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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings, EWI of OKC!

I am honored to serve as your 2024-2025 Chapter President. I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Donna and the 2023-2024 Board for your dedication and hard work laying a solid foundation for our Chapter. Thank you for entrusting me and the 2024-2025 Board to build upon that foundation and continue the journey to shape our collective future.

We had a great group of six members attend this year's Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting (LCAM) in Tucson, AZ back in September. Next year's LCAM will be in Houston, TX, September 17-20! We are all excited to have the event closer to OKC and it will be a great opportunity for more members to attend. Please consider speaking with your executive now about budgeting funds to attend the conference.

Our Board Retreat was held on October 11th at Dunlap Coddling. We laid out our plans and established our goals for the 2024-2025 year for our chapter. Together, we will be exploring new opportunities and destinations, carrying the spirit of exploration into every project and initiative as we navigate the road ahead. I encourage you to reach out to any board member with ideas, suggestions, and questions to better improve your membership experience.

Plans are under way for our Casino Night on April 25, 2025. I encourage everyone to get involved as our impact is so much stronger when we work together – share your ideas and spread the word!

Thank you for being a part of this amazing organization! Every trip requires teamwork, and together, we will navigate challenges and celebrate successes! I'm excited to Embrace the Journey with you!

Safe travels,
Anne Pham
EWI OKC President, 2024-2025



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CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY

2024-2025

EMBRACE THE JOURNEY

2024-2025 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT

ANNE PHAM, OBI

VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT

DONNA MULLINS, ARVEST BANK

SECRETARY

RAMONA CAREY, SSM HEALTH

TREASURER

KELLY HAMILTON-COYER, OGE ENERGY CORP

RECRUITMENT DIRECTOR

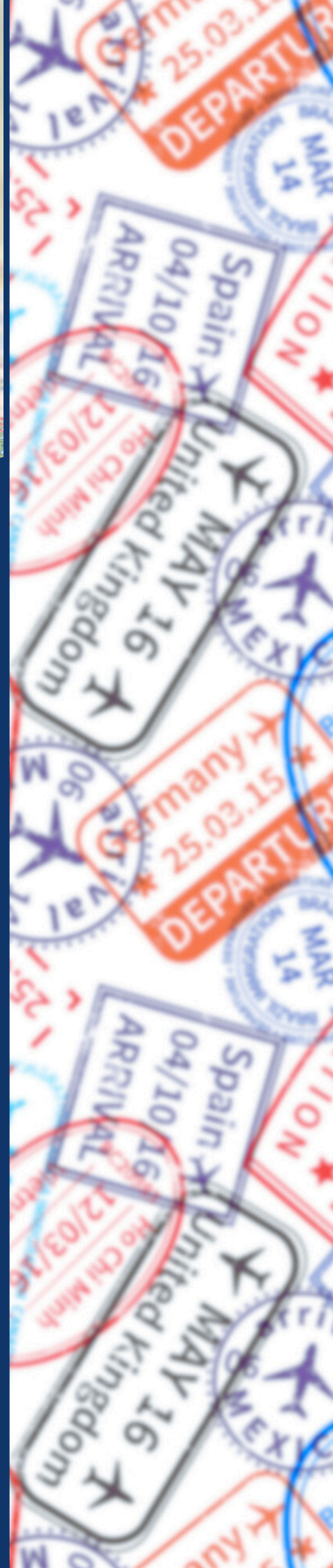
CHRISTINE LAIRD, INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

BCDP DIRECTOR

JEANINE HEGWOOD, INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

SIERRA EBERLE, ARVEST BANK



CHAPTER MEETING RECAP

OCTOBER 8, 2024 | INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS



Anne Pham, Chapter President representing member firm, OBI, welcomed the group and shared her theme for this upcoming year! **Travel: Embrace the Journey!**

Anne gifted Donna this beautiful plant in appreciation for her leadership this past year!

ADVENTURE AWAITS



Our incoming board was installed by Donna Mullins, Immediate Past Chapter President and incoming President-elect, representing Arvest Bank along with Christine Laird, OKC 2018-2019 Chapter President and 2020 Corporate President.



CHAPTER MEETING RECAP NOVEMBER 19, 2024 | BOWS & BALLET

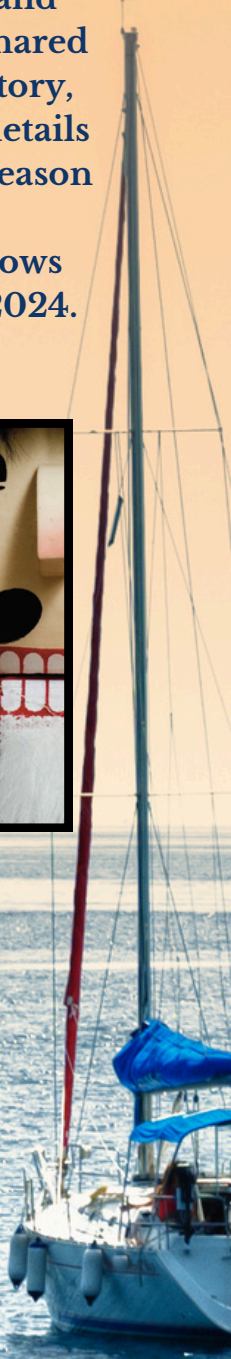
We've 'Set Sail' on our travel journey!



Oklahoma City Ballet's Development Manager, Brian Wolfe, and Whitney Cross, Director of Development and Communication, shared organizational history, their mission and details of the 2024-2025 Season highlighting 'The Nutcracker' shows December 14-23, 2024.



To get us in the holiday spirit, Barbara taught us how to make holiday bows!



UPCOMING EVENTS



GET EVENT DETAILS AND
REGISTER AT:
EWIOKCCCHAPTER.ORG



NOVEMBER 21

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
11:30AM-1:00PM

SERVE THANKSGIVING
MEAL AT REMERGE OKC



DECEMBER 12

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
5:30PM-7:00PM

HOLIDAY GIFT
WRAPPING AT
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB



DECEMBER 3

NETWORKING HOUR
7AM-8AM

VIRIDIAN COFFEE



DECEMBER 13

COMMUNITY
4:00PM-6:00PM

KENDRA SCOTT
FUNDRAISER



DECEMBER 17

CHAPTER MEETING
5:30PM-7:00PM

LCAM 2024 is a wrap! Six members from EWI OKC traveled to Tucson, AZ for the Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting (Sept 18-21). The conference kicked off on Wednesday with the Leadership Caucus and Opening Reception. Thursday was the keynote speaker, Elizabeth McCormick, followed by a full day of Academy of Leadership (AOL) classes and professional development breakout sessions and networking opportunities. Friday was jam-packed with an awards breakfast, Day 2 of AOL classes, breakout sessions, a reading rally lunch with local students, the town hall meeting and recognition gala. Saturday morning was the Annual Business Meeting and installation of the new Corporate Board. Our Chapter was recognized for a Membership Growth Award during the opening breakfast. Our first place ASIST scholarship winner went on to receive an additional \$2,000 ASIST scholarship at the corporate level! We want to thank every member, Member Firm, and community member for supporting us in our mission. Thank you for being a part of EWI!





**THE EWI EXPERIENCE IS BASED AROUND OUR
THREE CORE TENETS:
CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY**

WHAT IS EWI?

Executive Women International is a professional women's organization with Chapters across the United States and Canada. The EWI membership experience is based around our three core tenets: connections, careers, and communities. The value of each to our member firms and representatives is as diverse as our members themselves. Regardless of your employees' personal or professional goals, EWI offers a full spectrum of opportunities to build stronger skills, relationships, communities, and businesses.

OUR MISSION

Executive Women International brings together key individuals from diverse businesses for the purpose of: promoting member firms, enhancing personal and professional development, and encouraging community involvement.

OUR VISION

To enhance professional growth and development within a diverse group of women while empowering them to make a difference as they inspire others.



Anne Pham, Chapter President and Holli Logsdon, individual member volunteered for JA in a Day on Nov. 6, 2024.



JA in a Day: November 6, 2024

Thank you note below from
Malia Supan, Program Manager
Junior Achievement of Oklahoma

We realize your time is important and appreciate you spending the day volunteering in the classroom. We're confident the students you inspired will remember you and this day for a long time.

Thank you for making a difference and creating a relationship with the students and staff at Martin Luther King Elementary!

Junior Achievement appreciates your partnership, and we'd like to hear more about your day!

Please send us an email sharing any stories or experiences from your day.

Thank you again for your commitment, for being prepared, and for giving back to the students in our shared community.

The students you were in the classrooms with will leave with a positive memory from today!



Professional Development



BUILDING STRONGER NETWORKS

One of the most powerful ways to navigate any career journey is through the relationships we build along the way. This quarter, we encourage you to focus on strengthening your professional network—not just for career advancement, but to create a support system of peers, mentors, and advisors who can help guide you, offer insight, and open doors to new opportunities.

Here's a simple tip to get started: aim to connect with at least one new person each month. Whether it's through attending an EWI event, reaching out to someone in your industry in another chapter, or simply having a conversation over coffee, these connections can have a lasting impact.

EWI Elevator Pitch - be ready for opportunities!

"EWI is an organization of diverse, professional women. our OKC chapter meets monthly to network and promote our firms. we provide scholarships and are involved in local philanthropy projects. we provide professional development opportunities that benefit both you and your member firm. EWI is very important to me because I have made lifelong friends and connections within our OKC membership and have access to members of other chapters with the US and internationally."

then close by adding, "Here is my business card, let's connect!"

Don't be afraid to ask questions, share experiences, and collaborate. Just as in travel, sometimes the most rewarding parts of the journey come from the people we meet along the way.



BOARD DIGEST

The Board of Directors met on November 5, 2024 at member firm, Oklahoma Blood Institute, 901 N. Lincoln Blvd. OKC, OK 73104.

Current Membership:

Member Firms- 10
Executives- 11
Representatives- 12
Sustaining- 1
Transitional -0
Student- 1
Individual -4
Honorary- 0

RECAP:

- Board Retreat held on Oct. 8, 2024 at Dunlap Coddling
- Gloria Dale with P3 Accounting became our newest Individual member effective October
- Casino Night prep: Reserved venue and date for April 25, 2025
- November Chapter meeting to be held on Nov. 19 at OBI
- December Chapter meeting to be held on Dec. 17
- Reminder: Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday each month
- Reminder: Chapter meetings are held on the third Tuesday each month
- Reminder: Volunteer opportunities vary by month
- Begin sponsor canvassing for Casino Night

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.

The next Board Meeting will be held December 3, 2024.

IN MEMORIAM



Corporate President, Marji Zamora, passed away surrounded by her family on October 25, 2024. We join together in grieving the loss of a remarkable leader, colleague, and friend. Marji dedicated her time, expertise, and vision to our organization, embodying the values we hold dear and inspiring us all with her passion and commitment.

Marji was truly created to make a difference, and her impact will live on in all of us. Thank you for joining us in honoring her memory.

Our OKC Chapter sent flowers to the family in her honor.



Judy Love, a respected philanthropist who co-founded Love's Travel Stops, passed away in Oklahoma City on November 5, 2024 at the age of 87.

Judy was a former EWI Executive and firm member.

Our Chapter sent a sympathy card to the Love Family.

For full obituary:

<https://www.smithandkernke.com/obituaries/judy-love>



Gary Tharp, husband of past president Linda Tharp, passed away on October 31, 2024.

Our Chapter sent a sympathy card to Linda.

For full obituary:

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/del-city-ok/forrest-tharp-12056441>