

Letter from the President



Wow! February is an amazing month for celebrations! Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, Black History Month, Mardi Gras and even the Super Bowl are all celebrated this month. It's enough to wear you out (but in a good way!) So, since we're talking celebrations I am happy to congratulate and celebrate two special EWI member firms that are being honored at the Y Women in Careers Banquet on March 3! Sharon Trott with Trott Communications and Sandy

Hartensteiner-Worst with H-E-B are two of the eight women whose careers are being celebrated. And, to top it off, we are honored that the YWCA, which hosts this annual recognition, is also an EWI member firm represented by Nancy Wesson-Dodd.

We are very blessed in our EWI community to have so many strong and smart women to celebrate with. Each year, around the time of the Y Women banquet, I'm amazed at the number of incredible women in our community, many of whom have come from somewhat humble beginnings. Their stories of achievement and perseverance are legendary.

Our EWI community is probably the largest single group of Y Women honorees in Corpus Christi! Over the years, there have been numerous EWI members honored. Of our current members, 12, in addition to Sharon, have received the recognition. They are Libby Averyt, Bam Benning, Biby Dykema, Mary Jane Hamilton, Susan Hutchinson, Margaret Jataine, Linda Jordan, Myra Lombardo, Anita Mallory, Sarah O'Brien, Margie Rose and Lorena Parada-Valdes. These women have had amazing careers and are amazing people. I can't think of a better group of women to count on as colleagues, mentors and friends!

So here's to celebrating Women! And Careers! And Friends!

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

And one more thing...don't forget to buy your ticket to the Y Women in Careers Banquet, 6 p.m., March 3 at the YWCA!

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Sheri Emerick -- Art Museum of South Texas

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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

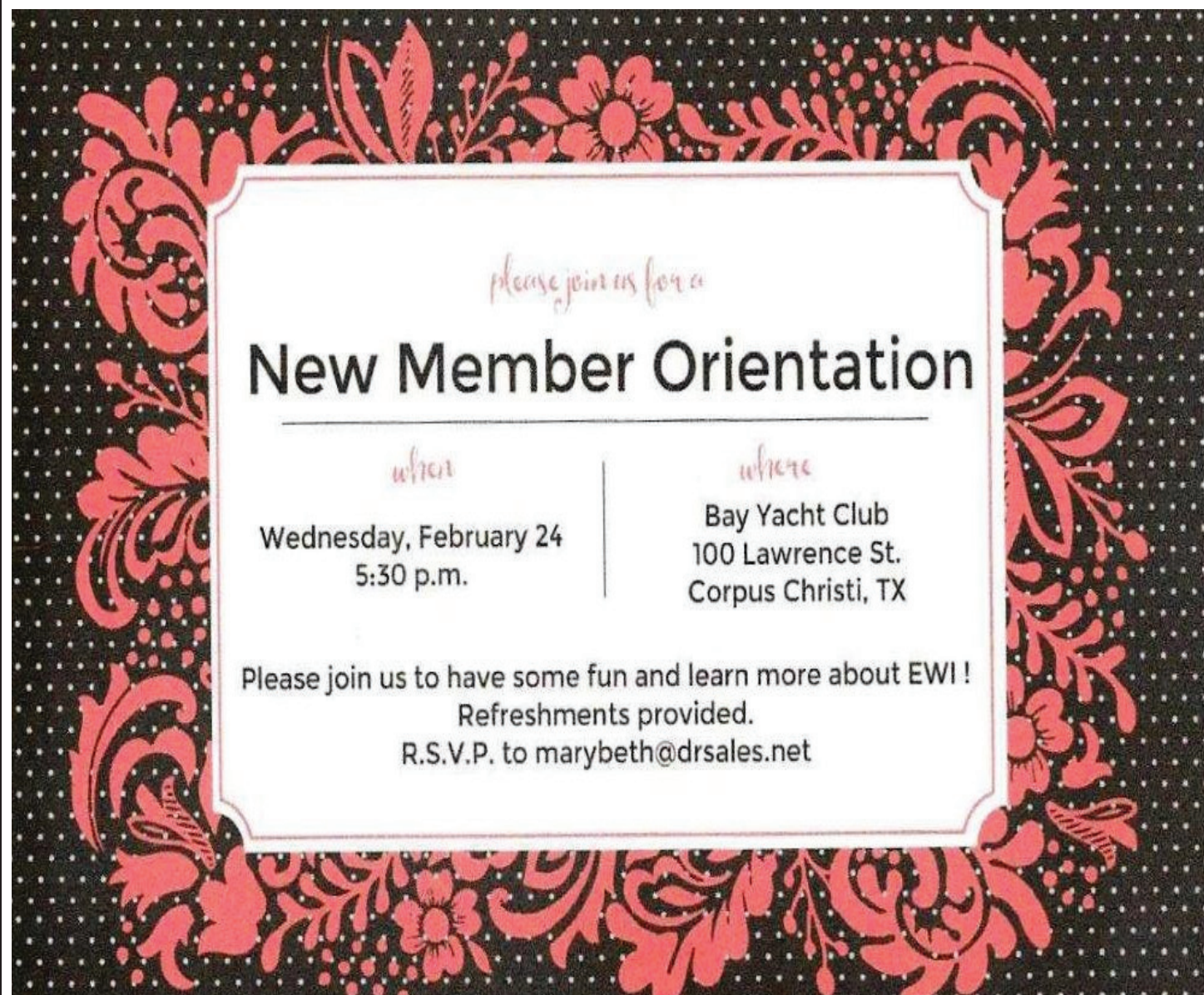
Mary Beth Riley -- D&R Sales

Website & Public Relations

Gracie Martin -- Ensemble Group

Communications

Sharon Trott -- Trott Communications



Mary Beth Riley and her committee have a fun and informative evening planned on February 24 at the Bay Yacht Club to acquaint our newest members with EWI. Everyone is welcome. RSVP to marybeth@drsales.net.

January Birthdays

Linda Allen	January 28
Mary Jane Hamilton	January 30

February Birthdays

Susan Hutchinson	February 16
Elaine Hoffman	February 22
Anita Mallory	February 27

Bring the Bling!

Sponsorships and auction items are urgently needed for the annual Casino Night fundraiser that will take place from **6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday, April 14 at the Holiday Inn Downtown Marina.**

To be a sponsor or donate a live or silent auction item, contact event chairs **Norma Herrera**, norma@protechmech.com, 882-2101, or **Charlotte Hintz**, chintz@oriondrilling.com, 654-7312.

Dinner, music, casino games, a cash bar, and the auctions are all part of the fun. A new addition is the Wine Pull. Members are asked to donate a bottle of really good wine or cash for this exciting fundraiser. Sponsorships range from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Individual tickets are \$80 in advance and \$100 at the door. Norma and Charlotte are also in need of additional committee members and volunteers to help organize and put on the event.

Sponsorship, donation and RSVP forms can be found at the end of this newsletter.



LICENSE TO CARRY

Andy Benning of The Sharp Shooter (and son of EWI member Bam Benning of The Frame Up), gave an informative presentation on the Texas concealed handgun and open carry laws during the February general meeting at Water Street Seafood Company.

Barcom adds second rep

Brenda Christmas has joined EWI as the second representative from Barcom Commercial.

Brenda has been in Corpus Christi for 10 years. She moved here to go to college . . . and never left! In addition to raising a 5-month-old and 3-year-old, she is busy completing her master's degree in accounting. Please welcome Brenda!



Brenda Christmas

Announcements

If you're looking for **Jackie Ray** between April 7 and 10, you'll find her on the beaches of Cancun! Jackie will join the best of the best in the sales force of **Omni Hotels** for a well-deserved incentive trip earned in 2015. Meeting several criteria, including 138% of her annual production goal, Jackie has also been nominated for Sales Manager of the Year. Awards will be presented at the Omni Cancun Resort during a lovely dinner banquet. Good luck, Jackie!

Sharon Trott, Trott Communications, and Sandy Hartensteiner-Worst, H-E-B, are among eight women who will be honored at the YWCA's annual Y Women in Careers Banquet on March 3. Sponsorships and tickets are available by calling 857-5661, ext. 30. The famed Corpus Christi Mustangs will be doing the cooking for the event that begins with a reception at 6 p.m. at the YWCA, 4601 Corona. If you are interested in sitting at the EWI table, contact Mary Helen Johnston at mhjohnston@mjphotography.com. Individual tickets are \$80.

Paula Gaut, CENTURY 21 Best of the Best, has won the firm's International CENTURION Award for 2015. This is CENTURY 21's highest honor for production achievement by an agent. Only the top 1 percent of agents internationally are recognized. This is Paula's 18th consecutive year to win the award which will be presented at the International Convention in March in Orlando, Florida. Congrats, Paula!

Anita Mallory of Anita Mallory Designs invites you to a jewelry trunk show February 15, 22 and 29 at 1227 Agnes St., Ste. B8. Times are 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This is a free event with complimentary refreshments. RSVP to assistant@anitagrcorp.com.

Mark Your Calendars!

March 2

EWI Board Meeting
Noon, CC Yacht Club

March 3

YWCA Y Women in Careers Banquet
6 p.m., YWCA

March 9

EWI General Meeting
11:30 a.m.

April 14

EWI Casino Night
6:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Downtown Marina

October 17

Reading Rally
YWCA



**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
EWI of Corpus Christi
EWI®
February 3, 2016**

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by President Sheri Emerick.

Roll Call: Attending were: Sheri Emerick, Stephanie Price, Mary Beth Riley, Susie Lee, Linda Allen, Gracie Martin, Karen Barnes, Sharon Trott, Donna Patterson, Charlotte Hintz, Norma Herrera, Laura Hausman and Bunny Forgione.

Minutes: January 2016 minutes were reviewed. Bunny Forgione moved to accept the minutes; Karen Barnes seconded. January 2016 minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Christine Salch not in attendance. January financials were as follows: Cash position - Petty Cash - \$40.00; Checking Account - \$19,181.13; B/C/DP Account - \$10,954.76; Share Account - \$25.00; CD - \$14,308.68. Motion to approve financials by proxy was accepted by the attending board members.

President's Report: Sheri Emerick stated that Corporate is not having the Spring Conference and, instead, will focus on LCAM. Any questions to Corporate should be sent to Sheri, so only one email will be sent at a time.

Vice President's Report: Kathryn Dirks not in attendance. No report at this time.

Communications:

Committee Reports

Sergeant at Arms:

Website / Public Relations: Gracie Martin stated that she has submitted the Casino Night information to the Caller-Times.

Scholarship: Laura Hausman stated that the deadline for scholarship applicants is the end of March 2016.

Membership: Karen Barnes stated we have two confirmed new members.

Membership Orientation: Mary Beth Riley reported that the Membership Orientation will be Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at the Bay Yacht Club. Invitations will be sent this week.

Nominating Committee:

Reading Rally: Donna Patterson stated that they have begun discussing the 2016 Reading Rally. It will be held October 17.

Standards of Excellence:

Ways & Means: Norma Herrera and Charlotte Hintz discussed beginning to recruit companies for sponsorships for Casino Night. Also discussed having a Wine Pull in addition to our Silent Auction.

Publication:

Programs: Bunny Forgione - continued discussion about a venue for the general meetings. The speaker for February will be from The Sharp Shooter.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Announcements:

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m. by Sheri Emerick

Approved:

Submitted: Stephanie Price

Executive Women International of Corpus Christi

Bring the Bling

Casino Night

Sponsorship Opportunities

Holiday Inn Downtown Marina

Queen of Bling

Prominent signage at event, newsletter, 10 tickets to the event w reserved table,
& 20 tickets for door prize drawings

\$3,000

Rhinestone Goddess

Signage at event, newsletter, & 10 tickets to the event w reserved table

\$2,000

Shimmering Princess

Signage at event, newsletter, 5 tickets to event

\$1,000

**Underwriting of this event helps support EWI's
Annual Reading Rally & Women in Transition Scholarship Fund**

Please make your checks payable to EWI and send to:
Christine Salch, 802 North Carancahua, Ste 310, Corpus Christi, Texas 78470

For More information contact Norma Herrera 361.215.2817 or Charlotte Hintz at 512.786.1624

NAME FOR TABLE SIGN: _____

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Executive Women International of Corpus Christi

Bring the Bling

Casino Night

April 14, 2016

Donation Form

Firm Name: _____

Representative: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Special Instructions & Starting Value: _____

Donation Item or Service

Donated By	Description		Value
			\$

Donor Signature: _____

Executive Women International of Corpus Christi

Bring the Bling

Casino Night

April 14, 2016 - 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Downtown Marina

*Dinner * DJ * Casino Fun * Cash Bar * Live/Silent Auction Items*

Reservations: \$80.00 per person or \$100.00 at the door

Send checks payable to EWI by April 1st to:

Christine Salch, 802 North Carancahua, Ste 310, Corpus Christi, Texas 78470

For more information or reservations call

Norma Herrera 361.215.2817 or Charlotte Hintz at 512.786.1624

This event supports EWI's Annual Reading Rally &
Women in Transition Scholarship Fund 501(c)(3)

Name: _____ Company: _____

Address: _____

Number of Reservations: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Check #: _____