

*With much gratitude  
– Kristin*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EWI® Board Meeting  
May 6, 2019

EWI® April Monthly Meeting  
April 24, 2019  
CHI Health - The McAuley  
Fogelstrom Center  
*Chapter Business Meeting*

## 2019 Chapter Meeting Schedule

*Mark your calendars!*

April 24  
May 22  
June 26  
July 24  
August 28  
September 25  
October 23  
November – TBD  
December - TBD

### Member Spotlight

April Presenter: Amy Keltner



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.

### SHARE THE NEWS!

Send submissions for the chapter newsletter to:

Contact: Jordan Stocking  
Phone: 402-350-1686  
E-mail: [jstocking@olliewebbinc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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, Sharon Mize at [sharon.mize@gpreinc.com](mailto:sharon.mize@gpreinc.com)

If you know of an occasion where we need to send a card on behalf of our membership, please email Cindy Brickey at [cbrickey@visitomaha.com](mailto:cbrickey@visitomaha.com)



**April**

Cathy Bodammer April 4  
Kristin Gochenour April 9  
Donna Faust Aman April 15

**May**

Trish Bauermeister May 17  
Loy Flanagan May 26



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# March Photos



## EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL OMAHA CHAPTER

### ATTENDANCE REPORT

#### **March 27, 2019**

**Program: Jamie Guterrez Midwest Maintenance at Woodmen Life**

Member Firms:	<u>27</u>
Representatives:	34
Individual Members:	0
Life Members:	0
Sustaining Members:	0
Guests:	<u>7</u>
<b>Total Attendance:</b>	<b>41</b>

*Percent of Total Firms:	66%
*Percent of Total Representatives:	67%
*Percent of Individual Members:	0%
Firms	41
Representatives	51
Life Members	9
Sustaining Members	1

#### **February 27, 2019**

**Program: Green Plains**

Member Firms:	<u>29</u>
Representatives:	35
Individual Members:	0
Life Members:	1
Sustaining Members:	0
Guests:	<u>11</u>
<b>Total Attendance:</b>	<b>47</b>

*Percent of Total Firms:	73%
*Percent of Total Representatives:	52%
Firms	40
Representatives	67
Life Members	9
Sustaining Members	1

**Submitted by: Cindy Brickey, EWI Sergeant-at-Arms**

## EWI – Omaha Chapter Member Firms and Representatives

<i>A New Leaf – Sheila Fitzgerald</i>	<i>Lund Company, The – Jane Heath, Jonna Radtke</i>
<i>Access Bank – Cheryl McCall</i>	<i>Mahogany Prime Steakhouse – Jen Lindsey</i>
<i>Aflac – Melissa Swan</i>	<i>Marriott Downtown at Capitol District – Patty Bain</i>
<i>AOI Corporation – Janet Schawang</i>	<i>McFarlin &amp; Brokke, P.C. – Melissa Travis</i>
<i>Bland &amp; Associates, PC – Hilary Allen, Diana Busche</i>	<i>Midwest Maintenance – Itzel Gonzalez</i>
<i>Bloom Companion Care – Gretchen Radler</i>	<i>Mutual of Omaha Bank – Amy Ayer, Audrey Farley</i>
<i>Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska – Julie Pendegraft, Rhonda Silvey</i>	<i>Ollie Webb Center, Inc. – Jordan Stocking</i>
<i>Borsheims – Chris Buckingham</i>	<i>Omaha Steaks – Kristin Gochenour, Molly Murphy</i>
<i>Burlington Capital – Rachel Jesske, Missy Peters, Ruth Utman</i>	<i>Outlook Nebraska – Donna Faust Aman, Susanne Waltermeyer</i>
<i>CHI Health – Susan Hussey</i>	<i>Owen Industries – Susan Owens</i>
<i>Doubletree Hotel by Hilton – Staci Drozda</i>	<i>Partnership 4 Kids – Cheryl Murray</i>
<i>Elegant Edge Events – Natalie Kotrc, Brenda Tharp</i>	<i>Signature Performance – Deb Holzworth, Dangie Jansen, Angie Murphy, Stacie Robertson</i>
<i>Element, The – TBD</i>	<i>Silverstone Group – Marcia Hofmann, Michelle Miller</i>
<i>First Westroads Bank – Amy Hansen</i>	<i>Tenaska – Lauren Clark</i>
<i>Girls Incorporated of Omaha – Laura Bonnett-Murphy</i>	<i>Travel and Transport – Karin Holmes</i>
<i>Greater Omaha Chamber – Lindsay Christiansen, Kim DiMari, Ashly Van Houten</i>	<i>United Republic Bank – Amy Keltner</i>
<i>Green Plains, Inc. – Sharon Mize</i>	<i>United Way of the Midlands – Glenda Land</i>
<i>Habitat for Humanity – Jennifer Worth</i>	<i>Visit Omaha – Cindy Brickey</i>
<i>HDR – Paula Cooper</i>	<i>West Corporation – Lori Mitera</i>
<i>Hyatt Place Omaha, Downtown Old Market – Trish Bauermeister</i>	<i>WoodmenLife – Darlis Vauble</i>
<i>Lied Lodge &amp; Conference Center/Arbor Day Foundation – Kathleen Damme</i>	<i>Sustaining Member – Carolyn McClean</i>
	<i>Life Members- Jane Allamong, Carol Armstrong, Cathy Bodammer, Sue Burkhard, Loy Flanagan, Lenore Honke, Sally Komrofske, Patty McElderry, Ellie Morrow</i>

### 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.



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### Our Vision

To be a global women's organization of 5,000 engaged members empowering others for positive change.

### Our Values

Integrity | Excellence | Respect | Collaboration