

Letter from the President



We know what we are, but know not what we may be. –William Shakespeare
Hello all of you wonderfully, amazing EWI ladies. I hope each of you had a wonderful Mother's Day!

My goodness—this year is flying off the calendar! We're half way through May and summer is staring us down! This is a busy time for many of us. Mother's

Day, Graduation, summer weddings (and parties and showers associated with), vacations, the list goes on!

Graduating from high school is a huge accomplishment for all children. It's the first steps of passage into adulthood. My daughter graduated last year and there were awards and parties and gifts and the excitement of going to Texas A&M and not a second thought of the expenses incurred just to graduate.

Unfortunately, there are those kids that aren't able to walk across the stage because their families can't afford to pay for the cap and gown required to participate in graduation ceremonies. Attached to the newsletter, you will find a letter from Executive Director of Communities in Schools of the Coastal Bend, Gloria Taylor, and a donation form.

Please support this wonderful cause and help young men and women begin the path to finding what they may be.

Thank you in advance!

All the Best,

Kathryn Dirks
Casuals ETCETERA
EWI Corpus Christi
President 2016-2017

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Announcements

From Sheri Emerick: The Art Museum of South Texas won the award for "Best Exhibition" for The Color of Being/ El Color del Ser: DOROTHY HOOD (1918-2000) from the Center for the Advancement and Study of Early Texas Art (CASETA). The award was presented at the 2017 CASETA symposium held last weekend in Fort Worth.

In addition the Art Museum won the Silver Citation from the Texas Association of Museums (TAM) for the catalogue publication Target Texas: The Meanings of Mixed.



From Jackie Ray, Omni Corpus Christi Hotel: On my wonderful trip to Cancun Mexico I received the award for 2016 Group Sales Associate of the Year – Core Collection, for Omni Hotels and Resorts.

The awards event was themed around "Happiness" and the attire was to wear the color that makes you most happy. NO LITTLE BLACK DRESSES ALLOWED.....It was a great time!

May / June Birthdays

Mildred Pels	May 4
Linda Jordan	May 11
Paula Gaut	May 19
Ellen Scott	May 23
Mary Hime	May 26
Shannon Bartkowiak	June 4
Bunny Forgione	June 4
Janet Maxwell	June 8
Norma Herrera	June 8
Michelle Flower	June 24
Betty Baxter	June 28

Mark Your Calendars!

EWI Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Noon, CC Yacht Club

EWI General Meeting
Wednesday, June 7, 2017
11:30 a.m., Citrus Bayfront Bistro
100 N. Shoreline Blvd.
in the Art Center of Corpus Christi

From Courtney Ihde, EWI Corporate:

The EWI Corporate Office has been notified by many members across our organization that they have not been receiving the monthly EWI Connect newsletter, or other communications that we send to our members through Constant Contact. After researching the cause, we have identified that many organizations white list or black list mass communications from online communication programs, such as Constant Contact.

We've been able to collect some instructions for our member firms to review and implement which should help alleviate the issue. Please note that action must be taken on behalf of your organization to allow our communications to come through to you. We have attached the instructions for you to provide to your IT department or service provider to help remedy this issue.

If this solution does not work for you, we recommend logging into your EWI Member profile and adding your personal, or an alternative, email address. You may also email a change in email address to ewi@ewi-connect.com and we will update your communication settings per your request.

We ask that you share this with any member of your chapter that is not getting communications and has mentioned it to you in passing. If you have any questions, please contact us at 262-269-5625.

Thank you -

Mark Your Calendars!

Linda Allen, H-E-B, shares the following information on upcoming events.

June 9-10, 2017 | Texoma Board Forum

Hilton Palacio Del Rio Hotel, Located on the San Antonio Riverwalk | EWI rate \$150/night
Join us Friday night for a traditional Mexican dinner, followed by a Cocktail Cruise on our famous river barges.



September 21-23, 2017
Grapevine, Texas

From Your CC EWI Board of Directors:

REMINDER: Please remember to make timely reservations each month for our general meetings. Be sure to state if you will or will not be attending, and also if you will be bringing a guest. The number of lunches ordered is based on the number of RSVP's

We strive to provide as accurate a count as possible to our host venue to ensure that there are enough meals for all who attend. Sometimes we have run short when reservations have not been made. Your help in ensuring an enjoyable EWI experience for everyone will be appreciated!





Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
EWI of Corpus Christi
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April 26, 2017

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 12:01 by President Kathryn Dirks.

Roll Call: Attending were Kathryn Dirks, Bunny Forgione, Christine Salch, Lisa Wright, Sheri Emerick, Sharon Trott, Donna Patterson, Gracie Martine and Stephanie Price.

Minutes: March 29, 2017 minutes were reviewed. Sharon Trott moved to accept minutes; Lisa Wright seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Christine Salch gave our financial report as follows: Cash Position – Petty Cash - \$40.00; Checking Account - \$25,959.16; B/C/DP Account – \$10,833.18; Share Account - \$25.00; CD - \$14,441.84.

President's Report: Kathryn Dirks stated that HEB has once again donated \$3,000 for a scholarship. Sheri Emerick moved to have one, \$3,000 scholarship with the HEB donation; Bunny Forgione seconded. All present agreed. Kathryn Dirks stated LCAM is being held in Dallas this year, and they asked if EWI Corpus Christi could offer assistance with arrangements. Linda Allen has agreed to assist with this project, and asks if her expenses could be paid by EWI Corpus Christi. Christine Salch stated that we had budgeted for Spring Conference but it was cancelled, so have it in the budget to pay for Linda Allen's expenses with LCAM.

Vice President's Report: No report.

Sergeant at Arms Report: Lisa Wright stated there were 29 members and 8 guests in attendance at the General Meeting. She would like to stress the importance to all members to please RSVP prior to the general meeting. Please state if you will or will not be attending, and also if you will be bringing a guest, as we only order a set amount of lunches, based on the number of RSVP's.

Website: No report.

Scholarship: We currently have 14 scholarship recipient candidates.

Membership: No report.

Membership Orientation: No report.

Nominating Committee: No report.

Public Relations: No report.

Reading Rally: Gracie Martin states the Reading Rally will be held in September.

Standards of Excellence: No report.

Ways & Means: No report.

Publications: Sharon Trott states the deadline for information for the newsletter will be May 4th.

Programs: Program co-chair Donna Patterson states the program for the May General Meeting will be Community in Schools. For the June General Meeting, if there is a run-off in the mayoral election, we will host a forum for the two candidates.

Unfinished Business: No report. **New Business:** No report. **Announcements:** No report.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:46 p.m. by Kathryn Dirks.

Approved: **Submitted:** Stephanie Price

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Communities
In Schools
The Coastal Bend



April 19, 2017

Dear Members of Corpus Christi Chapter of Executive Women International

Thanks to you, Felicia is busy planning her future. This year she'll be graduating from one of our local high schools—the first in her family to graduate from high school. She's applied to two schools with plans on becoming a teacher.

In 2013, when Felicia began the CISCB program, thoughts of becoming a teacher had never entered her mind. Her parents are so proud. "They've supported me in everything I've ever wanted to do," she says, "but they both had to work when they were my age and never finished school and never been to college."

Your gift will help to buy Felicia's and many other students like her a Cap and Gown through our Walk The Stage® program.

Over the past five years, the Walk the Stage® with Whataburger initiative has grown to embrace our entire community serving 12 school districts, an estimated 2631 graduating seniors. In the Coastal Bend Area, many seniors—often the first in their family—will not participate in commencement to celebrate their amazing achievement due to their financial hardships; your donation will provide hundreds of seniors their cap and gown to "walk the stage" with dignity.

Please join us this year, as CISCB continues to empower young people to become successful learners, stay in school, and achieve in life.

Sincerely,

Gloria Taylor
Executive Director

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Each year, hundreds of teenagers in the Coastal Bend Area defy all odds to attend high school and graduate. Their high school journey towards graduation is one of tremendous struggle. Some of the challenges they face are being homeless, alarming dropout rates, abusive homes, and poverty. Many of them are the first in their families to become high school graduates. Many of our seniors in the Coastal Bend Area will not **Walk the Stage** to celebrate this amazing achievement, not because of failure, but simply because they lack the \$50 - \$90 to purchase the required cap and gown.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR 2017 GRADUATES!

Graduates Sponsor \$50

Multiple Graduates Sponsor \$50 X _____ = \$ _____

Group Sponsor \$250

Class Sponsor \$500

*Graduating Class School Sponsor \$1,500

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