



President's Message

Fall is here! Beautiful sunny days and cool nights. We are all wrestling with what our new "normal" is now and trying to balance in-person meetings with social distancing and maintaining contact.

Some of us just returned from LCAM in Albuquerque. I look forward to these meetings each year as the professional development we receive in our Academy of Leadership classes is always timely and relevant. Our speakers were inspiring, and we all came back motivated and with a renewed energy. This year was no exception, and I think we all needed this time together.

Our Executive Night on Sept. 1 was a wonderful evening! Kaneko hosted us in their beautiful venue and Ree Kaneko shared with us the art history of Omaha. It was a memorable presentation. I want to thank all our member firms and guests for their support that night. Our net proceeds for that night were \$20,000. This would not have been possible without all of you and our dedicated committee. Thank you to Stacie Robertson, Molly Murphy, Patty Bain, Kristin Gochenour, and Ruth Utman. We could not have accomplished this goal without you.

This is my last newsletter. We have already installed our new officers and I am excited for Lindsay Christiansen to take over as our new EWI Omaha President. I know Lindsay and her new Board are already planning how to make our 2021-2022 year even better. I want to thank my Board for their support through this last year. They are a wonderful, dedicated group and I was honored to serve with them.

For those of you that have never served on the Board. Please consider joining in the future. It is a wonderful way to see the inner workings of the organization, build your professional management and leadership skills, and of course, build lasting friendships. Thank you all again for your continued support this year.

<https://youtu.be/DeheiLONLlg>

Sharon Mize
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Omaha EWI Presents

Is your website as accessible as your restrooms?



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Wednesday, Oct. 27

Networking 5:30

Meeting 6:00

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The 7 RULES OF LIFE

BE KIND – You have the power to make people feel good!

DON'T GIVE UP – If it doesn't work the first time, find another way.

DON'T COMPARE – Everyone is on a different journey....just enjoy yours!

AVOID NEGATIVITY – Avoid negative thoughts, situations and people!

MAKE PEACE WITH YOUR PAST – Focus on being present and creating a better future.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR BODY AND MIND – One struggles to survive without the other!

SMILE – It's contagious!

Executive Night Photos



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[EWI Board Meeting](#)
October 17, 2021

[EWI October Monthly Meeting](#)
October 27, 2021
Outlook Nebraska

2021 Chapter Meeting Schedule

Mark your calendars!

October 27
November 18
December 9

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



September

Molly Murphy

September 11

October

Cheryl Murray
Brenda Tharp
Sue Burkhard
Natalie Kotrc
Jane Allamong

October 2
October 4
October 10
October 18
October 23



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Access Bank – Mary Hoylman, 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 Mahalek
Borsheims – Chris Buckingham
Burlington Capital – Michele Graham, Ruth Utman
Elegant Edge Events – Natalie Kotrc, Brenda Tharp
First Westroads Bank – TBD
Flood Communications – Janet Noll
Francine & Harper – Lindsay Christiansen
Green Plains Inc. – Sharon Mize
HDR – Paula Cooper
Hemphill Search Group – Susie Hemphill
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
The Scarlet Hotel – Trish Bauermeister
United Republic Bank – Amy Keltner
United Way of the Midlands – Amy Ayer
Visit Omaha – Cindy Brickey
WoodmenLife – Amanda Long

Member in Transition – Amy Hansen, Sandy Spady

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