



President's Message

Happy New Year to all our EWI members! Can you believe it is 2020!?

I would have been certain that we would be using flying cars and would have Rosie the robot helping us around the house, just like on the Jetsons by now! Of course, some of you 'younger' members may not know what the heck I'm talking about!

Entering a new year seems to give us new momentum to do many things like eating better, exercising working on our work/life balance, getting those projects done at work, and at home, that we have been putting on the back burner. We start off hard and then sometimes things can start waning back to our old ways. Let's all work hard to keep up any positive changes in our lives and push forward! I know it can be difficult and challenging, but I believe in each and every ONE of you knowing you will do your best!

I'm looking forward to an exciting year for our Omaha Chapter! We are giving away \$30,000 in scholarships this year! Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could do that, or close to that every year! Let's get our name out there and tell people who we are and what we do! Ask and bring people to a meeting...bring your executive so they are able to experience, first-hand, our purpose!

Here is to a purposeful and successful 2020! Remember, let's Make it Happen and Make it Matter!!

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President
EWI of Omaha 2019-2020

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ATTENTION MEMBER FIRMS - The Programs Committee has a wonderful slate of programs we are working on organizing for the year, however, we are still in need of at least 2 meeting locations to hold our monthly chapter meetings.

If your own member firm would be willing to let us use your meeting space, please email Cindy Brickey at cbrickey@visitomaha.com or Susan Hussey at Susan.Hussey@nebraskablue.com at your earliest convenience.

Even though we have most of our speakers planned for this year, any time you hear a great local speaker or if you have a great idea for a topic, please send that information to us and include any contact info you have as well. If we can't fit it into this year, we would love to plan even farther out. Our committee would love to save as much meeting rental dollars and put more into better speakers/programs to offer. Thanks!!

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 Lindsay Christiansen at lchristiansen@omahachamber.org.

Thank you in advance!

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 Amy Ayer if interested at amy.ayer@mutualofomahabank.com.

January 22 EWI Chapter Meeting Information

Erin is a longtime participant of the swimming, biking and running community in Omaha. She is a U.S. Masters swim coach, a race director, an inductee in the Omaha Running Club and Corporate Cup Halls of Fame. She has competed in many swim meets, running races and triathlons. Erin's passion is to mentor individuals who do not think that they have the means or the ability to become active. Her hope is to build confidence and help others accomplish what may seem as insurmountable goals that will lead to a lifetime of motion and friendships. Please welcome Erin and listen to her talk about all she does to build stronger, more confident and empowered youth in our community!



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In 2019, more than 300 girls signed up. IHJ had enough sponsorship dollars (all by word of mouth) to purchase all equipment needed as brand new equipment. For more information about this organization:

Website: www.ironhawkjuniors.org

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/IHjuniorstricclub/?ref=br_rs

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EWI® Board Meeting
February 11, 2020

EWI® January Monthly Meeting
January 22, 2020
Access Bank


2020 Chapter Meeting Schedule

Mark your calendars!

January 22
February 26
March 25
April 22
May 27
June 24
July 22
August 26
September 23
October 28
November 18
December - TBD

Member Spotlight

January Presenter: **Melissa Swan**



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
E-mail: jstocking@olliewebbinc.org

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



January

- Stacie Robertson January 9
- Susan Sherman January 10
- Gretchen Radler January 20
- Paula Cooper January 22
- Chris Buckingham January 24

February

- Missy Peters February 5
- Gillian Austin February 12
- Itzel Gonzalez February 19
- Rachel Jesske February 20
- Alexis Boyd February 25



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EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL OMAHA CHAPTER

ATTENDANCE REPORT

December 12, 2019

Program: Outlook Nebraska – Firm Night

Member Firms:	<u>24</u>
Representatives:	29
Individual Members:	0
Life Members:	1
Sustaining Members:	0
Guests:	<u>0</u>
Total Attendance:	30

*Percent of Total Firms:	60%
*Percent of Total Representatives:	52%
*Percent of Individual Members	0%
Firms	40
Representatives	56
Life Members	9
Sustaining Members	1
Individual Members	0

November 20, 2019

Program: Outlook Nebraska – Firm Night

Member Firms:	<u>28</u>
Representatives:	35
Individual Members:	0
Life Members:	0
Sustaining Members:	0
Guests:	<u>8</u>
Total Attendance:	43

*Percent of Total Firms:	70%
*Percent of Total Representatives:	63%
*Percent of Individual Members	0%
Firms	40
Representatives	56
Life Members	9
Sustaining Members	1
Individual Members	0

Submitted by: Amy Hansen, EWI Sergeant-at-Arms

EWI – Omaha Chapter Member Firms and Representatives

- 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 – Rachel Jesske, Missy Peters, Ruth Utman*
- Cassling Diagnostic Imaging – Monica Casey*
- CHI Health – Samantha Kafka*
- Doubletree Hotel by Hilton – Staci Drozda*
- Elegant Edge Events – Natalie Kotrc, Brenda Tharp*
- First Westroads Bank – Amy Hansen*
- Flood Communications – Itzel Gonzalez*
- Greater Omaha Chamber – Lindsay Christiansen, Kim DiMari, TBD*
- Green Plains, Inc. – Sharon Mize*
- Habitat for Humanity – Jennifer Worth*
- 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*
- Mutual of Omaha Bank – Amy Ayer, Audrey Farley, Judi Huff*
- Ollie Webb Center, Inc. – Jordan Stocking*
- Omaha Steaks – Kristin Gochenour, Molly Murphy*
- Outlook Nebraska – Natalie Hadley, Susanne Waltermeyer*
- Owen Industries – Susan Sherman*
- Partnership 4 Kids – Cheryl Murray*
- Signature Performance – Deb Holzworth, Angie Murphy, 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*
- Visit Omaha – Cindy Brickey*
- West Corporation – Lori Mitera*
- WoodmenLife – Darlis Vauble*
- 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