

President's Message



Hello Ladies and Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed time with family and friends. It has definitely been hard to get motivated after the hustle, bustle of the season and especially with this cold, cold weather! However, we have a lot of things going on and preparations being made for activities and events coming up during the year so, that gets me motivated.

If you were unable to attend our December meeting at Fox Den Country Club, you missed a good one. Greg Erickson provided us with a wealth of information to consider about estate planning, wills, and trusts. He also made some great points regarding elderly parents and ways we might assist in ensuring their business is in order. In addition, Emily Cox led us in a mini-version of our ornament exchange, which was fun, and still worked out with our morning timeframe.

Each of you should have received an e-mail with your renewal notice attached. Also, your executive should have received a letter from me along with the invoice via regular mail. Payment is due by January 15. I recognize that many of our firms are still attempting to recover from our country's economic problems, but I am also optimistic that everyone realizes the positives of their EWI membership. As always, do not hesitate to contact me or any other past president if you need additional support for your renewal. We are always happy to share the value of being a member of EWI.

Our next board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14th, 11:30 a.m. at LBMC. Even if you are not a board member, you are always welcome to bring your lunch and attend.

I look forward to the January meeting on Wednesday, January 20th at the Four Points by Sheraton. The meeting will be a mini firm night and we have had great response from our members. What a great way to find out more

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about what our member firms do and/or the services they offer. This would also be a great time to invite a prospective member to attend.

Remember, beginning in February, our meetings will be held the third Tuesday of the month. The program committee is busy planning a great year of meetings with a mixture of breakfasts, lunches and dinners. Please don't hesitate to give your feedback to me or Emily Cox if you have thoughts or suggestions about our meetings. We welcome your input!

Be thinking towards September and LCAM in Kansas City...Join us and see what the excitement is about! Are you in??? More information will be forthcoming about partial and full scholarships to attend.

Let's start the year off to make 2010 a fabulous ONE for EWI – Knoxville.

Sandy

December Meeting Summary

Our December meeting was a business meeting held on December 16 at Fox Den Country Club.

Greg Erickson, Tax Partner, with Lattimore, Black, Morgan & Cain, PC was the featured speaker.

Greg gave an entertaining presentation on wills, including a review of tax rules, probate rules, planning considerations, and beneficiary designations.

Emily Cox, Program Coordinator, led us in our ornament exchange.

Sandy Richards, President, presented the 2010 budget. The Chapter voted to accept the budget as presented. A copy is attached.

Upcoming Events

January Meeting –Mini-Firm Night

You won't want to miss our mini firm night at our January meeting. This is when our member firms have an opportunity to showcase their products and services to the membership. As of last count, we have nine member firms scheduled to participate!

January Meeting

6:00 pm, Wed Jan 20
Mini-Firm Night

Check in begins at **5:30**
Cost \$25

RSVP by Thurs. Jan 14
jdavison@humana.com
or call 670-7006



The participating firms are: Bertelkamp Automation, FastFrames, In10sity, Knoxville Tourism & Sports Corporation, McKibbin Hotel Management, National College, Privette Insurance Group, Pureline Printing, and Tillman Companies.

As always, please feel free to bring your executive or a potential member. Just RSVP to Jana Davison by Thursday, January 14. Jana's email is jdavison@humana.com and her phone number is 670-7006.

We will have \$1 raffle tickets at the meeting for a chance to win a gift. So, be sure and bring some dollars to purchase tickets. If you or your member firm would like to donate a gift for the raffle, please see Connie Leggett.

Most importantly, please bring any used eyeglasses you may have for donation to the Knoxville Tri-County Lions Club.

See you on the 20th!

Pellissippi State Foundation Grant

Sandy Richards and Lisa Coulter recently attended a reception at the Pellissippi State Foundation honoring donors and scholarship recipients. The recipient of our EWI scholarship for the 2009-2010 academic year is Melody Watts. Pictured below left to right are Sandy Richards, Melody Watts, and Lisa Coulter.



2010 Membership

Invoices for 2010 membership dues have been sent. Payment is due by January 15. Please see the attached member payment guidelines if you have any questions, or contact Kim Alt, Membership Director.

We are looking forward to an exciting 2010!

Weekend Academy

Weekend Academy students sent us two holiday cards they made in appreciation of our support for their program. We will have the cards on display at the January meeting. We look forward to our continued participation with the students in 2010!

SkinCare Center

See attached for January specials from the SkinCare Center.

MORE UPCOMING DATES

February 16, 2010
Lunch 11:30 am

March 16, 2010
Evening 5:30 pm

April 20, 2010
Evening 5:30 pm

May 18, 2010
Lunch 11:30

June 7, 2010
Evening 5:30 pm

July 20, 2010
Evening 5:30 pm

August 17, 2010
Evening 5:30 pm

September 21, 2010
Lunch 11:30 am

October 19, 2010
Evening 5:30