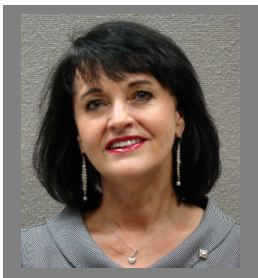


Letter from President



Can you believe it is now 2010? I hope you and your families, like mine, were blessed with good health, fellowship and lots of food and goodies during the holidays.

If you were not at our December meeting, you were missed. We had a wonderful evening; we were serenaded by the Bells of Faith, presentation of honorarium funds were made to Kit Barksdale, Executive Director of the Mustard Seed, and Janice

Knight and Dianne Luckett gave a report and video presentation on September's LCAM in Louisville, KY. It was a real blessing to see the outpouring of your generosity as evidenced by the toys and monetary contributions in support of the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. Thanks to your support, Sandy Powlett and the Philanthropy Committee were able to adopt additional children beyond those originally selected.

Our new Program Director, Suzanne Sullivan was installed, and Suzanne has already jumped in with both feet, arranging for our January meeting to be held at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, when Stephanie Daniels will be installed as the Ruth's Chris representative, along with replacement representative for Atmos Entergy, Christi Brewer. Suzanne and committee have arranged for local and well-known author, Nancy Anderson, "Tough Talk for Tough Times" to be our speaker.

Dianne Luckett has devoted considerable time to our website development. Please go to <http://www.ewijackson.com>; and from our home page select "Connect" to review the December 2009 Connect online. Dianne will be loading previous editions as time permits, but we are very excited about posting the Connect online going forward; and significantly minimizing or eliminating postal and e-mailing of the file monthly. Hopefully by February, we will be ready to give e-mail **only** notification to you with link for you to view the Connect online at your convenience.

EWI is a very much alive, mutually beneficial, and vital organization, thanks to you and your firms' support. Please get your renewals in early. We are counting on you in 2010, and welcome your support and participation to make us a most efficient and effective organization, not to mention the fun and fellowship.

I wish each of you and your firms a most prosperous 2010; may your year be filled with health and happiness. Happy New Year!

2010 Officers & Board of Directors

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Belhaven University

Cynthia N. Bailey,
Publications Director
Enterprise Holdings, Inc

Dec '09 Board Meeting Highlights

EWI - Jackson held the December Board of Directors meeting at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at member firm BankPlus.

The minutes from the November Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

General Account	\$25,448.48
Investment Account	<u>\$41,880.13</u>
Sub-Total	\$67,328.61
B/C/D/P	<u>\$ 2,947.16</u>
Total	\$70,275.77

The Sergeant-At-Arms report listed 50 member firms with 39 representatives and 2 sustaining members in attendance at the December Business meeting.

On behalf of the Membership Committee, Penny Danford, made a motion to approve Bryson Insurance for posting to the membership. The motion carried.

The Philanthropic Angel project for Christmas was well received and supported. Toys and other items were distributed to the Salvation Army.

On behalf of the Program Committee, Suzanne Sullivan, made a motion to have Nancy Anderson as the January speaker. Nancy is the author of Tough Talk for Tough Times and President of New Perspectives. The motion carried. On behalf of the Program Committee, Suzanne Sullivan, made a motion to host Kristena Gaylor, professor at Belhaven University, for the February meeting. The motion carried.

On behalf of the Program Committee, Suzanne Sullivan, made a motion to hold the January meeting at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse. The motion carried.

Publication Director, Cynthia Bailey, was not in attendance but provided her report. The deadline for submission of information for the CONNECT is 12/28/09.

Next meeting is Thursday, January 14th, at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse
Next Board meeting is Tuesday, January 19, and will be hosted by Sandy Powlett, Entergy Mississippi, at the Electric Building at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.



JANUARY MEETING

January's membership meeting will be held at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse located at Renaissance in Ridgeland.

January 14, 2010

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

Our speaker will be Nancy Anderson.

~Regrets only~

Please contact Deanna Mickle by noon, Monday January 11, 2010.

Phone: 601-352-8377
Email: Deanna@bejarch.com

Posted for Membership

The Board has approved the following new member firm for posting:

Bryson Insurance

Exec: Sam Bryson

Rep: Deborah Ellis

Major: Insurance

Minor: Workers Compensation

*In accordance with EWI policy, any objection to a firm posted for membership may be submitted by the Executive of a member firm within ten days of posting. Objections should be directed to the attention of Membership Committee or to the Chapter President: Carolyn Rogers, TEC, P. O. Box 940, Jackson, MS 39205-0940.

Please contact Membership Chairperson, Penny Danford, TempStaff, with any new firm recommendations.

Prayer Request

Joyce Plunkett ~ Please add my mother, Patricia McEwen, to your prayer list. She fell Christmas morning and broke her hip. She had hip replacement on Saturday after Christmas. We moved her last Wednesday to a nursing home in Columbus for rehabilitation until she is able to go home. Please keep her in your prayers.

Wanda Baldwin ~ Please add my uncle, Stue Chaney, in St Dominics Hospital with pancreatitis.

Renee Brown ~ Please add my mother, Margaret Rogers, to the prayer list. She has started her treatments today for breast cancer. They will last 5 days a week for 7 weeks.

Sylvia Napper ~ I would appreciate my mother, Pauline Chancellor, being added. She has been in and out of hospital twice in December and is at home now but doing very poorly. My family would appreciate prayers for her.

Continued requests... Charlotte Goode's mother, Lola Bell Maddox; Deanna Mickle's grandmother, who is in recovery and rehabilitation from hip surgery; Sandy Powlett's father, who is receiving cancer treatments; and Heather Hans, EWI Corporate, thyroid cancer

Member Firm sited as "Fast 40" recipient



TempStaff has been selected as a recipient of the Fast 40 Program for 2008-2009. The Fast 40 Program, co-presented by the Mississippi Business Journal, KPMG LLP and Watkins Ludlam Winter & Stennis, PA honors the state's most dynamic privately-owned businesses for their contributions to the growth and success of the entire community. Like the INC 500 list of the nation's fastest-growing companies, the Fast 40 list represents the backbone of Mississippi business and industry.

January Birthdays...

1/3	Larry Hollingsworth	Hilton-Jackson Convention Center
1/3	John Broderick	Broderick Advertising Inc.
1/5	Brad Garrison	Enterprise Holdings, Inc
1/5	Libby Barnes	University of Ms Medical Ctr
1/9	Cherrita Speech	Miss Dept of Employment Security
1/10	Billy Brunt	BankFirst Financial Services
1/10	Lori Chester	BankPlus
1/10	Patsy Tolleson	Sustaining Member (BellSouth)
1/12	Haley Fisackerly	Entergy Mississippi
1/26	Pam Young Crusoe	International Business Machines
1/29	Rita Parker	A. G. Edwards & Sons, Inc.
1/30	Dr. Michael Tramel	Drs. Tramel & Riley

“Spotlight”

Lori Chester has worked for BankPlus for 15 years. She currently holds the position of Recruiting Manager and Vice President. During her time at BankPlus she has worked in various areas of the bank. She has managed the Check Processing Department and the Document Imaging Department, consisting of a total of 22 employees.

Lori received her PHR certification in 2007 and is a member of the Society of Human Resource Management. She is a member of the Capital Area Human Resource Association where she has served as the SHRM Foundation Director and currently serves as the Treasurer.



Lori joined EWI in February 2008 and has served on the Program and Philanthropy committees. She served as Secretary in 2009 and currently holds this position for 2010.

Lori has been married to Jack Chester for 28 years and they reside in Vaughan. She has a stepson Shane Chester, a daughter Erin Chester and a son Trent Chester. She has one granddaughter. She is a Pre-Teen Sunday School teacher, a member of the BlackJack Baptist Church choir and serves as the Treasurer for the Cemetery Fund.

BancPlus Corporation is the parent company of BankPlus, which was founded in 1909 as Citizens Bank & Trust Company (CB&T), in Belzoni, Mississippi. CB&T grew to include locations in central Mississippi and the Delta.

The name was changed to BankPlus in September 1994, when Southeast Mississippi Bank in Quitman was merged into the banking system, extending our service area to southeast Mississippi.

The name BankPlus and our slogan, "It's more than a name. It's a promise." reflect the enhanced services we offer and emphasize our commitment to giving our customers more for their money.

In the last decade, BankPlus has grown from \$156 million to over \$2 billion in total assets. We currently have over 60 offices in 33 Mississippi communities. We have the vision, the people, the tools and the locations we need to remain a step ahead of the competition.

Door Prize Assignments

- MPI-Geiger
- Barlow, Eddy, Jenkins, PA
- Belhaven University
- St. Dominic - Jackson Memorial Hospital
- Mississippi College
- Mississippi State Personnel Board

Theme: “Rejuvenate Yourself”

~ DATES TO NOTE ~

January 14, 2010

Membership Meeting
Ruth's Chris Steak House
5:30 p.m. networking, 6:00 meeting

January 19, 2010

Board Meeting hosted by Sandy Powlett, Entergy MS, at the Electric Building, 4pm.

January 25, 2010

Deadline for publication submissions.

February 11, 2010

Membership Meeting.

April 22-24, 2010

Spring Conference hosted by EWI Memphis.

September 23-25, 2010

LCAM
Kansas City, Kansas

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 Mississippi
- Broderick Advertising, Inc.
- Business Communications, Inc.
- Colonial Country Club
- Drs. Tramel, Riley and Brown
- Dunamis Technologies, LLC.
- Entergy Mississippi
- Enterprise Leasing Company South Central, LLC.
- Equity Solutions
- Eubank & Betts, PLLC
- First Commercial Bank
- Haywood Trucking, Inc.
- Hilton – Jackson Convention Center
- International Business Machines Corporation
- Jackson Preparatory School Foundation, Inc.
- L-3 Vertex Aerospace
- Maurice H. Joseph, Inc.
- McDade's Food Store
- Mississippi Braves
- Mississippi Children's Home Services
- Mississippi College
- Mississippi Department of Employment Security
- Mississippi State Personnel Board
- Morningside Partnership
- MPI – Geiger
- Old Capitol Inn
- Premier Publishing
- Regions
- Ruth's Chris Steak House
- 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