

Letter from the President



Dear Wonderful EWI Members,

I would like to first thank Janet Maxwell and her firm for a wonderful firm night!!! Wittigs was the most gracious of hosts. The generosity of Wittigs and their door prizes took our breath away....

A lamp with synchronicity to our phone and an adjustable office chair And a wonderful dinner by the "Exchange" (with a gift certificate as another door prize) made it a very special evening. Janet even supplied the

pears from her ranch for the gelato desert and it was topped with fantastic gingerbread cookies!!! I took home an extra couple .. was still eating them days later!!! Good food, wine and friendship... what a great evening. The evening was cold, windy and rainy but as soon as we stepped into Wittigs everything warmed into a wonderful Christmas wonderland. Thank you Janet for your firms very warm welcome. (And for those unable to attend, Janet was not there because of orders from her doctors to stay away from people because of her contagion with bronchitis).

During this wonderful holiday season I wish you the best of all days. That you will be able to appreciate each day and enjoy your friends and families. With all the stress of trying to make it "perfect" I hope you are able to let that go and remember that perfect is your *time* with friends and family because *the times* will be what they remember

From myself and your very hardworking board, we wish you a Merry Christmas, the Happiest of Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year.

Bunny

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Art Museum of South Texas

Kudos and Announcements:

From Donna Patterson:

We are still looking for a Reading Rally Chair and committee members for Ways and Means! Please let her know if you are interested in serving on these committees!

From Biby Dykema: My company, Modern Moghul, was once again featured in the Houston Chronicle's Gift Guide. Merry Christmas!



Modern Moghul cabochon emerald, diamond and pearl Chaham ring; \$2,800 at Kuhl-Linscomb or modernmoghul.com

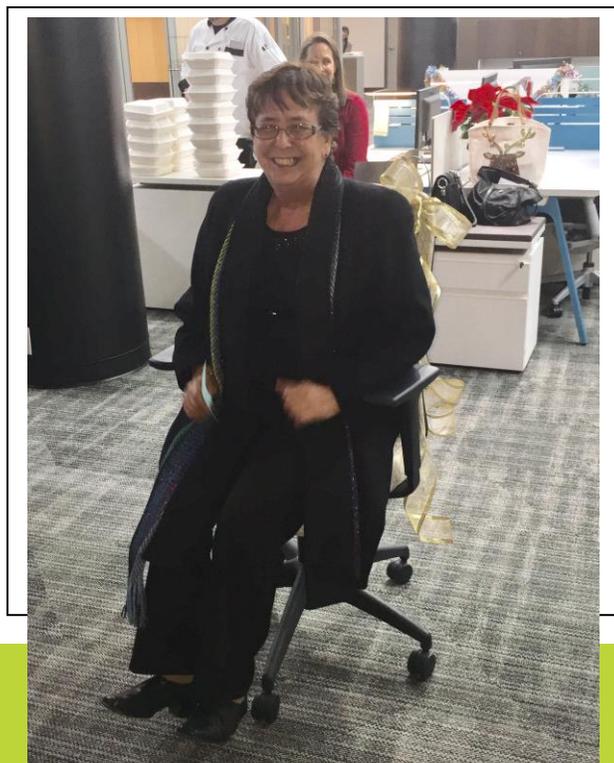
January Meeting

Don't miss our January 3rd Meeting! Cleofas (Cleo) Rodriguez, Jr. President and CEO of the United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce will be our speaker.

EWI Members Enjoy Firm Night at Wittigs Office Interiors!

Chapter members enjoyed a great evening of dinner, fun, information and FABULOUS door prizes hosted by Janet Maxwell and Wittigs. Who knew there are so many great things happening in the world of office interiors! For instance, offices are no longer just four walls or a cube. Now, floors, ceilings, lighting, furniture and especially *connectivity* is all a part of the office environment. Plus bringing the office outdoors is trending as well as bringing your home to your office and your office to your home. Basically, *anywhere you want to work*, Wittigs can help make it happen!!

Guests were also treated to a lovely dinner catered by The Exchange and prizes, prizes, prizes including a fantastic Bluetooth Lamp won by Bunny, and a great office chair won by Donna! Our thanks to Janet and her office team as well as the representatives from Wittigs in San Antonio and Dallas for treating us to an excellent holiday Firm Night!



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Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

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November 29, 2017

Call to Order Bunny called meeting to order at 12:00 Noon.

Roll Call Bunny Forgione, Mary Jane Hamilton, Janet Maxwell, Lisa Wright,

Karen Barnes, Laura Hausman, Sheri Emerick, Gracie Martin, Betty Baxter

Minutes:

Sheri Emerick made motion that Minutes be accepted with correction under Programs. Should have

read November Program. Second by Laura Hausman. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report:

Mary Jane presented Financial Report as of October 31, 2017. Cash position: American Bank -

\$26,646.00; B/C/DP - \$10,833.18; Share Account - \$25.; CD - \$14,496.22. Total - \$52,040.40.

Motion to accept as presented by Laura Hausman, second by Sheri Emerick, Motion carried.

Presidents Report:

Bunny reported that her main push this year will be on increasing Membership and she also suggested that we appoint someone to send cards to Members when they are ill or have deaths in

family, etc., and suggested that Vice President be appointed to this position, and it was suggested that we purchase cards to have on hand.

Vice Presidents Report:

Committee Assignment list will be going out to Membership shortly.

Communications:

No Report

Committee Reports:

Sergeant at Arms Report:

Lisa reported 37 in attendance at November meeting, 30 members, 5 guests, 2 speakers.

Website

No Report

Scholarship:

Laura reported that she & her committee will be meeting soon to make decisions on how to proceed with Scholarships for 2018, i.e., applications to be completed on-line; who makes decision as to whom Scholarship be awarded; amount of Scholarship, etc. Much discussion followed, and Board awaiting Committee recommendations.

Membership

Karen reported that she was getting Membership list updated and would have out to Members shortly.

Membership Orientation

No Report

Nominating Committee

No Report

Public Relations

No Report

Reading Rally

No Report

Standards of Excellence

Publications

No Report

Programs

Janet reported that December meeting will be Firm Night at Business, located at 401 William St.,

Full details on evite from Lisa Wright. She will be having meeting with her committee shortly to set

programs for coming year.

Unfinished Business

New Business

There will be no Board Meeting in month of December.

Announcements

Please send any Kudos or announcements that you want published in Newsletter to Sheri Emerick.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M.

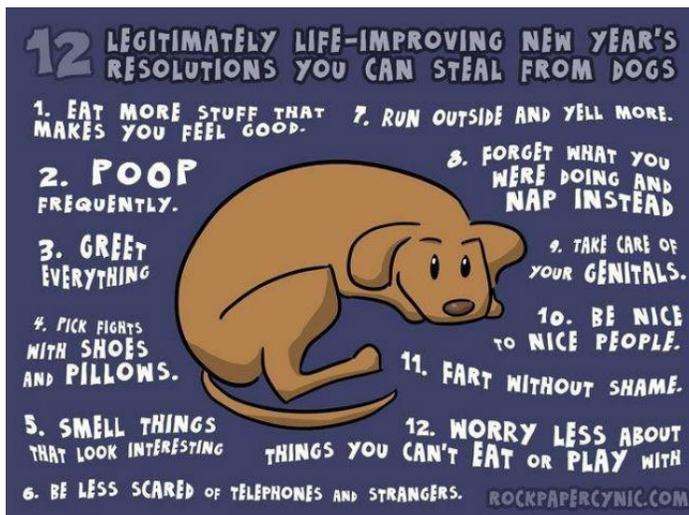
Approved Submitted

Betty Baxter

And as we come to year's end...enjoy the holidays, be safe and let's make a resolution to laugh more!...Happy 2018!



New Years Resolution - learn to take a compliment! So many of us (esp. women) are trained to deflect any kind of praise. ❤️ It's difficult but I want to learn to be more gracious & less self deprecating. resolutions



8 is definitely MY favorite!