



President's Message

Hello EWI friends! This will be my last president's message in our EWI Connect. This year has gone by so fast and yet so very slow! What has happened in 2020 is definitely unprecedented, but we have persevered! I want to give a major "THANK YOU" to my wonderful board who supported me throughout this year. I really needed their strength and guidance as we maneuvered through some of the challenges we faced.

We certainly had some big plans for this year, but, as we know, plans can certainly change. The one thing that we did do this year was award \$30,000 in ASIST scholarships! This may not have taken place if not for that wonderful motion, during the budget approval process, of "I motion to disburse \$30,000 for our ASIST scholarships this year!" And do you remember who made that motion? That was our wonderful and very dedicated Darlis Vauble. We lost Darlis on September 11th. I shall not forget that day as at 8:30 am that morning, I received a call from Corporate stating that Darlis had been unanimously voted to receive the Lucille J. Perkins Award for the EWI Representative of The Year! I was over the moon! I only wish I had been able to have handed her that award, along with kissing and hugging her for being such a champion! We will certainly miss that lady! She was the epitome of who and what an EWI representative is.

I now ask that you join me and welcoming your new EWI Omaha Chapter President, Sharon Mize! I am very excited for Sharon as the incoming president. I know Sharon will do a fantastic job and her board will be strong and will work together to lead our Chapter through what we hope is the demise of this pandemic. We are all ready to be able to get back together, physically, and continue our mission and vision for 2020 – 2021!

Thank you all again for being part of the Omaha Chapter of EWI!!

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

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Thank you for all the years of EWI Service. You will forever be in our hearts!



It's time to create your mobile app account and begin planning your LCAM 2020 event experience. You will be able to create your account, setup your profile and begin building your personal itinerary. Please download the Eventsential App on your Apple or Android devices to access all information related to LCAM 2020 - EWI's first all virtual event.

Also, please join the MyEWI Online Community for LCAM 2020 - updates, announcements, documents and more will be shared in the days to come.

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OCTOBER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Introduction to Mindfulness

Presenter: Marta Kaufmann

Mindfulness Trainer,
Mindful Momentum, Inc.

**Tuesday, October 6, 2020
3:00 PM ET / 12:00 PM PT**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EWI® Board Meeting
October 2020

EWI September Monthly Meeting
September 23, 2020

2020 Chapter Meeting Schedule

Mark your calendars!

September 23
October 28
November 18
December - TBD

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.

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



September

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

October

Cheryl Murray	October 2
Brenda Tharp	October 4
Sue Burkhard	October 10
Natalie Kotrc	October 18
Jane Allamong	October 23



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Access Bank – Cheryl McCall
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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
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
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
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
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