



Letter From the President

Wow, 2012 is clicking by and it's time to buy red heart shaped boxes of chocolates for your sweetheart or help your child make "valentines" for his/her classmates or maybe just offer a word of encouragement to your neighbor. Take a minute to tell someone how much you love them or how much

you appreciate them – you'll be glad you did!

Our January Membership Meeting at St. Dominic was excellent. Our speaker, Mandi Stanley gave an informative and interactive presentation on presenting ourselves. Every day we make a presentation – even if only to just one person. Thank you to Sandra Spengler and our Program Committee for coordinating this successful meeting.

The February 9th Membership Meeting will be held at The Hilton on County Line Rd. Our speaker will be Whitney Andress. Whitney is a personal trainer and will share with us how we can reach our personal fitness goals in a positive encouraging environment. You won't want to miss the evening.

You'll notice several potential new member postings in this Connect. Jillian Lehman and her committee are doing an excellent job thinking of potential firms. They will be presenting an incentive plan to us at our February meeting. It will be fun! Come and learn how you can help us increase our membership and maybe even win a buck or too.

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!

The Spring Conference this year is going to be in Richmond, VA on March 29-31, and Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting (LCAM) is being held in Dallas, TX on September 13-15. Make plans now to attend one or both of these and let our Vice President, Georganna Keenum, know if you are planning to attend either.

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President's Letter Continued...

There are scholarships available on behalf of EWI of Jackson to its representatives for attending these leadership opportunities, please look for more information on how you can apply for these in the coming months. and to learn more about the organization and your fellow EWI representatives.

We would love to have each of you attend one if not both of the conferences; they are an excellent way to grow professionally and personally and to learn more about the organization and your fellow EWI representatives.

Happy Valentine's Day! See you on the 9th!

Serving with you,



Prayer Requests

- Maureen Watt's husband Ed passed away on January 24th.
- Charlotte Armstrong's mother, Mary Merkel passed away on January 21st.
- Kathryn Conwill, former member passed away on January 4th.
- Gloria Deister fell at work; pray for quick recovery.
- Kim Dubisson's husband.

DATES TO NOTE:

February 9, 2012
Membership Meeting at 6:00 at Hilton of Jackson

February 14, 2012
Board Meeting at the Hilton at 8:30 in the Crowne Room

February 24, 2012
Deadline for CONNECT info. To be submitted.

**January 2012
Board Meeting Highlights**

EWI of Jackson held the January Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at member firm Belhaven University.

Treasurer's Report:

General Account	\$19,107.06
Investment Account	<u>43,366.78</u>
Sub-Total	62,473.84
B/C/D/P	<u>12,329.30</u>
Total	\$74,803.14

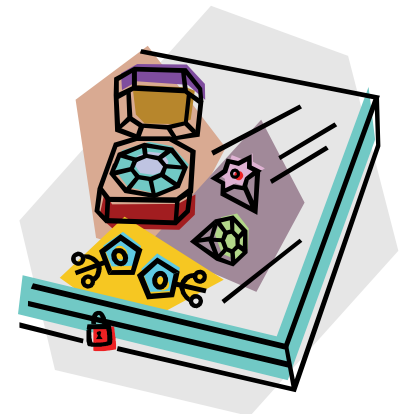
These amounts do not include dinner fees for Executive's Night.

Jillian Lehman, Membership Director asked for recommendations for membership.

Kelly Scrivner, Fundraising Director reported proceeds of \$135 from January door prizes.

February Membership meeting will be held February 9th at the Hilton at 6:00 p.m., with networking beginning at 5:30 p.m.

We have two EWI rhinestone pins for sale. **\$20** each. Please email Rhonda Dubois (rd9757@att.com) if you would like to purchase one. First come first served.





February Birthday Wishes

Representatives:

Kathy McDade	2/5	McDade's Market
Janice Knight	2/12	St. Dominic Health Services
Penny Danford	2/15	Tempstaff
Lisa Huff	2/16	Service Master
Wendi Garrison	2/17	Business Communications
Kim Dubuisson	2/23	Trustmark

Executives:

Caroline Carroll	2/4	Blue Cross Blue Shield of MS
Sister Dorothea	2/5	St. Dominic Health Services
Susan Lindsay	2/20	Jackson Prep
Glenn Patrick	2/26	Atmos Energy

EWI of Jackson

February
Membership Meeting
on Thursday
February 9, 2012



Hilton Convention
Center
of Jackson

In the Penthouse

Networking at 5:30 p.m.
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner Fees: \$30 per person
Standing Reservations Apply
Regrets only by Noon
Monday February 6, 2012
To Christi Brewer at:

601-420-5011

Christi.Brewer@atmosenergy.com

February Door Prize Assignments

Theme: Lovers Lane

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



Postings for Membership:

Mandy Stanley

Major: Speaking
Minor: Business

Jackie's International

Major: Restaurant
Minor: Specialty/ Catering

Brown Bottling Company

Major: Beverages-Non-Alcoholic
Minor: Bottling & Distributing

Ergon

Major: Business Service-Management
Minor: Petrochemicals

In accordance with EWI policy, any objection should be submitted by the Executive of a member firm to the attention of the Membership Committee within ten business days. You may also mail objections to Suzanne Sullivan, EWI Jackson President, 1500 Peachtree Street, Box 153, Jackson, MS 39202. Please contact Membership Director, Jillian Lehman, Hilton-Jackson Convention Center with any new firm recommendations.

What better way to kick off the summer season than with cash to spend on your well deserved vacation?
Join us at our February membership meeting to learn how you can earn
EWI of Jackson Golden Tickets!
Each ticket is one step closer to building a better chapter and the opportunity to win summer spending money!





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Sherry Bullock
EWI Secretary
2011-2012



Eubank Betts Hirn Wood, PLLC knows that the key to providing excellent service and solutions is to apply knowledge, resources and experience to a client's specific needs. Their philosophy continues to be that of providing quality services in a timely manner at reasonable costs.

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Sherry joined the Eubank Betts Hirn Wood team in 1989 as an administrative assistant. In 1998, she became the Network Administrator and shortly thereafter became Assistant Office Manager. With the retirement of Joyce Bethea in June 2010, Sherry became the Office Manager. She is responsible for the smooth operation of the day-to-day business of the Firm. She organizes and coordinates office operations and procedures in order to ensure effectiveness and efficiency.

She and her family live in Brandon and are active members of Pinelake Baptist Church. They enjoy volunteering for United Way, Habitat for Humanity, MS Blues Marathon, Watermelon Classic and the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women program. Her two youngest daughters are competitive gymnasts and they enjoy traveling during meet season.

Sherry joined EWI Jackson in 2010 and has served on the Program Committee and the Hospitality Committee. She is currently serving on the EWI Board as Secretary.



Jackson

Member Firm

A T & T Mississippi*

Alliance Business Services

Atmos Energy Corporation

BankFirst Financial Services

BankPlus

Barlow Eddy Jenkins, PA

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BlueCross & BlueShield of Mississippi

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Business Communications, Inc.

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Hilton-Jackson Convention Center

Irby Electrical Distributor

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Mississippi Children's Home Services

Mississippi State Personnel Board*

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Regions

City of Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce

Ridgeland Tourism Commission

ServiceMaster OneCall

Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co.*

St. Dominic - Jackson Memorial Hospital

St. Dominic Health Services

TEC

TempStaff, Inc.

Todd & Associates, Inc.

Trustmark Corporation

University of Mississippi Medical Center

WAPT-TV

Wells Fargo Advisors

YMCA of Metropolitan Jackson

**firm has two representatives*

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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
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