



## Letter From the President

Our April Membership meeting was a great success thanks to Sandra Spengler and the Program Committee. The Pan Asia staff did a great job in serving our meals quickly and with a smile. The meal was delicious and Amy Head did a great job in challenging us to realize that a closed door sometimes means a better opportunity is ahead.

I want to personally thank all of you for your support of our Spring Project with the Little Lighthouse and What a Difference a Day Makes. As members we raised \$250 and the chapter added \$250 from the budget to give the Little Lighthouse a \$500 donation to help them purchase items that are needed to provide the best care and experience for their children. The children were so sweet and enjoyed getting to know our ladies. The Little Lighthouse welcomes volunteers and would love for you to visit them if you have the time and desire to help. They will be moving to a new location on Pear Orchard soon to give them more space and potentially enroll more children.

The EWISP interviews took place yesterday and Joyce Plunkett and the EWISP committee, did an outstanding job administering the process of our EWISP program. Ten applicants applied and interviewed and the winners were determined. I met all of the young candidates and all seemed very deserving; I wish we could award them all scholarships! Joyce is currently contacting the winners to notify them and we will introduce them to you in our June CONNECT and hopefully they will be available to attend our scholarship meeting in July. The ASIST Committee is currently receiving applications and will be working this month to determine the scholarship winners for that program as well.

As a friendly reminder, the straw ballots are due to Carolyn Rogers, Nominating Committee Chair, this Friday, May 4. Please take time to give your opinion to the Committee for who you see as future leadership of our Chapter and most importantly where you are willing to serve! It takes each and every one of us to maintain the success of our Chapter.

Also, as a reminder LCAM registration is open and the early bird deadline ends May 31. Georganna reserved several rooms for us earlier this spring at the conference hotel Dallas Fairmont. So, don't miss out – make plans to attend today.

Lots to look forward to this month Mother's Day, our May membership meeting at Julep, and Memorial Day! Enjoy!

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## April 2012 Board Meeting Highlights

EWI of Jackson held the April Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at member firm Atmos Energy.

### Treasurer's Report:

General Account	\$10,660.74
Investment Account	<u>43,366.78</u>
Sub-Total	54,027.52
B/C/D/P	<u>12,329.30</u>
Total	\$66,356.82

Cherrita Speech, Philanthropy Director announced that the service date for The Little Lighthouse project will be April 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 - 1:30 and we received \$250 in donations from the membership.

Kelly Scrivner, Fundraising Director reported proceeds of \$93 from April door prizes.

May membership meeting will be held Thursday, May 10th at Julep at 6:00 p.m., with networking beginning at 5:30 p.m.



**Registration is now open! Early Bird Registration ends on May 31, 2012, so register now!**

**It will be held September 12-15 at the Fairmont in Dallas, Texas.**



### Prayer Requests

- Doyleen Higginbotham – broken foot
- Family of Sue Cooper, following her death.
- Fay Fife (Mother passed away)

### DATES TO NOTE:

#### **May 10, 2012**

Membership Meeting at 6:00 at Julep Restaurant in Jackson

#### **May 15, 2012**

Board Meeting at Belhaven University at 11:30

#### **May 27, 2012**

Deadline for CONNECT info. to be submitted.





## May Birthday Wishes

### Representatives:

Becky Perkins	5/5	Sustaining Member
Kim Sandige	5/8	Barlow•Eddy•Jenkins
Georganna Keenum	5/8	Gray - Daniels Auto Family
Dianne Lockett	5/18	Irby Electrical Distributor
Cherry Buckner	5/20	YMCA
Wanda Park	5/31	Jackson Preparatory School

### Executives:

Robert Jacobs	5/29	Equity Solutions
Chris Cherney	5/30	MS Children's Home Services

## May Door Prize Assignments

### Theme: Summer Fun

Hilton Jackson Convention Center  
 Old Capitol Inn  
 Temp Staff  
 L-3 Vertex

*Costs of Door Prizes should be around \$25.00 and go with the theme for the month.*



## EWI of Jackson

*May  
 Membership Meeting  
 on Thursday  
 May 10, 2012*



*Julep  
 Restaurant*

**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 May 7, 2012**  
 To Christi Brewer at:

**601-420-5011**

[Christi.Brewer@atmosenergy.com](mailto:Christi.Brewer@atmosenergy.com)

Sue L. Cooper  
April 5, 1922 – April 19, 2012

*As you all know one of our sustaining members, Sue Cooper, passed away recently. Many in our membership have fond memories of Sue and knew her quite well; however, new representatives may not have had the opportunity to have known her, but after reading this article you'll wish you had. CONNECT asked Louise Anderson to write a tribute to Sue based on information gathered from those that knew her best. Sue and Louise worked together for many years at Maurice H. Joseph, so Louise knew her as a co-worker and as a friend in EWI.*

Although membership in EWI is by firm, the firm's representative works to make the chapter a success; as such, Sue Cooper was one of the "founding" members of EWI of Jackson. She and Eleanor Tankersley solicited other firms to form the chapter; they went from a few people interested in forming a chapter, to a chartered chapter of 25 firms in 30 days! I recall Sue telling me about the beginning; they didn't have a nominating committee formed for the first year (1956), so when it came time to choose the board members, the members agreed that since she and Eleanor had started the effort, they should be the first President and Vice President; Sue spoke up and said if Eleanor would be President the first year, she would serve as President the second year. At that time, Sue worked for Hinds County Water Company. After serving as Chapter President for 1957, Sue also served on the Corporate Membership Committee for 1959-1960.

When Sue left employment with Hinds County Water Company in 1970, one of the "benefits" that she required of her next employer was that the firm had to join EWI. That employer was Maurice H. Joseph, Inc., where she remained until her retirement in April, 1992.

Sue celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 5, 2012. She was happy and content in her home with her caregiver Stacy and Stacy's two small dogs, although Sue told everyone that the dogs were hers!

She attended most of the annual meetings and was instrumental in helping charter Little Rock and Nashville Chapters. A story that was relayed to me from several past Chapter Presidents was that the first year the Jackson delegation attended the annual meeting, it seems that they didn't understand about being present for the actual meeting and were shopping and having a great time doing so until they heard their names over the paging system to return to the convention hall. The annual meeting couldn't proceed until the Jackson delegation checked in!

I recall the year EWI of Jackson hosted a regional spring conference – part of the conference involved an event at the Mississippi Agricultural Museum and a hail storm formed that afternoon. Sue called back to our office in a panic for us to call our insurance company as her new company car had been pelted from the hail storm! Regardless of circumstances, Sue was a stickler for proper procedure.

I asked many of our past Chapter Presidents who knew Sue, to share a story or a remembrance of her for this article and have added these below.

Francine Conerly shared that Sue was special to many of us and was always an encourager.

Maureen Watt shared that Sue was always ready to help in any way she could. She would call Maureen and offer to pick her up to attend many of the Chapter meetings. Maureen said, "Sue was a caring and supportive person with a positive attitude, we all loved her."

Molly Laseter shared that Sue was a great example for women striving to succeed in business – an "executive" when women were generally "secretaries" and she accomplished this without losing her caring spirit for others.

Marilyn Blackledge shared that she interacted with Sue on many occasions and at annual meetings and found Sue to be a typical southern lady and one that always had a good time.

Carol Daniel shared that she remembered Sue's "elegance," as always dressed tastefully and carried herself so well even as she aged.

Kay Wise shared that she loved being around Sue Coop-ah – Kay always teased about the way Sue pronounced Cooper.

Becky Perkins shared that Sue was a great lady and mentor. Sue always looked as if she stepped out of a "band box". Can you believe she loved camping? Sue and her husband Preston were members of a camping group and made many trips with their group throughout the US--From sharp dressing for work to her "dress" blue jeans for travel. A volunteer, church worker and a special lady to all!!! She will be missed.

Joy Griffith shared that when she thinks of Sue, she remembers a lady always smartly dressed and very professional, and therefore was very shocked to learn that Sue liked camping---first class of course in her Airstream! She enjoyed hearing the stories of her interesting adventures with her good friend, Verna Wood....those two had a lot of fun. The guidance Sue provided in the early years formed the firm foundation for the strong Jackson Chapter we have today. Individually and as a Chapter, we have benefited from her leadership and friendship.

Sylvia Napper shared the following: Sue Cooper, a Charter representative, was one of the most dedicated EWI members the Jackson Chapter has ever had. When I joined EWI in 1973 she was a role model and a great mentor to us "newbie's." She truly believed that one of her most important roles was to encourage others to take leadership roles. I can truly say I never saw Sue with a hair out of place or a flaw in her makeup; she never made an appearance without being perfectly and appropriately dressed. When I first learned that she and her husband were avid campers in their Airstream I was shocked. She certainly did not have that "camper" look, but she loved it. As I grew to know Sue I discovered a warm and caring person and also how much fun she was. She and her best friend Verna traveled the world together and some of the best laughs ever were when they were together regaling us with their tales. Those of us who were privileged to know Sue have so many delightful memories of her. One of my favorite is during an EWI meeting in Seattle when I decided we should all go to the Seattle Needle although Sue reminded us it was much too late. But I was determined to go. Sue would not let her "chicks" as she called us go alone, so there we were, the entire Jackson contingent dressed to the nines in our long gowns, after midnight, setting off with Sue in the lead to the Seattle Needle. She was truly a great lady, friend and mentor.

Sue Cooper will certainly be missed by all who knew her.

*Gifts may be given to the EWI Jackson Scholarship Fund in memory of Sue Cooper  
Checks can be given to Suzanne or Wanda Baldwin at our May meeting or mailed to:  
EWI—Jackson  
P.O. Box 3264  
Jackson, MS 39207*



### What a difference a day makes!

Our spring project at the Little Lighthouse was very rewarding. Each child has his/her own special need and is cared for as an individual while in a group setting. They each have their own unique personality and enjoyed hugs, laps, and personal attention from our group. Our chapter gave them \$500 (\$250 from member gifts and \$250 from our philanthropy budget) to allow them to purchase items they need to give the children the best experience. Thank you for making a difference!





# Jackson

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YMCA of Metropolitan Jackson

*\*firm has two representatives*

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