

Corpuschrisiewi.org



Letter from President

Dear EWI members,

This is the season of “Thanks” as we start to celebrate Thanksgiving and all it means to each of us individually. I have so much to be thankful for..... First I thank you for your trust in me as your new president. Please know that I am open for any suggestions you have to make us an even stronger organization. I have two immediate goals – grow the membership and advance our scholarship winner to the regional and or national level. We have such deserving women for scholarship and they need to be heard on the national scene. By growing the membership, I hope to increase our resources and talents – while enhancing our organizations ability to support each other. Along with this support I hope the meetings will be used to strengthen our business networks as well as be a venue for fun and comraderie. Isn’t that what we’re all about!!!

To continue with my “Thanks”, we have had a very busy October... Thank you Gracie Martin (and committee) for your leadership with the Reading Rally – what a wonderful event!!! Coastal Bend young women have been permanently affected by this empowerment. “Thanks” to Carla Hoffman and Charlotte Hintz (and their committee) for our incredible fundraiser – they were out of the box in their thinking and it was a great success!!! Such a force in our EWI membership!!!

“Thanks” to Donna Patterson for assisting in setting up a board meeting for me during a difficult personal time with the passing of my father. I can’t imagine belonging to a more caring organization....

“Thanks” to all of you for a season of Thanksgiving where EWI is the leader in all things “Thankful”....

Bunny

2017-2018 Officers & Directors

President

Bunny Forgione,
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Vice President

Donna Patterson,
South Texas Money Management

Secretary

Betty Baxter, Keetch & Associates

Treasurer

Mary Jane Hamilton
Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi

Ways & Means

Carla Hoffman, Independent Member

Membership Director

Karen Barnes, L.K. Jordan and Assoc.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Lisa Wright,
Your Personal Best Training Studio

Programs

Janet Maxwell, Wittigs Office Interiors

Director At Large

Kathryn Dirks, Etcetera

Publications Director

Sheri Emerick
Art Museum of South Texas

Night in Old Chicago a “Murderous” Success!

EWI members, spouses and friends enjoyed an exceptionally fun fundraiser October 25th at the Alamo Draft House. The “Night in Old Chicago” theme was evident with many members and guests dressed in 1920’s garb to celebrate the fantastic movie “Chicago.” Everyone enjoyed special drinks, dinner, a silent auction, costume contest and a liquor/wine basket raffle.

A very special thank you to Carla Hoffman, Charlotte Hintz, Brenda Christmas and everyone else who worked tirelessly to make this event a tremendous success. Carla reported we made approximately \$10,000 to help support the Reading Rally and Scholarships! Now we just need to come up with next year’s movie! Be thinking!

EWI ANNOUNCEMENTS AND KUDOS:

From Janet Maxwell: ~ Don’t forget our December meeting will be a Firm Night at Wittigs Business Interiors. 401 Williams St. 6-7:30

From Elaine Hoffman ~ Chrissy York with Hearing aid Company is expecting. Baby due in June!

From Nancy Wesson-Dodd ~A huge thank you to all of my EWI colleagues for your support of **Yuletide Market 2017**. From serving on the planning committee to selling raffle tickets to being vendors to being major sponsors or purchasing tickets, you’ve been awesome this year. The funds raised will be used wisely to further the mission and programs of the YWCA. We couldn’t do the work we do in this community without your support! Just know that you make a difference in the lives of others in our community!

From Kathryn Dirks ~ I will be showing the Fall-Winter Collections of ETCETERA **Thursday, November 16 - Monday, November 27.**

Call, Text or Email me to schedule a time to shop these two amazing collections! Check out our website at WWW.ETCETERA.com to see the fabulous clothes you can look forward to seeing.

READING RALLY ROCKS!!

Gracie Martin, Bam Benning, Mildred Pels and the entire Reading Rally Committee ROCKED the Rally October 21st at the YWCA. Over 50 Y-Teens girls attended where they played games, watched the Roller Derby ladies give a demonstration and received books, books, books! Our EWI Chapter really made a difference in these girls lives by giving them a fun but useful event! A big thank you to Navy/Army Community Credit Union for their volunteer efforts as well as all of these fantastic sponsors!



Thanks to
Our Sponsors

HEB

Navy Army Community Credit Union
Hurricane Alley Roller Derby
Your Personal Best-Lisa Wright
FoxP2Go - Lorena Parada-Valdez
TAMUCC - Eta Omicron Sigma Theta Chapter
Smoothie King
Half Price Books
The Frame Up
Marlin Works



READING RALLY!

#SNAP ROLL AND READ



A Night in Old CHICAGO





DATES TO NOTE

November 29, 2017
 Chapter Board Meeting
 Corpus Christi Yacht Club
 12:00 Noon

December 6, 2017
 FIRM NIGHT at Wittigs
 401 Williams St.
 5:30 – 7:30

EWI Program on Identity Theft

EWI members learned some great information on how to keep your personal information safe from identity thieves. Some great tips are:

- Don't carry your social security number in your purse
- At the gas pump jiggle the device to avoid "skimmer" or go inside to pay (that's the safest thing!)
- Hide your garage door opener if you leave your car in your driveway
- Monitor your credit report twice per year

Statistics show that **50%** of us will be victims within the next 5 years! If your identity has been compromised document everyone you speak to and call the police right away!

DON'T THINK THAT IF YOU'VE NEVER BEEN A VICTIM YOU NEVER WILL BE!

Community Announcements!!

Our EWI members are extremely committed to the community. Here are some of the happenings around town:

From Mary Hime ~ *The Association of Fundraising Professionals – TX Coastal Bend Chapter is hosting our fifth annual National Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. The event will take place at the Solomon P. Ortiz International Center. Guests will enjoy networking from 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and our program, lunch and awards presentation from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. The Association of Fundraising Professionals is excited to present the following awards in celebration of local Philanthropy:*

- Outstanding Philanthropist – Louise Chapman*
- Outstanding Fundraising Professional – Sherry Bowers, CFRE*
- Outstanding Philanthropic Corporation – Valero & The Valero Energy Foundation*
- Outstanding Philanthropic Organization – Rotary Club of Corpus Christi*
- Outstanding Philanthropic Youth – Jillian Williams*



Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
 EWI of Corpus Christi
 EWI @
 October 23, 2017

where.com

Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 12:10 PM by President, Bonnie Forgione.
Roll Call	Christine Salch, Janet Maxwell, Donna Patterson, Sheri Emerick , Kathryn Dirks, Mary Jane Hamilton, Lisa Walker, Laura Hausman, Carla Hoffman, Betty Baxter, Bunny Forgione
Minutes:	
September Minutes approved as published in September Newsletter.	
Treasurer's Report:	
Christine Salch presented Financial Report as of September 30, 2017. Hereafter Financial Report will be shown as of end of previous month. (This will give us a more accurate accounting since Board Meeting occurs at beginning of month and not all income and expenditures for the month have been reported.) Cash position: American Bank - \$22,406.15; B/C/DP - \$10,833.18; Share Account - \$25.; CD - \$14,487.29; Total: \$47,791.62. Motion made by Laura Housman, Second by Donna Patterson, Motion carried.	
President's Report:	
Bunny thanked everyone for their part in making EWI a great organization and said that her Goals this year are to increase Membership and to get information on our Scholarship out to the Public so that more people will be aware and can apply for same.	
Communications:	
No Report	
Committee Reports:	
Sergeant at Arms Report:	
Lisa reported that 27 Members present, 25 had reserved.	
Website	
No Report	
Scholarship:	
Laura asked about Committee Members for coming year, and Board agreed that Sign-up sheets would be available at October general meeting so that each Committee Chair would have list of persons to serve on their Committee.	
Membership:	
Donna suggested that we publish the Program line-up for coming year, and also show months that do not have program at that point. This way members can make suggestions on programs they would like to see. Any suggestions appreciated!	
Membership Orientation:	
No Report	
Nominating Committee:	
No Report	
Public Relations:	
No Report	
Reading Rally:	
Lisa gave short report. Format was different, but well received. 55 Girls present! Lots of Books, which were all taken by the Girls. HEB provided bags which were filled with lots of goodies. Navy-Army people provided lots of help, as usual. A good time was had by all who attended and are looking forward to the next one!	
Standards of Excellence:	
No Report	
Ways & Means:	
Carla reported that Sponsorships and ticket sales had gone well and estimated Fundraiser proceeds should be around \$10,000. She also reported that with the new Format it had been more difficult to get everything together, but help has been good, about 85% participation from Members. A full report will be in November minute	
Publications:	
No Report	
Programs:	
Janet reported that October Program will be presented by CC Police Dept. Fraud Unit on how to protect yourself and your purchases from thieves during the Holiday Season.	
Unfinished Business:	
No Unfinished Business	
New Business:	
No New Business	
Announcements:	
1:00 PM	
Approved:	Submitted:
	Betty Baxter