

Letter from the President



Hello, everyone! I am filling in for Jan Goedeke, our Chapter President, who is out on maternity leave. She and her husband, JT, had a healthy baby boy on January 12th. His name is Carter Thomas Goedeke. They are doing well, just trying to adjust to their new life with a baby!

We had a great February Meeting celebrating our 30th Anniversary as an EWI Chapter. Our theme was pearls and denim, which our reps wore for the occasion. Some of our past presidents joined us, including our first Chapter President, Neldeane Rice. She shared her thoughts on the chapter and her experience. We also had Samantha Lane attend as our guest speaker. She told us about her business, origamiday.com, and how to organize your time to fit your life goals.

Our next Meeting will be on March 20th at 5:30pm at Random Acts of Flowers, a non-profit group that improves the emotional health and well-being of individuals in health care facilities by delivering recycled flowers, encouragement and personal moments of kindness. They will instruct us in the art of flower arranging and explain volunteer opportunities with their organization.

As we approach Spring, I hope you all will help us with our annual golf tournament on June 4th. This is a great way to get to know our chapter reps and generate funds for the Knoxville Challenger League and our Chapter operations. Please contact Kristine Kauerz or Sheri Lockett for more information.

Jean Martinez, Chapter Vice President
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Board Member Highlight

Susan Ward

This month's Board Member highlight is on Susan Ward of Bush Brothers & Company. Susan joined EWI a little over 7 years ago and is our current Sergeant at Arms. We are so thankful to have Susan on the EWI Board again this year!

Member? Susan Ward

Member Firm? Bush Brothers & Company

Member Executive? Drew Everett, Chairman

Description of Company Services - Food manufacturing, bean products including Bush's Best Baked Beans, Cocina Latina, Hummus Made Easy, Bush's Variety Beans, Bush's Grillin' Beans

How long have you worked for your company? 8 years in April

What is your position responsibilities? Coordinating quarterly Board meetings, event planning for Shareholder meetings, executive travel and expenses, community relations requests, other duties as assigned.

What do you love most about your position? The people I work with (including the family owners), the culture and high level of trust and integrity among people

Words that describe you? Creative, detail-oriented, stubborn

How long have you been a member of EWI? 7 years

Why you got involved in EWI? Inherited my position from my predecessor, Kay Hays, a remarkable woman in many ways.

Positions you have held? Publications, Programs Chair, Vice President, President, Advisor, Sergeant at Arms (current)

What you get most out of EWI/love about EWI? Meeting new people, learning about them and their jobs, community service opportunities

Who recruited you to EWI? Kay Hays

What is your favorite EWI event? Of course, the auction but I also used to enjoy our reading rally efforts.

What are your hobbies? Reading, exercise, travel, cooking occasionally

Favorite quote? "If my last words to you aren't I love you, you know I ran out of time."



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

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH

5:30 – 7:30 PM

FIELD TRIP

RANDOM ACTS OF FLOWERS

3500 WORKMAN RD

TUESDAY, APRIL 17TH

TITANIC

THE AMAZING WOMEN OF TITANIC/FIRM NIGHT

EMAIL SWARD@BUSHBROS.COM

TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT.

Other Highlights

Baby Carter arrived healthy and happy on Friday, January 12th. Hard to believe he is already two months old. Mom, Dad and Chesney are all adjusting well to this sweet addition to their family.



Knoxville EWI 30th Anniversary Celebration

We had an amazing meeting and 30th anniversary celebration in February. Neldeane Rice, the first President of our Chapter spoke and shared words of wisdom and applauded everything we continue to do and stand for after 30 years! We also had a few of our former presidents attend which was very special. (L-R – Sandy Richards, Linda Price, Kay Hays, Sherri Lockett, Kim Alt, Neldeane Rice, Kathy Eaves, Debra Powers, Charity Wilson, Zandra Coppenger, Denise Smith & our current president Jan Goedeke). We were glad to have Samantha Lane back speaking about her new company Origamiday. Her program was insightful as we all look for ways to manage our time.





Neldeane Rice and Samantha Lane

Welcome New Member Firm

LeeAnn Foster
 Team Foster HR Strategy



Sandy Richards and LeeAnn Foster

We received this very sweet note from Johnnie Cowden who is a retired member and attended faithfully until health issues prevented her from attending. She loves to get our newsletters and continues to pay her dues. We miss you Johnnie!

Dear,
 I am doing some
 better with the
 cars at school
 a lot and get
 tired easy.
 When every thing
 is all right you



Mark your calendars! You're invited to...

The Pilot Flying J Golf Classic

Date: June 4th, 2018

Shotguns: 8:30 am and 1:30 pm

Proceeds benefit Knoxville Youth Challenger League and EWI of Knoxville Chapter Operations

Presented by: Executive Women International of Knoxville

[To register or learn more](#)



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Quote of the Month

If you wait until you find something to speak up for, something that you're passionate about that concerns you and attacks your own beliefs, then eventually, when the day finally arrives, you might also find that you have forgotten how to speak."

— Kamand Kojouri

Happy Birthday

March

Linda Price – March 8
Chris Massie – March 22

April

Jan Goedeke – April 12
Neldeane Rice – April 23
Kristine Kauerz – April 23

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
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Pellissippi State Community College
Radio Systems Corporation
SunTrust Bank
TVA
Titanic Attraction
U.S. Cellular

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