



## Letter From the President

I hope that all of you will agree with me, that our March Business Meeting was a really great meeting! Sandra Spengler gave a fabulous and entertaining presentation on communication and generations. Very interesting subject matter on how the various generations have different motivations and how knowing those can help you work with or manage generations other than your own. Thank you Sandra!

During the business portion of our meeting, the membership voted to contribute \$250 of the Philanthropy Budget to the goal of a \$1000 contribution towards the Habitat Women's Build. *I would*

*like to encourage each of you to make a personal contribution or ask someone you know that would like to contribute towards reaching this goal so EWI can share in the signage and publicity of building this Habitat House.* I also want to encourage all of you to sign-up to volunteer and help us build on Friday May 6. I am sure we will have lots of fun building a home together!

The membership also voted to set the October membership meeting date as our Scholastic Golf Classic and change the date to Thursday, October 6 at the Colonial Country Club. Please mark your calendar accordingly as the Fund-Raising Committee is busy getting the brochures ready and the information packets together for distribution.

Both the EWISP and ASIST Committees are diligently working to gather information on applicants for our scholarship awards. Please take a moment at the next meeting to talk with Jillian Lehmann & Vickie Jackson, co-chairs of the EWISP Committee, and/or Wanda Park and Arlette Williams, co-chairs of the ASIST Committee, on the work of their committees. I am sure they would be happy to share the details of interview dates and application deadlines. I know these committees will have very worthy applicants and thus great recipients of EWI of Jackson scholarships!

Carolyn Rogers has extended the deadline to April 15 for leadership scholarship applications for those wishing to attend Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting (LCAM) in Minneapolis, MN on September 22-24. EWI of Jackson would love to have many representatives in attendance at LCAM, and we encourage attendance by offering the Sylvia C. Napper Leadership Development Award and other leadership awards so that our representatives can have an opportunity to attend when their firm might not be in a position to financial support their attendance. There is so much value in attending the conference not to mention the fun you will have with your peers and colleagues! If you have not previously received an award, please go ahead and apply today!!!

EWI of Jackson, being a professional organization, is only as successful as the hard work of its representatives, and I would say that for the past 55 years, our Chapter has been consistently successful and I know I am proud to be a part of that legacy. The straw ballot process is designed to get your input and recommendations on who you think should be considered for

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## Letter From the President *(continued)*

leadership positions in the upcoming year. The Nominating Committee values your input, and will be soliciting your response via straw balloting in the very near future. Oh and don't forget to consider what position **YOU** want to serve. We cannot continue our success without the willingness of our representatives to lead our organization.

I would like to thank everyone for your continued involvement in EWI of Jackson, and for the friendships we share and connections that are made during our meetings. See you at our next meeting on Tuesday, April 12 at Eventful in Ridgeland and we also look forward to our Firm Night at YMCA Deville location on May 12 with our Executives and spouses.

I will be attending the Spring Conference this year in Tulsa, OK on April 14-16, representing EWI of Jackson, and am proud to be going in this position. I look forward to sharing all the knowledge gained and the fun times shared with you upon my return! I hope each of you and your families have a wonderful Easter celebration.

*Tara*

### DATES TO NOTE

**April 12, 2011**

Membership Meeting to be held at Eventful in Ridgeland.

**April 19, 2011**

The next Board meeting will be hosted by Tara Raynes at Trustmark at 8:30 a.m.

**May 12, 2011**

Firm night will be hosted by YMCA at the Deville location.

## April Birthday Wishes

**Representatives:**

Cynthia Bailey	4/7	Enterprise Leasing Co.
April McClung	4/10	Enterprise Leasing Co.
Gloria Deister	4/24	AT&T Mississippi
Brandy McCoy	4/28	ServiceMaster OneCall

**Executives:**

Steve Warner	4/14	ServiceMaster OneCall
Robert Hederman III	4/27	Morningside Partnership



### *April Membership Meeting*

*April 12, 2011  
(Tuesday)*

*Eventful  
500 Hwy 51, Suite G  
Ridgeland, MS*

5:30 pm - Networking  
6:00 pm - Meeting

Dinner Fees - \$30/person  
Standing Reservations apply,  
regrets only by noon

**Thursday April 7, 2011** to

Cherrita Speech at  
601-321-6040 or

[cspeech@mdes.ms.gov](mailto:cspeech@mdes.ms.gov)

## April Door Prize Assignments

Theme: *Garden Grow*

*Firms assigned to bring door prizes each month are asked to select a "Prize" that goes along with the "Theme". Costs of Door Prizes should be around \$25.00.*

*Tickets for Door Prizes are now: 5 tickets for \$5.00*

*Firms assigned for this month:*

*Eubank & Betts, PLLC  
Trustmark Corporation*

*Drs. Trammel & Brown*

*Energry  
Equity Solutions*



## March 2011 Board Meeting Highlights

EWI of Jackson held the March Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at member firm Mississippi Department of Employment Security.

### Treasurer's Report:

General Account	\$25,185.42
Investment Account	<u>\$43,252.68</u>
Sub-Total	\$68,438.10
B/C/D/P	<u>\$11,232.72</u>
Total	\$79,670.83

The Sergeant-At-Arms report listed 46 member firms with 55 representatives. There were a total of 35 representatives in attendance at the March membership meeting.

Program Director, Georganna Keenum reminded the Board that the April membership meeting will be held at Eventful in Ridgeland with owners Erik Kegler and Marion Bowen of Eventful as our speakers for the evening. The Board then voted on the following programs throughout the upcoming year.

Firm night will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at member firm YMCA at their Deville location.

The July EWISP/ASIST meeting will be held at member firm Old Capitol Inn with Dr. Barbara Spencer of Mississippi State University as our featured speaker.

The August meeting will be at member firm Hilton Jackson Convention Center.

Our officer installation for 2011-2012 will be held at River Hills Club in Jackson on September 8, 2011.

Executives' night will be held at The Country Club of Jackson on Thursday, November 10, 2011.

Fund-Raising Director, Brandy McCoy stated the date for the EWI golf tournament will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at Colonial Country Club. meeting.

### Prayer Requests

- Jean Miesse's son-in-law, Joe McNair - cancer treatments
- Rhonda DuBois friend, Jenny Mills - ovarian cancer
- Teresia Gray - pain in her arm
- Diane Bass' mom - recovering from lung blood clot
- April McClung - loss of Aunt, Linda Strother and mother has high potassium levels
- Sandy Powlett - father has cancer
- Charles Bailey, Trustmark retired associate, has inoperable brain tumor
- Cheryl Lonesford - breast removal
- Georganna Keenum's boss - Bobby Gray, recovering from surgery
- Carolyn Rogers' co-worker's grandmother, Ms. Neel, recovering from serious auto accident
- Carolyn Rogers' co-worker, Anne Kilpatrick, is awaiting liver transplant.
- Sandra Spengler's mother, Dina Jo Spencer, in ICU



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**Location:** Tulsa, Oklahoma  
**Registration Cost:** \$295  
**Hotel:** Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills  
**Cost:** \$89.00 per night, double Marriott reward points and FREE internet.



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3:00 PM (ET), 2:00 PM (CT), 1:00 PM (MT), NOON (PT), 10:00 AM (HAWAII)

**PRESENTER: JANE HIGHT MCMURRAY**

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## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WOMEN'S BUILD MAY 6, 2011**

EWI of Jackson has set a goal to sponsor the Habitat Women's Build at the minimum of \$1,000 in order to obtain publicity and recognition in signage for the build. The deadline for the sponsorship is April 25, 2011.

So far we have \$250.00 from the Philanthropy budget and confirmed donations with Enterprise Holdings and Trustmark Corporation. We welcome member firm and/or representative contributions. Please contact Kim Dubuisson at [kdubuisson@trustmark.com](mailto:kdubuisson@trustmark.com) if you are interested in making a contribution.

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Our deadline for Volunteer sign up will be April 1<sup>st</sup>. (please let April McClung know by April 4<sup>th</sup> as she is out of the office today)

Each volunteer is asked to commit to working a "full" half day. The shifts are 8:00 a.m. - noon or 1:00-4:30 p.m.

Lowe's in Ridgeland is offering "how-to-clinics" each Saturday beginning at 10:00 am leading up to the build with the exception of Easter weekend. The sessions are free and optional.



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 Wells Fargo Advisors  
 YMCA of Metropolitan Jackson

*\*firm has two representatives*

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### ***Mission***

Executive Women International® is an organization which brings together key individuals from diverse businesses for the purpose of:

- Promoting member firms
- Enhancing personal and professional development
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