

## Letter from President



Hello Ladies!

As I write my next to last newsletter as your president, I think about the month of August and all it brings. August to me represents the end of summer, school starting, county fairs, and most importantly, Chinese Auction time! This will be our Chapter's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual

Chinese Auction, and Connie and her committee have been working very hard to get everything in place for this exciting event! As I have said previously, you won't be disappointed. Although Jana is on vacation, I believe we are currently at our capacity of 200 for the auction or very close. This year, we want to ensure our guests know more about EWI than in previous years and how the monies we raise are used. Therefore, we will be taking a few moments prior to the auction to share this information, along with a short slide show.

For those of you that missed our July meeting on the Volunteer Princess, you missed an excellent time. We had several visitors and prospective members attend this meeting, and they were duly impressed with our group and the opportunity to cruise down the river on this lovely boat. A fun time was had by all!

The coming months hold some exciting things, as well. On Saturday, September 11, we will hold a career day with our Weekend Academy boys and girls and then in December a field trip with them to see Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street at the Knoxville Children's Theater. Additionally, we will be holding our September new board installation meeting a week earlier on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, due to several of us attending EWI Annual Meeting and Leadership Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. From the agenda it looks like it is going to be a jam packed conference, and we will have the opportunity to hear from several great speakers. Annual Conference is the perfect opportunity for our Chapter to learn and share ideas with other Chapters in regards to networking and professional and personal development.

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Terrye Whitaker, National College

Additionally, I will be completing my third Academy of Leadership Module, with one more to go before joining Brenda Humphrey as an Academy of Leadership Alumni.

Soon you will be presented with the proposed board, and we will begin thinking about the committee chairs and members. Thank you in advance for your support to Lisa Coulter and EWI in the upcoming year.

Our next board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at LBMC. Even if you are not a board member, you are always welcome to bring your lunch and attend.

Enjoy what's left of our summer, and I will see you all on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> for the auction!

*Sandy*

## July Meeting Summary

We had a lovely time July 20th on the Volunteer Princess. The weather was hot, but we were nice and cool on the boat enjoying the beautiful views along the river.

President Sandy Richards welcomed the membership and our guests and prospective members in her opening remarks and announced that Terrye Whitaker, Kim Alt, and Sherri Lockett have been offered partial scholarships to attend the Annual Conference in Kansas City. Sandy, Lisa Coulter, Connie Leggett, Denise Smith and Jana Davison are already registered to attend.

Sandy recognized Kay Hays on her retirement from Bush Brothers with flowers. Sandy also announced that the chapter board voted to make Kay a lifetime member. Kay introduced Susan Ward who will be our new representative for Bush Brothers. Welcome, Susan!

Connie Leggett, our Auction Chair, gave a status report and some last minute reminders for the auction. Connie also organized some baskets with fun summer items for silent auction and awarded several door prizes at the meeting.

YOU ARE INVITED  
TO ATTEND  
THE 10TH ANNUAL  
EWI  
Chinese  
Auction  
TUESDAY  
AUGUST 17TH  
5:30 P.M.  
BEARDEN BANQUET HALL  
5806 KINGSTON PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919  
\$25 PER SEAT / \$200 PER TABLE OF 10  
RSVP: JANA DAVISON  
JDAVISON@HUMANA.COM  
865-670-7006

## Executive Lunch Meeting

President Sandy Richards and Vice President Lisa Coulter hosted a lunch meeting for executives from some of our member firms June 29th at LBMC offices.

The executives were very appreciative of the opportunity to learn more about our chapter and how they can support us in the future. We would like to continue these on a regular basis. A possible leadership workshop for the chapter was discussed.

## Membership News

We have had several prospects attend our last few meetings. A membership reception is being planned for October at the Knoxville Chamber offices. The reception will provide information about our chapter to new prospective members.

On August 5, the Membership Director posted another new member firm to the membership – New Link Solutions. New Link Solutions sells and installs new telephone systems and communications products for businesses.

## Other News and Notes

Kathy Eaves with BEH Group, Inc. has a client in the Lovell Road area that has a job opening for an Executive Assistant. The position includes some human resources work and requires bookkeeping and payroll experience. Anyone interested should forward their resume to Kathy at [kbe711@comcast.net](mailto:kbe711@comcast.net).

Two of our long-time members, Sharon Donnell and Kathy Eaves, both recently lost their mothers. Please see the thank you notes attached from Sharon and Kathy.

The chapter received two thank you notes recently which are also attached.

The first is from the University of Southern California where our 2009 scholarship recipient, Paige Graham, is beginning her studies this fall. Paige plans to study sports journalism.

The second note is from EWI of Nashville thanking us for our donation to the flood relief drive.

### MEETING SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, Aug 17, 5:30 pm**  
**EWI Chinese Auction**  
**Bearden Banquet Hall**  
 5806 Kingston Pike

Reminders for the auction:

- Bring school supplies for Weekend Academy
- Cash for Nose to Toes contest
- Cash or checks for tickets to bid on packages
- Wear your EWI shirts & khaki pants

**New date!**

**Tuesday, Sep 14, 5:30 pm**  
 Board Installation  
 Hunter Valley Farm

**Tuesday, Oct 19, 5:30 pm**  
 Firm Night  
 Home Federal Bank of TN

**Tuesday, Nov 16, 5:30 pm**  
 Naples Italian Restaurant

**Tuesday, Dec 14, 11:30 am**  
 Ornament Exchange  
 Knoxville Convention Center



## Member Spotlight

Classification: Education/College



**National College**  
of Business & Technology

Terrye Whitaker, Career Center Director

National College was founded in 1886 by J. A. Trimmer in Roanoke, Virginia, to provide its citizens with training for business careers. It has since broadened within the state of Virginia and four other states, including Tennessee, and will soon open its first campus in West Virginia.

The Knoxville campus, centrally located near I40/75, helps serve the workforce development needs of the city and was recently ranked fifth in Forbes magazine's 100 Best Places for Business and Careers. The Knoxville campus features numerous modern classrooms as well as medical and computer labs where students acquire the technical training they need to successfully compete in the local economy.

Terrye has been with National College since the opening of the Knoxville campus in September 2003. She holds a Masters degree in Business Administration and was initially an adjunct faculty member in the business department and taught English in the general education department. Terrye assumed her current position of Career Center Director in December 2005.

Terrye has been married to Tom Whitaker for 37 years. They have one daughter, Sarah, who just graduated with a Bachelor's degree in business management. Terrye and Tom have two cats, Tygger and Luna, who Terrye says "rule their lives." Terrye's interests include reading and travel. Terrye and Tom have visited Italy and China, among other places, and Terrye says these are her favorite trips.

Terrye is a volunteer with the American Cancer Society and in addition to EWI, is a member of the Tennessee Valley Human Resource Association, the Smoky Mountain Chapter of the American Society of Training & Development, the West Knoxville Civitan organization, and the Oak Ridge Human Resource Association. As a member of EWI, Terrye has held several board positions, has participated in committees, and has completed three of four modules for the EWI Academy of Leadership.

In addition to numerous one-year programs, National College offers Associate Degrees in the following areas:

- Accounting
- Business Administration Management
- Medical Assisting
- Computer Applications Technology
- Information Systems Engineering

Students who choose National College have ample opportunities for financial assistance. One group National particularly supports is veterans. National has the following financial assistance and grant programs for veterans.

Financial Assistance Programs:

- Active Duty Veterans
- Disabled Veterans
- Post 9/11 GI Bill
- Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance

Grant Programs:

The **Blue Ribbon Grant** provides up to \$8,000 in tuition assistance to qualified military veterans, active duty, Guard/Reserve and military spouses and dependents.

The **Armed Services**

**Recognition Grant** provides up to \$4,000 in tuition assistance and is available exclusively at National College.

**From:** Sharon Donnell [mailto:Sharon.Donnell@pilottravelcenters.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 01, 2010 11:10 AM  
**To:** Sandy Richards  
**Subject:** THANKS

Ladies - thank you so much for your presence, notes, cards, and prayers. Losing your mother is shocking to your soul. Each of you has taught me how to treat others during a time of loss. Thank you for that, and most importantly, thank you for your friendship. -- Sharon Donnell

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**From:** Kathy Eaves [mailto:kbe711@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 04, 2010 9:22 PM

I would also like to submit a "thank you" card to run in the newsletter for the many kind expressions of sympathy received after the loss of my Mom. We have such an awesome group of members and it brought me great comfort during a difficult time.

Kathy Eaves  
BEH Group Inc.

[kbe711@comcast.net](mailto:kbe711@comcast.net)

Dear Knoxville Chapter Members,

Thank you from Music City! Your donation to our Flood Relief drive is greatly appreciated, but your love & prayers are cherished.

We are applying your check towards 3 chapter families that suffered great losses.

Nashville is "drying out" but we have years of work ahead. However - our spirit is great and you have helped pave the way.

Love from the Nashville Chapter -

Just Jones, President

## Watercolorflowers

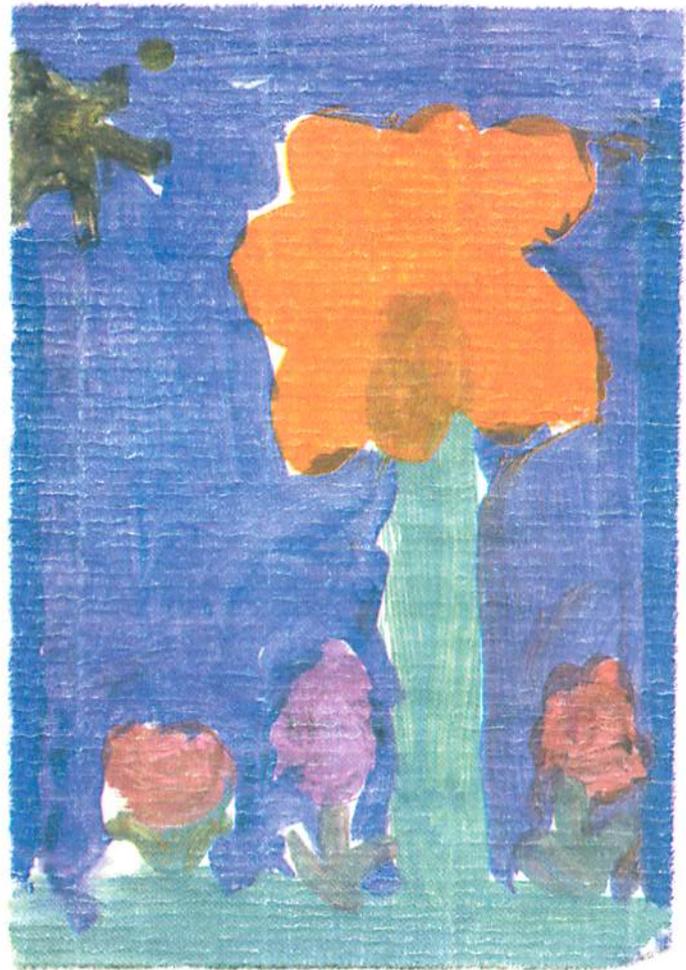
The art on this card was created by  
**Angela Lopez**  
Age 8

while enrolled in an art class at Cottage Cove Urban Ministries. Cottage Cove is an inner-city ministry located in Nashville, Tennessee who's mission is to offer educational opportunities and training in the arts to children at no charge to them or their guardians. We are not affiliated with (nor do we accept funding from) any government agency or professional charity. The work at Cottage Cove is funded entirely by tax-exempt donations.



### Cottage Cove Urban Ministries

630 Benton Ave.  
Nashville, TN 37204  
615.292.2303  
[www.cottagecove.org](http://www.cottagecove.org)





July 8, 2010

Admission and  
Financial Aid

Executive Women International -Knoxville  
c/o Denise Smith-Tennessee Valley Authority  
400 W. Summit Hill Drive  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

Re: Graham, Paige, Student I.D. # 5668 5775-71  
\$3000 scholarship for the 2010-2011 Term

Dear Sir/Madam:

On behalf of the University of Southern California, I would like to thank you for your generous support of outstanding USC students.

The scholarship check you recently awarded to the above-referenced student has been received by the Financial Aid Office and coordinated into the recipient's financial aid package. If the check was made payable to USC, the funds have been deposited with the University and credited to the student's university account. If the check was made payable to the student, he/she has been notified to come to our office to endorse the check.

Please send all future scholarship correspondence and checks to my attention at the below address; please be sure to include the **USCID** number and permanent address of the awarded.

University of Southern California  
Financial Aid Office – JHH 324  
700 Childs Way  
Los Angeles, California 90089-0914  
Attn: Aid Coordination Office

Again, thank you for your recognition of worthy USC students; your support is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to call me at (213) 740-9530 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Dieken".

Paul Dieken  
Associate Director, Aid Coordination