

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Greetings EWI Friends,

What an energizing start to the year! Our Omaha Chapter gathered this past Wednesday at Omaha Steaks, and I'm still feeling inspired by the connections, learning, and momentum we created together.

A big **thank-you to Daniel Andersen of Stratum Live Productions** for speaking to us about the value of intentional networking. His insights were practical, motivating, and a perfect fit as we step confidently into a new year of growth.

We were also thrilled to welcome **six guests!** It's wonderful to see new faces and share the mission and community of EWI with potential members. And with EWI Corporate's **FOMO Promo** offering **\$100 off new memberships now through March 31st**, there's truly no better time to join.

During the meeting, **Diana Busche** provided an excellent overview of the **2026 ASIST Scholarship Program**, walking us through the purpose, process, and timeline. We are grateful for her leadership and passion for this important initiative.

Looking ahead, **Amy Ayer** has planned a fantastic **February Thrive at Five — a Galentine's Night Out** featuring **ROM-COM trivia at SmashPark**. It's sure to be a fun and lively evening! **Please remember to RSVP to Amy** if you plan to attend.

With strong engagement, great programming, and such an enthusiastic start, I'm confident 2026 will be a year of connection, empowerment, and success for our chapter.

Cheers to a wonderful year ahead!

Warmly,

Susan Hussey
2025-2026 President, EWI of Omaha

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Darlis Vauble Scholarship Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who joined us on November 13th for our fundraiser supporting the Darlis Vauble Scholarship at Vino Mas. Your presence, enthusiasm, and generosity made the evening truly special. *We raised nearly \$1,250 that night!*

Your support helps us continue the important work we do. We are sincerely grateful for your kindness and for being part of such a meaningful event!



Mark Your Calendars!

EWI Board Meeting
February 10, 2026
5:30pm

EWI Chapter Meeting
February 25, 2026
TBD

UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS

February 25th
March 25th

Thrive @ 5
February 11 – Smash Park





Thank you to all who were able to join us for the December and January meetings!

In December we had a blast participating in the White Elephant gift exchange – our guest even won the monthly raffle!

In January we learned from Daniel Anderson, co-founder of Member Firm: Stratum Live Events & Production about the importance of Connections and fun strategies to overcome that awkward first few moments of an interaction if you don't know where to start.

Check below for the wonderful video provided by Stratum Live Events & Productions!



LCAM Save the Date

September 16-19
Mobile, AL

Early Registration begins in April!

Emerging Executive Women

Applications are now being accepted!
Due April 3, 2026!

Please see the attachment in the Newsletter email for further details

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DVORAK
Law Group, LLC

*We're excited to announce
our newest member firm*

Let's give them a warm welcome
as they join our community!



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 Maggie Rasmussen

Representing  **MARRIOTT**
OMAHA DOWNTOWN
CAPITOL DISTRICT





ASIST Scholarship Program

(Adult Student in Scholastic Transition)

Application Window:

January 9, 2026 to March 31, 2026 11:59 PM CST

Application Link:

<https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/program/Asist2026>





EWI OF OMAHA – THRIVE AT 5 GALENTINE’S NIGHT OUT

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 | 5PM
SMASH PARK
8121 S. 125TH ST | LA VISTA, NE

Let’s get together with our gals to have some grub, raise a glass and play some games.

For all you movie buffs, there is Rom Com Trivia from 7–9pm. Only \$5 per team!

Please RSVP to Amy Ayer by February 9.
402.637.8818



FILL THE BACKPACKS FOR ASIST WINNERS

Ideas
Member Firm Swag
Gift Cards (Gas, Coffee)
Notebooks
Pens
Pencils
Highlighters
Cups

Collecting from 03.01.26 to 04.30.26
Questions reach out to
Diana Busche, dbusche@blandcpa.com or
Patty Bain, pattyabain@gmail.com
Can be dropped off at Bland & Associates office
450 Regency Parkway Suite 340

Quantity Needed 5





Join a committee!

SAVE THE DATE
2026 ASIST Banquet

MAY
WEDNESDAY *27* AT 5:30 PM
2026

SAVE THE DATE TO CELEBRATE
OUR FIVE SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS

THE GALLERY
OMAHA MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN
AT THE CAPITOL DISTRICT
222 NORTH 10TH STREET
OMAHA, NE 68102



Scan the QR or
use link to join



<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/7sgVajPKpr>

THE FOMO PROMO

Start the year off with
\$100 discount on corporate membership fees for the first year

New Memberships to include Additional Firm Representatives, New Member Firms and Individual Members

Get in on these **PROMO** Prizes!

1st Place Chapter receives ONE Free 2026 LCAM Registration

2nd Place Chapter receives ONE Free 2026 LCAM Leadership Caucus Registration

3rd Place Chapter receives \$50 EWI Store Gift Card (redeemable at LCAM 2026)

Promo is from 1.1.26 to 3.31.26

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February Chapter Meeting

You are invited to attend our monthly meeting. Guests are encouraged!



Wednesday, February 25th



**5:30 registration & networking
6:00 introductions & dinner
6:30 program**



**Bankers Trust,
19202 Davenport St
Elkhorn, NE 68022**



Rebecca Pearson is a seasoned executive, entrepreneur, and educator with extensive experience in senior leadership. She spent many years at ExxonMobil serving at the C-suite level, leading complex organizations through strategic growth and transformation. Now based in Lincoln, Nebraska, she is the owner of an all-sports talk radio station, where she successfully reversed downward performance trends, and she also serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln teaching entrepreneurship.

For this EWI meeting, Rebecca Pearson will present on women's health, with a specific focus on disordered eating and developing a healthier mindset around body image. Her presentation highlights key milestones in that journey, including the power of community and support, understanding the brain's dopamine-driven reward and survival mechanisms, and how intentionally changing habit reward structures can lead to lasting, sustainable change.

\$30/person, RSVP due February 18th!



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Member Firms and Representatives

A New Leaf – Sheila Fitzgerald
A View Venues – Britney McLaughlin
Access Bank – Pam Yenke
Agile Mindfulness – Nora Plambeck
Bankers Trust Company – Angie Peters
Bland & Associates, PC – Hilary Allen, Diana Busche
Borsheims – Chris Buckingham
Burlington Capital –Jordan Stocking
CHI Health – Valencia Gammage
Dvorak Law Group – Susan Hussey
Elegant Edge Events – Natalie Kotrc
Green Plains Inc. – Lindsay Christiansen
HDR – Amy Ayer
Hemphill Search Group – Susie Hemphill
Lund Company, The – Jessica Diamond, Jonna Radtke
Marriott Downtown at the Capitol District – Maggie Rasmussen

McFarlin & Brokke, P.C. – Melissa Travis
MK Swan, Inc. – Melissa Swan
Omaha Steaks – Kristin Gochenour, Molly Murphy
Outlook Collaborative – Lori Mitera, Susanne Waltermeyer

Pinnacle Bank – Alisha Nash
Power UP Leadership Coaching – Sandy Spady
Signature Performance – Open
Stratum Live Event & Productions – Tori Anderson
Streck – Open
Sunflower Advisors – Amy Bodenner
Suzanne & Walter Scott Foundation – Sharon Mize
Talking Rain – Kristen Long
United Republic Bank – Anne Riley
Venue 1883 – Brenda Ulven
WoodmenLife – Serita Kyle

Individual Member – Cindy Brickey

Members in Transition – James Thompson

Sustaining Members – Stacie Robertson

Life Members – Jane Allamong, Carol Armstrong, Patty Bain, Cathy Bodammer, Sue Burkhard, Loy Flanagan, Lenore Honke, Sally Komrofske, Cheryl McCall, Patty McElderry, Ellie Morrow, Janet Schawang, Ruth Utman

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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