



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello, you beauties of EWI of Omaha!

Happy EWI New Year! Here we go with another new board and all the excitement (anxiety?) that brings. We have a good mix of rookies and seasoned veterans on our newly installed Board, and I am excited to see that combo work together and make incredible things happen. Thank you to everyone who attended our installation on October 2. We had lots of fun with the puzzle theme and how each of us - not just the Board - but every representative and member firm is an essential piece that helps our chapter "picture" take shape. Where will your piece fit? Hopefully on a committee since we have one for Fundraising, Programs and ASIST who could all use your help. Even something as simple as greeting a guest or new member at a meeting and introducing them to some of your EWI sisters can make a big difference!

Our chapter meeting this month was our Past President's Night, and what a fun night that was! Many thanks to Patty Bain and Diana Busche for their hard work putting that together. We had 17(!) Past Presidents in attendance who all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. The "Senior Picture Matchup" was a riot (oh the hair!), and the "Songs of the Decade" music trivia got mighty competitive. I learned that I am not the only one with a freakish ability to identify songs from just a few notes (especially if it's by a 90s boy band). What inspired me the most is how some of these women were President more than 20 or even 30 years ago and still take the time to attend. That is how much EWI means to them! Hopefully that inspires you too.

How are we at the end of October already? Where on earth did this year go? With the end of the year comes even more hectic schedules, but I hope you can carve out time to attend our fundraiser for the Darlis Vauble Memorial Scholarship at Vino Mas on November 14, and our next chapter meeting on November 20 at Project Harmony. More information on each of these is in this newsletter. Please also check the Project Harmony Holiday Wishlist for items you can bring to the meeting to help this very worthy cause.

Thank you for trusting me to lead our chapter this year. Many thanks to Jordan Stocking and the 2023-2024 Board for their dedication and service last year. Let's keep up the great work! If you have any questions or ideas on how to make our chapter even better, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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2024-2025 President  
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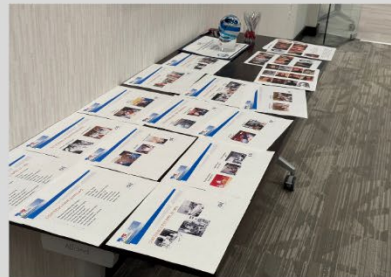
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# INSTALLATION



## Past President's Night





## Mark Your Calendars!

EWI Board Meeting  
November 12, 2024  
5:30pm – Omaha Steaks

EWI Chapter Meeting  
November 20, 2024  
Project Harmony

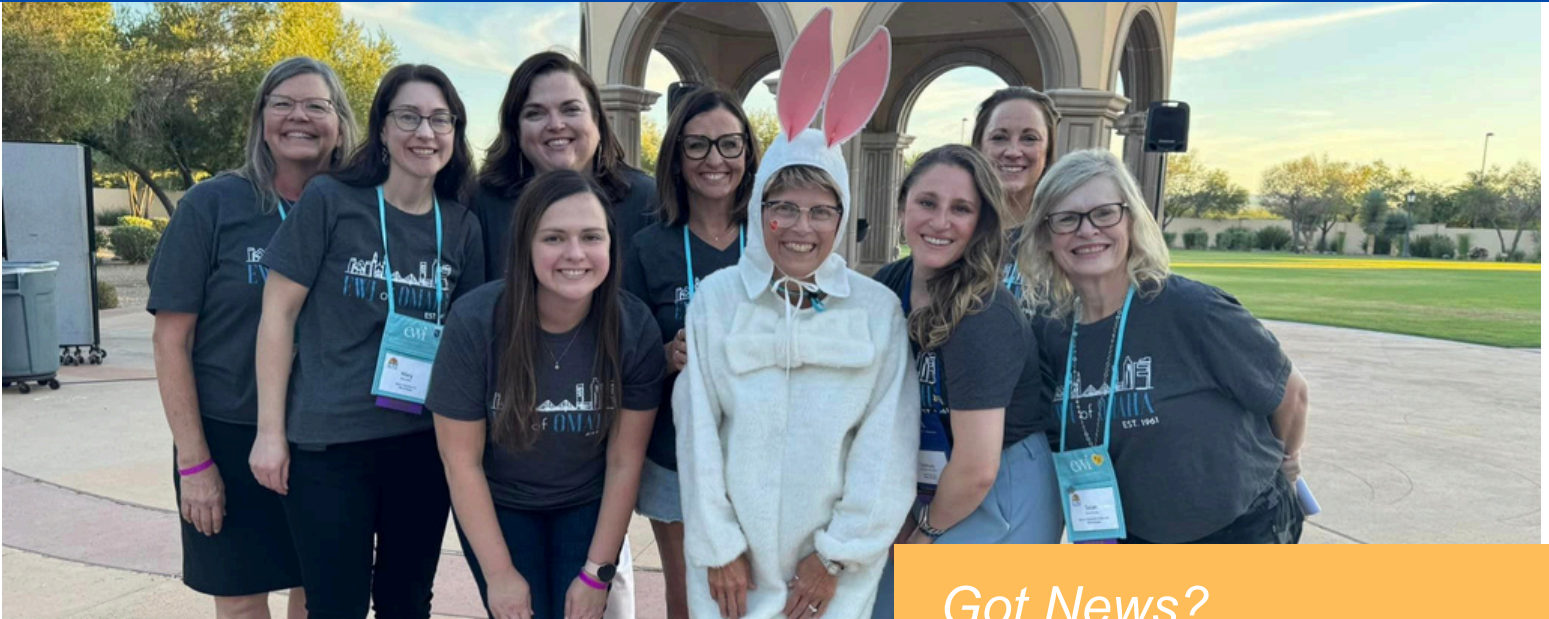
UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS

November 20<sup>th</sup> – Project Harmony

December 18<sup>th</sup> – A New Leaf



# Newsletter Tidbits



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!



## Meeting Space

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 Directors, Amy Ayer at [amy.ayer@hdrinc.com](mailto:amy.ayer@hdrinc.com) and Sheila Fitzgerald at [sheila@anewleafomaha.com](mailto:sheila@anewleafomaha.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 Jordan Stocking at [jstocking@burlingtoncapital.com](mailto:jstocking@burlingtoncapital.com).

## Share Our News!

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

## Tell Us the News!

If you know of any occasion when we need to send a card on behalf of our membership, please email Pam Yenko at [pyenko@accessbank.com](mailto:pyenko@accessbank.com).

# EWI of Omaha

## Member Firms and Representatives

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| <p><i>A New Leaf – Sheila Fitzgerald</i></p> <p><i>Access Bank – Pam Yenko</i></p> <p><i>Agile Mindfulness – Nora Plambeck</i></p> <p><i>Bankers Trust Company – Angie Peters</i></p> <p><i>Bland &amp; Associates, PC – Hilary Allen, Diana Busche</i></p> <p><i>Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska – Susan Hussey</i></p> <p><i>Borsheims – Chris Buckingham</i></p> <p><i>Burlington Capital – Jordan Stocking, Ruth Utman</i></p> <p><i>CHI Health – Valencia Gammage</i></p> <p><i>CQuence Health – Felicia Vasser</i></p> <p><i>Elegant Edge Events – Natalie Kotrc</i></p> <p><i>Elevate Growth Leadership Coaching – Tracy Winker</i></p> <p><i>Green Plains Inc. – Lindsay Christiansen, Sharon Mize, Krista Reichlinger</i></p> <p><i>HDR – Amy Ayer</i></p> <p><i>Hemphill Search Group – Susie Hemphill</i></p> <p><i>HGM Associates – Amy Hansen</i></p> <p><i>Lund Company, The – Jessica Diamond, Jonna Radtke</i></p> <p><i>Marriott Downtown at the Capitol District – Patty Bain</i></p> <p><i>McFarlin &amp; Brokke, P.C. – Melissa Travis</i></p> <p><i>Medica – Julie Pendegraft</i></p> <p><i>Mutual of Omaha – Melissa Swan</i></p> | <p><i>Omaha Steaks – Kristin Gochenour, Molly Murphy</i></p> <p><i>Outlook Collaborative – Lori Mitera, Susanne Waltermeyer</i></p> <p><i>Outlook Enrichment – Nina Rongisch</i></p> <p><i>Pinnacle Bank – Alisha Nash</i></p> <p><i>Power UP Leadership Coaching – Sandy Spady</i></p> <p><i>Signature Performance – Stacie Robertson</i></p> <p><i>Sparrowhawk Advisors – Amy Bodenner</i></p> <p><i>Streck – Alexis Boyd</i></p> <p><i>Sunflower Grant Writers – Katie LeDoux</i></p> <p><i>Talking Rain – Kristen Long</i></p> <p><i>The Kimpton Cottonwood Hotel – Sarah Warren</i></p> <p><i>United Republic Bank – Anne Riley</i></p> <p><i>WoodmenLife – Tina Grubaugh</i></p><br><p><i>Life Members – Jane Allamong, Carol Armstrong, Cathy Bodammer, Sue Burkhard, Loy Flanagan, Lenore Honke, Sally Komrofske, Cheryl McCall, Patty McElderry, Ellie Morrow, Janet Schawang</i></p> |
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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