

Letter from the President



The other day I received a fortune cookie with no fortune in it. At first I was dismayed that I didn't get a funny piece of advice or winning lottery numbers. But then my co-worker said "hey, maybe that IS the piece of advice, you make your own fortune! Sort of like you make your own luck." Which goes back to the old saw; the harder you work the luckier you get. I think most of us will agree that hard work will offer greater opportunities than only relying on luck; however I also think we can agree that serendipity sometimes is a pleasant surprise

which finally brings me to Margie Rose and the good luck charm.

As you know Margie was appointed to the post of City Manager this week. She is the first woman and first African-American in this position. CONGRATULATIONS MARGIE! Nancy Wesson-Dodd and I were talking about how exciting this is for our community, for EWI and for women in general. We both agreed that Margie has worked hard and smart for our community and she completely deserves the position. She has the skill-set and the experience needed right now to deal with the ever-growing list of challenges being faced by the citizens and leadership of Corpus Christi. I think we can agree hard work and perseverance paid off for Margie as it does for all of us in EWI.

Looking at the talented and strong group of women in our Chapter always reminds me of how successful we are as individuals and as a group. We can, without a doubt do whatever we will need to do to keep moving forward as a Chapter, because we know the value of hard work. So, where am I going with this? BOARD SERVICE! If you are willing to put in a bit of work, not necessarily hard, we would love for you to serve on the EWI Board. Board service is a terrific way to get to know other EWI members, polish your skills and as a nice perk have a delicious monthly lunch at the Yacht Club! We are looking for several positions but our most immediate need is Treasurer. You will have no better mentor than Christine Salch. Please think about it and contact Linda Allen if interested.

Ok, so what about the good luck charm? Nancy says no matter how skilled and experienced you are it never hurts to have some luck so we gave Margie a 3-legged (ceramic) pig which is a symbol of good luck in Chile. (I don't think she'll need it, but just in case!) Please consider being EWI's good luck charm and offer your skills and experience to the EWI Board.

Best wishes for a "charming" month ahead,

Sheri Emerick

President, EWI Corpus Christi

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Announcements

Congratulations to **Margie Rose** who was named **Corpus Christi City Manager** on July 12! Margie has been with the City of Corpus Christi for over 14 years and is the first woman and African-American to serve in that position. She joined EWI in November 2015. She had been serving as the interim city manager since June 23 following the resignation of Ron Olson in May.



Margie Rose

Sheri Emerick of the Art Museum of South Texas had two of her photographs chosen for a Texas A&M University - CC Faculty and Staff Art Show during May and June at the Mary and Jeff Bell Library. Only 43 entries were chosen. The two photos were titled, "Bloom Drops," and "Washington Waterfall." Another of her photos titled "AMST Sunset" has been included in an exhibit of cell phone art that started July 7 at the Bell Library.

Charlotte Hintz of Orion Drilling announces that she and her husband are expecting their second child in December -- another boy!!



Nancy Wesson-Dodd of the YWCA says thanks for the shoe boxes! The YWTeens are using them to make dream boxes. The girls decorate the outside and use pictures and writings of their own to put their dreams and goals inside. One of the girls told Nancy that making her dream box was the favorite part of her week at Leadership Camp, but it was very hard. When asked why she replied, "When you're thinking about your future, you have to be serious and not just put in anything you see or think of. My future is very important." Perhaps the concept of hope chests has evolved!



July meeting highlights

Sharks were the topic during the July luncheon presentation given by Dr. Greg Stunz, professor of marine biology and endowed chair for fisheries and ocean health at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Dr. Stunz says the oceans are safer with sharks than without and focuses his research on their survivability.



Lisa Grace Wright

New members are our future!!

If you know someone who would be interested in EWI, please get in touch with Karen Barnes -- karen.barnes@lkjordan.com, 814-3517. She will be happy to contact them. Here are a few ideas for membership categories.

- Florist
- Restaurant/Caterer/Chef
- Dentist
- Health Professional--Hospital Administrator, Doctor, Mental Health Professional, Chiropractor
- Retirement Community/Assisted Living Professional
- Hair/Beauty Salon
- Attorney -- Family Law, Criminal Law, Real Estate Law
- Geologist
- Transportation --Airlines, RTA, Airport Management
- Port of Corpus Christi
- Photographer
- Special Events Coordinator
- Wedding Planner
- Artist/Graphic Designer
- Travel Agent
- Children's Boutique
- Non-Clothing Retail
- Bookstore
- Chambers of Commerce
- Mortuary

Welcome new member firm

EWI Corpus Christi welcomed new member **Lisa Grace Wright**, owner of **Your Personal Best Training Studio**, during the July luncheon. Lisa has been in business since 1999. Her studio is located at 4102-E S. Staples St.

July and August Birthdays

Karen Barnes	July 6
Bam Benning	July 7
Annette Berry-Cottingham	July 24
Susie Nemece Lee	July 28
Charlotte Hintz	August 1
Carla Hoffman	August 13

Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday, August 3

EWI Board Meeting
Noon, CC Yacht Club

August 5-6

EWI Texoma Regional Forum
Oklahoma City, OK

Wednesday, August 10

EWI General Meeting
11:30 a.m.
Katz 21, 5702 Spohn Dr.

Saturday, October 15

Reading Rally
YWCA, 4601 Corona