

## Letter from the President



With spring almost here, winter not quite gone and the change to Daylight Savings Time, we may need a little motivation to keep us going.

Whether it's with our work or personal undertakings, sometimes all we need is a little encouragement. Maybe you're not in this boat, but someone you know is. Here are a few quotes that I hope will get you through the "blahs" of "almost spring but not quite."

- *When life gives you a hundred of reasons to cry, show life that you have a thousand of reasons to smile. --Unknown*
- *Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life's coming attractions. -Albert Einstein*
- *Don't worry your pretty little mind. People throw rocks at things that shine. -Taylor Swift*
- *She turned her can'ts into cans and her dreams into plans. -Kobi Yamada*
- *When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around -Willie Nelson*

Encourage one another, help one another, drop a note to someone just to let them know you're thinking about them! It can turn someone's day around.

Happy Almost Spring!

All the Best,

**Kathryn Dirks**  
**Casuals ETCETERA**  
**EWI Corpus Christi President 2016-2017**

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## Announcements

### *NEW MEETING DATE, LOCATION*

EWI Corpus Christi will now meet on the **first** Wednesday of each month at Citrus Bayfront Bistro. **Our first meeting at the new location will be Wednesday, April 5** beginning at 11:30 a.m. for networking, lunch and the program. Citrus is located in the Art Center of Corpus Christi, 100 N. Shoreline Blvd., across from Whataburger.

The change was necessary because of increasing meal costs at our previous location and lack of available meeting space at other venues on the second Wednesday of the month. The changes were the preferred choices of those who responded to a poll of the membership in February.

Board meetings will be held the last Wednesday of the month starting at 11:45 a.m. at the CC Yacht Club, except for June. That location will be announced. The next board meeting will be on March 29.

### *Thank you from Kathryn Dirks*

A big "Thank You" to all who donated to the feminine care donation drive. We raised \$1,200!!! It will be dispersed to Good Samaritan Rescue Mission, Metro Ministries, and Salvation Army. It's the little things in life that I think we all take for granted. Another "Thank You" to **Mildred Pels** for contacting me with the idea.

From **Maricela Sanchez Rodriguez** -- **Maricela Sanchez Art - Bespoke Crates & Gates** will have artwork and sample dog crates on display at The Market in Lamar Park through March 31 for Contemporary Art Month.

From **Jackie Ray, Omni Corpus Christi Hotel** -- Once again, I have been awarded the company's sales recognition trip for excellence. We will be traveling to Mexico to enjoy resorts with private beaches and all inclusive fun April 4-9. The first part of the trip is President's Circle, which will be attended by only 55 of the top in our sales force. Also, our partnership with Feeding America has been so well received that Omni Hotels & Resorts has now extended the contribution level to all group rooms, no matter how they are booked. Very proud of this initiative.

### *March / April Birthdays*

Vicki Mitchell	March 25
Jean Cole-Niemann	March 28
Marcia Keener	March 31
Kathryn Dirks	April 1
Gloria Hicks	April 3
Sheri Emerick	April 5
Christine Salch	April 5
Laura Hausman	April 8
Debbie Lindsey-Opel	April 19
Libby Averyt	April 26

### *Mark Your Calendars!*

**Wednesday, March 29, 2017**

EWI Board Meeting  
11:45 a.m., CC Yacht Club

**Wednesday, April 5, 2017**

EWI General Meeting  
11:30 a.m., Citrus Bayfront Bistro  
100 N. Shoreline Blvd.  
in the Art Center of Corpus Christi

## Announcements

From Myra Lombardo at KEDT:



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## Announcements

From Nancy Wesson-Dodd,  
YWCA: Join us for these exciting mission-related events in March and April. For more information, call 857-5661, ext. 30

Thank you to everyone who supported the Y Women in Careers Banquet. Once again, it was an amazing group of women who were honored. Start now thinking of a deserving woman that you can nominate for next year's recognition!

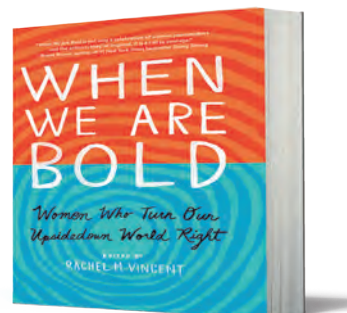
**Thursday March 23**  
**4:30pm - 6pm**

Open to Students and the Public  
light refreshments served



### Please join us!

For an inspiring presentation by **Rachel Vincent**, editor of **When We Are Bold, Women Who Turn Our Upside Down World Right**. Profiled in the book are women making change from **Nobel Laureates** Rachel has worked side by side with other grassroots activists impacting change from human rights to the environment.



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## **EQUAL PAY DAY** **For Women**

*Event at CC-RTA*  
**602 N Staples—2nd Floor**

April 4, women will finally make what men made in 2016.

**WEAR  
RED!**

**“YOU Matter!”**

*Panel Discussion by . . .*

- **Barbara Canales, Port Commissioner**
- **Dr. John Cicala, Texas A&M-Kingsville**
- **Larry Elizondo, CITGO**
- **Judge Lisa Gonzalez, Nueces County Court at Law #2**
- **Kristin Diaz, KIII-TV, moderator**

**on EQUAL PAY DAY**  
**Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Starts at 11:30 a.m. • \$5 for women • \$6.05 for men**

*Use QRC to register for event—or [www.ywcacc.org](http://www.ywcacc.org)*



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**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**EWI of Corpus Christi**  
**EWI®**  
**March 1, 2017**

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 12:04 by Vice President Bunny Forgione.

**Roll Call:** Attending were Bunny Forgione, Stephanie Price, Christine Salch, Lisa Wright, Gracie Martin, Laura Hausman, Sheri Emerick, Norma Herrera, Sharon Trott, Donna Patterson, and Janet Maxwell.

**Minutes:** February 2017 minutes were reviewed. Janet Maxwell moved to accept the minutes; Laura Hausman seconded. February 2017 minutes were accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Christine Salch gave our financial report as follows: Cash Position – Petty Cash - \$40.00; Checking Account - \$24,877.87; B/C/DP Account – \$12,733.18; Share Account - \$25.00; CD - \$14,424.35. Sheri Emerick moved that the financials be accepted as presented; Donna Patterson seconded. Financials were accepted.

**President's Report:** No report.

**Vice President's Report:** Bunny Forgione proposed EWI donation of \$100 for Equal Pay Day, April 4th, with the YWCA. Laura Hausman moved to approve the donation; Sharon Trott seconded. The Board agreed – the \$100 will be donated.

**Sergeant at Arms Report:** Lisa Wright stated there were 18 in attendance at the evening event at Harrison's Landing.

**Website:** Gracie Martin had no current report.

**Scholarship:** Laura Hausman stated she received a message from Karen Wesson from the Coastal Bend Community Foundation regarding the payment of \$1,800 for our scholarship. The Board moved to accept the \$1,800 payment to continue the scholarship; Donna Patterson seconded. The payment was approved.

**Membership:** No report.

**Membership Orientation:** No report.

**Nominating Committee:** Sheri Emerick had no current report.

**Public Relations:** No current report.

**Reading Rally:** Gracie Martin stated a theme has been decided on for the Reading Rally, but it is not yet being revealed!

**Standards of Excellence:** No report.

**Ways & Means:** Norma Herrera asked for suggestions for our fundraiser.

**Publications:** Please send information for our upcoming newsletter to Sharon Trott by March 10th.

**Programs:** Donna Patterson and Janet Maxwell discussed the survey for the meeting place for the General Meeting. Citrus received 60% of the votes. The announcement for our new meeting place will come next week. Laura Guthrie will speak at our next General Meeting.

**Unfinished Business:** No report.

**New Business:** No report.

**Announcements:** No report.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 12:58 pm by Bunny Forgione.

**Approved:**        **Submitted:** Stephanie Price