

Letter from President

Have you noticed that people with strong networks of friends and co-workers as well as good mentors typically enjoy more promotions, higher pay and greater career satisfaction? Those networks contribute to personal growth and the enjoyment of idea sharing. Every time we get together for an EWI meeting, I am more aware of how much the friendships and networking really mean to me personally and professionally. We are fast approaching the halfway mark for the year and I am reminded of how quickly time goes by. I hope all of you will make sure to take advantage of what you can gain by being an active, contributing member of EWI. Elaine will be contacting many of you over the next couple of months to recruit new members for Board service or committee chair positions. There's a lot to learn about leadership and teamwork by joining the board of EWI. It's fun, rewarding and a great learning experience. Please consider what you have to learn as well as recognize what you have to share with others in this awesome networking organization we are all members of.

Linda Jordan

EWI Corpus Christi President 2013-14

L. K. Jordan and Associates

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Reading Rally

Linda Allen, H-E-B

Membership Orientation

Sarah O'Brien, Navy Army
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Website

Gracie Martin, Ensemble Group

Mastering Your Memory



We “**Mastered our Memory**”! Thank you **Sarah O’Brien** for hosting **Craig Krause’s** workshop. Pictured are **Gracie Martin, Anna Hayes, Carla Hoffman, Mary Helen Johnston, Sarah O’Brien** and **Kathryn Dirks**

Kudos!

A Big “**Thank You**” goes out to **Wendy Freeman** for opening the doors of **The Woodhouse Day Spa** and hosting our **April Firm Meeting**. The evening was enjoyed by all who attended!

From **Mary Helen Johnston**:

Kudos to **Laura Hausman** and the **scholarship committee** for their work on finding a financial solution for a deserving woman in transition in our community.

Nancy Wesson Dodd was inducted as an **honorary member** into the **Phi Alpha Honor Society** at TAMU Kingsville last Saturday. It is the Social Work Honor Society

Announcements

From Elaine Hoffman: If anyone is interested in being a board member please contact **Elaine, Kathryn** or **Mary Helen**.

From Linda Allen: Dates for **Reading Rally 2014** have been set!

October 18, 2014

Location: YWCA of CC

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

All volunteers are welcome

First RR Committee Meeting

Date: May 22, 2014


Location: Jason's Deli / Airline

Time: 11:30 – 12:30

From: Beverly Randolph Executive Assistant YWCA Corpus Christi:

A little belated, yet still timely: Ladies: "Make Her Day" is posted on the YWCA website (www.ywca.org/corpuschristi) in anticipation of Mother's Day. Please go to the website (www.ywca.org/corpuschristi) and "click here" to make a donation to send a card celebrating a special woman in your life. And please "like" and "share" our Facebook post. Lots of people would like to honor a special woman at this time of year—and we can handle the details for them! ☺

Make Her Day. . .
She Made A Difference In Your Life!
Make Her Day is a lovely way to honor your mother, friend, sister, teacher, mentor or any woman who has made an impact in your life.
From YWTeens to Senior Wellness, the YWCA works to improve the lives of women of all incomes and ages throughout the Coastal Bend.
With a donation of \$25 or more, your honoree will receive a beautiful card from you celebrating her life, and ensuring the continuation of the YWCA programs.



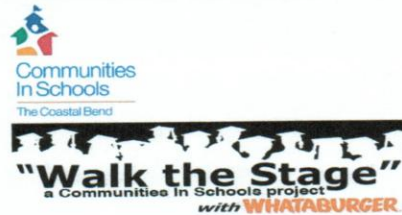
Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11th—a perfect day to thank her for her influence on your life!

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May Birthdays

Mildred Pels May 4
Linda Jordan May 11
Paula Gaut May 19
Ellen Scot May 23

From Mary Helen Johnston: Please think about contributing to "Walk the Stage". More information will be provided at the May Luncheon.



Dear Ms. Mary Helen Johnston,

Over the past two years, Walk the Stage® with Whataburger has grown exponentially and now encompasses our entire community; serving 9 school districts and an estimated 600 graduating seniors. With your support, hundreds of teenagers received their cap and gown and "walked the stage" with pride. A cap and gown is a token or trophy of a job well done, but to our children it is so much more. You have provided them confidence, dignity, and respect. You have motivated their younger siblings to achieve the goal of high school graduation. You have helped them make their families proud. Your support of our students has turned apathy to desire. They now flourish in their lives.

Last year, one of our recipients, Justice, hugged me, cried, and said; "Thank you for noticing my difficult journey." She has gone on to college and delivers speeches to inspire those around her. She won the Communities In Schools' Best of Texas Award- Student of the Year, giving her the opportunity to fly in a plane for the first time. CITGO has also recognized her successful journey, as she is now one of their national spokespersons.

Each day, hundreds of teenagers like Justice defy all odds to attend high school and graduate. Their high school journey towards graduation is one of tremendous struggle. Some of the challenges they face are being homeless, alarming dropout rates, abusive homes, and poverty. Many of them are the first in their families to become high school graduates. This year, an estimated 600 graduating seniors throughout the Coastal Bend and the surrounding areas will not **Walk the Stage** to celebrate this amazing achievement, not because of failure, but simply because they lack the \$40 to purchase the required cap and gown.

As donors to Walk the Stage®, with Whataburger we change lives and motivate our youth to stay in school. Please join us again this year as we continue to inspire our high school students to rise above the culture of apathy that is ever present in their lives.

Fondly,

Jettie Powers

Communities In Schools is a non-profit drop-out prevention agency established in the Coastal Bend area in 1986. Communities In Schools' mission is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.



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PLEASE SUPPORT OUR 2014 GRADUATES!

Graduates Sponsor \$40.

Multiple Graduates Sponsor \$40. X ____ = \$ ____

Group Sponsor \$250.00

Class Sponsor \$500.00

*Graduating Class School Sponsor \$1,500


Please visit www.ciscc.org to make a secure tax deductible donation.

Or mail your donation to: Communities in Schools-Attention- Walk the Stage®
PO Box 331203-Corpus Christi, Texas 78463-1203

Name: _____ Company: _____
Billing Address: _____ State: ____ Zip: ____
E Mail Address: _____ Phone: _____ Check Number: _____
Card Number: _____ CVV2 Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____
Signature: _____

*Graduating Class Sponsors please let us know which school you would like to sponsor:

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

	<p align="center">Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting</p> <p align="center">EWI of Corpus Christi</p> <p align="center">EWI ®</p> <p align="center">April 2, 2014</p>
Call to Order	Call to order by President, Linda Jordan, at 12:00 Noon
Roll Call	Christine Salch, Kathryn Dirks, Elaine Hoffman, Linda Jordan, Susie Nemec, Lorena Parada-Valdes, Linda Allen, Betty Baxter
Minutes:	
Motion to approve March Minutes as distributed by Lorena Parada-Valdes, seconded by Kathryn Dirks, motion carried	
Treasurer's Report:	
Christine Salch presented Financial report as follows: Checking account - \$29,658.05; BCDP Account - \$14,496.51; Share Account- \$25.00; CD- \$14,000. Total Assets - \$58,179.56. Christine also reported that we will be forced to increase our lunch prices as the Town Club is now charging to Table cloths & napkin. This will be discussed at a later date.	
President's Report:	
Linda reminded the Board of the upcoming Texarkoma Board Forum in August and asked that we all be thinking of who should attend this important meeting. Forum will be held in Irving, Texas and more information will follow.	
Vice President's Report:	
No Report	
Communications:	
Committee Reports:	
Sergeant at Arms Report:	
Susie Nemec reported that there were 36 in attendance at March meeting, 35 Paid	
Website	
No Report	
Scholarship:	
Laura Hausman sent Linda Jordan message that we had two applicants for our Scholarship and had asked for volunteers to help determine the recipient. Amount of Scholarship to be given was tabled until Laura is present at Board meeting.	
Membership:	

Lorena Parada-Valdes reported that she has received requests for information about Membership from Tracie Garcia of the Better Business Bureau and Carmen Arias of Radiology Associates. Lorena said that she would be sending out a list to membership of those who did not renew.

Membership Orientation:

No Report

Nominating Committee:

Elaine reported that she will be having a Nominating Committee meeting within next couple of months.

Public Relations:

No Report

Reading Rally:

No Report

Standards of Excellence:
Ways & Means:

No Report

Publications:

No Report

Programs:

April meeting will be Firm Night at Woodhouse Day Spa.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Texarkoma Board Forum as previously posted.

Announcements:
Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 12:55

Approved:
Submitted: