

Message from the President



As we come upon the holidays and the end of the year, there is no better time to reflect upon the past year. EWI of Chattanooga has achieved a number of accomplishments this year.

We started off our year of philanthropy by collecting items for the Chattanooga Head Start Program. Then we added a new project collecting scrubs for battered women for Crisis Services at the Partnership for

Families, Children, and Adults. We continued to “Support Our Troops” by collecting enough items to fill 75 boxes to send to our troops deployed overseas. We impacted 133 children through our annual Reading Rally. We collected household items for Family Promise of Chattanooga. We donated \$12,000 in scholarships to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and we donated \$6,000 in scholarships to Chattanooga State. With all that being said, all I can say is WOW. You are all amazing for all that you do!

As 2013 approaches, we have to start thinking about membership renewals. We cannot do all of this without your support and your firm’s support. We work as a team, and YOU are the key to our successes. As we are all representatives for our firms, be sure to share the details about all we have accomplished with your executives. We need to show the value of EWI to each individual firm.

I’m looking forward to seeing everyone one last time in 2012 to hear our scholarship recipients at our December meeting!

Sincerely,

Ani Yacoubian, Yacoubian Tailors

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December Chapter Meeting

Date: Tuesday, December 11
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: Chattanooga Doubletree
 407 Chestnut Street
3 C's Focus: Community

EWI Scholarship Winners' Testimonials

With your help, EWI of Chattanooga raised \$18,000 at September's Barnyard Auction to fund scholarships for local single mothers finishing their undergraduate degrees at UTC and Chattanooga State. During our December meeting, this year's scholarship recipients will have an opportunity to share their experiences.



EWI To-Do List:

- Have a new headshot taken at our next meeting for your profile on the EWI website.
- Collect warm kids' clothing (ages 0-5) over the holidays for Soddy Daisy Head Start
- Reveal your identity to your EWI secret pal at the December meeting! Questions about the Secret Pal program? Email charlie_rosenquist@bcbst.com

Philanthropy:

Items will be collected at the January meeting for the Daisy Head Start Center in Soddy Daisy. Throughout the holiday season, look for opportunities to collect sweatshirts, socks and shoes, hats gloves, etc. for children in need ages 6 weeks to 5 years old.



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Ms. Ani Yacoubian
President
Executive Women International
Post Office Box 11522
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37401

Dear Ms. Yacoubian:

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students at Chattanooga State and the Chattanooga State Foundation Board, I would like to thank you and Executive Women International for your generous gift of \$6,000.00. This gift was received in our office on October 30th, 2012, and is designated to the Executive Women International, EWI of Chattanooga Scholarship.

We want you to know that your involvement with Chattanooga State is greatly appreciated as we continue to strive for excellence in service to our students and the community. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,



Holly Reeve
Associate Vice President
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Note: For tax purposes, please accept this letter as a receipt.

No goods or services were exchanged for gift.

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November 15, 2012

Ms. Ani Yacoubian, President
Executive Women International
P.O. Box 11522
Chattanooga, TN 37402-2522

Dear Ms. Yacoubian:

One of the great pleasures of my job is getting to see how transforming a scholarship can be in the life of a student, and the EWI Jean Bradford Memorial Scholarship is one of those extraordinary awards.

Thank you for EWI's most generous single gift ever to ensure that this endowment continues for many years into the future. It was a delight to visit with you and other fellow members the other day. Your organization's loyalty and generosity to UTC is exemplary of the type of support we need.

Once again, on behalf of these young women who benefit, please accept my sincere gratitude for your continuing gifts and the interest you've shown in the recipients at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. You are a very special group.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Grady Bogue".

E. Grady Bogue
Interim Chancellor

c: Pat Branam, Associate Interim Vice Chancellor for Development
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- ✦ Is headquartered in Chattanooga, with regional offices in Jackson, Johnson City, Knoxville, Memphis and Nashville
- ✦ Provides benefits to about 16,000 companies
- ✦ Contributed \$7.7 million to Tennessee charities through community outreach efforts
- ✦ Supports major statewide sponsorships, including the TSSAA state football and basketball championships, and Tennessee Senior Olympics
- ✦ Is one of the largest TennCare providers (MCOs) in the state with approximately 455,000 members
- ✦ Has a flagship network of providers, call Blue Network P, that includes:
 - 188 hospitals
 - 21,919 physicians
 - 2,265 pharmacies

Community Impact:

Across Tennessee, good things are happening. Patient safety is improving. Children who cannot otherwise afford it are getting free vision care. Seniors are thriving. Kids are getting leaner. People are getting healthier. And through the BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Community Trust, the BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Health Foundation and corporate giving, we support the organizations that make all of this possible.

In addition, our employee volunteer initiative, Team Blue, has contributed thousands of hours of work in an effort to give back to communities throughout the state.

From infants to grandparents, doctors to hospitals and everyone in between, we are committed to better health and wellness for our fellow Tennesseans.



THE REPRESENTATIVE:

Charlie Rosenquist, Senior Provider Tech

EWI Member since 2008



Fundraising: Sharon Diegel, Miller & Martin PLLC

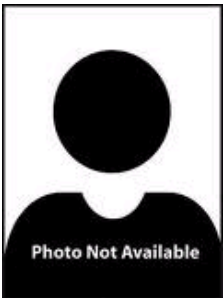
Our annual Pecan and Candy Sale brought in over \$3,000 for our Southern Adventist University scholarship! If you have not yet turned in your pecan money, please mail your checks to our EWI P.O. Box. If you have a mixture of cash and checks, give me a call so we can arrange a meeting time/place to turn in your proceeds.

The final results of our Pasta Sale brought us an additional \$261 towards the Southern Adventist University Scholarship.

Many thanks to all of you who ordered these products! We will be able to award a generous scholarship to SAU in the coming weeks!

December Meeting Door Prize Theme

Our November door prize theme is anything related to Christmas. Bring in anything red and green, Christmas-themed, or Holiday-entertaining related.



Sergeant-at-Arms: Cindy Ward, Courtyard & Residence Inn by Marriott

November Meeting Attendance:

Members Present:	34
Guests Present:	5



Philanthropy: Kathy Lee, DiStefano Eye Center

Our next philanthropy project is in January 2013. Its is Soddy Daisy Head Start. We will be collecting numerous items (sweatshirts, sweat pants, socks & shoes, hats, gloves, etc.) for kids ages 6 weeks to 5 years. So with all the sales and after-Christmas sales, it will be a great time to pick some up...plan ahead...or get a "head start!" Questions? Contact Kathy Lee at klee@distafanolaser.com.

Last Month's Philanthropy Project: Family Promise of Greater Chattanooga

I took a trunk load full of item to Family Promise. They were thrilled to have them and said it will help them tremendously. They are about ready to move a couple of families to homes and will need to furnish the homes along with other household items...If a member's company wants to sponsor a family with items or cash donations, they can do that too. I can get them information on how that works. CBL & Associates just did that and it was awesome!



Tammy Hargis, MCA, Mike Collins & Associates, Inc.

WEBSITE TRIVIA:

What firm was spotlighted in the EWI Connect Newsletter last month?

Email your answer to thargis@mcollins.com for your chance to win raffle table tickets at our next meeting on December 11th!

EWI Care Corner

Please keep the following requests in your daily thoughts and prayers:

Margaret Browning – our “special” Margaret in tragic and sudden loss of daughter-in-law Misty, married to Margaret’s son William. Please pray for the family and especially for little Brianna, daughter of Misty & William. She’s much too young to understand the disappearance of her mom.



Frances Cannon – still in Nashville with son Cris and wife Cindy

Address for cards: c/o Dr. Cris Cannon, 4028 Albert Dr., Nashville, TN 37204

Dylan (9 years old) – Great nephew of Debra Gates – leukemia with chemo treatments. Early Nov. he experienced a grand mal seizure in ER and stopped breathing. His mom is pregnant and expecting Dec. 31. This has to be a tremendous load on the whole family. Will find out Thursday his next treatment protocol. Praying **Isaiah 43:19**.

Joyce Harlin – She’s been having some hard times; however, Thanksgiving week was one of her better ones. She spent Thanksgiving with her sisters, children, nieces and nephews. Prayers are that new chemo works in reducing tumors.

Betty Sue Joiner – Sister of Carolyn Stringer. Malignant melanoma superficial on leg–meeting with oncologist Thurs. for options.

Dottie Jones – Loss of her Mom, Wilma Bramble.

Wanda Lacy – Good friend of Carolyn Stringer in Erlanger. Praise that there was no brain tumor.

Cindy Ward – We’re delighted that she’s returned to work. Cindy, please take care of yourself.

Tom Williams – Priscilla’s husband who has been in Siskin Rehab. He spent Thanksgiving with Priscilla and family.

Thanks for your support of EWI members and families. If you have a request to add this list, please send it to Carolyn Stringer (cstringer@LukenHoldings.com) by the Friday following our monthly meeting.

EWI Website Updates



Come dressed for your headshot for the new website!! If you have an existing picture we will use that; if you want a new picture or do not have one, we will be taking pictures at our December and January meetings.

Kristina Smith, First Tennessee Bank



December 12th from 12 to 7 p.m.

**LifePoint Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine
4513 Hixson Pike, Suite 106**

www.LifePointAOM.com

All announcements need to be sent to Emily Kurlinski of Classical 90.5 WSMC (emilyk@southern.edu) by the close of business on the Friday following our monthly chapter meeting.



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Executive Women International® brings together key individuals from diverse businesses for the purposes of:

- **Connections** - Promoting member firms
- **Careers** - Enhancing personal and professional development
- **Community** - Encouraging community involvement

Here are a few memories from our November chapter meeting. Thank you Angela Jordan for sharing your photography skills!



“Like” our Facebook page to view meeting photos and receive updates about our chapter. You can also follow us on Twitter @EWIChattanooga



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