

Letter from the President



The transition has been made and the gavel passed! I want to thank everyone who was instrumental in our delightful and enlightening EWI Board Installation. Myra, you always know how to keep us entertained while we take our oath to support our fellow EWI members in their new Board positions. Thank you, thank you! Many thanks, too, to Linda Allen who worked hard in getting the new Board put into place. Our EWI slogan of Connections Careers and Community is never more obvious than now as we make this transition. The incoming EWI

Board will be made up of both "seasoned" (I'm not calling anyone old!) and new faces. It's an exciting time for us as we make fresh CONNECTIONS with our newer members allowing us to expand CAREER possibilities and reach deeper into our COMMUNITY!

And speaking of COMMUNITY I want to thank the Reading Rally committee who did a fine job last Saturday. Donna Patterson, Mary Hime, Gracie Martin, Bam Benning, Mildred Pels, Nancy Wesson-Dodd, Linda Calhoun, NavyArmy Community Credit Union, Half Price Books, the YWCA staff, our volunteer musicians and everyone else involved all deserve a "BRAVA!" for their work and commitment to this great event.

As I wrap up my year as President I want to again thank the Board for their hard work. We accomplished much including offering interesting and informative programs, providing three scholarships, holding a successful fundraiser, finding a new meeting place, welcoming several new members and ending the year in the black! This was certainly a group effort and I appreciate each and every member's support. We serve our community well, and just as importantly, we serve ourselves well, as our own EWI community. I thank you for your support, your trust and your friendship.

Please welcome Kathryn Dirks as our new President. We know she will continue to keep us all CONNECTED!

With sincere appreciation,
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

Mary Helen Johnston says kudos to Janet Maxwell and Bunny Forgione on all the interesting speakers that they have secured for our meetings. Great information! Kudos to all our outgoing chairwomen and officers on a stellar year!

Kathryn Dirks will be showing the Fall and Winter ETCETERA Wednesday, October 19 through Thursday, October 27. Showing times: Daytime, Evening and Weekends. Separates sizes 00-16 xs – xl. Call, text or email her to schedule your appointment: Kathryn Dirks 361-563-6999 kdirks@stx.rr.com. This time of year only gets busier. Look your best for all occasions! Check out our website at WWW.ETCETERA.COM.

As a Functional Aging Specialist, **Lisa Wright of Your Personal Best Training Studio** will be one of the speakers during this year's Day of the Woman event on October 26 at Del Mar College Center for Economic Development. The event is hosted by the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health. Lisa will be part of a panel with three other professionals from across the state addressing the topic of "Nutritional Health: Coupling Physical Health with Nutritional Health." Go to <https://goo.gl/hbOzdT> for more event information.

Lisa will also speak on October 29th, in Washington D.C. at a Mature Marketing Mastery Workshop. She will share how she regained passion for her business through working with the aging population, sharing her secrets as well as 20 years experience in the industry.

Anita Mallory Designs is hiring five Field Sales Development Managers from across the US. Candidates must have recent experience in Direct Selling Party Plan as a Director with at least 10 years recent experience. Duties will be field work recruiting sales force members and selling. Salary plus commission with area development bonuses. Send resume and experience to: opportunities@anitamallory.com 361-946 7277, www.anitamallory.com.

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Nancy Wesson-Dodd reports that the YWCA is a busy place with plenty of opportunities to support its mission.

Make plans now to attend the YWCA Yuletide luncheon and market on November 4 at the Ortiz Center. Contact Mary Helen Johnston if you are interested in sitting at an EWI table.

This is a major fundraiser supporting the programs of the YWCA. Your firm is encouraged to consider a table sponsorship as this is a great opportunity to network with others or provide a fun, shared experience for your team! Silent auction items are also being sought. Contact **Nancy Wesson-Dodd at 857-5661, ext. 12** or nwdywca.ywcacc.org for more information.

The YWCA is fortunate to be one of 45 nonprofits chosen to benefit from the **Coastal Bend Day of Giving**, which starts Tuesday, November 15. Administered by the Coastal Bend Community Foundation, 24 matching funders have come together to provide a match fund of \$725,000, enabling each of the 45 participating nonprofits to raise at least \$32,222 if they make the match in individual online donations! You can help the YWCA meet its match by logging in to coastalbenddayofgiving.org. You have 24 hours to make an online contribution.

Now is the time to nominate someone for the **2017 Y Women in Careers Award**. Nominees are women who are successful business professionals who are considered outstanding in their chosen career fields. Nomination forms are available at the YWCA website -- www.ywcacc.org, click on Events. Deadline to nominate is December 6.

New board “revealed” during installation



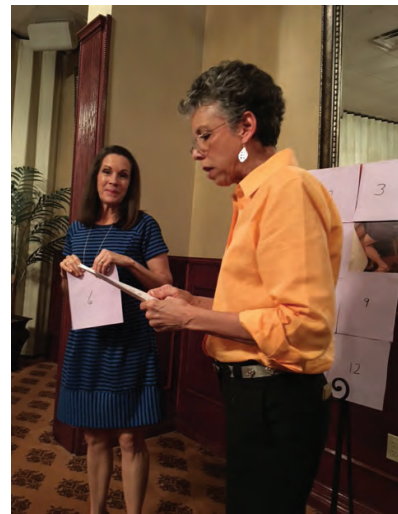
Master of Ceremonies Myra Lombardo conducted a fun and unique way to “reveal” the 2016-2017 board of directors as they were installed during the October luncheon.

As board members were introduced, they were asked to reveal their identities by uncovering photos of details about themselves. The photos were emailed to the group in the days prior to the installation and members were asked to guess the director. Winners of the “Guess the Director” contest were Gracie Martin, Donna Patterson and Linda Allen. Myra awarded them each a gift card.

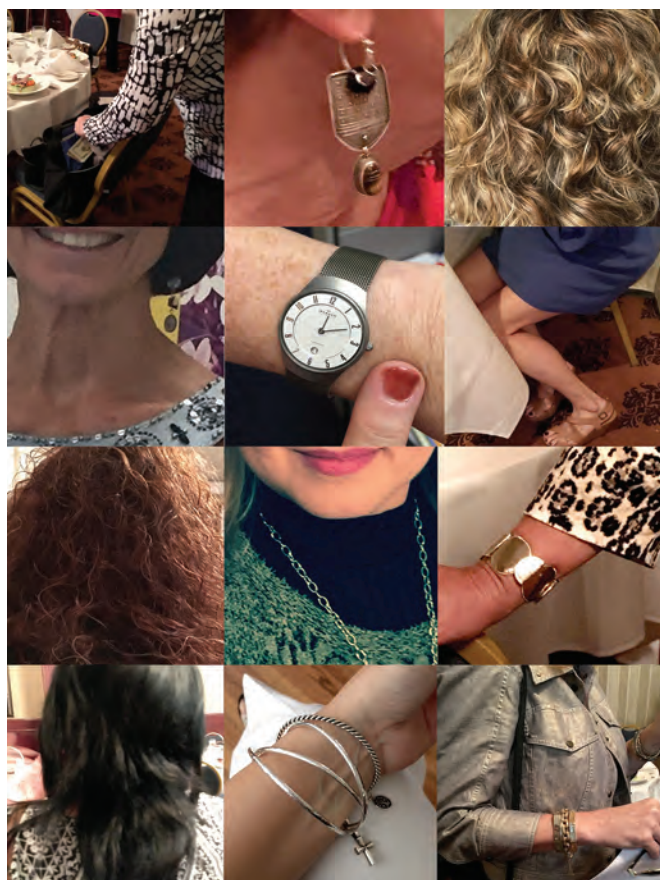


Members said a fond farewell and good job to outgoing President Sheri Emerick who was presented with some beautiful jewelry by incoming President Kathryn Dirks. Sheri also thanked her board with personalized notepads bearing a hand-picked photo taken by Sheri.

The two boards will meet jointly on November 2 to make a smooth transition.



Guess the Director!



Top Row l-r:

Christine Salch, Janet Maxwell, Sharon Trott

Second Row l-r:

Bunny Forgione, Sheri Emerick, Lisa Wright

Third Row l-r:

Carla Hoffman, Stephanie Price, Donna Patterson

Bottom Row l-r:

Norma Herrera, Tracy Trevino, Kathryn Dirks

Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday, November 2

EWI Board Meeting
Noon, CC Yacht Club

Wednesday, November 9

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

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

October & November Birthdays

Donna Patterson	October 26
Biby Dykema	October 28
Mary Beth Riley	November 6
Myra Lombardo	November 12
Chemaine Koester	November 14
Gracie Martin	November 17
Tiffany Cox	November 20
Leona Urbish	November 21
Linda Calhoun	November 23
Tracy Trevino	November 23

Reading Rally 2016 Rocks!



A Note from Reading Rally Chair Donna Patterson: Our 16th annual Reading Rally held on October 15th was a great success! Thank you to all who contributed to making this happen.

There are many moving pieces that go into the planning and implementation of this event and we are so fortunate to have members like Bam and Mildred that help to make it run like a well-oiled machine.

Nancy & Maddie with YWCA ensured we had the girls to attend and the facility setups we needed. Gracie was absolutely awesome with the craft projects!

One of the most critical components to making this a success were the volunteers from Navy Army Federal Credit Union. Thank you Sarah for this very meaningful contribution! Without them, the craft projects would have been overwhelming. Thank you Linda Calhoun and Norma Herrera for lending hands where needed. It does take a village, but the smiles from the girls were worth the effort!!



A Letter from a Mother

Hi, Maddie!

Just wanted to let you know that Lourdes had an awesome time at the Reading Rally. We have already started reading one of the wonderful books she brought home. ... She is very excited to be a part of this program...

Thank you for coordinating this wonderful program. I am so happy there is something of this magnitude for the girls in our community.

Kindly,
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Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
EWI of Corpus Christi
EWI ®
October 5, 2016

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

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

Minutes: September 2016 minutes were reviewed. Gracie Martin moved to accept the minutes; Janet Maxwell seconded. September 2016 minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Christine Salch gave our financial report as follows: Cash Position – Petty Cash - \$40.00; Checking Account - \$26,630.94; B/C/DP Account – \$15,019.76; Share Account - \$25.00; CD - \$14,387.96. Karen Barnes moved that the financials be accepted as presented; Kathryn Dirks seconded. Financials were accepted.

President's Report: Sheri Emerick discussed having the November Board Meeting at HEB to include outgoing and incoming board members. She also discussed next week's General Meeting and the installation of new officers.

Vice President's Report: Kathryn Dirks, assisted by Linda Allen, gave a report on their attendance at LCAM. They stated EWI Corpus Christi was recognized as having a 93% retention rate! They agreed that the venue and speakers were wonderful. Kathryn stated that all future LCAM's will be held in Dallas. Kathryn also reported that every EWI member will need to go to the EWI website and update their profile, as this is the only way each member will be matched with their respective group. She will be sending out a detailed email to everyone with instructions.

Communications: Continue to gather information for October's newsletter. Sharon Trott not in attendance.

Sergeant at Arms: 28 members attended September's General Meeting. Susie Lee not in attendance.

Website / Public Relations: No report by Gracie Martin.

Scholarship: No report by Laura Hausman.

Membership: Karen Barnes stated that Erin Wilder has been accepted as a new member.

Membership Orientation: No report. Mary Beth Riley not in attendance.

Nominating Committee: No report by Linda Allen.

Reading Rally: Donna Patterson states that everything is coming together for this year's Reading Rally. The girls will be making musical instruments, and 3 musical groups will be performing. Donna asks our members to donate wire coat hangers for the making of the musical instruments.

Standards of Excellence: No report.

Ways & Means: No report. Norma Herrera and Charlotte Hintz not in attendance.

Programs: Bunny Forgione reported that next week's General Meeting will be the induction of the Board. The November meeting will be the style show, and our December meeting will be a Firm Afternoon.

Unfinished Business: No report.

New Business: No report.

Announcements: No report.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m. by Sheri Emerick

Submitted: Stephanie Price **Approved:**