

Letter from President

What a great year we have had in 2013-2014! We have welcomed several wonderful new members, enjoyed lots of



camaraderie at a multitude of interesting and educational meetings, had a successful Reading Rally and raised a lot of money at our Casino Night that allowed us to give out two very nice, well deserved scholarships. Each and every member has been a contributor in one way or another. It has been a pleasure to be part of this

organization and to see all the good we do in the community.

And a big thank you and hats off to the Board members who have been so diligent in making sure our meetings run smoothly, the financials and minutes are timely, the invitations go out and newsletter get done, our website has a new face, scholarship applicants are selected, special events are planned and carried out and we are continuing to focus on attracting new members. There is a lot of work behind the scenes that these fine Board members are responsible for. I hope you will be at the meeting Wednesday to congratulate them on a job well done. I feel very fortunate to be a part of this great organization and feel my life has been enriched by the friendships and experiences I have had with the EWI family.

LCAM was very enlightening for all of the Board members who attended last month. Linda Allen, Sheri Emerick, Mary Helen Johnson and I spent four lovely days in Washington D.C. going to leadership training, hearing some fantastic keynote speakers, and a wonderful gala to welcome the new EWI Corporate Board. We learned a lot about the organization and got to rub elbows with the Corporate Board and meet lots of other Chapter members. The biggest change that was voted on was the Individual Membership category. Since our corporate memberships have dropped with the tough economic times, the EWI Corporate Board proposed the addition of the Individual Membership and it passed with flying colors. The smaller cities feel it will give them an opportunity to attract new members and grow their Chapters. We will be having a vote on this at Wednesday's meeting and I will be circulating the information to you via email tomorrow.

This meeting will be very important too because we will be installing our new Board members for 2014-2015. Myra Lombardo will be in charge of the Installation and I'm sure interjecting her usual humor to make it a memorable

occasion. Please be there to welcome Linda Allen to her new role as President and meet the new Board.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President this past year. It has been a pleasure and a great learning experience for me.

Linda Jordan

EWI Corpus Christi President 2013-14

L. K. Jordan and Associates

2013-2014 Officers, Directors & Committee Chairs

President

Linda Jordan, L. K. Jordan and Associates

Vice President

Linda Allen, H-E-B

Secretary

Betty Baxter, Keetch & Associates

Treasurer

Christine Salch, Swank & Salch, P.C.

Ways & Means

Norma Herrera, Barcom Commercial, Inc.

Membership Director

Lorena Parada-Valdes, The Language Bridge

Sergeant-at-Arms

Susie Nemeck, Land Clearing Solutions, LLC

Programs

Sheri Emerick, Art Museum of South Texas

Director At Large/ Nominating Committee

Elaine Hoffman, Barcom Construction, Inc.

Scholarship

Laura Hausman, Northern Beef Industries

Public Relations

Michelle Flower, Valero Refining

Reading Rally

Linda Allen, H-E-B

Membership Orientation

Sarah O'Brien, Navy Army
Federal Credit Union

Website

Gracie Martin, Ensemble Group

Publications Director

Kathryn Dirks, ETCETERA

LCAM 2014 Washington D. C.



October Birthdays

Bibi Dykema October 28
Pamela Brower October 31

Kudos!

From Mary Helen Johnston:

Kudos to the outgoing officers and **board members of 2013-2014** for leading us into a bright future!

Kudos to **Linda Jordan** for always conducting our meetings and events with grace and class!

Announcements

From Shannon Bartkowiak: *Shannon's Distinctive Fashion* has new fall arrivals everyday! Plus, I would like to invite everyone to our

**Stella & Dot Trunk Show
Wednesday October 22nd
11am-7pm**

From Kathryn Dirks:

Holiday ETCETERA Trunk Show going on **NOW** through **Wednesday, October 15th**.

Also:

ETCETERA and Laura Mercier Open House
Friday, October 10th
12 -7 pm

The Ladies with Saks Fifth Avenue and Laura Mercier Cosmetics
Will be providing Complementary Makeovers
Join Us—Get Gorgeous, Eat, Drink and Shop for Fabulous Clothes!
For more information call Kathryn 361-563-6999

From Sheri Emerick: Thursday, November 13, Art Museum of South Texas Gala 2014 with Lyle Lovett
<http://corpuschristiewi.org/pdf/gottalovettgala.pdf>

From Nancy Wesson-Dodd: There's lots going on at the YWCA. Please click on the following links to get more information.

READING RALLY:

<file:///C:/Users/Owner/Documents/2014%20Reading%20Rally%20permission%20slip%20flyer.html>

YWCA YULETIDE MARKET:

<file:///C:/Users/Owner/Documents/2014%20Angel%20Sponsorship%20Opportunities%20%20FINAL.htm>

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FYI:

Luncheon fees are going up to \$25 effective this month. This amount will include one entry for the door prizes.

We will be voting on allowing individual memberships. Linda sent an email explaining the vote. Please review it and be prepared to discuss.

Peruse the proposed new website: <http://corpuschristiewi.org/>
Great job Gracie!

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

 <small>CONNECTIONS CAREERS COMMUNITY</small>	Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting EWI of Corpus Christi EWI® September 3, 2014
Call to Order	Linda Jordan called meeting to order at 12:00 Noon.
Roll Call	Linda Allen, Linda Jordan, Christine Salch, Norma Herrera, Elaine Hoffman, Laura Hausman, Sheri Emerick, Kathryn Dirks, Betty Baxter
Minutes:	
Motion made by Elaine Hoffman that minutes for August Meeting be approved as distributed, second by Sheri Emerick, motion carried.	
Treasurer's Report:	
Christine Salch reported that she had not had time to prepare financial report for August and that same would be completed and emailed to each board member within the next couple of days. She also reported that she had emailed the budget to all members and asked for questions on same. The only question or statement concerning the budget was the fact that an increase in lunch pricing was expected and was not a problem. Christine made mention of the fact that Corporate is now questioning their decision to bill members for dues rather than have each chapter bill their own members and then send to Corporate. No decisions were made to change the system back to the original method at this point. Will keep us posted if anything changes.	
President's Report:	
No Report	
Vice President's Report:	
No Report	
Communications:	
No Report	
Committee Reports:	
Sergeant at Arms Report:	
Susie sent report that 35 persons attended the August meeting.	
Website	
No Report	
Scholarship:	
Laura Hausman asked that she have more Committee Members for the coming year.	
Membership:	
Lorena was absent, but reported that she had mailed applications for Membership to HDR, and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, but had not gotten anything back. She also reported that Emily Barrera had withdrawn her membership application because of time constraints.	
Membership Orientation:	

No Report	
Nominating Committee:	
Elaine presented slate of Officers for upcoming year to the Board and to the general membership for a vote at the September general meeting.	
Public Relations:	
No Report	
Reading Rally:	
Linda Allen reported that her committee had met last week and plans are progressing. Linda Calhoun is working on getting the T-Shirts ordered and printed. Wendy is working on putting supplies, etc., together for the craft segment. The Islanders will be there for entertainment, E-Readers are being ordered, and there will also be a Mentor to speak to the girls - a Landscape Architect. Items for the Goody Bags are being collected and all is progressing as planned for a fantastic Reading Rally.	
Standards of Excellence:	
Ways & Means:	
Norma reported that the location for Casino Night has been booked, deposits paid, entertainment and casino group booked as well. Plans are well under way for the annual fund raiser. More to come!!!	
Publications:	
Kathryn reported that our Monthly Newsletter would be going out shortly and asked for announcements and/or any kudos for publication.	
Programs:	
September program will consist of voting for new officers, and we will also have a speaker, Ashley Higson from the Convention & Visitors Bureau. October program will be Installation of new Officers for the 2014 - 2015 term.	
Unfinished Business:	
None	
New Business:	
P.S. Regular Monthly meeting on September 10, 2014, two items were presented for vote. Motion made by Charlotte Hintz that Budget for 2014-2015 term be accepted as presented, seconded by Paula Gaut and Janet Maxwell. Motion carried. Budget to include increase in price for Monthly Meeting meals to \$25., including door prizes. Motion made by Paula Gaut that slate of Officers/Board of Directors for 2014 - 2015 term be accepted as presented, seconded by Shannon Bartkowiak. Motion carried. There were no nominations from the floor.	
Announcements:	
Adjournment:	
Meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M.	
Approved:	Submitted: