

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Greetings EWI Friends,

What a month it has been! Only in Nebraska can we enjoy 70 degrees one day and find ourselves digging out of eight inches of snow in the same week. February always keeps us on our toes—and this year was no exception.

February is also a month filled with meaning. It's a time to celebrate love, honor Black History Month, and recognize the importance of Heart Health Awareness. Each theme reminds us of the strength, resilience, and compassion that define our EWI community.

February's chapter meeting was a powerful example of that spirit. We were honored to welcome Rebecca Pearson as our speaker, who shared her deeply personal story surrounding disordered eating. Her honesty, vulnerability, and insight were truly appreciated. Whether directly or indirectly, so many of us could identify with some part of her message. We are grateful for the courage it took to share her journey and for the awareness she brought to an issue that touches many lives.

We also heard from Natalie, who gave us an exciting update on our March Chapter Meeting. We will welcome a speaker from the Micah House, and this meeting will also kick off our Reading Rally, benefiting Micah House as well. It's always inspiring to see our chapter come together in support of organizations doing meaningful work in our community.

I hope the month ahead brings each of you a little extra luck, a touch of spring sunshine, and renewed energy for the season ahead. Here's to brighter days, fresh opportunities, and all the good things waiting just around the corner.

Here's to warmer days, blooming ideas, and a season full of growth!

**Susan Hussey**

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### EWI of Omaha's February Meeting

Thank you to everyone who joined us on February 25<sup>th</sup> at Banker's Trust in Elkhorn! It was a phenomenal meeting led by guest speaker Rebecca Pearson on disordered eating. We had great questions and conversation following the event.

Thank you to our host, Banker's Trust and to Elegant Edge Events for catering the event.

Also, thank you to our five guests and their hosts! We hope you all had a wonderful experience.

## Mark Your Calendars!

EWI Board Meeting  
March 10, 2026  
5:30pm

EWI Chapter Meeting  
March 25, 2026  
Green Plains Inc.

### UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS

March 25<sup>th</sup>  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>



Thank you to all who were able to join us for the January meeting!

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!



SAVE THE DATE

2026 ASIST Banquet

MAY  
 WEDNESDAY **27** AT 5:30 PM  
 2026

SAVE THE DATE TO CELEBRATE  
 OUR FIVE SCHOLARSHIP  
 RECIPIENTS

**The Jewell**  
 OMAHA MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN  
 AT THE CAPITOL DISTRICT  
 222 NORTH 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
 OMAHA, NE 68102



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## LCAM Save the Date

September 16-19  
Mobile, AL

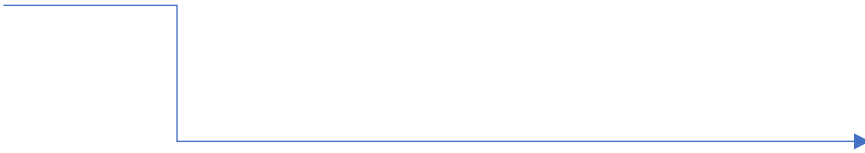
*Early Registration begins in April!*

## Emerging Executive Women

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

*Please see the attachment in the Newsletter email for further details*

# Join a committee



Scan the QR or  
use link to join



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

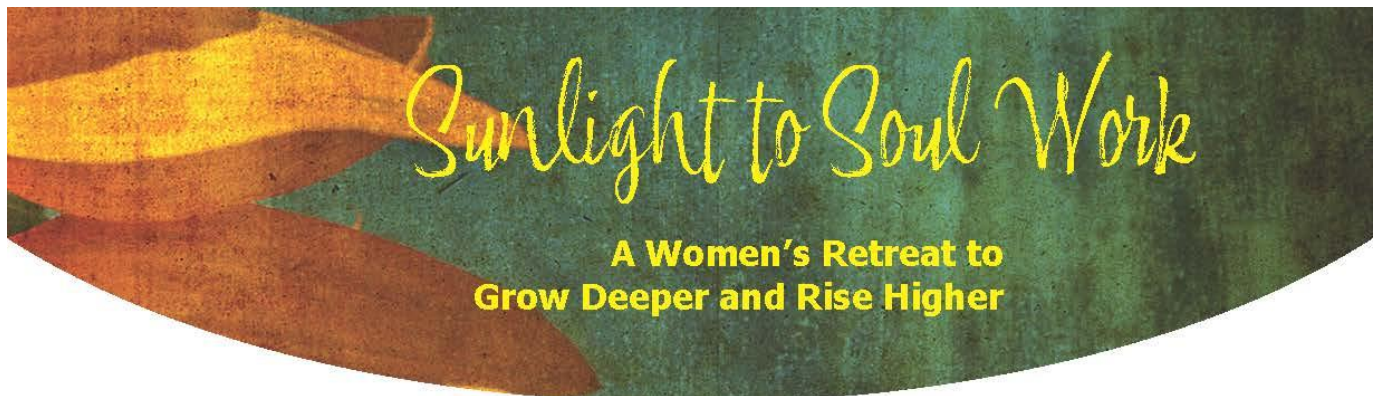
## FILL THE BACKPACKS FOR ASIST WINNERS

- 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  
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450 Regency Parkway Suite 340

Quantity Needed 5



**A Weekend to Reflect, Reconnect, and Renew**

Join us for a meaningful weekend of connection, creativity, and personal growth at our upcoming women's retreat. This two-day experience offers space to slow down, listen deeply, and rediscover purpose in the presence of a supportive community.

**Friday Evening: Grounded in Values & Worship by the Fire**

We'll begin with heartfelt introductions and a guided session focused on discovering who you are by creating your own set of personal core values. These are the compass points that help you navigate life with clarity and intention. Afterward, we'll gather around the fire pit for conversation and worship under the stars.

**Saturday: Explore, Create, and Play**

Start your day with a light breakfast before moving into a series of uplifting and reflective sessions:

- The Art of Active Listening with Amy Bodenner: A gentle guide to tuning into yourself and others.
- Freedom in Forgiveness with Amy Bodenner: Set yourself free from the weight dragging you down. Expect honesty, laughter, and a new perspective on what it means to forgive for your sake, not theirs.
- Plan-A-Palooza with Kim Bunton: A joyful and inspiring look at how to bring more play, purpose, and possibility into every decade of life.
- Soul healing activity: to be determined

Between sessions, you'll have space to reflect, whether that's enjoying a massage, journaling, wandering the retreat grounds, or simply pausing to breathe. Lunch will be provided.

**Details**

Date: March 20, 2026, 5:30 PM – March 21, 2026, 5:30 PM

Location: Sonlit Retreats, 2304 Campanile Rd, Waterloo, NE 68069, USA

Ticket Cost:

- Friday & Saturday: \$125 (Friday dinner & Saturday breakfast & lunch included)
- Saturday: \$100 (breakfast & lunch included)

Reserve Your Spot: <https://www.sonlitretreats.com/upcoming>

Hosted by:



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EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL  
 ADULT STUDENT IN SCHOLASTIC TRANSITION

**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>

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*Thank You For  
 Your Service*

We would like to sincerely thank Tori Anderson for her valued service on the board. She has chosen to step down to focus more on her family, and we greatly appreciate the contributions she made during her time with us.

**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!

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** Chapter receives ONE Free 2026 LCAM Registration

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Chapter receives ONE Free 2026 LCAM Leadership Caucus Registration

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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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# March Chapter Meeting

## Featuring Micah House Shelter & Support



Wednesday, March 25th



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



Green Plains Inc.  
1811 Aksarben Drive.  
Omaha, NE

You are invited to attend our March Chapter Meeting as we highlight our annual Reading Rally benefiting Micah House in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Micah House provides shelter and supportive services to families experiencing crisis. Through our Reading Rally, we purchase books for children at the center - supporting literacy, stability, and hope.

We are pleased to welcome Jess McGee, Childcare Center Director, who will share insights into Micah House's mission and the meaningful impact of our partnership.



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

# EWI of Omaha

## Member Firms and Representatives

*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*  
*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*

*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