

A Message from our President



*I am only one, but still I am one.
I cannot do everything, but still I can do something;
And because I cannot do everything I will not refuse to do the something I can do.
...Helen Keller*

You Can Too!

Goodness, where has the year gone? This time last year, I was writing my first EWI newsletter. You may not remember, but it was about “*All The Firsts.*” I started out talking about my first grade teacher and mentioned my first date and a few other “firsts” and then ended up by saying, it was my first time to be the President of “anything.”

I want to take this time to thank those who have stood beside me as my board members and even those who were not board members, but had been in the position as President and yes, all of you who have been EWI members for a long or short time, who put your faith in me to serve as your leader for this year. I want to thank all of the committees and those that served in some capacity. There were times when I thought I can’t do this and I sure don’t know what I’m doing, but I would call someone who did know and there they would be with those encouraging words and a pat on the back to say “we’ve been there” and we know you can do this.

You know, it’s true what Helen Keller said....”I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something I can do.” I am one of those people who is stubborn about asking for help, but I have truly learned through this year, that I “cannot” do everything. EWI is an organization of women that work as a TEAM and you know what they say...there is no “I” in TEAM.

We are a team of women that when we pull together, we can make our local chapter one of the strongest there is across these United States and Canada. I say that because I’ve learned by letting others help me, we can do great things. We can have a successful Reading Rally, we can get Corporate to permit us to use the EWI logo on a

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polo shirt and yes we can have a successful golf tournament. Look how successful our EWISP and ASIST programs were this year and what a wonderful night we had at the Governor's Mansion on Executive Night. And, just this last week, I was trying to get the annual business meeting packets ready to go out and once again I thought I could get it all done by myself. Lynn offered to come and help, but I know how busy she is with her job and then I finally bit the bullet and asked Mamie Johnson, who works in my office and is also a EWI member to help assemble the packets. I had to have them to the mail room by 1:30 on Friday, August 7. You know what; we got them there with an hour to spare last Friday. None of these things happened because I was the President...they happened because we have a team of women who said "I can't do everything, but I can do one thing."

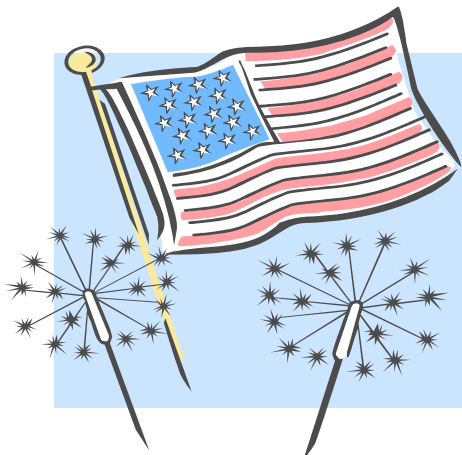
As you think about next year, I want you to think about Helen Keller and what you can do to make the Little Rock EWI Chapter a stronger chapter and one that will be noticed when we make our annual trip to LCAM.

This has truly been a wonderful year and in some ways I feel like Miss America taking my last walk down the runway. Thank you for allowing me this time to encourage your journey in EWI. I wish Belinda and all of those who follow much success as they continue to make our Chapter great!

So long for now. I'll still be around as Belinda's mentor and Chair of the Nominating Committee. I just want to say one last thing....if you think you would be a good fit on a committee or even in a position of leadership then just say "I CAN TOO!" Remember, you cannot do everything, but you can do something, so please don't refuse or be afraid to do the **"SOMETHING"** that YOU CAN DO!

Thanks for a wonderful year,
Joyce

Happy Labor Day!!!!!!!



EWI® Mission and Vision

Mission

Executive Women International® is an organization which bring together key individuals from diverse businesses for the purpose of:

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

Vision

To be the Leading Connection for Business Professionals



Attendance...

Members must RSVP to Roz Smith, Sgt. at Arms, if you CANNOT attend a monthly meeting. Please call Roz at (374-4638) or e-mail rozsmith@aristotle.net no later than noon on Friday, September 11, 2009.

Meeting Fees: Make checks payable to: EWI, Little Rock Chapter

Fees may be paid at the door or mailed to:

Deb Mathis
State Chamber/AIA
PO Box 3645
Little Rock, AR 72203-3645

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS REPRESENTATIVES

Date	Members	Firm
8	Peggy Maxell	Chesapeake Energy Corp
9	Joanne Sullivan	Life Member
9	Miriam Costello	Coulson Oil Company, Inc.
23	Lynn Zimmerebner	Arkansas Children's Hospital Foundation
24	Barbara Patterson	Arkansas Children's Hospital Foundation
24	Wanda King	Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield
29	Janet Webster	Arkansas Children's Hospital

DATES TO NOTE

September 24-26, 2009
EWI's 2009 Leadership
Conference & Annual
Meeting in
Louisville, Kentucky

Websites



Little Rock Chapter Website: www.executivewomen-littlerock.org
Corporate Website: www.ewiconnect.com

Board Reports

Sergeant at Arms Report August Attendance

	Present	Percent	
27 Active Member Firms			Executives.....0
Member Firms Represented:	22	81%	Life Sustaining.....0
			Guests.....0
34 Total Active Reps	26	76%	Transitional.....0
Excused.....5			
Unexcused.....3			



Ways and Means – No raffle for August Meeting

Trash n' Treasurer Sale-Raised \$265, with an additional donation of \$70 from Jerry Keyes.

Treasurer's Report

The General Operating Account, as of May, 2009 was: \$50,832.56
BCDP Account: \$31,244.10

Program Report

Business Meeting

Location

September 15
(Board Approved)

Arkansas Children's Hospital, Bob and Lee Cress Board Room
Installation of new Board
RSVP Catering

**August Business Meeting
Cajun's Wharf
Trash n' Treasure
August 18, 2009**



Photo: Roz Smith

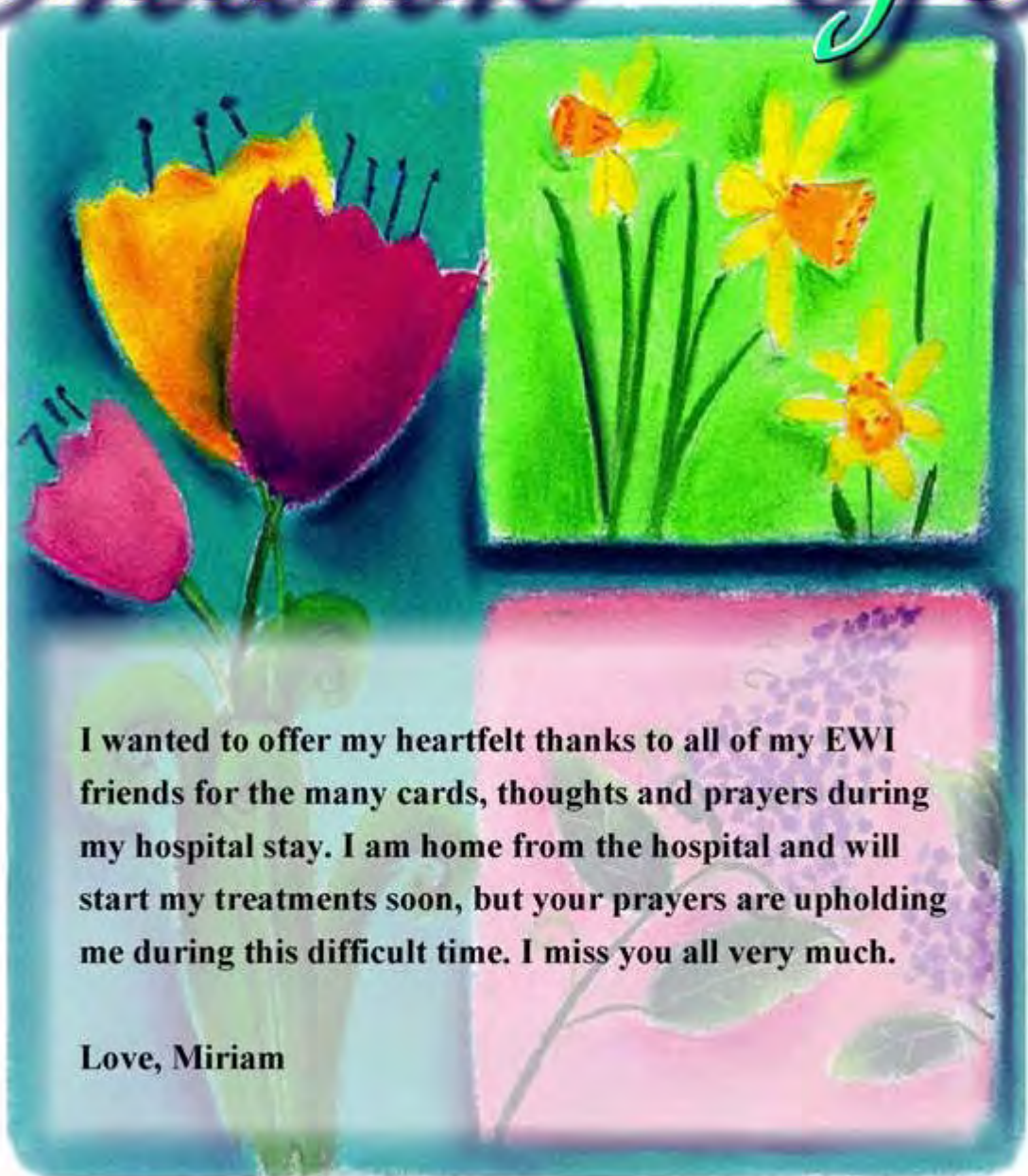


Photo: Diane Kidwell, Joyce Norton,
Barbara Hoffman and Belinda
Shelton

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Cajun's Wharf
Trash n' Treasure
August 18, 2009**



Thank You



I wanted to offer my heartfelt thanks to all of my EWI friends for the many cards, thoughts and prayers during my hospital stay. I am home from the hospital and will start my treatments soon, but your prayers are upholding me during this difficult time. I miss you all very much.

Love, Miriam



Deb Mathis' new granddaughter, Ryan Catherine Mathis



I want to give a great big THANK YOU to Joyce Norton for leading our chapter this past year. Joyce, you have done an awesome job. You have been a true example of what it is to be a professional. Personally, I want to thank you for being a wonderful friend and mentor. As I prepare to take office, I take with me much insight that has been gained from watching you this past year. I am grateful that you have been my role model. I look forward to our continued collaboration in the Little Rock Chapter of EWI.

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