

Letter from the President



February is the month of LOVE. Most consider romantic love when they think of Valentine's Day. It's that and so much more. Love can be shown in countless ways!

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

-Leo Buscaglia

I think, as a group and individually, we have the power to turn all lives around. How cool is that?!?! And, it's easy! A touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, a compliment, a caring act. Many times we don't see the results of our actions, it doesn't matter, do it anyway! That's love!

I hope each of you amazing ladies have a wonderful Valentine's Day!

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

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Three Dimensional Development

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New Member Orientation



Paula Breeding,
Pro Tech Mechanical, 2nd Rep.



Erin Wilder
American Heart Association



Marcy Sanchez Rodriguez
Maricela Sanchez Art/
Bespoke Crates and Gates



Linda Allen leads the orientation.

EWI Corpus Christi welcomed new members and introduced them to the organization at the New Member Orientation February 8 at Harrison's Landing.

Linda Allen, H-E-B, congratulated the chapter on increasing its membership and gave a detailed overview about EWI. New members are: **Debbie Lindsey-Opel**, Three Dimensional Development; **Lisa Wright**, Your Personal Best Fitness Studio; **Erin Wilder**, American Heart Association; **Lorette Williams**, Flatiron/Dragados, LLC; **Marcy Sanchez Rodriguez**, Maricela Sanchez Art/Bespoke Crates and Gates; **Brenda Christmas**, Barcom Construction; **Dr. Leona Urbish**, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi; **Tracy Trevino**, Restorative Health Care of South Texas; **Marcia Keener**, MJ Keener Coaching; and **Paula Breeding**, Pro Tech Mechanical.

February / March Birthdays

Susan Hutchinson	February 16
Elaine Hoffman	February 22
Anita Mallory	February 27
Vicki Mitchell	March 25
Jean Cole-Niemann	March 28
Marcia Keener	March 31

Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday, March 1, 2017
EWI Board Meeting
Noon, CC Yacht Club

Wednesday, March 8, 2017
EWI General Meeting
11:30 a.m.

Announcements



- MS. GOT ROCKS CLOSET IS CELEBRATING -
10 YEARS WITH ETCETERA!

2007 - 2017

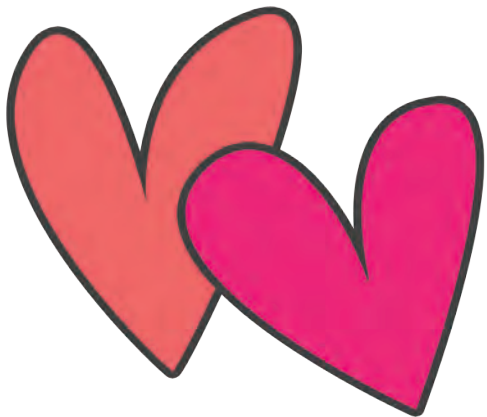
We're Having a Party!

Join us Friday, February 24th from 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.
for Cupcakes and Champagne!

14601 Spring Creek Drive
Corpus Christi, TX 78410

*Attend the Party and receive
10% off your entire order!

(*Discount applied only to those who attend)



***Congratulations,
Kathryn!!!***



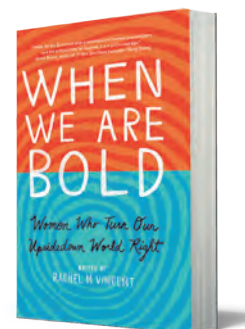
**Thursday March 23
4:30pm - 6pm**

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 to other grassroots activists
impacting change from human rights to the environment.



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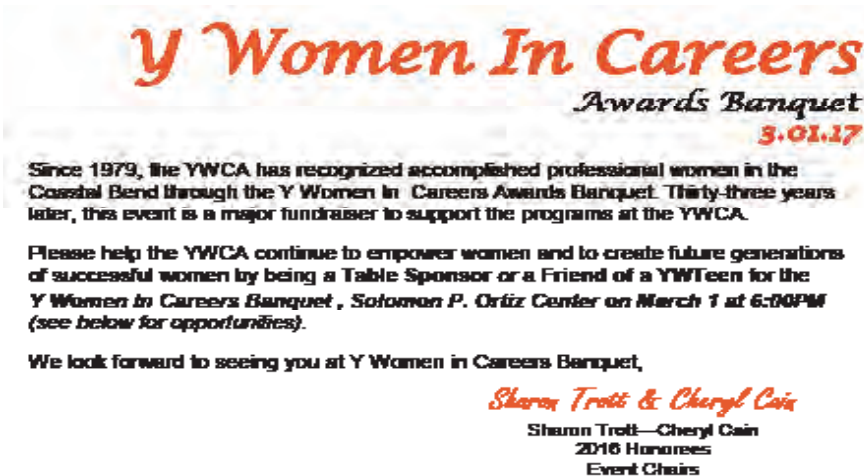
University Center Anchor Ballroom • A&M-Corpus Christi Campus
6300 Ocean Dr., Corpus Christi, TX. 78412

Announcements

EWI Table at Y Women in Careers

Mary Hime, South Texas Money Management, has offered to coordinate an EWI table at the YWCA Y Women in Careers Banquet. The event will take place at 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 1 at the Solomon P. Ortiz International Center. Individual tickets are \$80. If you are interested in sitting at the EWI table, email Mary at mhime@stmmlltd.com. You can send payment, marked "EWI Table," to the YWCA, 4601 Corona, Corpus Christi, TX 78411.

The 2017 honorees are Dr. Maria Rodriguez Casas, Brooks County ISD; Rosie Gonzalez Collin, Port of Corpus Christi Authority; Lori Dellinger, Frost Bank; Vienna J. Flores, Tukasa Creations; Dr. Dolores Guerrero, Texas A&M University-Kingsville; Kelly Isaacks, Corpus Christi Police Department; Dr. Amy Aldridge Sanford, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi; and Darcy Schroeder, Valero Bill Greehey Refineries. **Nancy Wesson-Dodd, YWCA**, thanks the following EWI member firms who are already sponsors for the event: American Bank, Corpus Christi Caller-Times, H-E-B, Navy Army Community Credit Union, Orion Drilling and Valero Bill Greehey Refineries.




y Women In Careers
Awards Banquet
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Since 1979, the YWCA has recognized accomplished professional women in the Coastal Bend through the Y Women In Careers Awards Banquet. Thirty-three years later, this event is a major fundraiser to support the programs at the YWCA.

Please help the YWCA continue to empower women and to create future generations of successful women by being a Table Sponsor or a Friend of a YWTeen for the Y Women in Careers Banquet, Solomon P. Ortiz Center on March 1 at 6:00PM (see below for opportunities).

We look forward to seeing you at Y Women in Careers Banquet,

Sharon Trott & Cheryl Cain
Sharon Trott—Cheryl Cain
2016 Honorees
Event Chairs



Visit ywcacc.org for YWCA Hall of Fame List

RESERVATIONS & SPONSORSHIPS:

☐ Table Sponsorship \$1,250 (reserved table for 10 at banquet & 2 YWTeen Leadership Camp sponsorships)

☐ Friend of a YWTeen \$300 (2 ind. seats & 1 YWTeen seat at banquet)

☐ Individual Banquet Seat \$80 (\$100 after Feb 22)

☐ Sorry, I'll miss the fun – enclosed is a donation: _____

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Make checks payable to the YWCA.
The YWCA is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization EIN #: 74-1157366.
Your gift is deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Send completed form to [Adriana Martinez \(devywca@ywcacc.org\)](mailto:Adriana.Martinez@ywcacc.org) and retain a copy for your records
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**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
EWI of Corpus Christi
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February 1, 2017**

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by President Kathryn Dirks.

Roll Call: Attending were Kathryn Dirks, Stephanie Price, Christine Salch, Laura Hausman, Bunny Forgione, Lisa Wright, Donna Patterson, Janet Maxwell, Debbie Lindsey-Opel, Tracy Trevino and Sheri Emerick.

Minutes: January 2017 minutes were reviewed. Laura Hausman moved to accept the minutes; Bunny Forgione seconded. January 2017 minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Christine Salch gave the financial report as follows: Cash Position – Petty Cash - \$40.00; Checking Account - \$23,330.91; B/C/DP Account – \$12,733.18; Share Account - \$25.00; CD - \$14,416.65. Sheri Emerick moved that the financials be accepted as presented; Laura Hausman seconded. Financials were accepted.

President's Report: No report.

Vice President's Report: No report.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Lisa Wright stated there were 35 in attendance at the last General Meeting.

Website: No report.

Scholarship: Laura Hausman had no report.

Membership: No report.

Membership Orientation: February's General Meeting will include a member orientation.

Nominating Committee: Sheri Emerick had no current report.

Public Relations: Debbie Lindsey-Opel discussed needs/concerns for launching a women's conference for our fundraiser. Points discussed: is there a value, can we make money on it, are there sponsors to pay for it, and can we procure a place for the event. Carla Hoffman, Norma Herrera, and Debbie Lindsey-Opel will meet to discuss options, and then will contact the committee members to schedule a meeting for ideas and strategies. Also discussed instead of individual introductions at the General Meeting, a new choice could be having two or three members give a short talk about themselves and their company.

Reading Rally: Gracie Martin had no current report on Reading Rally.

Standards of Excellence: No report.

Ways & Means: No report.

Publications: Kathryn Dirks stated that Sharon Trott asks for announcements for the upcoming newsletter.

Programs: Donna Patterson and Janet Maxwell discussed options for places to continue having our General Meetings. A list will be made and presented to the members at next week's General Meeting.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business.

New Business: No new business.

Announcements: No announcements.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. by Kathryn Dirks

Submitted: Stephanie Price **Approved:**