

September 2017

Letter from the President



"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." ~Aesop

With the arrival of Hurricane Harvey, the last few weeks have been a myriad of emotions, fear, anxiety, relief, sorrow, guilt, gratefulness-- just to name a few. I hope none of you wonderful women experienced great

We lost a few trees in Calallen but that was it! I drove to my parent's home in Refugio the Saturday after the storm hit. The damage from Calallen got progressively worse as

I drove through Odem, Sinton, and Woodsboro. I held my breath as I came around the curve into Refugio not knowing what kind of damage "Papa's church," the Catholic church, had sustained. I cried as it was still standing with little damage. Past that, my little hometown looked as if a bomb had gone off. I continued to cry.

Refugio, like all of the coastal towns that were devastated by Harvey, looked like one of those places that you see on the news after catastrophic events, and think, "Oh those poor people. God Bless them," and then go on with your day. The outpouring of help thoughout South Texas and up has been a beautiful thing to see. Kindness at its purest!

We all know at least one person, and more than likely many, whose lives have been changed by Harvey. For most of us, the dust has settled and we are resuming our normal routines. Don't forget those whose lives have been turned upside down and continue to live it. Reach out to that person; find out one little thing you can do for them. It makes a huge difference!

We had good attendance at the September firm luncheon this past Wednesday. We approved both the budget and the slate of officers for 2017-2018, postponed the annual fundraiser until October 25th and our own, Debbie Lindsey-Opel, gave a great presentation "The Power of Personality and Driving Your Business Success." Thank you!

I hope each of you have a great month.

All the Best,

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

2016-2017 Officers, **Directors & Committee Chairs**

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READING RALLY

Linda Calhoun Gracie Martin Ensemble Group Marlin Works

Announcements

Membership elects board of directors for 2017-2018

From Sheri Emerick, Art Museum of South Texas: The membership approved the proposed 2017-2018 slate of officers at the September meeting. The new board will be installed at the October 4 meeting.

Officers ~

President: Dr. Bunny Forgione
Vice-President/President Elect: Donna Patterson
Treasurer: Dr. Mary Jane Hamilton
Secretary: Betty Baxter

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Sgt. at Arms: Lisa Wright

Committee Chairs ~

Membership and Member Orientation: Karen Barnes
Ways and Means: Carla Hoffman
Programs: Janet Maxwell
Website: Gracie Martin
Scholarship: Laura Hausman
Public Relations: Debbie Lindsey-Opel
Publications: Sheri Emerick

Reading Rally: Open

Director at Large: Kathryn Dirks

October 21, 2017 Reading Rally volunteers needed

From Gracie Martin, Ensemble Group and Reading Rally Chair: The Reading Rally will take place Saturday, October 21 at the YWCA. This year's theme is #SnapRollandRead. . . an afternoon on Health, Fitness and, of course, Reading!

This is a fun event and a great opportunity to work with and be a role model for some awesome YW Teen girls! To volunteer, contact **Gracie Martin, Ensemble Group,** 884-6396, ggmartin@ensemblegroup.net.

Red, green, yellow, blue

Which are you????

Are you active red, sensitive green, energetic yellow, or cool blue? **Debbie Lindsey-Opel of Three Dimensional Development,** a member firm, helped us find the answer to that question during our monthly meeting in September.

Understanding your personality and how you interact with others can lead to greater career success, according to Lindsey-Opel. "It's not about changing yourself or your values," she stressed. "It's about being adapatable in order to achieve goals with greater efficiency."



The "energetic yellows" stand in their corner as Debbie Lindsey-Opel has the group divide according to their preferred styles.

Announcements

Fundraiser postponed

The annual fundraiser planned for September 13 has been cancelled. It is tentatively rescheduled for **Wednesday**, **October 25** with a portion of the proceeds going to the hurricane relief effort, according to committee chair Carla Hoffman.

Your sponsorships, ticket purchases and attendance will still be needed! Stay tuned for more information.

YWCA 27th Annual Yuletide Luncheon & Market

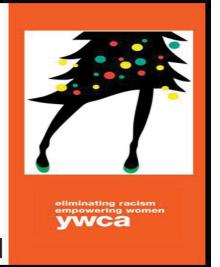
Solomon P. Ortiz International Center

Friday, November 3, 2017

For More Information: www.ywcacc.org devywca@ywcacc.org (361) 857-5661, ext. 30

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YWCA IS ON A MISSION



Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday, September27, 2017 EWI Board Meeting 11:45 a.m., CC Yacht Club

Wednesday, October 4, 2017
EWI General Meeting
11:30 a.m., Citrus Bayfront Bistro
100 N. Shoreline Blvd.

Saturday, October 21, 2017 Reading Rally at the YWCA

September / October Birthdays

Mary Helen Johnston September 2 Ella Baker September 5 September 10 Margie Rose Marcy Rodriguez September 14 Lorette Williams September 17 Brenda Christmas September 18 September 19 Jackie Ray Lorena Parada-Valdes September 20 Iackie McLain September 30 Donna Patterson October 26 October 28 Biby Dykema

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From Biby Dykema: Modern Moghul featured in *Luxe Interiors* + *Design*, September/October issue.



From Sheri Emerick, Art Museum of South Texas: Do you have a passion for teaching drama and dance and enjoy working with kids? The Art Museum of South Texas is looking for drama/dance teachers to instruct 2nd graders during the academic school year.

This is a part-time contract position. College education and/or theater experience required. If you, or someone you know is interested, please email your resume with your background information to AMSTed@tamucc.edu.



