

## Letter from President



*“Give thanks for  
unknown blessings  
already on their way”*

Did you know that November is Philanthropy Month? Obviously a philosophy dear to my heart and I'm sure yours too. So in this month of giving, thanking (and eating well!) let's remember to give thanks for all our blessings now and in the future!

As EWI members we give throughout the year. We give to each other when we use our connections to help our member firms. We give to the community by offering others, through our programs, a platform to inform and enlighten us and we give to the future through our scholarships and the Reading Rally.

Many blessings in my life are the connections I have formed and friends I have made through EWI. Through our years together in EWI I have been given the opportunity to grow, thrive, and develop the deep friendships that will stay with me forever. I hope that EWI will provide you with the same opportunities for lasting connections.

As we move toward the frenzy of the holidays, and the closing of another year, let us stay mindful (and Thankful!) of why EWI is important to each of us – Connections, Careers and Community. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

**Sheri Emerick**  
**2015-2016 EWI**  
**Corpus Christi Chapter President**  
**Director of Development ~**  
**Art Museum of South Texas**

## 2014-2015 Officers, Directors & Committee Chairs

### **President**

Sheri Emerick, Art Museum of South Texas

### **Vice President**

Kathryn Dirks, ETCETERA

### **Secretary**

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Charlotte Hintz, Orion Drilling Company, LLC

### **Retention and Recruitment**

Karen Barnes, L. K. Jordan and Associates

### **Sergeant-at-Arms**

Susie Nemec Lee, Land Clearing Solutions,  
LLC

### **Programs**

Bunny Forgione, Texas A & M University-CC  
Janet Maxwell, Business Interiors of Texas

### **Director At Large & Nominating**

### **Committee Advisor**

Linda Allen, H.E.B.

### **Scholarships**

Laura Hausman, Northern Beef Industries

### **Reading Rally**

Donna Patterson, South Texas Money  
Management

### **Membership Orientation**

Mary Beth Riley – D&R Sales

### **Website & Public Relations**

Gracie Martin, Ensemble Group

### **Communications**

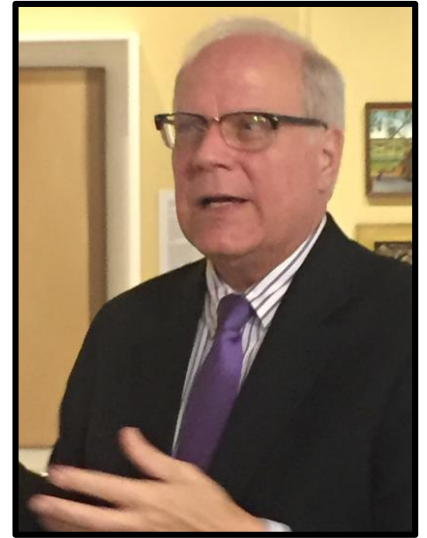
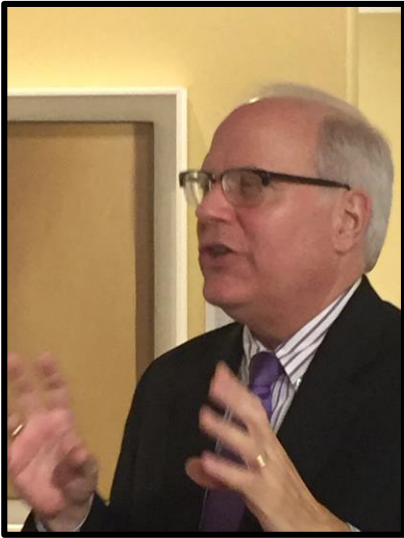
Kathryn Dirks (for the moment)

# Reading Rally 2015





# Firm Night at the Museum



Joe Schenk, Director of the Art Museum of South Texas, gives us some background information on the exhibit, *Eloquent Objects: Georgia O'Keeffe and Still-Life Art in New Mexico*, we were about to see.



**Members enjoying the evening.**

**Winner Winner Chicken Dinner!!!!**  
**Thanks to those who donated door prizes for the evening!**



**Induction of  
New Board**





## Announcements

**From Sheri Emerick:** Bobbi Sims book **“Don’t Let ‘Em Crumble Your Cookies”** is available for **\$10**. All proceeds will benefit the Bobbi Sims scholarship.

**From Nancy Wesson-Dodd:** Several thank yous, I want to thank all of our gals for their overwhelming support of Yuletide Luncheon & Market AND Day of Giving! I am both excited & humbled by everyone's generosity! The funds invested will let us continue to strengthen young girls' futures. Thank you to all, Nancy

**From Bunny Forgione:** Our **December meeting** will run a little differently. We will have makeup artists from the **Laura Mercier** cosmetic line giving **complimentary makeovers** during our meeting. **YOU WILL NEED TO SCHEDULE A TIME FOR THE MAKEOVER.** The makeovers will begin at **11:00** and continue through **1:30**. They will run about **20 minutes** and there will be **four makeup artists** working.

Laura Mercier Territory Manager, **Penny Smart**, will also make a presentation “Taking your Day Look into Evening”.

**THREE MORE THINGS REGARDING DECEMBER’S MEETING:**

1. **Susie Nemec Lee** will be scheduling times for the makeovers.
2. Make plans to go out the evening of December 9<sup>th</sup>. You are going to look too good to go home and wash your face☺
3. If you like the makeup, Laura Mercier products can be ordered.

**From Kathryn Dirks:** Tiffany Stacy had agreed to take the position of **Publications Chair (Newsletter)**. She unexpectedly had to move and **the position is now vacant and needs to be filled**. Please contact me or Sheri Emerick for more information regarding this position on the board.

## November Birthdays

Mary Beth Riley  
Myra Lombardo  
Gracie Martin  
Linda Calhoun

November 6  
November 12  
November 17  
November 23



CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting****EWI of Corpus Christi****EWI ®****November 4, 2015**

<b>Call to Order</b>	Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Sheri Emerick.
<b>Roll Call</b>	Attending were: Sheri Emerick, Janet Maxwell, Donna Patterson, Stephanie Price, Mary Beth Riley, Christine Salch, Susie Lee, Kathryn Dirks, Linda Allen
<b>Minutes:</b>	
<b>Treasurer's Report:</b>	
Treasurer Christine Salch presented financials for September as follows: Cash position - Petty Cash - \$40.00; Checking Account - \$18,428.18; B/C/DP Account - \$12,328.26; Share Account - \$25.00; CD - \$14,280.19. Janet Maxwell moved to accept the financials as presented; Linda Allen seconded. Motion passed.	
<b>President's Report:</b>	
Sheri Emerick discussed selling the book "Don't Let 'Em Crumble Your Cookies," by Bobbi Sims to raise money for the Scholarship fund. Will present idea to EWI Chapter.	
<b>Vice President's Report:</b>	
<b>Communications:</b>	
<b>Committee Reports:</b>	
<b>Sergeant at Arms Report:</b>	
Susie Lee reported 29 in attendance at the last general meeting.	
<b>Website</b>	
<b>Scholarship:</b>	
<b>Membership:</b>	
Discussed, as a group, increasing membership by bringing a guest to November's meeting.	
<b>Membership Orientation:</b>	
Mary Beth Riley reported that she is searching for a venue for the membership orientation. Proposed date will be in February.	

<b>Nominating Committee:</b>	
Linda Allen continues to search for a person to fill the Publications Chair position.	
<b>Public Relations:</b>	
<b>Reading Rally:</b>	
Donna Patterson reported that the Reading Rally was successful, with 55 girls in attendance. Channel 3 filmed portions of the Reading Rally and interviewed some of the attendees.	
<b>Standards of Excellence:</b>	
<b>Ways &amp; Means:</b>	
Fundraiser is set for April 14th at the Holiday Inn.	
<b>Publications:</b>	
Kathryn Dirks asked that any events for the upcoming holiday seasons be sent to her for the newsletter.	
<b>Programs:</b>	
Bunny Forgione not in attendance. Janet Maxwell stated that the November meeting is the Georgia O'Keefe Exhibit at the Art Museum. During the December meeting, we will have a cosmetologist to give make-up tips. Our speaker for January will be a Air Traffic Controller.	
<b>Unfinished Business:</b>	
Linda Allen stated the Standing Rules and our chapters Standards of Excellence are being reviewed.	
<b>New Business:</b>	
Sheri Emerick suggested we form a task force to begin a collegiate chapter in our city. We also discussed having a monthly "Wine & Wonderful Women" night.	
<b>Announcements:</b>	
<b>Adjournment:</b>	
Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.	
<b>Approved:</b>	<b>Submitted:</b>
	Stephanie Price