

## Letter from the President



**November + EWI = a very busy month!**

Here is the lineup ladies!

**Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** the Membership Committee will host its annual **Wine & Cheese** event at the Knoxville Chamber. This is our one big opportunity during the year to fully

showcase EWI to those interested in joining our organization. Local wines will be featured with delicious cheeses, and an informative presentation accompanies. Go ahead, invite that sharp business professional you have been thinking about inviting for months, it's not too late!

**Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** we will hold our **monthly meeting** at Naples Italian Restaurant with guest speaker Christine Beatty, whose presentation is "personality types and business interactions". A must attend meeting!

**Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** we will hold our first annual **chapter retreat**, organized and facilitated by two of our executives, Jeannie Dulaney and Mark Field. It will be a jammed packed day of collaborating and learning and planning for the future of our Chapter. Lunch will be provided, so all you need to bring is yourself, a notepad and pen, we will take care of the rest!

Also this month, Sherry Ellis, Connie Leggett and I will be preparing the **2011 budget**. We look forward to presenting the proposed budget to the Chapter in December. Please share any input with me regarding the budget before November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Not to mention, that very special holiday this month, **Thanksgiving!** Wishing you and yours a very, very happy holiday!

NOW that is a busy month ladies, thank you for being so engaged and involved! Enjoy the rest of our wonderful newsletter, see you soon!

*Lisa*

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## October meeting summary

Our October meeting was a firm night at **Home Federal Bank of TN** headquarters adjacent to Market Square in downtown Knoxville. Neldeane Rice, one of our founding chapter members and first President, joined her former colleagues at Home Federal, Sherry Ellis, Lee Bell and Andy Hampton, as our hosts for the evening. Lee is retiring after a very successful career as head of the trust department at Home Federal and Andy, Lee's successor, has been working closely with Lee for a year to prepare himself to take over the job. "The opportunity to work with Lee the way I have is really invaluable to me" said Andy.

Sherry welcomed the membership with some history of our chapter. Sherry and Neldeane had copies of the program from the very first chapter meeting in 1987. A copy of the program is included at the end of this newsletter. Lee gave some remarks and then Andy and Sherry gave us a general overview of Home Federal and the services they provide in the trust department. It was amazing to hear about the rapport Home Federal has with its clients and the exceptional customer service they provide.

## Chapter News and Highlights

The **2010-2011 board** held its first meeting at a retreat on Friday, October 8 at the home of Covenant Health representative and Scholarship Director, Kay Wright. The board used this time to get to know each other, discuss committee and director roles and responsibilities, membership retention and recruitment, how to engage the membership more effectively and the theme for the year "Less Stress, More Time."

Chapter representatives have an opportunity to participate in setting our goals for 2010-2011 by attending the **chapter retreat on Thursday, November 18** at Tusculum College. "The idea for a chapter retreat came from our Executive Committee, with two executives stepping up and offering to organize and facilitate the retreat, as well as donate their expertise and time" said President Lisa Coulter. "The purpose of the retreat is to look at the past, present and future of our Chapter, creating our blueprint for the future. It will be a full day of ideas, change and excitement. This will be a learning and growing experience for the Chapter and for each of us individually. It will be a worthwhile day for all of us, professionally and personally. We will provide a certificate for your participation" Lisa said.

***Your opinions and ideas count. Your involvement and input will impact our Chapter. Please join us on November 18th!*** RSVP yes or no to Connie Leggett ([cleggett@LBMC.com](mailto:cleggett@LBMC.com)) now if you have not already.



October 19 Firm Night



Lee Bell, Sherry Ellis, Neldeane Rice, and Andy Hampton



October 8 board retreat

## Philanthropy Donations

In November our philanthropy donation will go to **Second Harvest Food Bank** - \$50 and **Knox Area Rescue Ministries** - \$50.

Please bring **canned food** items to the November meeting for donation to Second Harvest.

For December we will be supporting **Mission of Hope** and the **Salvation Army** stocking program.

Please bring any of the following items to the November and December meetings for **Mission of Hope**.

- ◆ New coats and warm clothing (gloves, scarf's)
- ◆ New toys (k-8th grade)
- ◆ Hygiene (tooth brushes, toothpaste, dental floss, bar soap, shampoo and deodorant)

**Salvation Army Kettle Campaign.** We would like our Chapter to commit to ringing bells in pairs of two for 1 hour each. Please contact Sandy Richards ([srichards@lbmc.com](mailto:srichards@lbmc.com)) if you are interested in participating. We will attempt to get a central location. Please indicate if you would like your hour to be during the week (such as a lunch hour) or on Saturday.

## Weekend Academy

The chapter will sponsor the students of Weekend Academy on a field trip to the Children's Theatre of Knoxville on Saturday, December 18 to see the play "Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street."

If you are interested in joining the students for the play, contact Sandy Richards ([srichards@lbmc.com](mailto:srichards@lbmc.com)) for details.

Please see the letter from Lisa McClain, President of Weekend Academy, expressing her thanks for our participation with the students on September 11.



### MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE

**Monday, Nov 15, 5:30 pm**

Membership reception  
wine & cheese

Knoxville Chamber  
17 Market Square

**Tuesday, Nov 16, 5:30 pm** (Bring canned goods)

Christine Beatty –  
Business Interaction

Naples Italian  
Restaurant  
5500 Kingston Pike

**Thursday, Nov 18, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

Chapter retreat  
Jeannie Dulaney and

Mark Fields  
Tusculum College  
1305 Centerpoint Blvd.

**Tuesday, Dec 14, 11:30 am**

Ornament Exchange  
Knoxville Catering &

Special Events  
150 N. Martinwood Rd.  
Suite D404

## Membership News

### Membership incentive continues in November

Now is the time to invite prospective members and representatives to our meetings. Any new member firms or 2nd and 3rd reps that join now receive membership through December 2011. That's two months at no cost if they join now.

### Membership reception November 15, 5:30 pm

The membership committee is hosting a wine and cheese reception for prospective members and representatives on Monday, November 15, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm, at the Knoxville Chamber offices on Market Square. Please plan to attend and bring a guest. "We have a lot of opportunity for growth which will only benefit each of us to make new contacts and allow us to better serve our community" said Ashley.

### Welcome to our newest member firms and representatives

Cathy Amos	Sysco
Leah Beam	PSI
Teresa Elder	Holbrook Peterson and Smith
Marla Hines	Knoxville Catering and Special Events
Mandy Seal	New Link Solution

Jenny Dell will represent existing member firm Kelly Baker Properties.

Lou Ann Hamilton, Past President's Committee Chair, will hold an orientation in January for the new representatives.

Welcome ladies! We are thrilled to have you as members.

## New Member Firms

