

## Letter from the President



I was having a bit of trouble coming up with a theme for this month's President's Message, until I attended a Reading Rally meeting. Our very capable Reading Rally Chair, Donna Patterson, started us off with a challenge to come up with ideas for this year's theme. (We need to get that established so the Y-Teens girls can create the t-shirts.) The members of the committee threw around several ideas.

We were going back and forth, this and that, when we hit on an idea and everyone in the room realized all together "this is it!!" It was very interesting to observe how we as individuals with different ideas, through talking, asking questions and suggesting various concepts came to a mutual decision which we were all able to embrace. I won't spoil the surprise, but when we get to vote on our favorite t-shirt design I think you'll agree that this year's Reading Rally, scheduled for October 15th will be terrific!

To me our Reading Rally meeting typified EWI as a whole. I find the level of maturity, acceptance and genuine compassion we have for each other to be such a breath of fresh air in comparison to what we often must face in our everyday lives. So, once again, I pat us on the back for continuing to be great role models and forces for good.

I hope you all had a chance to read your *EWI Connect*, but if not, here is an interesting piece of news; the longest running forum, the 38th Annual Texoma Board Forum will be August 5-6, 2016. The Texoma Board Forum will be held in Oklahoma City. I encourage anyone interested in attending to let me know. I, unfortunately, will not be able to attend, so there is room in the budget for YOU!

Finally, I want to thank Kathryn Dirks and the Board for taking care of EWI while I was away. I knew you were in good hands while I was sipping Chianti and eating gelato! Our Board meeting is scheduled for July 6<sup>th</sup> and our July 13<sup>th</sup> regular meeting will be held at Katz 21. I wish everyone a safe, happy and fun July 4<sup>th</sup>!

Celebrate America!

Sheri Emerick  
President, EWI Corpus Christi

## 2015-2016 Officers, Directors & Committee Chairs

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Sheri Emerick -- Art Museum of South Texas

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### 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

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### Communications

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## Announcements

### Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to

*Executive Women International*

In Recognition as Ambassador  
for the

**YWCA**

This award is presented on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016

*Celebrating 70 years  
eliminating racism  
empowering women*  
**ywca**

**YWCA IS ON  
A MISSION**

*Nancy Wesson-Dodd*

Nancy Wesson-Dodd, President/CEO

*Lynn Phares*

Lynn Phares, Board President

During its annual membership meeting in May, the YWCA recognized EWI Corpus Christi for being a YWCA Ambassador.

This is a special year for the YWCA as it celebrates its 70th anniversary of service to this community and as **Nancy Wesson-Dodd** celebrates her 20th anniversary at the helm of the YWCA. Congratulations, Nancy!



## June meeting highlights

Amy Granberry, right, executive director of Charlie's Place Recovery Center, visits with **Libby Averyt of the Caller-Times**. Amy gave an informative presentation on the services provided by Charlie's Place to those dealing with a variety of drug and alcohol-related addictions.

## Reminder: Katz 21 chosen as monthly luncheon site

Katz 21 Steaks and Spirits will be the location of the monthly membership meetings through 2016. Meetings start at 11:30 a.m. on the second Wednesday of the month and cost is \$25.00. Katz is located at 5702 Spohn Dr.

## ***Mark Your Calendars!***

### **Wednesday, July 6**

EWI Board Meeting  
Noon, CC Yacht Club

### **Wednesday, July 13**

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

### **Friday, Saturday, August 5-6**

EWI Texoma Regional Forum  
Oklahoma City, OK

### **Saturday, October 15**

Reading Rally  
YWCA, 4601 Corona



## **June and July Birthdays**

Shannon Bartkowiak	June 4
Bunny Forgione	June 4
Norma Herrera	June 8
Janet Maxwell	June 8
Michelle Flower	June 24
Betty Baxter	June 28
Karen Barnes	July 6
Bam Benning	July 7
Annette Berry-Cottingham	July 24
Susie Nemec Lee	July 28





**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**EWI of Corpus Christi**  
**EWI ®**  
**June 1, 2016**

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Vice President Kathryn Dirks.

**Roll Call:** Attending were: Linda Allen, Karen Barnes, Stephanie Price, Kathryn Dirks, Bunny Forgione, Janet Maxwell, and Charlotte Hintz.

**Minutes:** May 2016 minutes were reviewed. Janet Maxwell moved to accept the minutes; Karen Barnes seconded. May 2016 minutes were accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Christine Salch not present. No financial report at this time.

**President's Report:** Sheri Emerick not present.

**Vice President's Report:** No news.

**Communications:**

### Committee Reports

**Sergeant at Arms:** It was reported that we had 25 in attendance at May's general meeting.

**Website / Public Relations:** No news.

**Scholarship:**

**Membership:** Karen Barnes discussed possible new members Lisa Wright and Debbie Lindsey-Opel.

**Membership Orientation:**

**Nominating Committee:**

**Reading Rally:**

**Standards of Excellence:**

**Ways & Means:**

**Publication:**

**Programs:** Janet Maxwell discussed our upcoming speakers; June - Amy Granberry from Charlie's Place; July - Dr. Greg Stunz from Harte Institute speaking on sharks; August - Rep. Todd Hunter; October - installation of officers; November - style show.

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

**Announcements:**

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 12:46 p.m. by Kathryn Dirks.

**Approved:**

**Submitted:** Stephanie Price