

December Chapter Meeting

Date: Tuesday, December 13

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Doubletree Hotel
407 Chestnut Street



Scholarship Recipient Dinner & Testimonials

Come meet the single mothers who have received scholarships through our fundraising. This is typically one of our most heartwarming meetings of the year and just in time to kick off the holiday season.

Philanthropy:

We will not have a philanthropy project this month. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Tree of Warmth in November. In January, we will collect sweatshirts, sweat pants, socks, and shoes for ages 6 weeks to 5 years for Head Start.

EWI To-Do List:

- Email your reservations for the December meeting to Barbara Tawater by noon on Friday, 12/9.
- Bring door prizes to the chapter meeting. Holiday items perhaps?
- Contact your "Business Card Buddy"
- "Like" our EWI of Chattanooga Facebook page (if you don't already)
- Have a wonderful holiday!



Lattimore Black Morgan & Cain, PC

LBMC is the largest regional accounting and financial services family of companies based in Tennessee. As a Top 50 professional services family of companies, LBMC is recognized as a solutions leader in accounting, audit, tax, consulting, human resources, staffing, investing, technology and information security services.

With offices in Nashville, Chattanooga and Knoxville, LBMC has been among the fastest growing professional services organizations in the state for the past several years. We attribute this growth to both our commitment to client service and to our employees – a group of approximately 400 talented individuals with diverse backgrounds and experiences who are all committed to providing superior service to our nearly 7,000 clients. We serve individual and corporate clients in a variety of industries, specializing in those that are among our state's fastest growing including healthcare, manufacturing and distribution and technology. The LBMC organization began in 1984.

Mary Ellen Maycann, Office Manager

A proud Chattanooga native, Mary Ellen is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the local office. She began her career with LBMC in September 2007 after responding to a job posting through the EWI network. Prior to joining LBMC, Mary Ellen served in various roles with private clubs including Event Coordinator, Membership Director, Assistant Manager and Club Manager.

She has been a member of EWI off and on since 1992 and enjoys working on remodeling projects, spending time with her three cats and two dogs, and escaping to the mountains of North Carolina as often as possible.



Beverlee Bartley, Mary Ellen Maycann, and Nena Powell

Nena Powell, CPA, Senior Accountant, Tax Services

Nena has diversified experience in tax services for small businesses and closely held businesses, as well as extensive experience with payroll. Nena previously worked as a CPA with another regional accounting firm.

In addition to serving as Treasurer of EWI-Chattanooga, she is active in several other civic and professional organizations, including: AICPA, TSCPA, Chattanooga Tax Practitioners, Optimist Club (Secretary/Treasurer), Crown Financial Ministries (Budget Counselor), and Lt. Governor for Tennessee District of Optimists. Nena enjoys reading and spending time with her animals, including those with “special needs.”



Dennis Blanton, Managing Partner, LBMC Chattanooga Office

Dennis, a Certified Public Accountant, has diversified experience with a variety of industries and has significant experience in accounting and tax matters relating to the manufacturing, distribution and services industries. His previous experience includes practicing with the accounting firm of Petty & Landis, PC. Dennis enjoys racquetball, running, and being a spectator at his kids' various sporting events.



**Words of Inspiration from the President:
Michelle Withorn, EMJ Corporation**

Who are you when you think no one is looking, during times of crisis or when your stress is at its peak level? “Image is what people think we are; integrity is what we really are.” - John C. Maxwell



Fundraising: Sharon Diegel, Miller & Martin, PLLC

PECAN SALE: Funds raised to date from our Pecan Sale are over \$1,300, with help from with the sale of extra bags of pecans and chocolate covered items. The money will go towards our Southern Adventist University scholarship.

MONTHLY DOOR PRIZE TABLE: We had a great results from our Door Prize Table at the November meeting -- we raised \$217. Thank you, ladies!



**Sergeant-at-Arms: Barbara Tawater,
Northgate Title Escrow, Inc**

Last Month's Meeting Attendance:

Members Present:	46
Guests Present:	10
Percentage of Firms Present:	59%

The Doubletree was selected as our 2012 meeting location by a majority vote. Thanks!



**Website Committee: Kristina Smith,
First Tennessee Bank**

When replying to chapter emails, please remember to remove **ChattanoogaChapter@my.ewiconnect.com** from the “To” line. Otherwise, the entire chapter gets copied on your response!



**Communications: Melissa Gratias,
MBG Organizing Solutions**

As you can see, we streamlined the newsletter format. If you would like to give feedback, please email me at melissa@mbgorganizing.com. If you miss my monthly article with office organizing tips, you can sign up to receive it at www.mbgorganizing.com.

EWI Care Corner

Please keep the following requests in your thoughts and prayers:

Linda Harris' Family (loss of daughter at age 40 – Donna McBrayer)
 Pauline Turner (Heather Burrell's "Ma"-knee replacement surgery on 11/7)
 Karen Hannifin's brother (recent heart attack)
 Bertha Lloyd (Delores Lewis' sister)
 Betty Doss (Delores Lewis' sister)
 Karen Collins (Co-owner of MCA – battling Ovarian Cancer)
 Becky Rudewecz (loss of her mother)
 Betty Ganes (Sharon Diegel's mother - broken wrist)

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



Website Trivia Contest: Win 3 raffle tickets!

We have two wonderful firms who are helping to sponsor our website - Coca Cola and RBS. Click on www.ewichattanooga.org and email the Coca Cola slogan to Kelly McCoy (kelly.mccoy@cumulus.com) and you might win 3 raffle tickets!

EWI Corporate: Development Opportunities

New QR Codes

with Jim Rhodes

Wednesday, December 14 - 3:00 pm (ET)

Register for webinars at www.ewiconnect.com.



Note: All announcements need to be sent to Melissa Gratias of MBG Organizing Solutions (melissa@mbgorganizing.com) by close of business on the Friday following our monthly chapter meeting.



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- Chapter Board
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