

Letter from the President



President's Message:

As I write this we are still counting the money from Casino Night. Since the event was so close to Tax Day I didn't want to bother Christine Salch with it until she is ready to do something other than taxes. Safe to say, though, that Casino Night was as success! Thank you again to Norma Herrera, Charlotte Hintz and EVERYONE who helped on the committee, sponsored the event, purchased tickets, donated items and spent money! Our Reading Rally girls

and scholarship recipients will never know the time and effort put into this fundraiser, but they will know the end result! The LOVE! For it's the love of our community, our youth and our future that we give our time, talent and, yes, dollars!

On another, not quite so uplifting, topic; I know that you have been receiving some emails and messages from Corporate. I want to assure you that while the transition from four staff to one and a half is messy and unpleasant, we are keeping tabs on what is going on with the Corporate Board and staff. And as is usually the case "when it rains, it pours," EWI Corporate is no exception. Currently the Corporate website is being transitioned to a new system. If any of you have ever gone through that process in your workplaces you'll know it's never easy, thus we've had some issues with making/receiving dues payments. This issue will eventually get resolved, and my thanks go to Christine and Karen Barnes for keeping on top of this. In addition, the Corporate Board, keeping in mind our precarious financial position, made the hard decision to relocate the 2017 LCAM to Dallas from Harrisburg, PA and cut the number of days to a two day meeting. This of course upset some members, but it has little to do with our Chapter, so I'm not poking that bear!

While reading the vast number of emails flying through cyber-space between Corporate Staff, Corporate Board Members and members of various chapters, I am reminded that the CORPUS CHRISTI Chapter is doing great!! We've welcomed new members, held a successful fundraiser, will be awarding THREE scholarships, enjoy interesting and valuable programs and still really like each other! So kudos to us!

Be watching your emails for the location of the May meeting. Finding a permanent home for our meetings continues to be a challenge, but at least it's keeping us on our toes. Hats off to Bunny! We will get settled soon and all will be well.

My best to you all,

Sheri Emerick

President-EWI Corpus Christi

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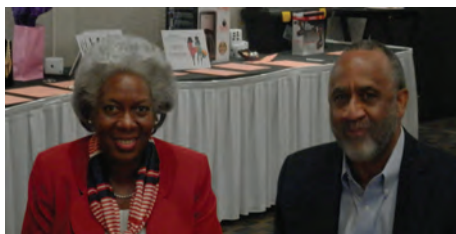
Gracie Martin -- Ensemble Group

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Sharon Trott -- Trott Communications

Bring the Bling!

And you brought it!! Casino Night at the Holiday Inn Downtown Marina was a *fun* night of *fundraising*. On behalf of the entire chapter, thank you to chairs Norma Herrera and Charlotte Hintz for their dedication to making this event a success! And, Norma and Charlotte wish to thank everyone for helping with and supporting Casino Night. Money is still being counted and totals will be reported soon. Proceeds go to the EWI-CC Scholarship Fund and YWCA Reading Rally. Deserving women in transition and young girls will be able to better their lives because of the support of EWI Corpus Christi members and their guests.



Announcements

Nancy Wesson-Dodd reports that the **YWCA Equal Pay Day Luncheon** on April 12 was a sell-out! More than 70 participants heard from five panelists and learned more about the issue of pay inequity and ideas for how to change it. EWI was a sponsor of the event, which addresses the education and collaboration aspects of the YWCA mission.

This year is flying by, says **Kathryn Dirks of ETCETERA**. She asks if your closet is ready for Mother's Day, graduation, summer weddings, showers, vacation. . . .???? If not, she can help! Mark your calendars and make time to see the Spring & Summer Collections of ETCETERA starting Friday, April 22 thru Monday, May 2. Book your appointment now! Call, text or email Kathryn to secure a time that works with your schedule. Ph: (361) 563-6999. Email: kdirks@stx.rr.com.

Myra Lombardo at KEDT Public Broadcasting invites you to spotlight your business to over 203,000 viewers in 13 South Texas counties in the 2016 KEDT Auction! Donations and sponsorships are needed. Help support YOUR community-owned TV station! Please contact Rochelle at 855-2214 or at rochellemarshall@kedt.org to take advantage of this great opportunity.

April and May Birthdays

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| Kathryn Dirks | April 1 |
| Gloria Hicks | April 3 |
| Christine Salch | April 5 |
| Laura Hausman | April 8 |
| Sarah O'Brien | April 15 |
| Libby Averyt | April 26 |
| Mildred Pels | May 4 |
| Paula Gaut | May 19 |
| Ellen Scott | May 23 |
| Carmen Arias | May 26 |

Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday, May 4

EWI Board Meeting
Noon, CC Yacht Club

Wednesday, May 11

EWI General Meeting
Noon, Watch Email for Location

Saturday, October 15

Reading Rally
YWCA

Congratulations!

KEDT holds grand opening of new studios

Speaking of **Myra Lombardo**, it has been reported that she is “just glowing” as she walks the halls of the brand new 16,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art studios at the **KEDT Center for Educational Broadcasting**, 3205 S. Staples St.

The new facility located adjacent to the Del Mar College Center for Economic Development helps meet the communication needs of both Del Mar College and KEDT through shared digital TV equipment and studio space.

There were many EWI faces in the crowd at the long-awaited grand opening in early April. There's evidence that guests were treated to the salsa stylings of Myra and Lorena and had the opportunity to meet Curious George and The Man in the Yellow Hat during the family-oriented festivities.

As our community-owned station, **KEDT** is strongly supported by the EWI community . . . the new building made beautiful through the talents of **Biby Dykema of Dykema Architects** and the furnishings provided by **Janet Maxwell of Business Interiors of Texas**. **Jackie Ray and the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel** provided guest accommodations for the grand opening. Congratulations Myra, Don and the entire crew at KEDT!



Smile!

Did you know that EWI is participating in AmazonSmile? AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop on Amazon, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find everything on the regular site, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase price back to EWI. If your Chapter is interested in participating, go to org.amazon.com to learn more. Call the corporate office at (801)355-2800 to answer any questions.



Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
EWI of Corpus Christi
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April 6, 2016

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 11:58 p.m. by President Sheri Emerick.

Roll Call: Attending were: Linda Allen, Sheri Emerick, Christine Salch, Karen Barnes, Stephanie Price, Sharon Trott, Donna Patterson, Norma Herrera, Kathryn Dirks, Bunny Forgione, Janet Maxwell, and Charlotte Hintz.

Minutes: March 2016 minutes were reviewed. Sharon Trott moved to accept the minutes; Karen Barnes seconded. March 2016 minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Christine Salch gave the February financial report as follows: Cash position - Petty Cash - \$40.00; Checking Account - \$25,253.99; B/C/DP Account - \$10,954.76; Share Account - \$25.00; CD - \$14,324.85. Janet Maxwell moved the financials be accepted as presented; Charlotte Hintz, seconded. Financials were accepted.

President's Report: Sheri Emerick stated that Corporate has decreased their staff from 4 to 1.5. They have also installed a new database. L-Cam will be 2.5 days this year and will be held in Dallas. Sheri also reported that we will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from Corporate, which will increase our scholarships available to young women from 2 to 3.

Vice President's Report:

Communications:

Committee Reports

Sergeant at Arms:

Website / Public Relations:

Scholarship:

Membership: Karen Barnes discussed multiple potential new members.

Membership Orientation:

Nominating Committee:

Reading Rally:

Standards of Excellence:

Ways & Means: Norma Herrera and Charlotte Hintz discussed the upcoming Casino Night in detail.

Publication: Sharon Trott stated that the newsletter will release after Casino Night, so please send any announcements and/or pictures you would like to be included.

Programs: Bunny Forgione discussed our options for the General Meeting, and will be sending out a questionnaire for our opinions. Our May speaker will be from TX DOT and will talk about the Harbor Bridge Project.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Announcements:

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. by Sheri Emerick

Approved:

Submitted: Stephanie Price