

Letter from the President



Wow – has my year as your President flown by! It seems like we just had my board induction ceremony a couple of months ago. I must say this has been a great year, and I thank each and every one of you for the support you have given me and especially my board. I will now step off as a board member and

become an advisor for the coming year. I have completed five consecutive years on the board, and I have enjoyed each position I have served in (Ways & Means Chair for 2 years, Sergeant at Arms, Vice-President and President) along with the amazing women I have served with. For those of you joining the board for the first time, you won't regret it. You will gain so much, both professionally and personally, by serving with this wonderful group of ladies. I know that Lisa will be an excellent President. She has great leadership skills and will honor us in her post. Please do whatever you can to support her as I will continue to do.

The past year has been filled with wonderful programs, including scholarship night, a successful golf tournament and Chinese auction. Our organization, our chapter has much promise and potential for growth in the coming months with several prospects slated to join. I trust each of us will reach out to them and embrace them into our organization as they find where they might like to serve.

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 34th Street at the Knoxville Children's Theater. If you would like to be a part of either of these dates, please let me know as soon as possible.

2009-2010 Officers & Directors

President

Sandy Richards, Lattimore, Black, Morgan & Cain, PC

Vice President

Lisa Coulter, Knoxville Area Chamber Partnership

Secretary

Brenda Humphrey, Barge, Waggoner, Sumner & Cannon

Treasurer

Sherry Ellis, Home Federal Bank of TN

Ways & Means

Connie Leggett, Lattimore, Black, Morgan & Cain, PC

Membership Director

Kim Alt, Bailey International Corp.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Jana Davison, Humana

Programs

Rena Amerson, Tillman Companies

Director At Large

Valorie Beers, Barge, Waggoner, Sumner & Cannon, PC

Linda Austin, Bailey International Corp.

Publications Director

Denise Smith, Tennessee Valley Authority

Philanthropy Director

Terrye Whitaker, National College

Eight of us will be attending **LCAM** the third week of September. We look forward to this time of interaction and reporting back with new ideas. Our October meeting will be a **firm night at Home Federal**, our November meeting will be a **program on Business interaction at Naples** and finally our December meeting will be our annual **ornament exchange at the Knoxville Convention Center**. Additionally, Pam Meridieth is working on a special holiday **EWI Open House at Dermatology Associates** – more information to follow on this. So much to look forward to!

Please review the **proposed board for 2010-2011** listed on the right side of this page. If you have questions, issues, or concerns, please contact me; otherwise, the chapter will vote to induct each of these ladies at our next meeting.

Our next **board meeting** will be held on Thursday, September 16th at 11:30 a.m. at LBMC. This meeting will include our current and future board. Even if you are not a board member, you are always welcome to bring your lunch and attend.

I look forward to seeing you all at our **September 14th meeting at Gourmet Market** for the induction of our new board.

Hugs and farewell,

Sandy

Vote for 2010-2011 Officers and Directors

Please **review this list of proposed officers and directors** for 2010-2011. We will vote to induct this slate of officers and directors at our September meeting on **Tuesday, September 14, 5:30 pm** at the Gourmet Market on Kingston Pike in the Bearden area. Note the meeting has been moved up a week due to LCAM and will be on the second Tuesday of the month.

Please make every effort to be at the meeting. It is important that everyone has a chance to vote for the new leadership team.

Proposed 2010-2011 EWI Board of Directors Knoxville, TN

President

Lisa Coulter, Knoxville Chamber

Vice President / President Elect

Connie Leggett, Lattimore, Black, Morgan & Cain, PC

Secretary

Sheri Lockett, Bertlecamp Automation, Inc.

Treasurer

Sherry Ellis, Home Federal Bank of TN

Sergeant-at-Arms

Jana Davison, Humana

Program Director

Helen Harb, Pure Line Printing

Ways & Means Director

Kim Davis, Knoxville Tourism & Sports Corporation

Membership Director

Ashley Dixon, McKibbin Hotel Management

Publications Director

Denise Smith, Tennessee Valley Authority

Director At Large/Golf

Valorie Beers, Barge, Waggoner, Sumner & Cannon, PC

Scholarship Committee Chairwoman

Kay Wright, Covenant Health

Philanthropy Committee Chairwoman

Sandy Richards, Lattimore, Black, Morgan & Cain, P.C.

Past President's Club Chairwoman

Lou Ann Hamilton, MARSH

August meeting summary

The August meeting was our **annual Chinese Auction** held at Bearden Banquet Hall Tuesday, August 17. We had a sell-out crowd and we had a great time. Many lucky people left with packages and all were treated to goody bags with great coupons, candy, and other items.

Ways & Means Director Connie Leggett and her team did a great job planning, organizing, and getting great items for this event for our members and guests. Thanks, Connie, for a great night.

President Sandy Richards opened the night with information about our chapter activities, focusing on our philanthropy, scholarship programs, literacy initiative, and partnership with Weekend Academy.



Membership News and Notes

The EWI Corporate Office has announced a **change in renewal date**. For firms who become members after October 1, 2010, their renewal date will be 12 months from the date they join; an anniversary-date renewal. The renewal process for firms who are members prior to October 1, 2010, will remain the same as always – Corporate sends the Chapter Treasurer the Chapter roster information and the Chapter Treasurer bills the firms and then remits back to Corporate its portion of the dues no later than February 15.

Long-time EWI member, **Bailey International Corp.**, made the news recently with the decision to bring its manufacturing operations back to Knoxville from India. Bailey recently consolidated its operations into a single facility in WestBridge.

The board voted at its last meeting to make our **August philanthropy donation** to the Knox County CAC Local Heat Relief program. Knoxville/Knox County Community Action Committee has provided fans to people in need for over twenty years in the Knoxville community. Our donation will go to purchase the fans for the program which will be distributed at local Knoxville fire stations.

Please see the **attached card** to the membership from Kathy Eaves with BEH Group, Inc.



Member Spotlight

Classification: Association / Civic



Lisa Coulter, Manager of Member Services,
Proposed 2010/2011 EWI President



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Begun in 1869 as the Board of Trade, the Knoxville Chamber has been known by several different names over the years. While the name has changed, the overall goals and mission has remained the same – to unite business, industry, service and professionals in the pursuit of economic success.

The Knoxville Chamber will launch Member MD in the summer of 2010. Member MD is a unique program designed to identify the potential strengths and weaknesses of a business, much like a health risk assessment. Based on the results of the Member MD assessment, Member Rx will recommend a personalized list of resources and opportunities to help improve the health of your business. Member MD & Rx will be offered at no cost to Chamber members.

Lisa has been with the Knoxville Chamber and a member of EWI since August 2006. She has been married to Kevin Coulter since September 2003. Lisa graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in May 2003 with a B.S. in Human Ecology.

Lisa and Kevin have no children, but have cats Jack and Amos who keep them up at night and who get into a lot of mischief like children. Lisa and Kevin enjoy all kinds of outdoor recreation including camping, hiking, and being on the lake. Lisa loves to cook. "Food is love" says Lisa.

MEETING SCHEDULE

New date!

Tuesday, Sep 14, 5:30 pm

2010-2011 Board

Installation

Gourmet Market, 5107
Kingston Pike, RSVP to
Jana Davison at
jdavison@humana.com
or 670-7006

Tuesday, Oct 19, 5:30 pm

Firm Night

Home Federal Bank of
TN

Tuesday, Nov 16, 5:30 pm

Christine Beatty –

Business Interaction

Naples Italian
Restaurant

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

Ornament Exchange

Knoxville Convention
Center

