

LETTER FROM PRESIDENT



Dear EWI, Ladies!

Happy New Year! The year 2020 is going to be filled with so many puns about perfect vision... I can't wait to **SEE** it all! LOL! I know.. I know... I wanted to start the first President's letter of 2020 hoping to make you smile. Did you know that smiling can boost your overall health? The act of smiling helps the human immune system to function more

effectively. And smiling makes you look younger... who doesn't want to look younger? With that said, I will make it a point to smile every opportunity I can. Join me!

Happy Birthday to our EWI Corpus Christi Chapter who is turning 37 years on January 28th. The chapter was started in 1983. Wow and we are still going strong!

I am so excited and proud of EWI! We are on a roll with exciting speakers and events. Our January speaker was fantastic, I was impressed by his leadership style and commitment to our city. It was very inspiring and gave me tremendous hope. Another exciting event will be our February luncheon speaker Dr. Crystal Cuevas, MD a cardiologist, will speak about heart-health. Then our first Chapter Connect honoring new members will be on February 6 (more info below). The event will be a Fun evening for ALL members with some surprises, games, prizes, information and most importantly, a networking opportunity. Please plan to attend both events and help us celebrate our health and each other.

It's exciting to see that the WORD is out about our wonderful EWI organization. As of today, we have several new prospects that are in their final stage of membership. And I understand several members are busy inviting others to join. Who do you know who would enjoy and benefit from our EWI organization? Thank you for spreading the news and helping EWI grow!

Buckle up we have lots to look forward to in 2020. I am honored to journey this upcoming year with each of you.

We are EWI!

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My EWI Why.

There are several great reasons to be part of EWI. My “whys” are monthly meetings, the caliber of the speakers and colleagues.

I still remember my first meeting, everyone was welcoming and the speaker focused on women’s investments and wills – I was thrilled to have an opportunity to hear from a high level professional!

Further, during the last Mayoral election – we were given a private panel discussion with candidates – it was incredible! I’m not from Corpus, and the fellowship with other professional women has been extraordinary – I know that if I needed guidance or a referral, I’d reach out to my EWI friends and they’d give valuable support.

Thank you EWI!

Virginia E. Whitham, SPHR, SHRM-SCP
Chief Human Resources Officer
Navy Army Community Credit Union

PLEASE NOTE

Starting with this February luncheon, you will be able to pay the lunch fees by credit card when you RSVP.

There will be an additional \$1 fee for credit card processing, or you can pay as normal at the door.

DATES TO NOTE

January 28th, 2020

Happy Birthday EWI Chapter
CC – 37 Yrs Old!

January 29th, 2020

EWI Board Meeting
CC Yacht Club

February 5th, 2020

EWI Monthly Luncheon
Citrus Bistro - Upstairs

February 6, 2020

Chapter Connect

February 26th, 2020

EWI Board Meeting
CC Yacht Club

February 28th, 2020

TAMUCC Homecoming
Allumni Honors Banquet

March 5, 2020

Y Women in Careers
Honorees Event

October ‘19 – August ‘20

Chapter Champion’s
Challenge - Ongoing

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Wednesday, February 5th @ Citrus Bistro



Dr. Christel Cuevas is board-certified in Internal Medicine. She received her Doctor of Medicine degree from The University of Texas Medical Branch in 2011. She recently completed her Cardiology Fellowship from The University of Oklahoma Health Science Center. During her residency, she received an Outstanding Clinic Intern in Internal Medicine and received the John "Jack" Wallace, MD Prize in Cardiology during her medical school training.

Dr. Cuevas is a Resident Council Representative for the Department of Cardiology, a member of the American College of Cardiology and a member of the American Medical Association, Texas Medical Association, and American Medical Women's Association.

She is fluent in both Spanish and English.

February is Heart Health Month!



Paula Gout is our EWI member successful in obtaining our speaker for our upcoming luncheon and wants to encourage us ...

"Come and hear Dr. Crystal Cuevas, MD , heart surgeon who will be speaking about the important subject, "Women's Heart Health" since February is "Heart Health Month"

Wear RED!

If you would like to show support for Heart ♥ Health Month feel free to wear red to the luncheon.

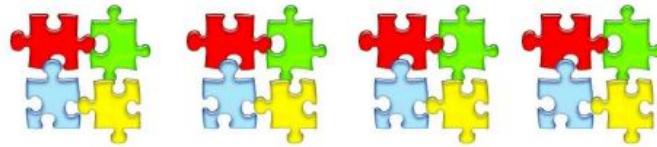


MEMBERSHIP MOMENT - Sharon Trott

The Membership Committee will be hosting the first-ever “**Chapter Connect**” event in honor of our new member firms and their representatives. **Susan Hutchinson** has generously agreed to hold this event at her beautiful home at **201 Indiana Ave.** Thank you, Susan!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for 6 p.m, Thursday, February 6, 2020. See the invitation image below.

This event is a way for veteran EWI members to connect with new members to welcome them to the organization and provide information about our operations. A fun, mostly social, event with a brief presentation, it will be just one step toward strengthening and sustaining our chapter in 2020.



You're Invited to the

EWI CHAPTER CONNECT

Honoring our newest members.

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 6, 2020

At the home of EWI member

Susan Hutchinson,
201 Indiana Ave.

RSVP to strott73@att.net, (361) 877-4269

All members are encouraged to attend this event designed to foster greater connections between veteran and new members. It will be a fun, mostly social occasion with a brief presentation to recognize our newest members and provide a bit of information about the organization. There is no charge to attend, just be sure to RSVP. See you there!

--The Membership Committee



DECEMBER MEMBER RECOGNITION

Taylor Cravey won the Holiday Champion award which was the biggest trophy.



LOCAL

"Battle of the Bulbs" winner announced in downtown Corpus Christi

CORPUS CHRISTI (Kiii News) — To get into the spirit of the holidays, businesses downtown in Corpus Christi were able to see who had the most Christmas cheer.

Businesses owners decorated their stores with lights, window displays, and the best Christmas decorations and Saturday; they announced the winner.

Taylor Cravey, who owns the photography business "Taylor Cravey Photography," was announced as the winner of the competition.

She said it's great to see events like this in the city.

"I'm excited, I'm really excited," Cravey said. "I grew up with my mom talking about how she grew up with all these things, and then they kinda went away when she got older and now they're coming back so I'm really excited."

Battle of the Bulbs was just one of the many events involved with Peppermint Lane.

FEBRUARY 2020 MEMBER RECOGNITION

University Announces Homecoming Banquet Honorees for 2020

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CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The [National Islander Alumni Association](#) and [Islanders Athletics](#) at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi proudly announce their award honorees for the 2020 Homecoming Honors Banquet, taking place Friday, Feb. 28, in the University Center, Anchor Ballroom.

...the 2020 recipients include three: Distinguished Alumni Awards. One to our very own EWI member ~

- **Outstanding Alumnus: Christine Salch '84** – Founding partner of CPA firm Swank, Salch & Henderson, P.C. Salch is a proud Islander who makes an effort to hire TAMU-CC graduates, and lends her talents to community foundations and boards.

For a full list of all alumni-related Homecoming events, visit www.islanderalumni.org/Homecoming; or call 361.825.5787.



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.

VISION

To enhance professional growth and development within a diverse group of women while empowering them to make a difference.

VALUES

Integrity | Excellence |
Respect | Collaboration

MARCH MEMBERS RECOGNITION

Congratulations EWI members, Gracie Martin and Melody Nixon-Bice!

Help us develop the next generation of women leaders. Become a sponsor of the 40th Annual

Y Women In Careers

3.05.20

Solomon Ortiz Center, 6:00pm

2020 HONOREES

Gracie G. Flores
Pension Plan Administrator
Corpus Christi Firefighters

Sally Munroe Gill
Vice President / Co-Owner
Gill's Landscape Nursery, Inc.

Diana K. Ivy, Ph.D.
Professor/Communication
Texas A & M—Corpus Christi

Gracie Garcia Martin
President/CEO
Ensemble Group

Lynette Chastain Navar
Nursing Director
Mission of Mercy

Melody Nixon-Bice
General Manager
Embassy Suites Hotel

Constance P. Sanchez, CPA
Chief Financial Officer
City of Corpus Christi

Dana L. Sisk, CPA
Executive Vice President
Navy Army Community CU



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- ☐ **Table Sponsorship \$1,250** (reserved table for 10 at banquet & 2 YWTeen Leadership Camp sponsorships)
- ☐ **Ruby \$500** (5 seats & 1 YWTeen seat at banquet)
- ☐ **Friend of a YWTeen \$300** (2 ind. seats & 1 YWTeen seat at banquet)
- ☐ **Individual Banquet Seat \$85** (\$100 after Feb 20)
- ☐ **I want to join the mission movement of the YWCA - \$70**
- ☐ **Sorry, I'll miss the fun – enclosed is a donation: _____**

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