

Letter from the President



Bob Dylan wrote “the times they are a changin’” and who can disagree? Those of us affiliated with Texas A&M-Corpus Christi received a dose of changin’ times at our State of the University luncheon when Dr. Flavius Killebrew announced his retirement. That announcement sent a shock wave throughout the crowd and instantly that decision may affect our futures in ways we can’t now imagine. I say may affect our future, but hopefully not too much. However,

whatever may come; whether it’s a new manager or CEO or a new position or a forced upheaval we should be prepared.

I think all of us at times are forced into some kind of change we don’t like. Change is hard. We might not like the new person we are reporting to or the new job we are told we must do, but if you are true to yourself and work with your heart the change might not be so hard. Some good advice I once received when I was in an unhappy work situation was “individuals come and go, but the institution remains the same. Your work should be for the institution and what it represents, not for an individual.” I think that for most of us keeping top of mind that we are “working for the institution and what it represents” helps us all stay on a path to success no matter what changes are in store.

EWI may be going through some changes soon. But I think we all agree that no matter what, we are definitely on a path to success. We are excited to welcome several new members in the past few months some of whom are taking on leadership roles. We may be changing our fundraiser to something new, different and exciting. And who knows what changes Corporate has in store for us, but one thing we do know -- the Corpus Christi Chapter of EWI will embrace change and make it work to our advantage.

We’ll look forward next month to hearing a report from Kathryn, Linda and Vicki on LCAM. I’m so sorry I cannot

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President's Letter, continued

attend this year but I'm sure they will represent us well and will bring back great information.

I can hardly believe next month will be a year since I was honored to become your EWI President! As the times are a changin', they're also flyin'!

See you next month as we celebrate change!

Sheri Emerick
President, EWI Corpus Christi

Time for a Change Ideas needed for a new fundraiser

Ways and Means Co-Chairs Carla Hoffman and Norma Herrera are asking for your ideas for a new fundraiser. The chapter has held a successful Casino Night for a number of years and before that a Chinese Auction helped raise money.

"It may be time for a change to keep things fresh," said Carla. "We're asking the general membership for your ideas for a new event and we will present those to the board for a final decision. We could decide to stay with Casino Night, but we want to explore other options as well." Proceeds from the fundraiser support the chapter's scholarship program and sponsorship of the Reading Rally at the YWCA.

Email your ideas to Carla at carla@hearingaidcompany.com or to Norma at norma@protechmech.com.

August & September Birthdays

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
Biby Dykema	October 28

September general meeting highlights



Our county's need for positive youth development is higher than state and national averages on many criteria, said Becky Meyer, executive director of Youth Odyssey. Speaking at the September luncheon, she said Youth Odyssey is a nonprofit on a mission to provide at-risk youth, ages 10-17, with

positive experiences through adventure programming.

"At-risk youth learn skills on our adventures that could mean the difference between going to jail or going to get a degree," she said. The organization helps develop self-reliance, self-confidence, leadership, and communication skills through canoeing, kayaking, and hiking adventures, ropes training courses and other outdoor experiences.

Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday, October 5
EWI Board Meeting
Noon, CC Yacht Club

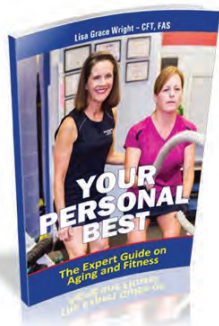
Wednesday, October 12
EWI General Meeting
11:30 a.m., Katz 21

Saturday, October 15
Reading Rally
YWCA, 4601 Corona

Announcements

EWI sustaining member **Mary Helen Johnston** reports some exciting news! The Junior League of Corpus Christi has recognized her as 2015-2016 Sustainer of the Year. The organization annually recognizes two of its members as Women of the Year. The membership nominates one "active" and one "sustainer" to be awarded this honor.

This is a long-standing tradition within the organization. The member nominations are for outstanding service to the Junior League, its mission and volunteerism in the community.



From Lisa Wright of Your Personal Best Training Studio: I hope you received the gift of my book, *Your Personal Best: The Expert Guide on Aging and Fitness*, and found it to be informational, thus taking some of the fear out of exercise for the over 50 crowd. I just wanted to point out it has a special offer to try out my studio on page 72.

Also, on October 29th, I'll be one of four summit speakers in Washington D.C. on the subject of Functional Aging and Fitness to medical, health and fitness professionals and business owners in that region of our country.

Check out the action at the YWCA!

Make plans today to join the fun at the YWCA!
Proceeds support the programs and mission:
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**YWCA 26th Annual
Yuletide Luncheon
& Market**

Solomon P. Ortiz International Center

Friday, November 4, 2016

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**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
EWI of Corpus Christi
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September 7, 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, Susie Nemec, Karen Barnes, Stephanie Price, Sharon Trott, Donna Patterson, Kathryn Dirks, and Bunny Forgione.

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

Treasurer's Report: Christine Salch gave our financial report as follows: Cash Position – Petty Cash - \$40.00; Checking Account - \$26,375.14; B/C/DP Account – \$15,019.76; Share Account - \$25.00; CD - \$14,369.95. Karen Barnes moved that the financials be accepted as presented; Kathryn Dirks seconded. Financials were accepted.

President's Report: Sheri Emerick stated she would not be at the next general meeting, and Vice President Kathryn Dirks will be leading the meeting. LCAM representatives from our chapter will be Kathryn Dirks, Vickie Mitchell, and Linda Allen.

Vice-President's Report: No Report

Communications: Sharon Trott will be gathering information for our upcoming newsletter.

Committee Reports

Sergeant at Arms: Susie Nemec reported 31 members attended August's general meeting.

Website: No report.

Scholarship: No report.

Membership: No report.

Membership Orientation: No report.

Nominating Committee: No Report.

Public Relations: No Report.

Reading Rally: Donna Patterson states a meeting was held with herself, Gracie Martin, and Mary Beth Riley to discuss Reading Rally activities.

Standards of Excellence: No report.

Ways & Means: No report.

Programs: Bunny Forgione reported that our speaker for September's general meeting will be Becky Meyer with Youth Odyssey. For October, we will have Induction of the Board and a report from LCAM. November there will be a style show.

Unfinished Business: No report.

New Business: No report.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm by Sheri Emerick.

Submitted: Stephanie Price **Approved:**