

Letter from the President



Can you believe it's November? Where did this year go? I am so excited to be your 2017-2018 President and with all of your help, I know it's going to be an amazing year! I want to say Thank You to Charity Wilson and the 2016-2017 Board of Directors for everything they have done for our Chapter and our Community! It was a really great year! In September, myself

and Vice-President/President Elect Jean Martinez attended the EWI Leadership Conference Annual Meeting (LCAM) in Dallas, TX. It was a great week of learning best practices around making our chapter operationally strong, fundraising and building our membership. We also attended a Chapter dinner with our fellow Tennessee Chapters. Knoxville, Chattanooga, Nashville and Memphis all at the same dinner table. It was a great way to hear about what other Chapters are doing and to build those relationships with our peer Chapters. Thank You to Member Firm SunTrust Bank and Jean Martinez for another successful Firm Night in October. I really enjoyed learning about the rich history of SunTrust Bank and the services they offer their customers and our community. Our November Meeting is our annual Executive Luncheon with Dr. Chuck Carringer as our speaker from Executive Coaching LLC. Dr. Carringer is an expert in best practices in leadership and management and I think will be a great speaker for our Membership and our Executive Guests. Also, be sure to mark your calendar for our EWI Holiday Party that will be held on Tuesday, December 12th at Bertelkamp Automation. Dig out your favorite Ugly Holiday Sweater, bring an ornament for our "rob your neighbor" ornament exchange and bring your money to bid on some amazing silent auction items! Guests are welcome, so be sure and spread the word.

Jan Goedeke, Chapter President
U.S. Cellular

2017-2018

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Board Member Highlight

Denise Smith

This month's Board Member highlight is on Denise Smith of Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). Denise joined EWI over 10 years ago and is our current Treasurer of the Board. Denise has served in the past as Scholarship chair, Publications Director, Treasurer, Vice President and President, as well as on several committees. We are so thankful to have Denise on the EWI Board again!

Member? Denise Smith

Member Firm? Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)

Member Executive? Gail Rymer

Description of Company Services? The Tennessee Valley Authority is a corporate agency of the United States that provides electricity for business customers and local power companies serving 9 million people in parts of seven southeastern states. TVA also provides flood control, navigation and land management for the Tennessee River system and assists local power companies and state and local governments with economic development and job creation.

How long have you worked for your company? 30 years

What is your position responsibilities? My title is Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer. I am responsible for all aspects of TVA's compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

What do you love most about your position? Interacting with people internal and external to TVA and learning about all the great things TVA does.

Words that describe you? Loyal, hard-working, friendly (I hope!)

How long have you been a member of EWI? 10 years

Why you got involved in EWI? TVA's current rep retired and I was asked to fill the position.

Positions you have held? Scholarship Chair, Publications Director, Treasurer, Vice President and President.

What you get most out of EWI/love about EWI? The opportunity to meet and get to know people in the local business community and learn about their businesses.

Who recruited you to EWI? Jan Cable, former TVA EWI rep.

What is your favorite EWI event? Scholarship Night!

What are your hobbies? Reading, watching TV.



Thank you, Denise for your commitment to EWI!! We appreciate all you do to support the mission of our chapter.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017

11:30AM – 1:00PM

GETTYSVUE COUNTRY CLUB

EXECUTIVE LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

5:30 – 7:30PM

BERTLEKAMP AUTOMATION

HOLIDAY PARTY/SILENT AUCTION

EMAIL SWARD@BUSHBROS.COM

TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT.

Other Highlights

In September, our President, Jan Goedeke and our Vice-President/President Elect Jean Martinez attended the EWI Leadership Conference Annual Meeting (LCAM) in Dallas, TX.

2017-2018 EWI Corporate President Cheryl Hawkins at the Annual Meeting



Dinner with the Tennessee Delegation



Jan Goedeke & Jena Martinez at the Annual Meeting



Knoxville Chapter Member Firms

- Appalachia Business Communications
- Baker, Donelson
- BEH Group, Inc.
- Bertelkamp Automation, Inc.
- Bristol Motor Speedway
- Bush Brothers & Company
- Coca-Cola Bottling Company Consolidated
- Employeebridge/Staffing Solutions
- Holbrook Peterson & Smith, PLLC
- Home Federal Bank
- Jason's Deli
- Johnson Controls
- LBMC
- Marriott International
- McKibbon Hospitality
- Morgan Stanley
- Pellissippi State Community College
- Petsafe
- SMG-GI Knoxville Convention Center
- SunTrust Bank
- TVA
- Titanic Attraction
- U.S. Cellular

Professional Education Opportunities

October Professional Development Webinar Recording is Available in Webinar Archives. *The Unspoken Code: A Businesswoman's No-Nonsense Guide to Making it in the Corporate World.* Author/Presenter – Marja Norris.

Effective Speaking & Communication

Presenter: Corinne Barringer, Barringer Consultants

Tuesday, December 5, 2017
3:00 PM EST / 12:00 PM PST



ewi PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
WEBINARS

Individual, Sustaining & Life Members

- Betty Finley
- Johnnie Cowden
- Susan Goode
- Carolyn Housley
- Linda Price
- Neldeane Rice
- Terri Voland



Get excited for our December meeting as it will be a lot of fun!

Where: Bertelkamp Automation

When: December 12, 2017 at 5:30pm-7:00pm

What to do: Wear your favorite Ugly Holiday Sweater

Bring an Ornament for our Rob Your Neighbor Ornament Exchange

Be ready to bid on AMAZING Silent Auction Items

Invite guests (\$25 per person)

Dinner

Wine & Beer available for purchase



November

Terri Arp

December

Angela Pugh

“When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us.” - Helen Keller