



Letter From the President

Can you believe it's February already? I hope each of you enjoyed the spring day this past weekend. I know my family did and while the winter is nice, I am ready to be warmed up with spring weather!

Our January Membership Meeting at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse was most enjoyable. Our speaker, Cassandra Hawkins Wilson gave an informative and interactive presentation on presenting our sensational professional image. Thank you for the hard work of Georganna Keenum and our Program Committee for coordinating this successful event. During the meeting we installed a second representative for Entergy Mississippi, Kelly Scrivner. I know you will all join me in welcoming her to our Chapter as she becomes more involved.

The February 10th Membership Meeting is being held at my firm Trustmark Corporation at our main downtown Jackson location. Valley Services is the service provider of our cafeteria, and I know you will enjoy the menu she has planned for the evening. In addition, Laura Polk, a Corporate Trainer for Trustmark is going to speak on "*Motivating Yourself to Motivate Others.*" You won't want to miss the evening. I look forward to seeing you all real soon.

Most of our renewals have come in and only a few remain outstanding, I will have a membership renewal update for the Chapter at our February meeting so you will know how successful we were at retaining our member firms. Penny Danford, our Membership Director, and her Committee continue to pursue opportunities for additions to our Chapter. Should you have a referral or idea of someone who would like to join EWI of Jackson, please call or email Penny or someone on her Committee, they will be delighted to hear from you. I have challenged the Board of Directors to focus and bring one additional member firm to the Chapter before this year ends in September. EWI Corporate asked us to set a reasonable growth goal, and we set a goal of adding 11 member firms. Please join me in helping us reach this goal!

Many of the standing Committees have started to meet and get going with plans for the scholarship programs, philanthropy projects and our golf tournament. I hope each of you have had the opportunity to get involved with a specific task and if you have not, please call me and we can certainly make an adjustment!

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Letter From the President *(continued)*

The Spring Conference this year is going to be in Tulsa, OK on April 14-16, and Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting (LCAM) is being held in Minneapolis, MN on September 22-24. Please go ahead and make plans to attend these leadership conferences, and be sure to let our Vice President, Suzanne Sullivan, know if you are planning to attend either conference. There are scholarship opportunities made available on behalf of EWI of Jackson to its representatives for attending these leadership conferences. Please look for more information on applications for these scholarships in the coming months.

We would love to have each of you attend one if not both of the conferences; it is an excellent opportunity to grow professionally and personally and to learn more about the organization and your fellow EWI representatives here and nationally as well as internationally.

I know all of you are looking forward to the excuse of Valentine's Day to devour a red heart box of chocolates this month, or maybe that is just me. I wish each of you a happy February and I appreciate each of you and am thankful for the many friendships I have in EWI.

Tara

February Birthday Wishes

Representatives:

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| Kathy McDade | 2/5 | McDade's Markets |
| Janice Knight | 2/12 | St. Dominic Health Services |
| Doyleen Higginbotham | 2/14 | Sustaining |
| Penny Danford | 2/15 | TempStaff, Inc. |
| Lisa Huff | 2/16 | ServiceMaster OneCall |
| Wendi Garrison | 2/17 | Business Communications, Inc. |

Executives:

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| Caroline Carrol | 2/4 | Blue Cross Blue Shield of MS |
| Sister Mary Dorothea Sondgeroth | 2/5 | St. Dominic Health Services |
| Homer Borden | 2/11 | Maurice H. Joseph, Inc. |
| Susan Lindsey | 2/20 | Jackson Preparatory School |
| Glenn Patrick | 2/26 | Atmos Energy Corp. |



February Door Prize Assignments

Theme: *Lovers Lane*

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:

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| AT&T Mississippi | BankFirst Financial Services |
| Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC | TEC |
| Southern Farm Bureau Life | |



DATES TO NOTE

February 15, 2011

The next Board meeting will be hosted by TempStaff on February 15, 2011 at The Old Capitol Inn in the Azalea Room at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be dutch treat.

March 10, 2011

Business Meeting
MS Craft Center
Speaker: Sandra Spengler

SAVE THE DATE.....

Sept. 22-24, 2011
Minneapolis, MN
64th LCAM

You don't want to miss out!

February Membership Meeting
February 10, 2011



Trustmark Corporation

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

Dinner Fees - \$30/person
Standing Reservations apply, regrets only by noon
Monday, February 7, 2011 to
Cherrita Speech at
601-321-6040 or
cspeech@mdes.ms.gov

January 2011 Board Meeting Highlights

EWI of Jackson held the January Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at the Capital Club hosted by member Brandy McCoy representative for ServiceMaster.

Treasurer's Report:

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| General Account | \$20,170.49 |
| Investment Account | \$42,584.49 |
| Sub-Total | \$62,754.49 |
| B/C/D/P | \$10,717.73 |
| Total | \$73,472.22 |

The Sergeant-At-Arms report listed 47 member firms with 54 representatives. There were a total of 44 representatives in attendance at the December business meeting. This number includes representatives, sustaining members, and guests.

Membership Director, Penny Danford continues to network with Ergon, Newk's Franchise Company, Moses Electric and Prudential, Ann Prewitt Realty regarding joining EWI.

Philanthropy Director, April McClung moved for the board to approve the Habitat Women's Build as our spring project. The board approved and the membership will vote on the project at the February meeting.

Program Director, Georganna Keenum moved that the March meeting be held at the Mississippi Craft Center with Sandra Spengler as the speaker. She also moved that the April meeting be held at Eventful in Ridgeland and that the June meeting be held at Easely Amused catered by Carol Daniel. The board approved all three motions.

Fund-Raising, Brandy McCoy noted that \$123 was given for door prizes in January. She also moved that door prizes tickets be \$5 for 5 tickets. Board approved.

The February Membership Meeting will be held February 10, 2011 at Trustmark. The next Board meeting will be hosted by Temp Staff on February 15, 2011 at Old Capitol Inn.



ALUMNI SUMMIT
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EWI's Alumni Summit will be held in Hershey, PA on February 24-26, 2011 during the city's "Chocolate Covered" February Celebration. Everyone who has completed four Academy of Leadership courses is eligible to attend.

Prayer Requests



- Rita Parker's mother in hospice care
- Wanda Park's husband, Bob-chemo treatments
- Jean Miesse's son-in-law, Joe McNair - cancer treatments
- Rhonda DuBois friend, Jenny Mills - ovarian cancer and recent death of her daughter
- Peggy Howard, sustaining representative, pancreatic cancer
- Teresia Gray - pain in her arm
- Leslie Weaver with Harrisburg Chapter-brain cancer
- Sylvia Napper family in the recent death of her mother
- Maurice Joseph Family - recently deceased
- Janice Knight - recovering from hand/wrist surgery
- Charlotte Armstrong's mother who is sick, she went to Tampa to visit
- Vickie Butler - friend of Gloria Deister had a brain aneurysm
- Cherrita Speech's Administrative Assistant, Deidra Turner recovering from heart attack.



Our Guest Speaker for February Meeting

Motivating Yourself to Motivate Others

Laura Polk is currently the Corporate Support Training Manager and an Assistant Vice President at Trustmark National Bank. She has worked for Trustmark in the Corporate Training Department for nine years. She currently manages leadership, professional development and sales training and consults with department leaders to perform training needs analysis and provide solutions.

Prior to her career at Trustmark, she was Senior Trainer and Quality Assurance Supervisor at a major telecommunications company. In her thirteen years of experience in the training and development field, she has developed and facilitated training programs in the following subject areas: leadership and management development, customer service, teambuilding, business ethics and etiquette, diversity, new employee orientation, sales, employment law, computer applications, and communication skills.

Directions to Trustmark for our February Meeting

The meeting at Trustmark is being held in the multi-purpose room in the main office of Trustmark.

The multi-purpose room is located in the basement of the Trustmark building.

From State Street, turn onto Amite street and go through several red lights and across West Street. The parking garage for Trustmark is located to your left right after the Catholic Diocese and directly across from the Marriott.

Please notify the parking attendant that you are attending an EWI meeting, and he will open the gate for entrance into the parking garage.

Since our meeting is after-hours, you should be able to park in any open space on any floor up to 4B. There is also parking on the street all around our building if you would prefer to park there instead of our garage.

From the parking garage, take the garage elevators to the first floor and walk around the snack shop and toward the main lobby of our building where you will see a set of 5 main elevators.

Take the elevator down to the basement. There will be several signs indicating how to get to the multi-purpose room.

There are also stairs to take down to the basement level and there will be signs indicating those as well. Please call me if you have any questions about these directions - 601.208.5870. I look forward to seeing you here at Trustmark,

Tara

(you may want to print these directions and have them handy!)



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CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY

Jackson

Member Firm

- Alliance Business Services
- A T & T Mississippi
- Atmos Energy Corporation
- BankFirst Financial Services
- BankPlus
- Barlow Eddy Jenkins, PA
- Belhaven University
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of MS
- Broderick Advertising, Inc.
- Business Communications, Inc.
- Colonial Country Club
- Drs. Tramel & Brown
- Dunamis Technologies, LLC.
- Entergy Mississippi
- Enterprise Leasing Company South Central, LLC.
- Equity Solutions
- Eubank & Betts, PLLC
- Gray-Daniels Auto Family
- Geiger Midsouth
- Hilton – Jackson Convention Center
- International Business Machines Corporation
- Jackson Preparatory School Foundation, Inc.
- L-3 Vertex Aerospace
- Maurice H. Joseph, Inc.
- McDade’s Markets
- Mississippi Children’s Home Services
- Mississippi Department of Employment Security
- Mississippi State Personnel Board
- Morningside Partnership
- Old Capitol Inn
- Regions
- Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce
- Ridgeland Tourism Commission
- Ruth’s Chris Steakhouse
- ServiceMaster OneCall
- Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co.
- Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Co.
- St. Dominic Health Services
- St. Dominic – Jackson Memorial Hospital
- Stuart C. Irby Company
- TEC
- TempStaff, Inc.
- Todd & Associates, Inc.
- Trustmark Corporation
- University of Mississippi Medical Center
- WAPT-TV
- Watkins, Ludlam Winter & Stennis, PA
- Wells Fargo Advisors
- YMCA of Metropolitan Jackson

Executive Women International®

EWI® Mission and Vision

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
- Encouraging community involvement

Vision

To be the Leading Connection for Business
Professionals

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