

Letter from President



*It's the month for
Sharing Your Love*

“BRING THE BLING”

Annual Corpus Christi fund raising event will be successful because of you. **Have you bought your tickets, table, donated your two items for silent auction or the live auction?** It's going to be an exciting event. Every year is a surprise with the Items that are donated for the auctions.

*****What is your Firm going to share this year that someone will love to take home to help raise funds for our 2015 Scholarship Recipients and Reading Rally?**

CC Chapter news:

- Did you know that our Corpus Christi Chapter celebrated our anniversary of 32 years in January? What an accomplishment! Thank you to each and every member that established our chapter and helped it grow and prosper during these years.
- Have you sent your picture to Gracie Martin? She has asked to send her your pictures for our chapter web site so that your listing of your firm has a face to it. ***Let's make it a goal to have 20 more pictures on our website.

Corporate EWI Recruiting Tip of the month:

The reason why people join organizations are:
Increases Self Esteem – People have an innate need to belong and feeling included in an organization heightens one's self esteem. If people feel good about going to the meeting and feel connected to the other members they will stay in the organization. All humans love to share and highlight their expertise and knowledge. EWI

fosters an environment where members can share their successes, challenges and experiences with one another.

Linda Allen
EWI Corpus Christi President 2014-15
H-E-B

**2014-2015 Officers, Directors
& Committee Chairs**

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Linda Allen, H-E-B

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Sheri Emerick, Art Museum of South Texas

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Corpus Christi

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Scholarship

Laura Hausman, Northern Beef Industries

Public Relations

Irene Davila, Corpus Christi Caller Times

Reading Rally

Linda Calhoun, Marlin Works

Membership Orientation

Carla Hoffman, Hearing Aid Company of Texas

Website

Gracie Martin, Ensemble Group

Publications Director

Kathryn Dirks, ETCETERA

Kudos!

From Sheri Emerick: The following Corpus Christi Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Board Members have been elected to serve on the 2015 Executive Board (Officers of the Board): Eddie L. Garcia, Chairman, E. L. Garcia Insurance Associates/New York Life; Rosie Gonzalez Collin, Chair-Elect, CITGO Refining & Chemicals; **Carmen Arias, Secretary, Radiology Associates;**

From Kathryn Dirks:

I have been given new opportunities within **ETCETERA**. I am one of 30 consultants from our company that has been asked to be a **Master Consultant**. My responsibilities include business development and training of new consultants.

I'm looking for women who would like to have their own business, are well connected within their communities and is a person in whom others have confidence. One who is motivated, self-confident, organized, has good communication skills and shows leadership qualities.

Put your thinking caps on! My boundaries are not limited to Corpus Christi and we could certainly use another agency within the city.

Announcements

From Sheri Emerick:

Ladies, I encourage you to purchase a ticket to the **Y-women in Careers banquet**, Thursday, March 5. Let's put an EWI table together! Just tell the Y you want to be seated at the EWI table when you purchase your ticket. Go to www.ywca.org/site/pp.asp?c=crKLIWNMF&b=66405. This is a great program which honors many wonderful women in our community! Hope to see you there! Sheri


From Sheri Emerick:

Susie Nemec has had two big events in her life. She welcomed the arrival of her **granddaughter** in January, and **got married** this past weekend. **Congratulations Susie!**

February Birthdays

Susan Hutchinson	February 16
Elaine Hoffman	February 22
Anita Mallory	February 27

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

 <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 5px;">CONNECTIONS CAREERS COMMUNITY</p>	<p>Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting</p> <p>EWI of Corpus Christi</p> <p>EWI ®</p> <p>January 7, 2015</p>
Call to Order	Linda Allen called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
Roll Call	Linda Allen, Sheri Emerick, Mary Beth Riley, Christine Salch, Susie Nemec, Karen Barnes, Linda Jordan, Irene Davila, Linda Calhoun, Charlotte Hintz, Bunny Forgione.
Minutes:	
Bunny Forgione moved to accept the minutes as presented by Mary Beth Riley. Susie Nemec seconded and motion passed.	
Treasurer's Report:	
Christine Salch presented financial reports for the month of December as follows: Cash position - Checking account - \$20,792.10; B/C/DP account - \$7,471.99; Share Account - \$25.00; CD - \$14,157.07; Petty cash - \$40.00. Motion made by Sheri Emerick to accept as presented and seconded by Irene Davila. Motion passed. Christine reported that we are still holding the American Bank scholarship money. She will ask Ellen Scott if it was intended to go into the scholarship fund or to present a scholarship.	
President's Report:	
Vice President's Report:	
Sheri passed out preliminary committee assignments.	
Communications:	
Committee Reports:	
Sergeant at Arms Report:	
Susie Nemec reported that there were 30 in attendance at the December meeting.	
Website	
No report	
Scholarship:	
No report	
Membership:	
Karen Barnes reported that Tiffany Cox is a new member in the category of Employee Law. It was determined that membership dues would be the same for Individual membership as it is for Corporate membership.	

Membership Orientation:	
Linda Allen reported for Carla Hoffman that Carla would not be able to do membership Orientation in January.	
Nominating Committee:	
Public Relations:	
Irene Davila is now officially on Linked-In.	
Reading Rally:	
No report.	
Standards of Excellence:	
Ways & Means:	
Charlotte Hintz reported that her committee had met on Monday. She has secured two sponsorships - Orion and Navy/Army and has an in-kind sponsorship with Caller-Times.	
Publications:	
No report.	
Programs:	
Bunny Forgione reported that she finally received a contract from the Town Club. The Town Club is not available for our July, September or October meetings as well as two other months when we already had meetings planned elsewhere.	
Unfinished Business:	
Linda Allen is updating the Standing Rules and will email them to Mary Beth Riley.	
New Business:	
Linda Allen suggested that we move the fundraiser to April next year. She also wants Board members to consider an LCAM scholarship for "Outstanding member" and for our scholarship recipient.	
Announcements:	
Adjournment:	
Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.	
Approved:	Submitted:
	Mary Beth Riley