



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

EWI of Omaha!

It has been quite a year, and I cannot believe it is almost over! I want to give a big thank you to everyone who has served on the board and/or on a committee. It takes a village, and I am so blessed to be part of this amazing group of women! Have you ever thought about bringing a guest to one of our meetings? We would love to meet them. Please let us know if there is someone that you would like to invite!

Thank you to everyone who came to our meeting last week. Thank you to Susan Hussey and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska for hosting us and to Juli Burney for the program. I have not laughed that hard in a long time! We were also able to vote on the slate of officers for the 2024-2025 year and this year's annual meeting delegates. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to serve in a position and to Molly and the Nominating Committee for their hard work!

Next month our meeting is our annual Executive's Night. This year we will be moving from a formal dinner and silent auction to a trivia night filled with fun, bidding, honoring our executives, and raising money for all our ASIST scholarships. Please encourage your company to sponsor this event and donate a silent auction item or package. If you are interested in doing either of these things, please reach out to Melissa Swan and Susan Hussey. We also need help reaching out to any local businesses to see if they would be willing to donate any items. If you are interested in helping with that, please reach out to Susan for information on how to reach out. Susan and Melissa have also opened the invitation for the community to attend. Please invite your friends and family and come show them what EWI of Omaha is all about!

If you are not already, I strongly recommend sharing our newsletter with your executives. It is a great way to show what we are up to and all the things that we have planned and accomplished. Our Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting is coming up in September and registration is currently up! I strongly recommend attending if you are able. It is a great way to learn more about the organization, bond with some incredible people, and get some professional development in. If you have any questions about the conference, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Cheers!

Jordan Stocking, 2023-2024  
EWI of Omaha President

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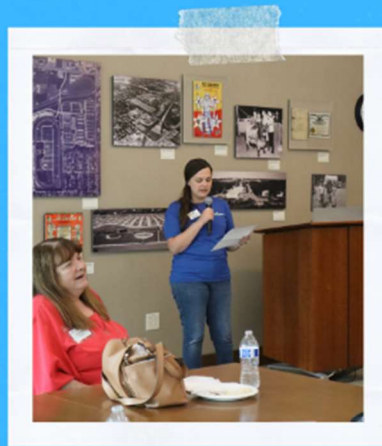
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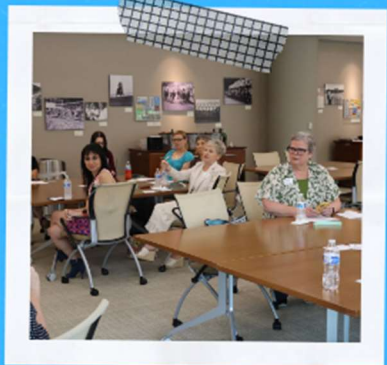
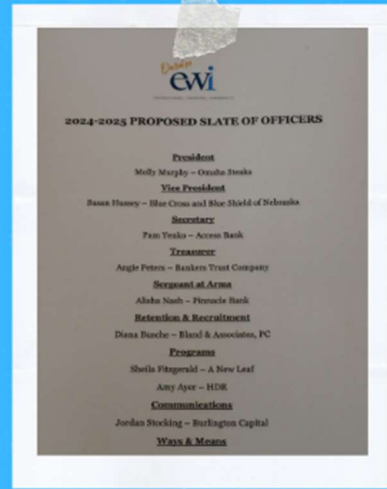
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**JULY MEETING**  
 The July chapter meeting was held at BlueCross BlueShield of Nebraska, where we heard from Juli Burney, Humorist and Communication Specialist about Those Who Laugh Last. She reminded us to look for the positive in situations and always have the last laugh.



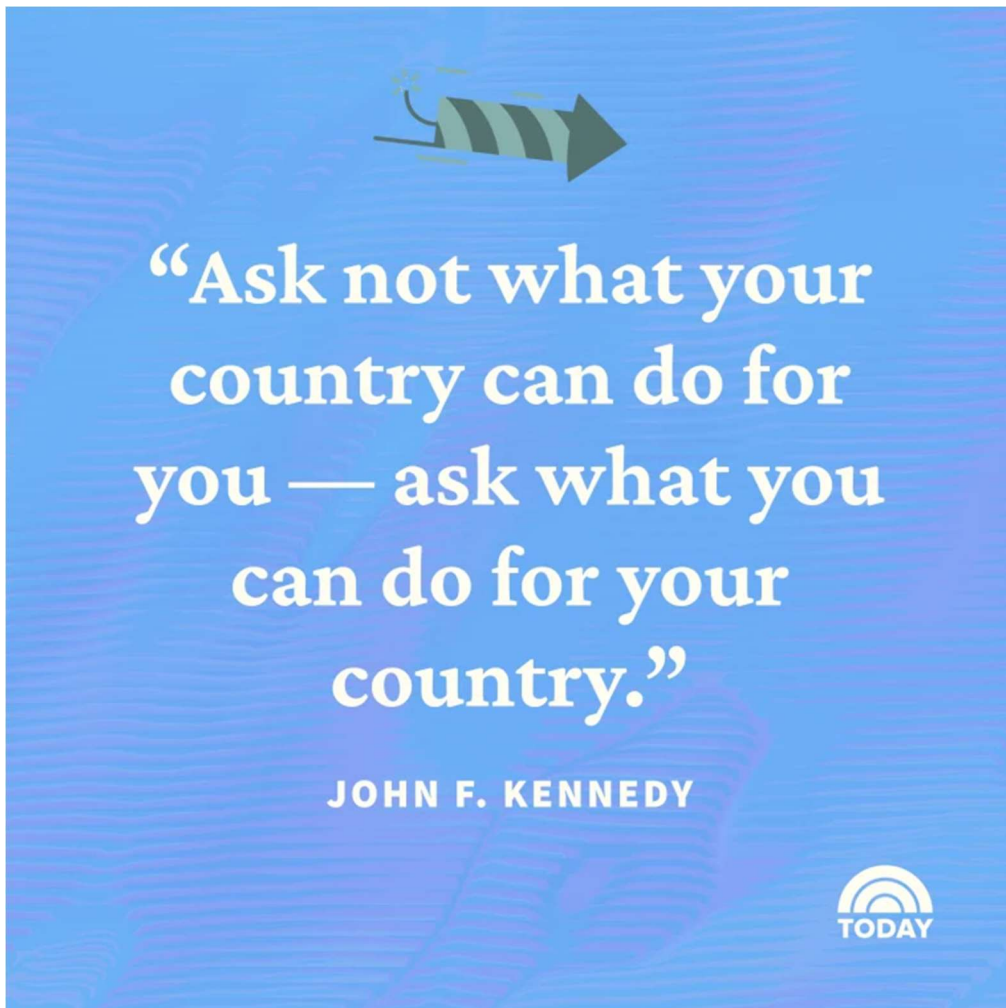
# Mark Your Calendars!

EWI Board Meeting  
 August 13, 2024 5:30pm

EWI Chapter Meeting  
 August 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Dollars for Scholars  
 A View on State  
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UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS

August 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Dollars for Scholars  
 September 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Board Installation  
 & Business Meeting





NIGHT

# Trivia

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024**

**BENEFITING THE ADULT STUDENTS IN  
SCHOLASTIC TRANSITION (ASIST)  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**5:00-5:30 PM** – REGISTRATION, COCKTAIL HOUR,  
WINE PULL, SILENT AUCTION

**5:30-6:30 PM** – DINNER

**6:10-6:30 PM** – PROGRAM

**6:30-8:30 PM** – TRIVIA (7 ROUNDS)

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS ARE \$75 EACH,  
REGISTER AND PAY AT  
[EWI-OMAHA.ORG/DONATE](http://EWI-OMAHA.ORG/DONATE)  
OR USE QR CODE





**Have you signed up yet?**

You can raise funds for EWI of Omaha simply by buying gift cards from 750+ brands. Our chapter earns 2-20% from each card purchased! No extra money spent. No selling needed. It's that easy.

Click this [link](#) to register and learn more!

If your firm has space to accommodate an EWI of Omaha Chapter meeting and/or you would like to help with future meetings by joining the Programs Committee, please reach out to our Program Director, Patty Bain at [pattybain@marcusshotels.com](mailto:pattybain@marcusshotels.com).

**GOT NEWS?**

Would you like to give kudos to a fellow member? Brag about an award you or a fellow member won? Is your firm hosting a special event? Spread the word in our newsletter! Email your newsletter submissions to Diana Busche at [dbusche@blandcpa.com](mailto:dbusche@blandcpa.com).

**PLEASE SHARE!**

Forward a copy of the EWI of Omaha Connect to your Firm Executive and let him or her know how our chapter is promoting member firms, enhancing personal and professional development, and encouraging community involvement.

If you know of any occasion when we need to send a card on behalf of our membership, please email Stacie Robertson at [srobertson@signatureperformance.com](mailto:srobertson@signatureperformance.com).



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*Access Bank – Pam Yenke*

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#### 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.

#### 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