

Letter from the President



USA! USA! Can you tell I've been watching the Olympics? Don't you just love to watch all that enthusiasm, strength of mind and body as well as talent? Not to mention how gosh darn attractive all those athletes are! And what a positive influence they are for young and old alike. Dedication and perseverance are their mantras.

I have great news to announce; we have a slate! (Minus one or two.) Here is our proposed Board for next year:

Proposed Slate of Board of Directors 2016/2017

Title	Name
President	Kathryn Dirks
President-Elect	Bunny Forgione
Secretary	Stephanie Price
Treasurer	Christine Salch
Sergeant-at-Arms	Lisa Wright
Retention & Recruitment	Tracy Trevino
Fundraising	Carla Hoffman/Norma Herrera
Communications	Sharon Trott
Programs	Donna Patterson/Janet Maxwell
Director-at-Large	Sheri Emerick

Appointed by President, does not need to be voted on by the Chapter

Website/PR	Gracie Martin/Co Chair-TBD
Scholarship	Laura Hausman
Reading Rally	TBD
Membership Orientation	TBD
Nominating Committee	Sheri Emerick

Many thanks to Linda Allen for her perseverance towards getting this wonderful slate put together. She tells me it didn't take "much" arm-twisting. A big thank you, too, to all who have agreed to serve on next year's Board. Our Chapter's strength comes from our dedication to serve resulting in a Chapter that continues to grow and thrive! Sort of like those Olympians we've been cheering on!

"Faster, Higher, Stronger"

Sheri Emerick
President, EWI Corpus Christi

2015-2016 Officers, Directors & Committee Chairs

President

Sheri Emerick -- Art Museum of South Texas

Vice President

Kathryn Dirks -- ETCETERA

Secretary

Stephanie Price -- Four Star Health and Safety

Treasurer

Christine Salch
Swank, Salch, and Henderson P.C.

Ways & Means

Norma Herrera -- ProTech Mechanical &
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

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

Sharon Trott -- Trott Communications

Announcements

Congratulations to Libby Averyt of the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* who is one of eight community leaders to be honored by the Hispanic Women's Network. She will be recognized in the Trailblazer category during the organization's 18th annual Las Estrella's Denim & Diamonds Gala. The event is at 6 p.m., Friday, September 9, 2016 at the Solomon P. Ortiz Center. Individual tickets are \$65. Call (361) 537-4322 to purchase tickets or for more information.

From Betty Baxter, Keetch & Associates -- TO EWI LADIES: Thank you for the lovely flowers and the many cards I received. I still ask for all your prayers as I have to make the decision as to whether or not to have preventative chemo treatments. The cancer had not spread to the lymph nodes, nor my bones or vital organs. God is Good!!!

Kathryn Dirks of ETCETERA is showing the Fall 2016 collection August 10-18. Call, text or email her to schedule an appointment -- (361) 563-6999, kdirks@stx.rr.com. Check out the website, www.etcetera.com, for a preview of all the amazing pieces you can look forward to seeing first-hand!

Anita Mallory of Anita Mallory Designs has salary plus commission positions open for Business Development Manager. Candidates must have had experience in direct selling and recruiting. The focus is on large cities, not just Corpus Christi. Send resume to opportunities@anitamallory.com. Visit the website at www.anitamallory.com and "like" them on Facebook at Anita Mallory Designs. Anita says if you get something from them please "share" as this builds their search engine optimization with Google.

Carla Hoffman reminds everyone that EWI members and their families get special discounts on all hearing instruments and supplies from the **Hearing Aid Company of Texas**.

August meeting highlights

Looking ahead to the next legislative session that convenes in January, State Rep. Todd Hunter said domestic violence will be one of the key issues that will get his attention. "I plan to take the lead in developing a prevention of domestic violence act in Texas," he said during the EWI August luncheon.

"The *Caller-Times* has done a great job increasing our awareness of the magnitude of this issue in our area, and I can tell you it's an issue for our entire state." He said a hearing is scheduled for August 26 at the Del Mar College Center for Economic Development to begin discussions on how to address the problem legislatively.

Windstorm insurance rates and human trafficking will continue to be priorities, two issues he has played a key role in addressing during his eight terms in Austin. Hunter said he is excited about what the new Harbor Bridge Project means for our area, especially with the possibility of attracting cruise ships. He said a hearing to begin discussions on the legislative process related to bringing cruise ships to Corpus Christi is set for August 25 at the Solomon P. Ortiz Center.

Hunter said it's important that he hear from constituents. "State government is about people. *You* can affect public policy and now is the time to let me know what we need to focus on during the next session in Austin."





Debbie Lindsey-Opel

Welcome new member firm

EWI Corpus Christi welcomes new member representative **Debbie Lindsey-Opel, owner of Three Dimensional Development, LLC.**

New members are our future!!

Our goal for 2016-2017, as approved in the new budget, is to obtain six new member firms! If you know someone who would be interested in EWI, please get in touch with Karen Barnes -- karen.barnes@lkjordan.com, 814-3517. She will be happy to contact them. Here are a just a few ideas for membership categories.

- Florist
- Restaurant/Caterer/Chef
- Dentist
- Health Professional--Hospital Administrator, Doctor, Mental Health Professional, Chiropractor
- Retirement Community/Assisted Living Professional
- Hair/Beauty Salon
- Attorney -- Family Law, Criminal Law, Real Estate Law
- Geologist
- Transportation --Airlines, RTA, Airport Management
- Port of Corpus Christi
- Photographer
- Special Events Coordinator
- Wedding Planner
- Artist/Graphic Designer
- Travel Agent
- Children's Boutique
- Non-Clothing Retail
- Bookstore
- Chambers of Commerce
- Mortuary
- Power company
- Veterinarian or Pet Service

Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday, September 7

EWI Board Meeting
Noon, CC Yacht Club

Wednesday, September 14

EWI General Meeting
11:30 a.m.
Katz 21, 5702 Spohn Dr.

Saturday, October 15

Reading Rally
YWCA, 4601 Corona

August & September Birthdays

Charlotte Hintz	August 1
Carla Hoffman	August 13
Mary Helen Johnston	September 2
Ella Baker	September 5
Margie Rose	September 10
Jackie Ray	September 19
Lorena Parada-Valdes	September 20
Jackie McLain	September 30
Stephanie Price	September 30



Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
EWI of Corpus Christi
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August 3, 2016

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by President Sheri Emerick.

Roll Call: Attending were: Sheri Emerick, Stephanie Price, Sharon Trott, Donna Patterson, Norma Herrera, Bunny Forgione, and Janet Maxwell.

Minutes: July 2016 minutes were reviewed. Sharon Trott moved to accept the minutes; Bunny Forgione seconded. July 2016 minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Sheri Emerick reported for Christine Salch, stating our financial report is as follows: Cash position - Petty Cash - \$40.00; Checking Account - \$29,149.61; B/C/DP Account - \$18,019.76; Share Account - \$25.00; CD - \$14,360.80. Bunny Forgione moved the financials be accepted as presented; Norma Herrera seconded. Financials were accepted. 2016-2017 budget was proposed. Janet Maxwell moved to pass the proposed budget; Norma Herrera seconded. The budget will be brought up to all members at the General Meeting.

President's Report: Sheri Emerick stated that we would not be attending Texoma this year. She did receive a memo from Corporate titled "Report of the 2015 - 2016 Corporate Bylaws Committee." It stated the following: "The Corporate Bylaws Committee has worked diligently on items brought to its attention. Those items include input from Chapters and guidance from the Corporate Board of Directors. The EWI Corporate and Chapter bylaws were completely overhauled in recent years with the specific intent to remove the burden on Chapter leaders by focusing on proposed amendments that are mission critical to EWI's growth and future. Two chapters submitted proposed amendments to the EWI bylaws. One Chapter proposed an amendment that recommended modifying the definition of the Individual Member classification to include individuals who are not employed, such as retirees, stay at home parents/spouses, or individuals who are between jobs but enjoy the community engagement offered by the chapters. As it is EWI's primary obligation to equally support all three tenets of our mission statement and our member firms, it is the view of the committee and the Board that the amendment would not be in the best interest of EWI and our firms and chapters. Upon further discussion with the submitting chapter, the amendment was subsequently withdrawn. EWI of Tulsa submitted an amendment to reduce the size, structure, and significantly change responsibilities of the Corporate Nominating Committee. However, the proposed amendment as submitted was incomplete. Although the Chapter included recommendations for procedural changes, including a suggestion of an election process, the proposed bylaw amendment did not include any language as to how the Corporate board would be elected. Upon advice of EWI Corporate counsel and EWI's professional parliamentarian, the proposal was returned to the submitting chapter for further review. Therefore, the proposed amendment was not approved by the Corporate Board. No further submissions were received from the Chapter. Therefore, the Committee has no agenda items to include in this Delegate Packet for the 69th Annual Meeting to be held in Spokane, Washington on Saturday, September 24, 2016."

Vice President's Report:

Communications:

Committee Reports

Sergeant at Arms:

Website / Public Relations:

Scholarship:

Membership: Debbie Lindsey-Opel was approved for membership.

Membership Orientation:

Nominating Committee: Linda Allen sent an email to Sheri Emerick stating she continues to look for board members for the 2016-2017 year.

Reading Rally: Donna Patterson states she has applied for a grant with HEB. Currently, she is working on the items for girls gift bags.

Standards of Excellence:

Ways & Means:

Publication: Sharon Trott stated she will be asking for announcements for the upcoming newsletter.

Programs: Bunny Forgoine and Janet Maxwell states Todd Hunter will be the speaker for August's General Meeting.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Announcements:

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m. by Sheri Emerick

Approved:

Submitted: Stephanie Price