

**FROM EWI/ KNOXVILLE PRESIDENT**



**75/25 – Sounds like a lop-sided financial arrangement, doesn't it? But it's far from that in this case.**

**Congratulations to Executive Women International for 75 years as a viable organization contributing to the personal and professional development of countless women who have promoted their member firms at the local and corporate levels, nurtured many friendships they might not otherwise**

**have had, and made their communities a better place to live.**

**Congratulations also to EWI of Knoxville for 25 years of contributing to the success of the parent organization, the betterment of our area, the support of our local businesses, and the enhanced careers of many representatives.**

**Thank you to the leaders who have guided the Chapter for those 25 years. We will honor the past presidents at the April meeting but we all know it takes everyone working together to achieve a goal. We have supported numerous charitable efforts through the years, most notably the Knox Youth Sports Challenger League and the EWI Scholarship programs with donations of more than half a million dollars! Pretty impressive, don't you think? Especially for an organization with an average annual membership of fewer than 50 firms.**

**The friendships each of us has made along the way are more difficult to quantify. Here's a Helen Steiner Rice poem which says it much better than I:**

**"Friendship is a priceless gift that cannot be bought or sold. But its value is far greater than a mountain made of gold – for gold is cold and lifeless; it can neither see nor hear and, in the time of trouble, it is powerless to cheer. It has no ears to listen, no heart to understand. It cannot bring you comfort or reach out a helping hand. So when you ask God for a gift, be thankful if he sends, not diamonds, pearls, or riches, but the love of a real true friend."**

**Best wishes EWI of Knoxville for another successful 25 years.**



*Sherry Ellis  
 Home Federal Bank of Tennessee*

**2013 EXECUTIVE WOMEN OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

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## Earn Cash

### 2013 EWI Membership Incentive

Don't forget about the membership incentive...

**\$50 for each new member brought in!!!**

Now accepting applications for the following categories:

- \* Florist
- \* Printing Services
- \* Catering/Restaurants

**Contact Terrie Arp** – (865)544-4691, [tarp@coca-cola.com](mailto:tarp@coca-cola.com)

with any potential new member / guest you would like to invite to a future meeting. She needs to make sure there is no conflict with another firm's Minor Classification.



## Board Meetings

Are on the second Tuesday of each month at 8 A.M

Contact Sherry Ellis for the location as it can change.



*April 16, 2013 at 5:30pm*  
*Gettysvue Country Club*  
*with Vallie Collins*



**Vallie Smith Collins** resides in Maryville, TN with her husband and three young children. She is a member of Maryville First Baptist Church, the Board Chair for A Secret Safe Place for Newborns of Tennessee, member of Junior Service League, and a member of the 2011 Leadership Blount Class. In 1993, she graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in Biomedical Engineering. For the past eleven years she has been employed by a contract manufacturer of medical devices, pharmaceuticals, and consumer products located in West Saint Paul, Minnesota as a Senior Account Manager

selling contract manufacturing services in the pharmaceutical, medical device, and consumer products markets. Interests and hobbies include tennis, running, and spending time with family and friends.

As a remote sales person, travel is a key requirement of the job. As a result, Vallie Collins was a passenger on US Airways Flight 1549 that landed in New York's Hudson River on January 15, 2009. Vallie will share the details of her experience during the flight and rescue of the event that has become known as the 'Miracle on the Hudson'.

## 2013 KNOXVILLE CALENDAR

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting on**

**April 16, 2013**

5:30pm

Gettysvue Country Club

**EWI Board Meeting**

**May 14, 2013**

8:00am

Location to be determined

**Golf Committee Meeting**

**May 21, 2013**

4:30pm

Gettysvue Country Club

**Scholarship Night**

**May 21, 2013**

5:30pm

Gettysvue Country Club

**Golf Tournament**

June 3, 2013

7:00 am

Gettysvue County Club

**EWI Board Meeting**

**June 11, 2013**

8:00 am

Location to be determined

**EWI Meeting**

June 13, 2013

Luncheon at Gettysvue Country Club

## *EWI of Knoxville – Past Presidents*



- 1987-1988** – Neldeane Rice, Valley Fidelity Bank & Trust Company  
**1988-1989** – Linda Price, Knoxville Printers & Publishers  
**1989-1990** – Carolyn Housley, Holiday Inn-World's Fair  
**1990-1991** – Sheri Lockett, Bertelkamp Automation  
**1991-1992** – Beckie Thomas, East Tennessee Children's Hospital  
**1992-1993** – Carolyn Ellis, Club Corporation of America  
**1993-1994** – Lou Ann Hamilton, Marsh USA, Inc.  
**1994-1995** – Cathy Brown, Commercial Interiors  
**1995-1996** – Sharon Donnell, Pilot Travel Centers  
**1996-1997** – Linda Austin, Bailey Sales Corporation  
**1997-1998** – Wanda Johnson, BellSouth  
**1998-1999** – Candy Messer, Proffitt's Department Stores  
**1999-2000** – Susan Goode, Knoxville Coca-Cola  
**2000-2001** – Kay Hays, Bush Brothers & Company  
**2001-2002** – Jan Cable, Tennessee Valley Authority  
**2002-2003** – Kathy Eaves, BEH Group  
**2003-2004** – Susan Griffey, The Berry Company  
**2004-2005** – Melanie Monroe, Employbridge/Staffing Solutions  
**2005-2006** – Brenda Humphrey, Barge Waggoner Sumner & Cannon, Inc.  
**2006-2007** – Kim Alt, Bailey International Corporation  
**2007-2008** – Debra Powers, Xinergy Corporation  
**2008-2009** – Terrye Whitaker, National College of Business & Technology  
**2009-2010** – Sandy Richards, Lattimore Black Morgan & Cain PC  
**2010-2011** – Lisa Coulter, Knoxville Chamber Partnership  
**2011-2012** – Connie Leggett, Lattimore Black Morgan & Cain, PC  
**2012-2013** – Sherry Ellis, Home Federal Bank of Tennessee

# EWI Knoxville Chapter Events Mark your Calendars!!!

- April 16, 2013**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration - Gettysvue**
- May 21, 2013**  
**Scholarship Night – Gettysvue**
- June 3, 2013**  
**Golf Tournament – Gettysvue**
- June 18, 2013**  
**Emergency Management: Knox county Emergency Preparedness Division – Gettysvue**
- July 16, 2013 Firm Night**  
**Bush Brothers Dandridge**
- August 20, 2013**  
**Business Meeting/Stress Management - Gettysvue**
- September 10, 2013**  
**Installation of 2013-2014 Board - Gettysvue**
- October 16, 2013**  
**Executives Lunch – Mayor – Gettysvue**
- October**  
**Annual Auction**
- November 9, 2013**  
**Sean Wilson – TVA Federal Credit Union - Gettysvue**
- December 10, 2013**  
**Ornament Exchange - Gettysvue**

## EWI CORPORATE 2013 Spring Conference

*April 18-20, 2013*  
*Chattanooga, TN (Chapter City)*

We are pleased to announce that Executive Women International's 2013 Spring Conference will be hosted by EWI of Chattanooga. This sure-to-amaze event is scheduled for April 18-20, 2013. The theme is "Leaders with Vision - All Aboard to a Positive Future." April 20th is EWI's 75th anniversary date, so this is sure to be an extra-special day.



### 2013 Leadership Conference & Annual Meeting

*September 18 - 21, 2013 San Diego, CA (Chapter City)*

### MEMBER FIRMS

- Appalachia Business Communications
- Bailey International, LLC
- Barge, Waggoner, Sumner & Cannon
- BEH Group
- Bertelkamp Automation, Inc.
- Bush Brothers & Company
- Coca Cola Refreshments
- Dermatology Associates
- Employbridge/Staffing Solutions
- Holbrook Peterson & Smith, PLLC
- Home Federal Bank of TN
- Humana
- In10sity Interactive
- Knoxville County Government
- Knoxville Chamber
- Knoxville Marriott
- Lattimore, Black, Morgan & Cain, PC
- McKibbin Hotel Management, Inc.
- Pellissippi State Community College
- Pilot Travel Centers LLC
- Riverstone Rentals, LLC
- Shaw Environmental & Infrastructure
- SunTrust Bank
- Tennessee Valley Authority
- Travis Meats, Inc. /Travis Marine
- WBIR TV 10



## The Spotlight is on...

### Susan Arnold Bush Brothers



**What do you think you'll be doing five years from now?**

In 5 years? Goodness, I'll be happy to make it through this week! :) Honestly, I hope to be right where I am but a little wiser, more professional, and with even more experience. I love my job and the company for which I work!

**What are your hobbies?** Reading, writing (no arithmetic!), working out and cooking

**What is your greatest accomplishment?** I've survived and I think I've taught my kids to do the same. Life can be difficult and I've had my share of obstacles. When I consider all I have made it through, I can either be proud of myself or grateful to GOD for carrying me through it all. I choose the latter.

**Do you have kids? How old are they and what are their names?**

I have 4 plus 2.

2 sons – Cory is 22 and graduates Maryville College this May; Jake is 14 and attends Farragut schools. Both are very musically inclined.

2 girls – Morgan is 18 and graduates from Farragut this May then is off to the U.S. Navy; Ryann is 16 and is looking at colleges out of state. They are both beautiful, inside and out! Plus 2 is two step-sons – Daniel, 12 and David 13. They are involved in their school choir.

**Are you in a relationship?** Yes, married to Greg Arnold, Sr. He's a pharmaceutical sales rep for Merck. I've been married a little over 2 years now.

**How long have you been a member of EWI? What does EWI mean to you?** I have been a member of EWI for 3 years now. The organization has a great charter and the ladies are wonderful! We can learn much from each other and develop skills to use in life, not just work!

**What are you most proud of regarding your career? Why?**

My military service comes to mind, it was so much fun and really good for me.

**How did you spend your last vacation?**

My last vacation was to the Dominican Republic with my husband. It was so surreal to see so much need in such a beautiful place. We do not realize how fortunate we are in the United States.

**If you were given a random day off, what would you do with your day?**

I'd spend it with my family if that was possible. We like to be together and just goof off! There is no denying we are related.

**What is your motto in life?**

If we were all the same, we'd be boring!

**Who is one of your heroes and why do they inspire you?**

My sister! She is such a great mom and wife. She celebrates her 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year, she has adjusted to life with a diabetic child (no small feat), and she has great advice. Now, if I could just learn to take it!

**When you were a little kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?**

As a kid, I wanted to be a poet and a teacher – English! I guess I came close; I have proofread a lot of my kids papers :)

**Most people have a favorite story or experience that they love to share with other people. Here's your chance: what's your story?**

I am seriously afraid of heights. I challenge myself periodically to see if I am still afraid – so far, I have tried roller coasters, rock climbing, zip-lining and bungee jumping. Yep, still scared!

Spotlight Forms  
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at our next meeting.

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registration table

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Rachel Mobley

ASAP.

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