

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Rebekah Wesley**  
Jackson & Company

EWI of Houston,

I never imagined I would be back as your President, especially so soon, but I want everyone to know it is my honor and privilege to serve as your President AGAIN. I want to thank Margo for her leadership and dedication towards our Chapter. Making a decision like she did to step down is never an easy decision, but I do want to thank her for caring about the Chapter and know that we understand how important family is. I am so excited that she is still on the Board in the position of Communications Director.

It's exciting being able to pick back up where we originally stopped meetings as there are meetings I love. Now I get to lead and assist in planning them. I hope you are able to join us at our **May Monthly Meeting** at Los Tios Westheimer. It will be nice to see

everyone and visit. In **June**, we are so excited to be celebrating our Past Presidents, have headshots done by our Official Photographer, David Jones, representing D. Jones Photography, enjoy a Professional Development Speaker, and have a Dress for Success Drive. With all those exciting things, we need to remember that a quorum is required for our Business Meeting. Did you know that there are two guaranteed meetings a year that requires a quorum? Our **June Business Meeting** where our 2021 LCAM delegates will be voted on and the 2021-2022 Board of Directors slate will be presented, and our **September Annual Business Meeting** where our 2021-2022 Board of Directors slate is voted on as well as our 2021-2022 Budget. In **August**, we will host the BIGGEST event of the year – **Dollars for Scholars, Executive Appreciation Night, and Scholarship Night** with a theme that ties all of them together: Driven to Succeed! We are so excited for this combined event and know that with the help of the Chapter it will be a great success. Dollars for Scholars fundraising letters will be going out to your Executives by the end of the week, so please be on the lookout for them. If you would like to share a Dollars for Scholars fundraising letter with anyone, then please [click here](#). Since our fundraising efforts have been limited for over a year, the Board made the decision to reduce the amount in scholarships we will be giving away this year. We know that our scholarships are very important to our community, members, and Executives. This was not an easy decision, but we feel it is the best decision for our Chapter in guaranteeing we have money for scholarships and philanthropy for years to come.

Let's not forget about Philanthropy. Even without a Chair, they have two exciting drives planned, thanks to Director-at-Large LaTonya Perez and President-Elect Shari Schiffman. In lieu of a Reading Rally, EWI of Houston will be donating books to the children at Small Steps Nurturing Center, which is a preschool for economically at-risk children in the Fifth Ward. In addition to the request of story books, the school does have an Amazon wish list, which is on page 10 of the Connect. At our June Monthly Meeting, we will be hosting a Dress for Success Drive. They are currently not accepting clothing, but they are requesting letters of encouragement, handbags, and black closed toed shoes. The flyer has gone out in EWInfo and will also be in next month's Connect.

I urge all of you to please save the dates for all of our upcoming meetings, which are listed out on page 2 of the Connect.

If you have any questions, please never hesitate to reach out to me. I am looking forward to the upcoming activities of the Chapter, and I promise to try my best to Drive our Chapter into a brighter future!



2020-2021

## Officers & Directors

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Rebekah Wesley  
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# CHAPTER DATES

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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

- THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021 @ LOS TIOS, 9527 WESTHEIMER ROAD (77063)
- THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021 @ AVENIDA BRAZIL, 12350 SOUTHWEST FWY (77477)  
 BUSINESS MEETING & PAST PRESIDENTS' NIGHT & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
 HEADSHOTS BY DAVID JONES PHOTOGRAPHY
- THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2021 - LOCATION - TBA
- THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021 - THE CITADEL  
 SCHOLARSHIP AND EXECUTIVES' NIGHT GALA
- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 - LOCATION -TBA  
 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021- LOCATON - TBA  
 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021- LOCATION- TBA
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021- LOCATION- TBA

## BOARD MEETINGS

- THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021 \*FULL LEADERSHIP\* -  
 DOUGLAS ELLIMAN REAL ESTATE- TEXAS, 2001 KIRBY DRIVE, STE 600, 77019
- TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021
- TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021
- TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021 \*FULL LEADERSHIP\*

## LCAM

- SEPTEMBER 16-18, 2021- ALBUQUERQUE, NM





# May Monthly Meeting

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021

LOS TIOS WESTHEIMER  
9527 WESTHEIMER ROAD, HOUSTON, TX 77063

5:45 PM NETWORKING

6:30 PM DINNER

## MENU

### APPETIZER

TORTILLA CHIPS AND CHILI CON QUESO

### ENTRÉE SELECTIONS (CHOOSE 1)

NO. 6

CRISPY BEEF TACO, PUFFY QUESO, CHEESE ENCHILADA, RICE AND REFRIED BEANS

CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

TWO CHICKEN ENCHILADAS SERVED WITH RICE AND REFRIED BEANS

LOS TIOS SALAD WITH CHICKEN

MIXED SPRING GREENS & ROMAINE, ROASTED CHERRY TOMATOES, CARROTS,  
AVOCADO, COTIJA CHEESE, TOASTED PEPITAS, RED PICKLED ONIONS TOSSED IN  
CREAMY POBLANO RANCH DRESSING

### DESSERT

SOPAPILLA DUSTED WITH CINNAMON AND POWDERED SUGAR

## **\$35 PER PERSON**

ONE COMPLIMENTARY DRINK TICKET PER PERSON  
FOR A HOUSE MARGARITA, WINE, OR BEER

INCLUDES ICED TEA, FOUNTAIN SODA OR COFFEE

COMPLIMENTARY SELF PARKING

RESERVED TABLES OF 6 AVAILABLE

RSVP'S (acceptances, regrets, cancellations) due by Monday, May 10, 2021

RSVP & Pay Online at [www.ewihouston.org](http://www.ewihouston.org)

Checks payable to EWI of Houston may be mailed to:

Lily Portales, EOG Resources

1111 Bagby Street, Sky Lobby 2, Houston, TX 77002

*Save the Date*

Please Join EWI of Houston

**Thursday, June 10, 2021 | 6:00 PM**  
**Avenida Brazil**  
12350 Southwest Freeway, Stafford, Texas 77477

June Business Meeting\*  
Honoring our Past Presidents  
Professional Development Guest Speaker  
Headshots by David Jones

\*Quorum required

**SAVE THE DATE**

*Thursday, August 12, 2021*  
Citadel Houston | 5:30 PM  
**Dollars for Scholars Fundraiser**

*Houston*  
**ewi**

**A Night Honoring Our Executives  
& 2021 Scholarship Winners**

**DRIVEN  
TO  
SUCCEED**





# LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE & ANNUAL MEETING

**September 16-18, 2021  
Sheraton Uptown Albuquerque, NM**

EWI's Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting (LCAM) is an annual professional development conference where members from our Chapters gather to connect, network and grow professionally through keynote speakers, workshops seminars, group discussions, and more. During LCAM, delegates also conduct the business of the organization during our annual meeting. We also hold social gatherings, Reading Rally events, recognize our members for their accomplishments, and learn new ideas.

**REGISTRATION  
SCHEDULE**



## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

- \$650 - Early Bird Ends June 30
- \$750 - Regular Registration Ends Sept 10

## LEADERSHIP CAUCUS REGISTRATION

- \$200 - 1 Registration
- \$150 - 2 Registrations
- \$125 - 3 or More

All Chapter members are welcome and encouraged to attend Leadership Caucus Training. Chapters must contact the Corporate Office to register members for this programming and to receive the Value Pricing offered. Please call 262-269-5625 to complete your registration.

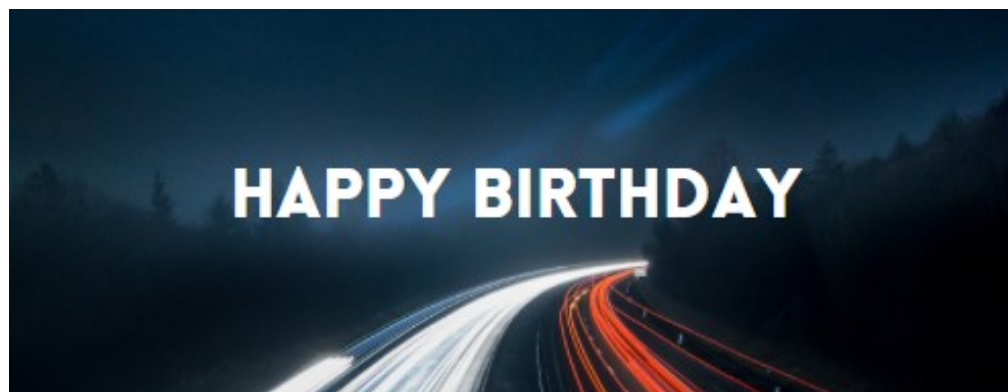


*Click above  
to register for  
LCAM!*





May		June	
Skerl & Associates	20 years	Jackson & Company	29 years
CIMA ENERGY, LP	16 years	Lockwood, Andrews	18 years
Hilcorp Energy Company	14 years	& Newnam, Inc.	
Let It Fly Events, L.P.	12 years	Lockton Companies	6 years
Lexis Florist	12 years		
The Plaza Group	3 years		
Quantum Energy Partners	2 years		
Speedy Printing- Katy Freeway	2 years		
Harvest Midstream	1 year		



Don D. Jordan	May 9	Annette Washburn	June 11
Lisa Krumm Anhaiser	May 13	Mary Margaret Carroll	June 18
Kay Bart	May 18	Jeannette Stoller Woods	June 28



IN THE NEWS

Submitted by Patti Strawther, representing James J Postl Interest

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# COMMON THREADS

**Memorial Hermann Foundation's 2021 Circle of Life  
Stars Among Us Gala proudly honors Beverly and Jim Postl  
for their lifetime of charity, kindness and generosity.**

**S**ome couples just click. Beverly and Jim Postl are one such couple. When they enter a room, they light it up.

Beverly's personality is as bubbly and irresistible as the blue wrap she is wearing over a crisp, white blouse. Jim, by contrast, is a quieter version of warmth and graciousness, adept at one-liners that say it all. They tease one another about their differences, but it's what they have in common that has made them who they are today.

Over the last 44 years, this special couple has weathered tough times, made eight major career moves, raised two beautiful daughters, Jennifer and Erin, and built an enviable life together.

**Early lessons in humanity**

Beverly grew up in Massachusetts, one of three children in a lower-middle-class Italian family. Her father worked three jobs to provide for them; her mother did everything else.

*"Mom had six sisters. My dad was one of six brothers," she says. "So you can imagine, I grew up in a very large Italian family. It was wonderful."*

*"Noisy," says Jim.*

*"Yes, a very large, loud Italian family," Beverly says, undeterred. "We didn't go out for dinners or have fancy things, but we never felt that we were missing anything. By our parents' example, we learned respect, aiding those in need, appreciating what we had and always being kind."*

For instance, despite their modest home, when her uncle fell on hard times, Beverly's parents took in his family of five without hesitation.

Jim's beginnings were similarly humble. His father immigrated to Canada from Austria at 17. Jim has two brothers and a sister, all of whom still live in Canada. Like Beverly, he remembers growing up in a small house.

*"We took in a family of German immigrants," Jim says, "And when they were able to move on, their parents arrived, so we took them in. We sort of ran a hotel without getting paid."*

**Philanthropic roots run deep**

After graduating from the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Jim joined Proctor and Gamble in Toronto

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where he met his Beverly. Jim's career path has taken them from there to PepsiCo in Toronto, Guatemala, Argentina, Westport and Dallas. Ultimately, after joining Pennzoil, they landed in Houston.

**When Jim gets involved in an organization, he's not there just in person and in name, he's there to really do work. He and Beverly are stalwarts in this community.**

Stephen Trauber, Board Member, Memorial Hermann Foundation

During the couple's early married years, they were, according to Beverly, "as poor as church mice." That didn't stop them from getting involved in their community. As their financial circumstances improved by leaps and bounds, so did their philanthropic endeavors.

Through the years, the Posts have supported countless causes that touch their hearts. They are members of the United Way Alexis de Tocqueville Society and have contributed to the organization for more than 20 years. Jim is on the board of Good Reason Houston, whose goal

is ensuring a quality education for every child in every neighborhood. He chairs the Foundation for Jones Hall and is on the boards of the Society for the Performing Arts, the business school at Rice University, the Greater Houston Partnership and the Houston Zoo. As Beverly loves to complain, Jim makes a habit of outbidding other donors at the annual Zoo Ball for the naming rights of newborn animals. To date, they've named a giraffe, an elephant, a sea lion and three alligators (Snap, Crackle and Pop).

On a more personal level, because two of their grandchildren were born prematurely, their entire family gives generously to the March of Dimes. Beverly's mom's devastating journey with Alzheimer's inspired her support of the Alzheimer's Association. And Jim's father's death of a heart attack at 54 sparked his involvement with the American Heart Association on the local, regional and national levels.

**The Memorial Hermann family connection**

It was on behalf of the American Heart Association in 2004 that Jim approached Dan Wolterman, Memorial Hermann Health System's president and CEO at the time, to solicit the system's involvement. Dan turned the tables



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on him, making his own pitch for Jim to join the Memorial Hermann board, which he happily did.

Adding to the couple's personal commitment to supporting the system, Beverly suffered a heart attack and received care at Memorial Hermann Memorial City Medical Center, and Jim recently experienced atrial flutter and praises the team at Memorial Hermann-TMC for the care he received there.

Jim has chaired numerous Memorial Hermann committees and is now the board chair of Memorial Hermann Foundation, where he's most proud of recruiting Anne Neeson as the CEO—he jokingly takes full credit for her magnificent performance. He's excited about the future as a result of helping to develop the Foundation's first strategic plan in its history.

The couple feels fortunate to be the honorees of this year's Circle of Life *Stars Among Us* Gala along with Phillips 66 and the frontline heroes of Memorial Hermann.

All of us who are involved are very proud of the leadership role Memorial Hermann has played in addressing COVID-19.

Jim Postl

*"The role that the frontline heroes have played has been fundamental to Memorial Hermann's being able to care for and protect our community," Jim says. "And Phillips 66 has been a longtime supporter, financially and through board involvement. The work they do in the community is truly extraordinary."*

We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the Posts for their involvement with and support of Memorial Hermann over the last 17 years and the role models they've been for future generations of donors.

*"It's been a great ride," Jim says. "This is one of the organizations closest to my heart."*

Memorial Hermann is one of the organizations closest to my heart.

Jim Postl





# JOIN THE PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE IN "READ TO LEAD" AT SMALL STEPS CENTER

Small Steps Nurturing Center operates preschools for economically at-risk children living in Fifth Ward, all at NO COST to the families. Serving families that make less than 21K annually, they provide an exemplary early childhood program that instills and fosters the emotional, physical, and intellectual growth of economically at-risk children and their families.

Learn more at [www.ssnc.org](http://www.ssnc.org)

Please donate by June 1, 2021.

Amazon Wishlist:

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/1AK7QFQ007F17/guest-view>

Items Needed: Story Books for ages 2-6

Contact Director-at-Large [LaTonya Perez](#) with questions or if you would like to make monetary or physical donations.





## Interest Survey for the 2021-2022 Leadership Team and Committees

Please complete and return to Marji Zamora, marji@speedyprintingtx.com, by Friday, May 14, 2021.

Please indicate preferred contact number

Name:		Home:	<input type="radio"/>
Firm:		Office:	<input type="radio"/>
Member Since:		Cell:	<input type="radio"/>

### COMMITTEE SERVICE

Each member is required to serve on at least one and preferably two committees. Please indicate the committees you have previously served or chaired. Please select a minimum of two committees that you would like to serve as a member. Please indicate your preference of committees by indicating 1, 2, 3 etc. in the "Would Like to Serve" box. If you are interested in chairing a committee, please indicate by marking the "Would like to Chair" box. An asterisk (\*) in the "Would like to Chair" box indicates that this committee is chaired by a board member or past president.

Committee	Would like to Serve	Would like to Chair	Previously Served	Previously Chaired
ASIST				
Budget				
Bylaws				
Communications				
Courtesy				
Directory				
EWISP				
Executive Appreciation Night				
Fundraising				
Hospitality				

Committee	Would like to Serve	Would like to Chair	Previously Served	Previously Chaired
Membership				
Mentor and Retention				
Nominating				
Philanthropy				
Professional Development				
Program				
Sergeant-At-Arms				
Social Media / Public Relations				
Strategic Planning				
Web				

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS SERVICE

Please indicate below if you have previously served on the Board of Directors and if you are interested in serving on the 2021-2022 Board of Directors. Please indicate your preferred place of service by indicating 1, 2, 3, etc. in the "Would like to Serve" box. Also, think about if you would be interested in a position on the board in the future.

Board Position	Would like to Serve	Previously Served	Maybe in the future
President Elect			
Secretary			
Treasurer			
Sergeant-At Arms			
Communications Director			

Board Position	Would like to Serve	Previously Served	Maybe in the future
Director at Large			
Fundraising Director			
Membership Director			
Programs Director			

PLEASE COMPLETE PAGE 2



**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The nominating committee is voted on by the membership. Do you have interest in serving on the 2021-2022 Nominating Committee?

Yes  No  Maybe

**LCAM (Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting)**

LCAM is held each year in September. This year it will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The chapter sends delegates and alternate delegates to this meeting. The delegates and alternates are required to attend all LCAM functions including the Annual Business Meeting held on Saturday morning. Delegates will vote on all matters to come before the delegate body including electing the Corporate Board of Directors, approving the corporate budgets, and approving any changes to the bylaws and/or standing rules. The chapter pays registration, airfare and lodging for the chapter delegates and registration for the alternate delegates (transportation and lodging are the responsibility of the alternate delegate).

Do you plan to attend LCAM?  Yes  No  Maybe

Do you have an interest in serving as a delegate at LCAM?  Yes  No  Maybe

Do you have an interest in serving as an alternate delegate at LCAM?  Yes  No  Maybe

Have you attended LCAM in the past?  Yes  No

**Additional Information**

Please provide any additional information that you would like the Nominating Committee to consider. Include why you want to lead and any previous career or leadership experience that may enhance participation in specific committee assignment(s) or Board position(s) (please include EWI conferences/training you have attended):

By signing below, I hereby state my willingness to serve as an officer, director, or committee chair. I have discussed the responsibilities and commitments with my executive and have his/her support.

<u>Representative's Signature or Typed Name:</u>	<u>Email Address:</u>



## **Member in Good Standing Self-Reflection Guide**

Use these expectations from our standing rules to reflect on your current participation in EWI of Houston. EWI can only do what we do when everyone is participating.

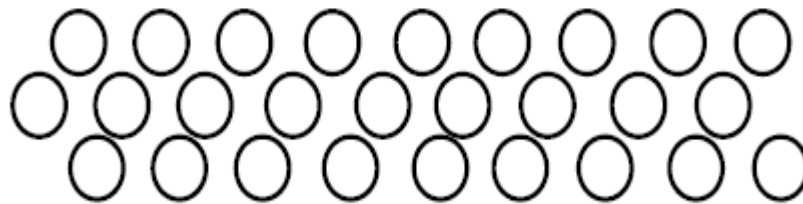
### **Attend 6 meetings a year**

- |                                   |                                    |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> October  | <input type="checkbox"/> April     |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> December | <input type="checkbox"/> June      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> January  | <input type="checkbox"/> July      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> February | <input type="checkbox"/> August    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> March    | <input type="checkbox"/> September |

### **Participate in Committee(s)**

\*\*\*Due to COVID, these can include online/phone meetings as well as regular email communication.\*\*\*

Color in the circles for each committee meeting you attend



### **Donate 1 door prize (\$50+)**

I donated \_\_\_\_\_  
in the month of \_\_\_\_\_.



# Membership Report

Submitted by Carole Pitts, 2020-2021 Membership Director, representing John Daugherty, Realtors

## Membership Status as of April 23, 2021

44	Member Firms	1	Life Member
46	Representatives	6	Honorary Members
19	Sustaining Members	2	Transitional Members
Firms with 4 Representatives:		0	
Firms with 3 Representatives:		0	
Firms with 2 Representatives:		2	
Firms with 1 Representative:		42	

### Rep Resignations:

GGT Worldwide – Ginger Rampaul



⇒ Follow/ like **EWI Corporate** on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/EWICorp>

⇒ Follow **EWI Corporate** on Instagram and Twitter:

@EWICorporate

⇒ Follow / Like **EWI of Houston** on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/EWIHouston>

Check out the monthly meeting photos and tag yourself and your member firm

⇒ Click going to each of the monthly meetings in FB Events:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3278772272194853>

⇒ And invite your network to join you as a guest using the Facebook invite

⇒ Follow / **Like EWI of Houston** on Instagram:

@EWIHouston



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

*Submitted by Margo Faulkner, representing Sewell Automotive Companies*

### Have a Network? Now Build an Admin Community!

Originally posted on asaporg.com

March 26, 2021

You've no doubt heard about the importance of a professional network since early in your career; you know that a professional network contributes to your professional development. However, you may not have considered the notion of building a *community* among your team or colleagues. And since it's Admin Month, now is a great time to explore it.

We use networks to establish and extend contacts, develop professional relationships, and as resources for professional effectiveness and growth. Network relationships are typically not close, and not all members are networked together. For example, in your professional network, the members are connected to you but not necessarily to one another. Your network does not share a sense of common identity.

Communities are different. Unlike networks, communities bring with them membership (a sense of belonging,) purpose, relationships and engagement. Communities inspire their members in ways that promote self-awareness and group collaborative action. Communities encourage members to express their beliefs and values, to actively contribute and to build lasting relationships with others. Members feel a sense of common identity and belonging. They share a vision for the future. Members of a community also hold one another accountable for effort and performance.

A professional community is often called a "community of practice." A community of practice refers to a group with a shared identity that actively enhances and protects a domain of knowledge — a professional community of people who feel responsible for collaborating toward a shared purpose that is more important than their individual needs.

You could probably identify members of your professional network easily. However, as administrative professionals and executive assistants, have we gone beyond networking to create, either locally or globally, an admin community? Is an admin community possible, and, if so, what would our purpose be? If the idea of a community appeals to you...if you are inspired to mobilize a group to become a community, cultivating these 10 traits will build a sense of community for the admins and assistants you hope to bring together.

#### 10 Traits that Build and Sustain Community

**Future focus:** Some communities talk about "thinking five generations ahead." Communities act and plan not only for the present but also to benefit those in the future. A vision of the future is a powerful bond and inspiration.

**Connection (not contacts):** When members feel connected they are motivated to actively contribute and work towards the goals of the community. Relationships within a community foster a sense of genuine connection through sharing, interaction and through experiences that bring members together to form strong bonds.

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**Engagement:** Member contributions are an investment that reinforces commitment and trust. Create an environment in your community where members feel like they have a say in what happens and will be heard, not judged, when they express themselves. Get people involved in projects, activities and generating ideas.

**Significance:** Highlight shared goals, values and beliefs. Members need to believe that the community matters and what they are doing is important. Become a cause that they care about and provide them with value that they don't want to lose.

**Shared identity:** Members want to feel that these are "their people," that they fit in and this is where they belong. Emphasize common characteristics and challenges. Develop a sense of culture and embrace how far the profession and field have come.

**Reward:** People need to feel rewarded in some way for their participation in the community in order to participate. A professional community focuses on promoting greater satisfaction and recognition for its members and their field. Offer connections that provide a support system, inspiration, a sense of belonging, solutions to common challenge and/or a sense of purpose.

**Common good:** Nurture fairness, diversity and trust. Your community members should experience that all are heard; none are favored. They should feel as though their concerns are adequately addressed and that the common good is a priority.

**Accountability:** You want people to accept some degree of obligation and accountability to act in the best interests of all. Encourage them to participate in activities and to think and act collectively.

**Communication:** Regular communication and shared information are essential for any effective community; they help to both establish and maintain a sense of community. Group members depend on the flow of communication in order to establish their own identity within the community and to function well in the group setting. Everyone needs to be on the same page. Meeting face-to-face or in small groups can add an incredible depth to large groups.

**Leadership:** This is where you come in. Communities do not just develop spontaneously without leadership. Leadership in a community isn't about making or enforcing rules or telling people what to do; it is about matching tasks to the right people, facilitating working together and developing everyone's ability to lead. This kind of leadership is more time consuming—and also more effective.

Effective community leaders lead by example. They stretch people by communicating a higher vision. They keep everyone informed about measurable results that have been achieved with collective action. They push the responsibility for achievement firmly onto the shoulders of others – and give others all the credit. They seek to develop every member's capacity to lead.



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EWI of Houston Vision Statement

EWI of Houston aspires to be the premier business organization of choice for member firms and their key individuals. Recognized by the Houston community as an avenue to achieve personal and professional excellence, every activity of the Houston Chapter will fulfill at least one of the objectives of the EWI Mission Statement.

Our Mission

EWI brings together key individuals from diverse businesses for the purpose of promoting member firms, enhancing personal and professional development, and encouraging community involvement.

Our Strategic Goals

- To strengthen, expand, and broaden membership.
- To provide member firms with meaningful benefits.
- To actively promote education for all representatives.
- To achieve a high level of community visibility through service.

Our Vision

To enhance professional growth and development within a diverse group of women while empowering them to make a difference as they inspire others.

EWI of Houston Connect Newsletter

**Feature your firm in a monthly Firm Spotlight!  
Have news? Share it in the Connect Newsletter!**

**Contact:**

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[mfaulkner@sewell.com](mailto:mfaulkner@sewell.com)

**Submission deadline:** 3rd Friday of each month.

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