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EWI® January Chapter Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at 5:30 pm

Where: The Walden Club

Parking: FREE parking in garage adjoining the Republic Centre after 5:00 p.m. Enter via Chestnut St.

Speaker: Sgt. Minnick of Chattanooga Police Department

Topic: Identity Theft

Other Business:

Selection of Secret Pal. Remember this is a one-year commitment to participate. Zelma Pack of ELD Associates will be the keeper of the Secret Pals for 2006. If you find you are not able to continue as a Secret Pal, please let Zelma know.

Renew EWI Membership

Send your payment to our treasurer, Cindy Kendrick of Comprehensive Business Solutions, no later than January 15, 2006. Late fees to be applied after Jan. 15.

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Want to be an EWI Fellow?

Watch for information coming soon. 2006 will welcome the first class of EWI Fellows. This new scholarship program is for EWI members only who are looking for financial assistance to return to a higher education program. Nine EWI members will be awarded \$20,000 in scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year. The application and information are now online.

The EWI "Perfect Fit" Membership Campaign is Underway!

A special Recruiter's Kit that is available at no charge to each member. This kit is something we can all use in our individual recruitment efforts.

We also have a DVExtra – or EWI on a CD that is another great recruiting tool. There are also wonderful incentives. If you recruit a new member firm between October 1, 2005, and May 31, 2006, you will receive a \$10 gift card from Amazon.com (or Amazon.ca for Canadian Chapters). There's no limit to the number of gift cards you can receive. Just be sure your name appears on the application form that is submitted to the EWI Corporate Office. Also, for each new member firm you recruit, your name will be entered into a drawing for a grand prize (trip for two to Walt Disney World including hotel, airfare). There's no limit on how many chances you can earn. The representative who recruits the most new member firms will win a free LCAM 2006 registration, hotel, and airfare. (In the event of a tie, a drawing for this prize will be held.) Visit our website at executivewomen.org and click on the EWI Perfect Fit logo!

EWI Chattanooga Chapter Scholarship News

There was much talk at our December meeting about our scholarship recipients and the monies our association works so hard to raise all year long. Our December meeting is one that should be considered a "must attend" meeting because of our scholarship recipients. We were able to hear from three recipients with one recipient being ill and unable to attend our meeting. The recipient's life stories were emotional, moving, and encouraging. Their educational goals were an inspiration to EWI members to go out sell another bag of pecans, buy a raffle ticket, get that Crazy Barn Yard Auction donation and more to help women struggling to better themselves. Several EWI Chattanooga Chapter members said how great it was to know they had made such a difference in the lives of not only the recipient's but their families.

We will be working to bring to life the reality of our scholarship donations. We want to include details about how the scholarships started, the qualifications, and more in this and up coming issues of our newsletter.



Sherrell Jordan (far left) and Rachel Eggenspergen (second from left) are Freshman at UTC. Sandy Cole and Nathaniel Pinkard of UTC and Joyce Stakely of Chattanooga State Technical Community College.



Our guests of honor were treated to a beautiful feast at our December meeting.

EWI (ASIST) Jean Bradford Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund

By Nancy Templeton, Life Member

The Executive Women International (ASIST) Jean Bradford Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund was established on the 19th day of March 1996. Our chapter agreed to make a minimum contribution of \$15,000 to establish this scholarship fund. We agreed to complete our pledge of \$15,000 over a period of five years. However, we were able to complete the pledge in two years. In addition, Jean Bradford's daughter made a sizable contribution in 1996. The endowment required the approval of the President of the UT system and EWI corporate attorney.

The endowment was established in memory of EWI member Jean Bradford, Administrative Assistant to the Chancellor at UTC. Jean attended our EWI Christmas party on December 12, 1995, and went home complaining of indigestion. Her mother found her dead in bed the next morning.

UTC has the authority and discretion to invest and reinvest these funds. Scholarships are awarded from the interest on this endowment. We have been fortunate that Catherine Cox's firm, Lyndhurst Foundation, has a matching gift program. Each year Lyndhurst matches Catherine's contributions and the money is given to our UTC scholarship fund. In addition, Linda Harris, before her retirement from UTC, donated her birthday monies from colleagues to the endowment. Our chapter has made a contribution each year since 1996.

The provisions for the endowment state, "The Chattanooga Chapter of EWI (ASIST) seeks to provide an opportunity for women, particularly displaced homemakers and single mothers, to return to school in order to enhance their career opportunities. The selection of the recipient or recipients of the scholarship will be made by The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Scholarship Selection Committee."

Selection Criteria:

The EWI/Jean Bradford Scholarship is open to all applicants regardless of race, color, national origin, age, or disability with the following qualifications:

1. The scholarship will be available to female students who have been accepted for admission or are enrolled at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.
2. Eligible applicants will be displaced homemakers and single women returning to start or complete a degree, with preference to those who have come through UTC's Center of Community Career Education and upon the Center's recommendation.

A displaced homemaker is a woman who has been displaced from her primary role as homemaker through a marital separation, divorce, death of a spouse or disablement of a spouse requiring her to provide financially for herself and her dependents.

A single parent is a woman who has never been married and who has a child or children.

3. The student awarded this scholarship shall have demonstrated financial need and continued successful academic performance.
4. A student who held the EWI/Jean Bradford Scholarship in a previous year shall have the preference in the selection procedure in subsequent years with all other things being equal.

Stipend:

Scholarships will be awarded each year from the endowment income and shall not be in excess of the accumulated income from the endowment at the time of the award. The amount of the stipend will be determined by the Selection Committee based on available income.

The first EWI/Jean Bradford scholarship was awarded in 1997 at UTC. Awards continue to date to eligible recipients.

The first scholarship at Chattanooga State was awarded in 1997. Their Scholarship Committee makes the selection and they should use the same guidelines. Awards continue to date to eligible recipients.

EWI Chattanooga Chapter is Proud to Introduce Pam Womack of Curves-EasyWorks Enterprises, Inc.

Why should we join Curves? Curves offers a 30 min. total body workout including stretching with the results of 1.5 hr workout. Curves has a fun nonthreatening environment, caters to women and is effective. Hydraulic machines at Curves help eliminate injuries that might be caused from free weights used at other gyms. Curves' workouts focus on movement and stretching. For the most benefit, it is recommended to workout 3 times a week.

What was the best business compliment you ever received? "Curves has changed lives physically, socially, and emotionally. Clients say this often." says Pam.

If 11 or more join, Curves waives the down payment/joining fee. Curves travel passes are available to use around the world at any Curves location, ask about terms. One guest pass available to chapter members at January's meeting. Call Pam for specials.

Visit Curves Downtown at 831 Chestnut Street. The hours are 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and 3:30-7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 648-2900. Hours vary and are extended for North Market Street near Dirty Nelly's, and Cummings Highway in Lookout Valley. These three Curves locations are represented by Pam Womack one of our newest EWI members. Other Curves locations are available. Call Pam or visit www.curves.com.



Working hard to help raise raffle money (left) Nancy Templeton, Life Member; Dottie Jones, Sustaining Member; and Frances Cannon, Life Member.



Left Jan McAfee, RiverCity Company; and Brenda White, Ernst & Young LLP, celebrate.

February Chapter Lunch Meeting

We will meet at The Walden Club located in the Republic Centre on the 21st floor. EWI members can come early. Items other than lunch must be paid by credit card, no cash accepted.

Attendees will need to pay for parking in the multi-level garage adjoining the Republic Centre or the hourly parking lot beside the Republic Centre. There is also metered parking all around the block.

Our speaker will be Beverly Cosley, Community Relations for Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Consider Yourselves Carded at Our January Meeting

We would like to offer our EWI business card holders to current members for a \$5.00 donation.

Several of you may have updated information since our last card swap. Please bring 40 business cards to Kelly Puckett of Kennedy, Coulter, Rushing & Watson; for our EWI cardholder books for new members and those wanting to have your latest contact information.

Chattanooga Chapter Web Site Construction Update

Please check out the "Member Firm" page on our chapter website www.ewichattanooga.org.

Please submit a short introduction of your firm to be placed on this page, so visitors will know who your firm is and what it does. If you'd like your information changed or expounded upon, please provide Nancy Collins of Law Offices of Lloyd Stanley (ncollins@lstanleylaw.com) with details.

Call or email for user name and password access to member's only access to site.



Tanya Travis of Miller & Martin (left) we, along with Nancy Collins of the Law Offices of Lloyd Stanley, are so glad to have you back with us.

December Board Meeting

Location: Miller & Martin PLLC
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Date: January 3, 2006

FREE Credit Reports

Check out www.annualcreditreport.com for a free credit report.

President's Message

The New Year is fast approaching and 2006 will be an exciting year for the Chattanooga Chapter of EWI. We're already off to a great start with four new members. Please welcome Jody Hermann of Barge, Waggoner, Sumner & Cannon, Inc. as our newest member.

Beginning January 10, 2006, our meetings will be held at The Walden Club located in the Republic Center (21st floor) at the corner of 7th and Chestnut Streets in downtown Chattanooga. Parking is free after 5 pm in the Republic Garage. Our meeting will begin at 6 pm but be sure to come early to buy your chances on Christmas items for next year and to socialize.

Many Thanks,
Karen Hannifin
President, Chattanooga Chapter
Representing Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union

EWI[®] MISSION AND VISION

MISSION

Executive Women International[®] is an organization, which brings together key individual: from diverse businesses for the purpose of:

- Promoting member firms
- Enhancing personal and professional development, and
- Encouraging community involvement

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