

President's Message



Hello Ladies!

How fantastic was Scholarship night! Thanks to Greg Gilbert, my executive, for allowing us to use his membership to book the club. What a spectacular view we had in the River Room and our meal was fabulous. We had some exceptional winners, as usual, and they have

such bright futures ahead of them. I was especially glad we were able to combine this night with our ASSIST winner, as I know we were all touched by her appreciation and need of these monies. Dr. Wheeler's speech was right-on and certainly gave us all something to think about. He was entertaining, as well.

Our Golf Tournament is HERE ALREADY!!! We need golfers and sponsors. Please push and prod all the golfers you know for team commitments. We are only eight teams away from having two flights, so please help! Please remember it is EVERY member's responsibility to support all of our events. Let's get the word out, and contact Val Beers or Linda Austin if you can work the tournament.

Lisa Coulter, Terrye Whittaker and I are back from an amazing Spring Conference in Memphis. I can't say enough about this great opportunity. The Memphis Chapter was definitely the hostesses with the mostest!! The speakers were out of this world and the entertainment awesome. I am certain that each of us brought back many tools we will use not only for EWI, but for our careers and personal lives, as well. The three of us will take a few minutes to share more about this at the May meeting.

Speaking of the May meeting, we look forward to another remarkable program. It will be held in the evening at Copper Cellar West, on Tuesday, May 18th. This would be a perfect meeting to invite a prospective guest. Remember, it is not too late to work the one-for-one membership campaign. If you have not invited a prospect, please put on your thinking cap. See some specific targets listed on page 4 of this newsletter.

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We will have our scarf silent auction and will announce our winners for the LCAM sponsorships. Even better, we will have a great speaker, Kathy Metts from Impact Associates, who will discuss various forms of business etiquette. You won't want to miss this one!

Don't forget to solicit items for the auction. Connie has a super committee formed, and, as always, the auction will be an event you won't want to miss. She will have more information going forward in each newsletter, as well as some lovely "Save the Dates" for us to share with our friends, co-workers and executives. Even if you aren't on the committee, we still need your support, so be thinking how you or your firm can help.

Our next board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13th 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.

Remember that EWI is lucky to have YOU as a member because "YOU" bring a unique gift or talent to our organization. Let's bring our A-game and focus on our upcoming tasks – membership, golf and auction.

I look forward to seeing you all on May 18th.

Sandy

Weekend Academy Career Fair – June 12

Many of you are aware that we partner with Weekend Academy for our chapter's literacy initiative. We typically volunteer to work with this group one Saturday in October and provide them with a copy of the book that corporate chooses for the Reading Rally book of the year. This year we want to spend more time with these boys and girls than just one day in October.

On **Saturday, June 12th**, Weekend Academy would like to plan a EWI/WEEKEND ACADEMY CAREER FAIR. This day would feature the workplaces that the women of EWI represent. This event would be a great way to close out the school year and inspire the students over the summer to learn more about career choices. I realize that this date might not work for everyone; however, I would like those of you that have never volunteered with the October event to consider participating. The hours are usually from 9:00 – 12:00. What we need is to commit to having several of us plan to volunteer to attend and talk about our careers. I would love to see us have a variety such as:



MEETING SCHEDULE

May 18, 2010

Business meeting
Kathy Metts, Impact Associates
Copper Cellar West
7316 Kingston Pike
Evening 5:30 pm

June 7, 2010

Golf Tournament
Gettysvue Country Club
Evening 5:30 pm

July 20, 2010

Fun Night
Volunteer Princess Cruise
Evening 5:30 pm

August 17, 2010

Auction
Bearden Banquet Hall
Evening 5:30 pm

September 21, 2010

Board Installation
Hunter Valley Farm
Evening 5:30pm

October 19, 2010

Firm Night
Home Federal Bank of TN
Evening 5:30 pm

November 16, 2010

Naples Italian Restaurant
Evening 5:30 pm

December 14, 2010

Ornament Exchange
Knoxville Convention Center
Lunch 11:30 am

Helen Harb – Printing; Val Beers, Brenda Humphries or Susan Guffey – Office administration; Pam Meridieth – Dermatology ; Melanie Monroe – Job Placement; Kelly Baker – Real Estate; Joy Sutton – TV Sales; Sherry Ellis – Banking; Kim Alt – Human Resources; Sandy Richards – Office Management; Victoria Sloan or Debra Powers – Accounting Controllers; Connie Leggett – Accounting – Tax prep; Jana Davison – Insurance; Linda Milan – Sports & Tourism; Susan Morris - Investments

Look what a wonderful variety of jobs we could present for these boys and girls!!! Also, just because I have not listed your name specifically doesn't mean you can't volunteer to participate as well – on the contrary! I am just giving you examples – but please, please dig deep and make a commitment. We will provide breakfast and lunch for the boys and girls on this day and if Lisa can find an appropriate book to go with the theme – that, too!

Please think of this as way you can give back to these deserving children. Also, bring your children if you don't want to be away from them for the morning. They are welcome to come.

Please let Sandy know by **May17th**, if you can commit to participating.

Thanks so much!

April meeting summary

Our Scholarship Night was certainly a success. Thanks to Kay Wright and her team for their work to select these outstanding students to receive our Chapter awards. Shebi Bias, Gibbs High School was our first place winner. Christina Lulich, Gatlinburg-Pittman High School was our second place winner. EWI Knoxville Chapter awards \$5,000 each year in scholarships to local area high school juniors.

University of Tennessee Professor Emeritus, Dr. Bruce Wheeler, was our speaker for the night. As Sandy said in her message, Dr. Wheeler was entertaining, but had a very good message for the students and all of us. His advice was very simple. Learn to speak well, write well, get involved with others – team work, and most importantly, give back.

We also recognized our ASIST scholarship winner at the meeting, Charlena Jones. Charlena is studying at National College for a degree in the medical field. The Adult Students In Scholastic Transition (ASIST) scholarship provides financial assistance to adult men and women, age 18 and over, to continue their education and achieve self-esteem, improve and impact their personal life, employment, family and community.



Terrye Whitaker and Charlena Jones



Shelbi Bias and Christina Lulich



Shelbi Bias, Don Bohanan, Christina Lulich and Dr. Bruce Wheeler



Lisa Coulter and Dr. Wheeler

Upcoming Events

Pilot/Xinergy Golf Tournament – June 7

The Pilot/Xinergy Golf Tournament is right around the corner on June 7th and we need your help! We are so close to being able to have two flights - eight teams to be exact. Please contact companies that you think might be interested in golfing. A foursome is \$750 and that's a value when you consider how fun the tournament is. It will be held at Gettysvue Country Club again this year and the golfers always have a great time there. The proceeds for the tournament go to Knox Youth Sports, Inc. and our Knoxville Chapter Scholarship Fund.

We also need a putter, driver, door prizes and any goody bag items you can donate. Volunteers will also be in demand, if you can work for a few hours, half a day or a whole day please let us know. If you can help in anyway, please contact Linda Austin at 246-3207 or email her at Linda.Austin@baileynet.com

Visit www.knoxyouthsports.com for information about Knox Youth Sports.

EWI-Knoxville's 10th Annual Chinese Auction

Save the Date: Tuesday August 17th Buddy's Banquet Hall

\$25.00 per person/ \$200.00 per table of 10. For reservations contact Jana Davison at jdavison@humana.com

Please start soliciting items for the auction. A letter and forms will be emailed to the membership soon to help you solicit items. Also let Connie know if you have ideas for items. We would love to get some really good LIVE items. If you know of anyone with cabins, condos on the beach, hotels near the water, contact Connie if you have any contacts with any of these or if you know of other things that could be a LIVE item.

Contact: Connie Leggett with donations. Email cleggett@lbmc.com or call 862-6511.

Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting 2010

LCAM, as we like to call it, will be September 23-26 in Kansas City. We all turned in our ballots at the last meeting voting for paid sponsorships to attend the meeting. The winners will be announced at the May meeting.

Leadership moment

Below are some great tips from a recent EWI leadership conference that we should all consider

Preparedness – Always Bring your A-Game.

Integrity – Be your Best self and remain true to the highest standards in and out of the workplace.

Accountability – People count on you to do your best.

Professionalism – Treat people with respect and celebrate differences.

Team – There is no "I" in the word team. We all work together to get the job done.

July Silent Auction

We still need **fun summer items** for our silent auction at the July meeting. If you can donate items, please see Connie Leggett as soon as possible. We hope these silent auctions will be good fundraisers for our chapter so we can do more for our community and our member representatives.

Open Classifications

Do you know someone in any of these business classifications? Invite them to a meeting!

- ✓ Advertising
- ✓ Home Improvement
- ✓ Air Conditioning
- ✓ Jewelry
- ✓ Broadcasting – Radio
- ✓ Photography
- ✓ Catering
- ✓ Dry Cleaning

Member Spotlight



TILLMAN COMPANIES, LLC

Classification: Construction

Website: www.tillmancompanies.com



Representative: **Rena Amerson**, Marketing/Business Manager

Tillman Companies formed in 2008 and is locally owned by Allen Tillman. Tillman Companies is a commercial and residential contractor that also works with banks conducting commercial inspections. Allen Tillman has lived in Knoxville over 20 years and worked with local contractors before starting his own business. Allen's father left him with what has become his tagline – "If it's worth doing, it's worth doing right."

Tillman Companies recently hosted a Knoxville Chamber coffee event at one of its larger projects, AMS Corporation. AMS is a nuclear engineering training facility. The owner's executive office, constructed by Tillman, included SMART boards and the latest in design and technology.

Rena joined EWI in August 2009. She is married and has one son, age 23. Her son, Nick, attends Johnson Bible College and just started his own lawn care business, Trinity Lawn Care. Rena and her family love to boat, entertain friends, and travel. Rena is an ambassador for both the Knoxville Chamber and the Farragut West Knox Chamber.

In addition, Rena is involved with Knox Area Rescue Ministries. Tillman has formed a team to race in the 2010 Knoxville Dragon Boat Festival on June 26. The Festival raises money for KARM.

How to Observe Memorial Day

- By **visiting cemeteries** and placing flags or flowers on the graves of our fallen heroes
- By **visiting memorials**
- By **flying the U.S. Flag** at half-staff until noon
- By **flying the 'POW/MIA Flag'** as well (Section 1082 of the 1998 Defense Authorization Act)
- By participating in a "**National Moment of Remembrance**": at **3 p.m.** to pause and think upon the true meaning of the day, and for Taps to be played
- By **renewing a pledge** to aid the widows, widowers, and orphans of our fallen and to aid the disabled veterans

