

Letter from the President



We all had a wonderful reminder at our May meeting of the rewards of being in EWI and why we work hard to be a successful chapter. We were given the pleasure of meeting two of our three scholarship winners. Our Bobby Sims Memorial Scholarship recipient is Lauren Robinson. She is attending TAMUCC pursuing a career in History hoping to be a museum curator. Our HEB scholarship winner is Kianna Sills. She is attending TAMUCC pursuing a career in IT. Girls in STEM! And our Assist Scholarship winner is Tiffani Hernandez who is

attending Del Mar pursuing a degree in occupational therapy. (This \$1,000 scholarship was given to us from EWI Corporate just for this year.) These three young women are terrific examples of how we are "paying forward" by assisting them in realizing their educational goals. We know that one day they will be giving back and will help others to do the same.

Many thanks go to Linda Allen and H-E-B for awarding the H-E-B scholarship to us again this year, and thanks again to all who participated in Casino Night which provides funding for the Bobbi Sims Memorial Scholarship. I also want to thank Laura Hausman and everyone on the Scholarship Committee for their hard work reviewing and awarding the scholarships. There were many deserving applicants and narrowing it down to the top three was a challenge. It's a great feeling to know that we, as successful women, are helping advance their success.

In other news; we have a winner! Thank you to everyone who completed the meeting place survey. The majority of the Chapter has chosen Katz 21 restaurant. We will begin meeting there in June! Thank you again to Bunny Forgione, Janet Maxwell and Gracie Martin for their efforts in finding us a location. We look forward to some delicious lunches and interesting programs coming up for the remainder of the year.

I would like to remind everyone that the new EWI Corporate Connect website is now up and running. If you haven't visited the site recently I encourage you to go on and look around. The new Member Information Center is very helpful. You'll need to create a login if you haven't already done so.

Be on the lookout for your June EWI email invitation and put June 8th on your calendars for our next meeting.

Enjoy Spring while it lasts!

Sheri Emerick
President-EWI Corpus Christi

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Katz 21 chosen as monthly luncheon site

After an extremely close vote of the membership, Katz 21 Steaks and Spirits has been selected as the permanent home for our monthly luncheons during 2016. We will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of the month beginning at 11:30 a.m. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 8 at Katz 21, 5702 Spohn Dr.

Thank you Bunny Forgione, Janet Maxwell and Gracie Martin for working so diligently on this issue!

May meeting highlights



The May general meeting was held at the Texas Surf Museum in the Water Street complex and was catered by Water Street Seafood Company. Lorette Williams, public information coordinator with Flatiron/Dragados, gave an update on the design and construction of the Harbor Bridge Replacement Project. The proposed design includes a main span of 1,655 feet, making the new bridge the longest cable-stayed span in the nation when completed, she said. Groundbreaking is expected to take place this summer.

Special guests at the luncheon included EWI Corpus Christi scholarship recipients Lauren Robinson and Kianna Sills. Both are students at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Kianna, who received the H-E-B scholarship, is studying information technology. Lauren, who is the Bobbi Sims Memorial Scholarship recipient, graduated last Saturday with a bachelor's degree in history. Both plan to pursue master's degrees.



Lauren Robinson (l) and Kianna Sills

Announcements

From Myra Lombardo: Heads up ... The annual KEDT TV Auction is scheduled for May 14 through May 21! Relax, you may tune in to our Create Channel to watch the PBS Newshour at 6:00 p.m. and then come back and watch the Auction in progress until midnight, all 8 days!!! If you have not visited our new digs, please call me to schedule a tour -- 855-2213!

From Nancy Wesson-Dodd: To Norma, Charlotte and committee,
What a terrific Casino Night event! Excellent company, good food, great and varied auction items, strong publicity, many faithful sponsors—and a few new ones. It was good to keep the familiar parts of the event and add new ones like the wine pull. No detail left undone! Thanks so much for all the work you did to plan and carry out our Casino Night! The positive energy in the room throughout the evening was the best reflection of an event well done! In addition to the fun we all had, we raised funds for higher ed scholarships for women in transition and the Reading Rally for YWTeens. Thanks for your leadership and teamwork.

Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday, June 1

EWI Board Meeting
Noon, CC Yacht Club

Wednesday, June 8

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



May and June Birthdays

Mildred Pels	May 4
Paula Gaut	May 19
Ellen Scott	May 23
Carmen Arias	May 26
Shannon Bartkowiak	June 4
Bunny Forgione	June 4
Janet Maxwell	June 8
Michelle Flower	June 24
Betty Baxter	June 28





**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
EWI of Corpus Christi
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May 4, 2016**

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by President Sheri Emerick.

Roll Call: Attending were: Linda Allen, Sheri Emerick, Christine Salch, Susie Nemec Lee, Gracie Martin, Karen Barnes, Stephanie Price, Donna Patterson, Kathryn Dirks, Bunny Forgione, Janet Maxwell, and Charlotte Hintz.

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

Treasurer's Report: Christine Salch stated that the current financials will be completed and emailed to the board members this week. Christine also gave a positive financial report from the Casino Night fundraiser.

President's Report: Sheri Emerick thanked all involved for making Casino Night a success. She also stated that EWI Corporate has a new website that should be up and running this week. The three scholarship winners will be announced at the general meeting.

Vice President's Report: No news.

Communications:

Committee Reports

Sergeant at Arms: There was not a general meeting in April due to Casino Night, so no attendance to report.

Website / Public Relations: No news.

Scholarship:

Membership: Karen Barnes discussed possible new member Lisa Wright. Gracie Martin will be bringing Debbie Lindsey-Opel to next week's meeting.

Membership Orientation:

Nominating Committee:

Reading Rally: Donna Patterson continues to plan for Reading Rally.

Standards of Excellence:

Ways & Means: Charlotte Hintz proposed looking for new ideas for next year that would replace Casino Night.

Publication:

Programs: Bunny Forgione discussed options for the location of our General Meeting and we will all vote on the new location site at next week's General Meeting. Next week's speaker will be from TX DOT and Flatiron-Dragados and will talk about the Harbor Bridge Project.

Unfinished Business:

New Business: Donna Patterson suggests inviting previous scholarship winners to EWI events and to the meeting when the new winner is announced.

Announcements:

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

Approved:

Submitted: Stephanie Price