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President's Message

Who would ever have thought...?
Well, this has been a very interesting last
3 weeks! This seems to be our new

'normal' now of only being able to text, call or have a Zoom, GoTo or Teams virtual meeting! I know, for me, I'm not liking this at all! I am one of those kind of people that enjoys being in the office and that stimulation of people around me actually makes me work better! I feel very disconnected but am working hard to just get over that and push on. I'm knocking on wood that I, along with my family, am still healthy.

We will be having our April meeting via Zoom and you should have received your calendar invite. This will be our business meeting and we will also have a chance to discuss what is happening within our firms and any personal challenges that may be taking place. I feel that it is important that we continue to connect, however we can, and try to have 'business as usual' for our EWI Omaha Chapter. I know there is nothing 'usual' about any of this, but we need to look at this as another opportunity to work together to continue our mission to help those in need with their education. We should probably see an increase in adults in transition or who may want to go back to school, especially if they have been recently laid off from a job or even lost a business.

The one thing I know is that if we all stand together and do what we do best....help each other....we will overcome this! We definitely are hurting for our fellow man, but with God's grace and the unbelievable commitment of our healthcare providers, I believe we shall overcome. Continue your prayers and keep doing what our leaders tell us to do. Stay home and be well!

All my love to you, my very special EWI sisters!

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**2020 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
& ANNUAL MEETING**



ICAN Women's Conference

ICAN Women's Conference has been postponed until Wednesday, August 19, 2020. Please mark your calendars!

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, travel drives 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 22nd.

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 Amyayer1122@yahoo.com.

APRIL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR

Social Media Matters: Creating a Strategy that Works

Presenter: Ayana King

Owner / Operator, Maximum
Communications LLC

**Monday, April 20, 2020
3:00 PM ET / 12:00 PM PT**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EWI® Board Meeting
May 12, 2020

EWI® April Monthly Meeting
April 22, 2020
Zoom Meeting

2020 Chapter Meeting Schedule

Mark your calendars!

April 22
May 28
June 24
July 22
August 26
September 23
October 28
November 18
December - TBD

Member Spotlight

April Presenter: Audrey Farley



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

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 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



April

Cathy Bodammer
Kristin Gochenour

April 4
April 9

May

Trish Bauermeister
Loy Flanagan

May 17
May 26



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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

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

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, 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

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Sustaining Member – Carolyn McClean

Transition Member – Amy Ayer

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