

## LETTER FROM PRESIDENT



As we close out 2020, can we all say...WOW! A worldwide pandemic, civil unrest, an election, and lots of hurricanes. Let's welcome 2021 with OPEN ARMS!

Among all these challenges, EWI has remained steady and constant support for our members. We've all heard the statement, does the moment make the man, or man make the moment? ... Truly, the WOMEN made the moment for 2020 EWI. I want to thank Gracie Martin for her

incredible leadership, innovation, and can-do spirit.

There are a couple of goals I would like for us to focus on for 2021:

1. Embrace and communicate our Values: Integrity, Excellence, Respect, and Collaboration. Building upon our prior goal of "WHY EWI." I believe our values are what have made EWI so resilient – how we continue to treat and care for one another.
2. Foster innovation by finding new ways of meeting, communicating, and supporting each other. Expand our use of Zoom and virtual meetings/webinars and usage of videos.
3. Guide us back to socials and meetings if and/when it is appropriate.

I've always been a person of faith and determination. I prefer to view each event in our lives as a challenge or an opportunity. EWI chooses opportunities; it's what makes us entrepreneurs of our businesses and our futures. Let's go 2021!

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Janet Maxwell, Wittigs Office Interiors

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JBBM Marketing

**Membership** - Sharon Trott

#### Ways & Means

Carla Hoffman,  
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Taylor Cravey  
Taylor Cravey Photography

**Reading Rally** – Gracie DeRusse

#### Director At Large

Gracie Martin, Ensemble Group

## DECEMBER EWI Monthly Virtual Meeting Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

11:30 Social/Catch Up  
12pm – 1:30pm Program/Speaker



### ACROSS THE ATLANTIC: AMERICAN IMPRESSIONISM THROUGH THE FRENCH LENS

*(Click this title to read more about the exhibit)*

#### Join us for A Virtual Tour of this Exhibit Sarah Morgan, Director of AMST

EWI's Sheri Emmerick, AMST Director of Development,  
promises this exhibit to be fun, beautiful, and uplifting!

And, reminds us this exhibit is compliments of Kleberg Bank

## ZOOM LOG-ON INSTRUCTIONS

Corpus Christi EWI is inviting  
you to a scheduled Zoom  
meeting.

#### Join Zoom Meeting

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**Meeting ID:** 977 0733 5115

**Passcode:** 949755

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#### Find your local number:

<https://zoom.us/j/97707335115>

## Y Women in Careers Award

**NOMINATION PACKETS MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020**

It's not too late – NOMINATE TODAY!

Form available for download here >>> <https://www.ywcacc.org/what-we-do/mission-programs/y-women-in-careers/>

## Y Women in Careers Award 2021 Nomination Form

Nominate a successful professional woman  
& tell us why she deserves this honor:

### NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of Person Being Nominated	Business Phone
Position/Title of Person Being Nominated	Cell Phone
Employer/Business Name	
Business Address	
Email of Person Being Nominated	
Home Address of Person Being Nominated	

### NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Your Name (Person Nominating)	Your Business Phone
Your Employer/Business	Your Cell Phone
Your Business Address	
Your Email	

**NOMINATION PACKETS MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
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Send to:  
YWCA Corpus Christi  
C/O Nancy Wesson-Dodd  
4601 Corona Dr., 78411  
361-857-5661 X104  
361-857-0254 (Fax)  
ywcacc@ywcacc.org

### Nomination Packet to Include

- THIS FORM, completed
- 2-Page Current Resume
- 1 Letter of Recommendation regarding nominee's career achievements
- Maximum of 5 Pages per Nominee, including this nomination page

### Nomination Requirements

- Specify education, certificates, and licenses.
- Why does nominee stand out in her career field?
- Minimum 10 years of professional experience
- Business owner OR high level responsibilities in current position
- In business / employed for pay (not volunteer or retired)
- Makes contributions to her field beyond basic job duties
- Professionally recognized in her field
- Accomplishments surpass colleagues' achievements
- How has nominee contributed to YWCA mission:  
Eliminating Racism  
Empowering Women
- YWCA Corpus Christi Board, staff & past honorees not eligible

**eliminating racism  
empowering women  
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**December 2nd, 2020**

\*EWI ZOOM Monthly Meeting  
11:30 AM

**December 4<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Deadline Y Women in Careers  
Award Nominations  
<https://www.ywcacc.org/what-we-do/mission-programs/y-women-in-careers/>

**Friday, December 4, 2020**

Yuletide Market at the ywca 2020



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### EWI 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.

### EWI VISION

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

### EWI VALUES

Integrity | Excellence | Respect  
| Collaboration



## READING RALLY – Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> was a SUCCESS!



EWI reps,

Thanks to Mary and the committee for all your planning & participation! The program was awesome for the girls.

It was so clear how little socialization they have been getting. The girls relaxed thru the afternoon! And I can imagine their excitement as they went thru their treasure bag when they got home!

From their intense following of DeeDee's Reading, I know some reading's been going on since they got home!

Their parents were so appreciative when picking the girls up, too.

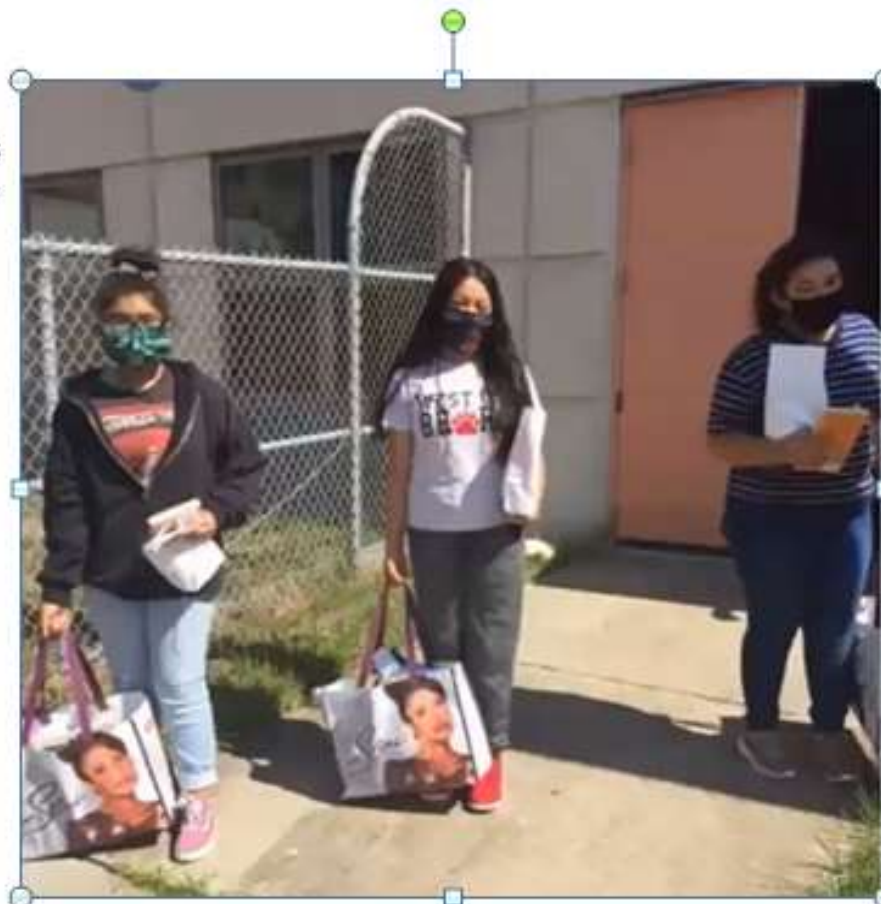
We are all disappointed that more girls didn't come. It was their loss. We can either deliver the extra bags to other girls or keep them for another event. I'll leave that decision to you, Mary.

Special thank you, Mary, for your leadership of this group of leaders—so many opportunities—& you handled them with aplomb!

Know that EWI made a difference in these YWTEENS lives,

Nancy

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# SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES ...

	<p align="right"><b>Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting</b> EWI of Corpus Christi EWI © September 30, 2020</p>
<b>Call to Order</b>	Gracie called meeting to order 12:08 p.m. Gracie welcomed everyone to our last meeting.
<b>Roll Call</b>	Gracie Martin, Virginia Whitham, Marcia Keener, Donna Patterson, Jessica Kemp, Janet Maxwell, Sharon Trott, Laura Hausman, Mary Hime, Karen Barnes, and Carla Hoffman (called in to participate while driving)
<b>Minutes:</b>	Gracie said we do not have last month meetings. Karen is working on them. Gracie said we will move on to the Treasurer's Report.
<b>Treasurer's Report:</b>	Marcia said very little action in expense category and said to look at the profit and loss report and see that we only have the QuickBooks charge and the \$25 charge from American Bank for the double signature. The balance of everything else is for the shirts fundraiser and the corporate dues. Marcia asked if there were any questions. Laura asked about \$25 per month for the double signature. Marcia said yes maybe 20 checks for the whole year. Marcia asked Gracie if she remembered if it is due to the type of our organization and EWI being a smaller organization. Laura said we should inquire about a per transaction rather than a monthly transaction. Laura said we could further reduce this fee with an electronic transaction. Virginia said Navy Army does not require the double signature. Laura said the double signature protects the organization. Marcia said it made her feel better. Donna said it is a good practice and maybe we should call Ellen Scott. Laura said she was not suggesting we get rid of it but suggesting we inquire about the fee. Marcia asked if any other questions. Donna moved to accept the financials as presented.
<b>President's Report:</b>	Gracie asked for questions or comments from the board about the Zoom account. She said the Zoom account has been hers. She said due to believing it would only be for a couple of months. The Zoom account holder is in charge of accepting everyone coming in to the meeting, muting people and require waiting rooms soon. Someone said they think it has already happened (Lisa). Gracie said the President is trying to conduct the business and it was becoming a challenge. One recommendation is for EWI to purchase their own account, so the President can assign someone to host the zoom meeting. This is recommendation 1) to get a Zoom
<b>Vice President's Report:</b>	Virginia does not have anything. She said when we get in to the program part we get in to the part of how to transition.
<b>Sergeant at Arms:</b>	Jessica said there was 37 people at our last meeting - our mayorial program.
<b>Scholarship:</b>	Laura - nothing.
<b>Membership:</b>	Sharon - We have issued 2 membership invitations and have not heard back yet. We will follow up. If anyone knows of anyone, please send information
<b>Reading Rally:</b>	Mary Hime: We have 38 girls signed up. Nancy said 40 is a good number and will not accept more than 40. Did this by phone calls. The YWCA is providing 5 people. They will handle check in. EWI needs 8 to 10 volunteers and she has 5 so far. From 1 to 2:30 pm. Needs volunteers there by 12:15 pm. Gracie said to have Lisa put this in the newsletter. Gracie will give Mary time to announce in the meeting. Mary asked Virginia about the bags. Virginia said the 12th is a Holiday and their building is closed. Virginia asked if she could have the bags by 9th. The 13th at the latest. Mary asked Mildred about the excess goodies. Gracie said Mildred has the credit card and is shopping for the goodies this week. Mary said we will be able to have a great reading rally. The girls will come in and sit on a square. 10/17th 12:15 to 2:45
<b>Newletter:</b>	Lisa - has President's letter. Asked if someone can write their "EWI Why" before Friday. Reading Rally info would be great. If Carla could send out info on shirts and money raised. It would be great for Carla to send out info that shirts are still for sale and Lisa needs speaker and program information. Janet said it will the installation of officers and Sheri Emerick will be the MC. Gracie said it would be nice to have picture of President, Virginia Whitham, VP Karen Barnes, Secretary, Jamie Fuentes, Treasurer, Laura Hausman. Send picture or Lisa will find one on social media.
<b>Ways &amp; Means</b>	Carla - all shirts were mailed out and they have had a few more orders come in. She has had a few people say they were going to donate. She said they will have another \$200 or 250. She will send out the information but needs to get with Linda at Marlin works but needs to see if there is a quota on ordering. That is all she has. Does she have someone to pass the baton to. Janet said Stephanie Waterman will take the Ways & Means and Taylor will be on the committee. Carla will get with Stephanie and be on the committee.
<b>Programs:</b>	Janet said Gracie has done an excellent job and has had the hardest job of all. Sheri is going to MC. Janet said we need to fill the newsletter position. Janet will send out request for information to new incoming board to complete for Installation. Gracie will meet with Virginia and Sheri on Tuesday at noon (Zoom) to go over installation of officers.
<b>Additional Discussion of passing duties:</b>	Meeting in person or Zoom? Virginia suggested if we are comfortable to meet in person, maybe we should or outdoors? Asked what are our thoughts? Laura said outside. Janet said she cannot meet in person. Lisa said outside. Suggested sip and see? We are going to meet next time in addition to Zoom meeting. Lisa said maybe let ingoing and outgoing jump in to breakout rooms - then come back and drink wine or coffee. Evening event. Maybe 6:00 pm? Virtual - anytime good after hours. Wednesday before the meeting. Virginia said 10/28th at 5:30 pm. Laura and Marcia have stuff to hand off (Treasurer). Janet said normally the VP, Karen handles the committees in November. Gracie said we can discuss this later.
<b>Adjourned:</b>	1:00 PM
<b>Submitted:</b>	Karen Barnes