



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello, you EWI of Omaha sunshines!

Happy Spring! I hope you all made it through the March blizzard and those who lost power didn't have too many fridge casualties. Let's hope winter finally finds the exit soon. Bring on the green! Speaking of green, the dawn of April means (at least for all of us procrastinators) it's tax time. With money on the mind, our March meeting was appropriately held at Pinnacle Bank. Chief Risk Officer and Co-Chief Investment Officer Brian Morrow gave us so many great tips for making the most of our 401(k), stressing the importance of starting early even if the contributions are small, but also how you can make up for lost time if you are late to the game.

April also means that our regional forum is this weekend! We are excited to host representatives from EWI of Des Moines and EWI of Kansas City, including the EWI Corporate President, Kathy Scott. Many thanks to Susan Hussey for all her hard work and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska for hosting. Another big thanks to Omaha Steaks for sponsoring our lunch. It means a lot to offer the forum at no cost to the attendees, so they only need to cover their travel expenses and prepare to be amazed by Omaha and our chapter. It will be a great day of making connections, professional development and inspiring us to make our chapters even better.

We will have a booth at the ICAN Women's Conference on April 16 so if you are attending for your firm, come find us! Or if you would like to sit at the booth and help get the word out about EWI, please let me know. We had a wonderful response at ICAN in 2023, so we look forward to repeating that success this year and hopefully adding new members from the connections we make.

We now have a venue for the ASIST Scholarship Banquet on May 21: thank you, Burlington Capital! We are collecting items for our scholarship recipients so if you have any supplies to donate in multiples of 5 (pens, notebooks, water bottles, thermal cups, thumb drives, or gift cards for coffee, gas or food), please contact our ASIST Chair, Kristin Gochenour. We have backpacks but need to fill them up. Thanks in advance!

I look forward to seeing you all at the business meeting on April 23, if not sooner! April and May are going to be BUSY with lots of opportunities to show our community who we are and the difference we make. I hope you take advantage of those opportunities to get involved and help EWI of Omaha shine. Thank you for all you do!

Molly Murphy  
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Thank you to everyone who came out to our March Chapter Meeting! We were able to learn more about Alisha Nash through our Member Spotlight. A big thank you to Alisha and Pinnacle Bank for hosting and Brian Morrow for his speech on financial planning and retirement. We hope to see you next month at HDR!

SAVE THE DATE

April 4-5, 2025

**EWI MO-NE-IA REGIONAL FORUM**

Omaha, NE

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 4**  
6PM

Dinner at Jimi D's  
 6303 Center St, Omaha NE 68106


- Casual dinner, drinks and laughs to kick off the weekend!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5**  
8:30AM-3:00PM

Regional Forum: Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Nebraska  
 1919 Ak-Sar-Ben Dr, Omaha NE 68180

- More details to come but there is **NO COST** for Saturday, plus breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided.

Hosted By:



**PLEASE RSVP TO MOLLY MURPHY:**  
**MOLLYM@OMAHASTEAKS.COM**

Book your hotel at the special EWI rate with this link:

[Hilton Garden Inn - Aksarben Village](#)  
 6737 Frances St, Omaha NE 68106



We are collecting items for the ASIST Scholarship recipients' goodie bags. Please bring five of each item. We are looking for:

- school supplies
- gift cards
- company logo items

Please let us Kristin Gochenour know if you have any items to donate. Items will need to be collected before the banquet on May 21st.

Thank you!

## Mark Your Calendars!

EWI Board Meeting  
April 7, 2025  
5:30pm – Omaha Steaks

EWI Chapter Meeting  
April 23, 2025  
HDR

UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Business Meeting

May 21<sup>st</sup> – ASIST Banquet

# 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 EWI member who could use some support, please email Pam Yenke at [pyenko@accessbank.com](mailto:pyenko@accessbank.com).

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*Marriott Downtown at the Capitol District – Karlie Van*

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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