

## 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 loss.

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 throughout 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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

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Gracie Martin Linda Calhoun  
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## 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
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#### **Committee Chairs ~**

Membership and Member Orientation:	Karen Barnes
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Programs:	Janet Maxwell
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Scholarship:	Laura Hausman
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Reading Rally:	<b>Open</b>
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](mailto: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 adaptable 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 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Yuletide Luncheon & Market

Solomon P. Ortiz International Center

Friday, November 3, 2017

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### *Mark Your Calendars!*

**Wednesday, September 27, 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
Margie Rose	September 10
Marcy Rodriguez	September 14
Lorette Williams	September 17
Brenda Christmas	September 18
Jackie Ray	September 19
Lorena Parada-Valdes	September 20
Jackie McLain	September 30
Donna Patterson	October 26
Biby Dykema	October 28



## Announcements

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

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### GLITZ & GLAMOUR

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INTERIOR DESIGNER AND FASHION ICON IRIS APPEL ONCE NOTED THAT "JEWELRY IS THE MOST TRANSFORMATIVE THING YOU CAN WEAR." AND TO PROVE THE SAME RINGS TRUE IN HOME DECOR, WE HAVE ASSEMBLED A GROUP OF LUXURIOUS ITEMS INSPIRED BY PRECIOUS STONES AND BRILLIANT BAUBLES. ADDING RADIANT GEMLIKE PIECES—LIKE THE EMERALD BOCA DO LOBO SIDEBORD OR WINDFALL LIGHT PENDANT SHOWN HERE—TO THE HOME IS A SURE WAY TO ELEVATE ANY SPACE. AFTER ALL, THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS TOO MUCH SPARKLE.

Clockwise from top left: Gems Tiny / \$56 / [johndierker.com](http://johndierker.com); Brulee Pendant Pom Pom Light with Swarovski Crystal / Price upon request / [windfall-goods.com](http://windfall-goods.com); The Antechamber of the Grand Couvert, at the Palace of Versailles in Paris; Gold Plated Brass Bowl with Amber Resin by Joanna Richardson / \$68 / [theminor.com](http://theminor.com); McCoy Pull in Brass and Malachite / \$96 / [addisonweeks.com](http://addisonweeks.com); Swarovski Advertisement, 1961; Diamond Emerald Sideboard / Price upon request / [becasolobo.com](http://becasolobo.com); Late 20th Century Hand-Printed Jewel Paper from Studio Giorgio Taroni Designed in Italy; Saenspe Necklace / \$5,000 / [modernmoghul.com](http://modernmoghul.com).



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**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](mailto:AMSTed@tamucc.edu).



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