

## FROM EWI/ KNOXVILLE PRESIDENT



Is there anything better than summertime in East Tennessee? June is graduations, weddings, vacations or picnics in the backyard, gardening, swimming, hiking, golf, golf, and more golf.

Speaking of golf, I must say I was concerned this year when we weren't able to find a replacement title co-sponsor for the annual EWI Golf Classic but I should have known there was no reason to worry. Linda Austin, Emily Dameron, and their committee pulled off another awesome tournament. The weather was "iffy" that morning but it turned out to be a beautiful day and the EWI volunteers made everyone feel welcome and appreciated. You will find details from Emily elsewhere in the newsletter but I want to personally thank Pilot Flying J Travel Centers for their continued support and each of you who always work so hard to make this event a success.

Look for Sandy Richards' article about last month's Scholarship Night and the thank you letters from the Pellissippi State ASIST winners. One of those students, Ms. Lugene Bearden, is planning to come to our June 18<sup>th</sup> lunch meeting so please say "hello" and congratulate her. Robin Jones has scheduled a speaker from the Knox County Emergency Preparedness Division who will probably scare us but will also provide some good information we can use at home and at our workplaces.

Susan Arnold has offered a tour of the Bush Brothers' Dandridge campus for our July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting so I hope you'll make plans to take off a little early (around 2 p.m.) and go on what I suspect will be a fun-filled "road trip". Susan is working on transportation so we can go as a group. Further details will be provided as plans are finalized but be sure to mark your calendar now.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer.

*Sherry Ellis*

*Home Federal Bank of Tennessee*

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## Scholarship Awards Night - 2013

What an amazing evening for our Scholarship recipients and guests! Our speaker for the evening, Hallerin Hilton Hill, did not disappoint! We shared "big momma" hugs with our neighbors and he spoke of putting forth that little something extra in our jobs or school to make it a place we look forward to going to each day rather than a place we dread. Hallerin just has a wonderful way of speaking to his audience and I'm sure it's because he, too, puts "just a little bit more gravy on his biscuit"!

Our award winners were outstanding and it was a pleasure to meet them, their families, guests, and guidance counselors. Our judges had an incredibly hard job choosing among the 25+ applications that were submitted and an even harder job judging our top 3 candidates! Our judges this year were:

Linda Davis, Retired Principal – Anderson County High School  
Dr. Kate Jones, Physics & Astronomy, The University of Tennessee  
Larry Leggett, Bailey International, LLC

### *Our first place EWISP winner was:*

#### **Bobby Terrell – South Doyle High School, Son of Zoe & Bobby Terrell**

Bobby is a senior at South Doyle High School and one of only 13 seniors there who were selected to be recognized as part of "Who's Who?" Class of 2013. He was also chosen 2013 Student of the Year at South Doyle. He played on the varsity golf team his senior year, as well. An active member of the school's Army JROTC unit, Bobby serves as the cadet battalion commander. Previously, he was a class leader, company first sergeant, and company commander. Upon graduation, Bobby plans to attend Carson Newman University to enroll in their Army ROTC program and major in business. After four years at Carson Newman, Bobby plans on commissioning as a second lieutenant in the United States Army. Bobby's application has been submitted to EWI Corporate for consideration for corporate level awards.

### *Our second place winner was:*

#### **Samantha Drennen – Gatlinburg Pittman High School Daughter of Johnny & Shelby Drennen**

Samantha attends Gatlinburg-Pittman High School and is very involved in the school through DECA, Beta and Service Clubs. She placed first in the State DECA Conference for her community service project and will be competing at the International level in Anaheim, California. She is co-editor of the school yearbook, has played softball, and ran cross country. Voted both Homecoming Queen and Miss GPHS by her peers this year, Samantha is also honored to be one of the class Valedictorians. She is very involved in her church youth group, attending summer youth retreats and helping with Vacation Bible School each summer. Samantha plans to attend East Tennessee State University in pursuit of a career as a nurse anesthetist.

### *Our third place winner was:*

#### **Morgan Larimer – Webb School of Knoxville Daughter of Reecy Payne & Steve Larimer**

Morgan is currently a senior at Webb School of Knoxville. She is a member of the Webb sailing team, Cheetah Lacrosse team, Webb Robotics team, and captain of the field hockey team. She serves as president of the Interact Club and as Program Director for the local non-profit organization ArtReach. She plans to attend College of Charleston next year as part of the Honors College, a member of the William Aiken Fellows Society, a Presidential Scholar, and an International Scholar. Morgan plans to be a double major in Biology and International Studies and intends to pursue career opportunities presented in those fields.

### *ASIST Winners from Pellissippi State:*

#### **Lugene Bearden, Leslie Ferrer and Riita-Mija Lehtinen**

As you can see all of our finalists were definitely the cream of the crop and the evening still remains a favorite for our Chapter!!

Submitted by:

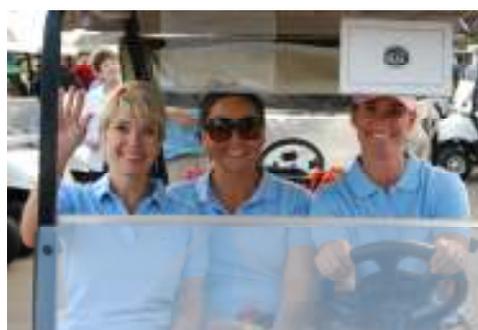
Sandy Richards, Scholarship Chair



## Pilot Golf Classic presented by EWI on June 3, 2013 at Gettysvue Country Club

Although we had a tough year putting together this charity golf tournament due to losing a title sponsor, we still came together as a community and did amazing things for both the Knox Youth Sports (KYS) Challenger League and our own EWI Scholarship Programs. The KYS Challenger League provides organized athletic programs for special needs children in Knoxville and EWI's Scholarship Program annually benefits 3 local high school seniors and 3 adults in scholastic transition at Pellissippi State. What a wonderful impact this has on our local Knoxville community.

We hosted 116 golfers on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and raised over \$23,000! Many ladies in our Knoxville Chapter helped to organize and make this event successful. Each one of you deserves a great big "Thank You" and a pat on the back for all your hard work. We all juggle a lot of responsibilities and it's not always easy finding time for volunteering, but please know that your extra effort is definitely recognized by this community. This tournament is very well run and I overheard many golfers saying so last week. This successful event is definitely something our small chapter can be very proud of. Mr. Nic Arning, local insurance agency owner and Chairman of the KYS Challenger League, was present to receive the \$17,000 that was donated to the KYS Challenger League and he was so very grateful of everything that we do as a Chapter to make a difference. Great job EWI of Knoxville!



## LUCILLE JOHNSON PERKINS AWARD



The Board voted in May to submit Bertelkamp Automation as the outstanding member firm nominee from the Knoxville Chapter and Sheri Lockett as the outstanding representative for the Lucille Johnson Perkins Awards offered by the Corporate office this year. Bertelkamp is a charter member and continues to be a strong supporter of our Chapter. Sheri has been a loyal and dedicated representative since the inception of the Chapter, holding offices locally and nationally, and she has attended every LCAM since the Knoxville Chapter was chartered 25 years ago. Please congratulate Sheri and her firm on this well-deserved nomination.

## LCAM 2013 Leadership Conference & Annual Meeting

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

Get excited for the 66<sup>th</sup> Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting (LCAM) in sunny San Diego, California. This year marks a milestone for the organization... 75 years! You won't want to miss a special LCAM "Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future". We will celebrate our rich history and offer exciting programming and first class presenters, including Amanda Gore, one of America's most admired experiential speakers, and former host of PBS' Reading Rainbow, LaVar Burton. This year's conference programming is sure to inspire you. Go to the corporate website to view the Schedule at a Glance and the Justification Toolkit if you need assistance getting your firm to support your attendance. Sustaining members are being offered a discount this year. Registration and hotel reservations information is also on the website.

If you are interested in attending the 2013 LCAM, please contact Sherry Ellis as soon as possible to see if any Chapter funds may be available to offset registration expenses. Early bird registration ends June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### 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:

- \* Dentistry Practice
- \* Department Stores
- \* Construction
- \* Real Estate

**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.

## 2013 KNOXVILLE CALENDAR

**EWI Board Meeting**  
**June 11, 2013**  
8:00am  
Home Federal Bank-  
Downtown West

**EWI Meeting**  
June 18, 2013  
5:30pm  
Dinner at Gettysvue  
Country Club

**EWI Board Meeting**  
**July 9, 2013**  
8:00 am  
Location to be determined

**Firm Afternoon**  
July 18, 2013  
Bush Brothers  
Dandridge

**EWI Meeting**  
August 20, 2013  
Gettysvue Country Club

**EWI Meeting**  
September 10, 2013  
(Week early due to LCAM)  
Gettysvue Country Club

**EWI Meeting**  
October 16, 2013  
(Wednesday due to Mayor's Schedule)  
Gettysvue Country Club

**EWI Auction**  
October 24, 2013  
Lighthouse

## The Spotlight is on...

### Samantha Chittum

#### Knox County Government EPW – Solid Waste Department



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

I hope that in five years from now I will have not pulled my hair out from having two toddlers in the house.

**What are your hobbies?** I like most anything that has me outdoors, anything that I can do with my little girl (Ava), spending time with family and friends, UT Football and UT men's basketball.

**What is your greatest accomplishment?** So far my greatest accomplishment is being a mom to the sweetest, cutest little girl in the world.

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

I currently have one little girl who is 18 months, Ava Grace is her name and I am expecting a little boy on September 22, 2013 and his name is Parker Jaxon.

**Are you in a relationship?** I am married to my wonderful husband Aaron. We have been married 4 years, but together for 9 so it seems like an eternity. He has been doing Commercial HVAC for 13 years.

**How long have you been a member of EWI? What does EWI mean to you?** I joined EWI in June of 2012. My first meeting was Scholarship night, which was both amazing and inspiring. To me EWI is a place that I can connect with other women professionals from around the area. Each lady that I have had a chance to meet through EWI has been beneficial in different ways. We are all different and that makes us each special and unique in our own ways and when we all come together we can accomplish amazing things.

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

I am most proud of the fact that I work hard each and every day and that I am lucky enough to have a boss and co-workers that recognize my hard work and efforts.

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

I spent my last vacation at the beach with my husband and little girl.

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

If I were given a random day off I would love to say I would spend it on doing nothing but being lazy, but my OCK would make me work on a project at home.

**What is your motto in life?**

Everything happens for a reason whether we understand that reason or not. Just be happy and live your life to the fullest.

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

My mom was and is my hero. I lost her 6 years ago this September, but I still hear her telling me to never give up and that I can do anything that I set my mind to.

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

Oh my goodness, what did I not want to be. The one thing I never told myself I wanted to be was happy in the position I had. I do love my job and my co-workers so I wish that when I was a kid I knew how important that is.

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will be available  
at our next  
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one at the  
registration table  
and return to  
Rachel Mobley  
ASAP.

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Ms. Sherry Ellis  
Executive Women International Scholarship  
Pellissippi State Foundation

Dear Ms. Ellis:

I would like to take this time to personally thank you for the Executive Women International Scholarship. I am honored to receive such a gracious gift to help ease the financial burden which will give me the opportunity needed to focus more fully on my academics. I am a 54 year old widow with a daughter 24 and a son going on 19 along with them, the rest of my family and friends are very proud and see me as an inspiring role model for each of them. My social life is put on hold during the semesters so that I can give all I have to achieve the highest grades that I am capable of and I strive for A's in all my classes.

I worked for the same company APAC-Atlantic, Inc. Harrison Construction for almost 25 years before the downfall of the economy hit them and was forced to have a reduction in the workforce and I became one of the tragedies. The information, qualifications, skills, and abilities that I have were learned on the job but the job openings that were out there in my field are requiring a minimum of an AS degree. I have enrolled at Pellissippi State College to obtain my degree in Business Management and have completed my first semester with all A's. I am giving this semester courses the same dedicated attention as last semester; although, I am finding these courses even more challenging I am learning such an incredible amount of information that I hope to give me the leg up on competing applicants when I complete my education.

Thank you again for the Executive Women International Scholarship. I cannot begin to thank you enough for your generosity and emphasize how much it will help with furthering my education.

Sincerely,



Barbara Lugene Bearden

1426 Destiny Ridge Way  
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May 3, 2013

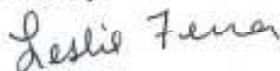
Dear Ms. Ellis,

Thank you for donating Five hundred dollars to me for the Executive Women International Scholarship. This donation will allow me to achieve my goal of graduating Pellissippi in May. My college education allows me to see things I may have never seen before through the eyes of the teachers and through the knowledge of things in the past. The past brings us to the future with our eyes open to what has been, allowing us the opportunity not to repeat the negatives.

I am endeavoring to get a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Spanish, which I will utilize in reaching out to the Spanish community here in Knoxville and abroad. It has been my desire for my whole life. Now I am realizing my dreams.

Thank you again for your donation. Your kindness is greatly appreciated

Sincerely,



Leslie Ferrer

4706 Wheeler Road # R  
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May 9, 2013

Ms. Sherry Ellis  
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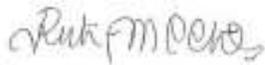
Dear Ms. Ellis:

I was very happy to learn that I was a recipient of the Access and Diversity scholarship and would like to thank you for your generosity towards my education and career goals. Your financial support has allowed me to be one step closer to my goal.

I am an adult student, originally from Finland, studying Interior Design Technology. I am planning to graduate in the spring of 2014 and upon completion of my degree, I will pursue career in the residential interior design field.

Thank you again for your generosity. I hope one day to help others as you have helped me when I needed financial support.

Sincerely,



Riitta-Majja Lehtinen