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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



In an ongoing quest to be thankful for the little things in life I would like to start off by saying all of us are very fortunate to have known our EWI Sister, Judy Smith. Her earthly journey has ended and her new adventures have just begun. Her Celebration of Life will be at Hamiltons located at 3601 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines on Saturday, December 29th from 1-4 p.m. Sharing of memories/stories will begin at 2 p.m. EWI has commissioned a Peace Pole to be made for this event.

Thanks to the Program Committee who organized a very festive evening at Vivian's including a wonderful meal along with a lively ornament exchange. The Philanthropy Committee organized a very successful Capitol View Elementary

Reading Rally; the kids and adults had a great time. Check out the pictures on our website. The gift wrapping event at YESS was very fulfilling. It was a fun night of friendship and laughter.

EWI Corporate will be sending invoices for annual membership renewals for the month of January on January 4th; please look for yours and process promptly. As a reminder, fill out the 2019 Dinner Reservation form which is located in this newsletter and mail to Laura Montgomery for annual payments.

As we start the New Year it is important to remember the "Commitment" of belonging to EWI. Enclosed in this newsletter is the segment of bylaws addressing the attendance requirements of maintaining good standing within the Chapter (see page 2). Please review and if you have any concerns regarding the attendance policy let the Board know.

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I am excited to see each of you at the January meeting at EveryStep, it will be very motivating see what worthy projects they are involved with. Please bring a friend or colleague to join us on our journey to learn more about EveryStep and introduce them to EWI!

In gratitude,

Marla Wylie

Chapter President,
Representing Delta Dental of Iowa



Attendance Requirements addressed in EWI Bylaws:

Attendance Requirements

Article VI, Section 2, of the Chapter Bylaws states that each Member Firm must be represented by a Representative or an Executive at seven (7) meetings within the Chapter year and that a Representative must attend a minimum of six (6) meetings during the Chapter year (January 1 – December 31).

Leave of Absence: Upon a Representative's application, the Board of Directors may grant a leave of absence, not to exceed three (3) months, free of the obligation of attending meetings, provided the applicant at the time of the request is in good standing in the Chapter and remains in good standing during the leave of absence with respect to payment of dues. Request for leave of absence is to be submitted to the Sergeant-at-Arms or a member of the Board.

If a Representative or a Member Firm is approaching the maximum number of absences permitted under Chapter Bylaws, such absences shall be brought to the attention of the Board by the Sergeant-at-Arms, at which point the Sergeant-at-Arms or appointed Board member will make telephone or e-mail communication contact with the representative expressing additional concern. When a Representative has missed more than five (5) consecutive meetings, then the President will send a letter to the Executive.

Quick Stats Regarding Contributions to Capitol View Elementary School in December

\$500 – Des Moines Chapter of EWI
(Holiday project/sweatshirts)

\$500 – SHAZAM (Backpack Buddy program)

\$500 – Delta Dental of Iowa (Holiday project/sweatshirts)

We also raised \$306 for the Backpack Buddy program from the November meeting wine sales, wine raffle and give away for the \$50 In the Bag gift card.

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DECEMBER 2018 BOARD MEETING RECAP

- Reviewed board reports
- Approved Nov. 5, 2018 minutes
- Approved November 2018 treasurer's report
- Approval of current check requests
- EWI banner is here & available for use
- Opportunity to volunteer: Night to Shine 2/8/19 in Ankeny
- Recap of meeting locations for Jan / Feb meetings & programs
- Kat has researched name badge options from local vendors



Thank You

To the ladies of EWI,
we cannot thank you enough
for all of your assistance with
the holiday project and Capitol
Views Blessings in a backpack
program. Your generous donations
truly mean so much to our staff
and students. We are lucky to have
such amazing community partners.
All the best, Shelby Peters

NIGHT TO SHINE PROM

sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation
Save the date for Friday, February 8, 2019

This is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs ages 14 and older.

Deb Longseth is recruiting people to be special needs prom Buddies for Prairie Ridge Church in Ankeny. This will be the 6th year for the Night to Shine event at Prairie Ridge. It is a global event that is sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. As part of the guidelines, every guest, who is a special needs individual, ages 14-99, must be accompanied that evening by a Buddy. The evening is magical! Guests wear formal wear and it is very much a prom, with games, food, limo rides and dancing.

Their goal this year is to serve 250 guests but they will not turn anyone away. Deb is still looking for 200 Buddies. The criteria is pretty simple: A Buddy must be 16 or older, have a clean record, a heart for the special needs community and availability to come have a great time Friday, February 8 from 5-9. Please feel free to share this with ANYONE affiliated with your organization who might be interested. It is a lot of fun for a large group of people, a family, a team or an organization. The guests really love the teenage to twenty-something volunteers (from 16-25), as they dance and typically enjoy the evening.

If you have questions, please let Deb know.

To sign up, Go to the website ridgelifelife.org Go to "serve" and scroll down to Night to Shine. The Sign Up Genius is there. Deb is hoping to get folks in the Buddy role but there are still other opportunities to sign up for. Take a look!

Thanks for your help!!!



EWI OF DES MOINES 2019 MONTHLY DINNER FEE STATEMENT

1. PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Member Firm: _____

Representative(s): _____

Amount Being Paid: _____

2. PAYMENT OPTIONS: (Please check your choice of payment options)

_____ **Annually \$330** – Send to our Treasurer, Laura Montgomery (Hubbell Realty Company - 6900 Westown Pkwy, West Des Moines, IA 50266)

_____ **Quarterly** – Send to Laura Montgomery (Hubbell Realty Company - 6900 Westown Pkwy, West Des Moines, IA 50266) in advance of each quarter. Please include a copy of this form with each quarterly payment you make.

_____ 1st Quarter \$90

_____ 2nd Quarter \$90

_____ 3rd Quarter \$60

_____ 4th Quarter \$90

_____ **Monthly \$30** – Send to Treasurer, Laura Montgomery each month.

3. PAYMENT DETAILS:

- Quarterly and Monthly payment options must be mailed or given to our Laura Montgomery (Hubbell Realty Company - 6900 Westown Pkwy, West Des Moines, IA 50266)

The Annual payment option must be paid by Friday, December 28, 2018 and sent to Laura Montgomery - Treasurer (Hubbell Realty Company - 6900 Westown Pkwy, West Des Moines, IA 50266).

ALL CHECKS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO: EWI

4. DISCLAIMERS:

- No refunds are provided.

The above fees do not include the September Executive Night Dinner; that event will be invoiced separately.

5. RSVPS and RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Please remember that all Representatives **MUST** register online at <http://www.ewidsm.org>.
- Representatives paying monthly or quarterly **MUST** complete the monthly form from the newsletter and mail it along with your check to Laura Montgomery by the reservation deadline.
- Representatives bringing a guest **MUST** register the guest online and mail the payment to Laura Montgomery by the reservation deadline.
- Cancellation Policy:** If you have registered but are unable to attend, you **MUST** notify Laura Montgomery before the reservation deadline in order to receive a refund or credit.
- Even if you pay annually, you will need to RSVP online. If you do not register online, you may not be counted. If you choose the annual or quarterly payment option, even if you cancel in advance, there will be no transfer of the meal to another member and no credit will be issued.

**2019
LUNCH BUNCH
3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
WEST DES MOINES & DOWNTOWN LOCATIONS**

Date 11:30 am	West Des Moines	Downtown
January 15	<u>Olive Garden</u> 3600 Westown Parkway, WDM 224-0824	<u>Americana</u> 1312 Locust St., D.M. 283-1312
February 19	<u>Range Grill</u> 11865 Hickman Road, Urbandale 252-7500	<u>St. Kilda Café & Bakery</u> 300 SW 5 th Street, D.M. 369-7854
March 19	<u>Biaggi's</u> 5990 University Avenue, WDM 221-9900	<u>Exile Brewing Company</u> 1514 Walnut Street, D.M. 883-2337
April 16	<u>Fire Creek</u> 800 S. 50 th Street, WDM 224-0500	<u>Olympic Flame</u> 514 E. Grand Ave., D.M. 243-4361
May 21	<u>Cool Basil</u> 1250 - 86 th Street, Clive 225-8111	<u>Tumea & Sons</u> 1501 SE 1 st St., D.M. 282-7964
June 18	<u>The Tavern</u> 1755 - 50 th Street, WDM 223-6700	<u>Café Baratta's in the Historical Building</u> 600 E. Locust Street, D.M. 281-3294
July 16	<u>Bar Louie</u> 7105 Mills Civic Parkway, WDM 422-9640	<u>Star Bar</u> 2811 Ingersoll Ave., D.M. 244-0790
August 20	<u>Wellman's</u> 597 Market Street, WDM 222-1100	<u>The Walnut</u> 1417 Walnut St., D.M. 282-1000
September 17	<u>Bravo</u> 120 S. Jordan Creek Parkway, WDM 225-0660	<u>MALO</u> 900 Mulberry Street, D.M. 244-5000
October 15	<u>Urban Grill</u> 3651- 86 th Street, Urbandale 278-1016	<u>Dumpling Darling</u> 212 E. 3 rd Street, D.M. 283-2000
November 19	<u>Waterfront</u> 2900 University Avenue, WDM 223-5106	<u>Centro</u> 1003 Locust St., D.M. 248-1780
December 17	<u>Club Car</u> 13435 University Avenue, Clive 226-1729	<u>Court Avenue Brewing Company</u> 309 Court Avenue, D.M. 282-2739

EWI DES MOINES CHAPTER — JANUARY 2019 MEETING

Date:	Monday, January 7, 2019
Program Location:	EveryStep Care & Support Services 3000 Easton Blvd. Des Moines, IA 50317
Schedule:	4:15—5:15 Board Meeting 5:15—5:45 Networking 5:45—6:00 Member Introductions 6:00—6:30 Dinner 6:30—7:00 Presentation by EveryStep/Amanda the Panda 7:00—7:30 EWI Updates
Menu:	<p>Appetizers: Assorted veggies with dill dip and spinach artichoke dip</p> <p>Dinner: Choice of herb roasted pork loin or pecan crust-ed tilapia served with twice baked potato casserole and green beans almonidine</p> <p>OR</p> <p>*** Vegetarian Option Available ***</p> <p>Dessert: Choice of cheesecake or chocolate silk cake</p> <p>Wine will be available for purchase</p>
Cost:	\$30.00
Dinner Reservation Deadline:	<p>Reservation deadline is Friday, December 28, 2018</p> <p>Please remember that all Representatives MUST register online at: http://www.ewidism.org</p> <p>Representatives paying monthly or quarterly MUST complete the form (<i>on the next page</i>) and mail it along with your check to Laura Montgomery by the reservation deadline.</p> <p>Cancellation Policy: If you have registered but are unable to attend, you MUST notify Laura before the reservation deadline in order to receive a refund or credit. Please make checks payable to EWI.</p> <p>Laura Montgomery</p> <p>Questions? Call 515-221-6687 or email laura.montgomery@hubbellrealty.com</p>

RESERVATION FORM

Firm: _____

Representatives: _____

Guests: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$_____ (please make check payable to EWI)



Birthdays



January 7: Ruth Hanrahan, Chapter Life Member

January 12: Carol Bahls, Chapter Life Member



Judy Smith

10/26/44—12/14/18

Judy will be missed by many! She was dedicated to EWI and served in several board and chair positions as well as being a past president and chapter life member. She also attended many LCAMs. She believed in EWI and it's mission and worked hard selling for all our fundraisers where she often sold the most. Judy was fun loving, a friend to all, loved her family and fur babies, loved to shop and enjoyed her travels. Our lives were definitely better with Judy Smith around and she will be missed greatly.

God be with our friend!





"It was wonderful to see those children so warmly dressed in their new sweatshirts with a book in their hand!"

