

Letter from President Elaine Hoffman



CONNECTIONS CAREERS COMMUNITY - THAT IS WHAT EWI IS ALL ABOUT!

“Of all the attitudes we can acquire, surely the attitude of gratitude is the most important and by far the most life-changing” - Zig Ziglar

As my year as President comes to an end, I have so much to be thankful for. First I want thank every one of my board members who

have been very supportive of me. I would also like to thank all you members for your patience as I took on my new role, and seemed to do everything wrong. You were always there to guide me and lead me in the right direction.

When I came in as your President, I wanted to made a difference and leave our EWI Chapter better than before I took office. This year we have hit some milestones. First of all, it was our **30th Anniversary** and **EWI's 75th Anniversary**. We had a wonderful Presidents' dinner and I felt so important being a part of that history. To mark our Anniversary, each member received a flute marking EWI's 75th year. If that was exciting enough, we also got to host Texarkoma this year and that was a very successful event.

Just to high-light a few things the board did this year was bringing back mentors for new firm members, as well as a nice EWI blue portfolio with updated colored information from Corporate level to the local level. We also updated member lists and did a short version that was handy to have at your desk for a quick reference. In addition we added more doors for our luncheons implemented a small token of appreciation for our speakers, and. Our board also implemented the EWI logo by using the Corporate minutes form (Thank you Elizabeth) and our agenda included EWI logo as well. All our board meetings were well attended, and I think this was due to the fact we held them at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club where we could all enjoy lunch, have a great view and be back to work usually within 90 minutes.

Gratitude! Yes, we should be grateful for so many things. Grateful for our family, businesses, friendships, and every day we wake up! I am speaking on behalf of all EWI members as I give gratitude to **Jackie Ray, Janet Maxwell** and their committee for our first ever regional meeting with Arkansas called Texarkoma! It was hosted this past weekend and quoting Bam Benning's words, *“It was all done perfectly and anyone who missed it can still take pride in our chapter of EWI. It was well attended by our chapter and everything at the Omni was done perfectly from the accommodations and room set up to the food, after hour's activities, quality speaker, door prizes and general camaraderie.”* Those who attended received some valuable information from our speaker Thom Singer and also from the other chapter representatives.

Thank you for having faith in me to serve as your President and I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know some of you better and look forward to continue growing my relationships with all of you.

God Bless!

Elaine R. Hoffman
EWI President 2012-2013

Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Matthew 6:34

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KUDOS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS...



Anita Garrett-Roe Number One in World Mary Kay 2013. What more can you say??

DATES TO NOTE & INFORMATION TO SHARE...

EWI Board Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 2nd
Noon Corpus Christi Yacht Club

EWI Chapter Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 9th,
11:45, Corpus Christi Town Club

Reading Rally
October 19th
YWCA



In case you missed it, there was an absolutely wonderful Article in the Corpus Christi Caller-Times about Sarah O'Brien. Below is the link to the article. Kudos Sarah for your leadership Success!

<http://www.caller.com/news/2013/aug/11/leader-links-credit-union-success-to-family/>

Coming up in the next issue: Pictures and stories from LCAM!

Many thanks to those who contributed to Texarkhoma from donations in services, door prizes, goodie bag stuffers, rooms at the hotel or sponsorship.

Linda Allen – HEB
Ella Baker – Everest Resource
Shannon Bartkowiak – Shannon’s Distinctive Fashions
Bam Benning – The Frame Up

Pamela Brower – Christus Spohn Health System
Linda Calhoun – Marlin Works, Inc.
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