

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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It's really hard to believe I have been serving as your Chapter President for 10 months now. The Covid-19 Pandemic has been a part of our lives in Houston for 5 months of that time. So many changes have taken place and we are trying to navigate through our current paths, which continue to change.

I have been a member of EWI of Houston since 2008. For all the new members, it saddens me you haven't been able to be a part of our Special Evenings: Past Presidents Night, Executives' Night, and Scholarship Night. I personally feel that those are the nights that make you realize how special EWI of Houston is and how we stand apart from other organizations. I had a plan this year, and I was so excited for it but because of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the past 5 months have been thrown out the window.

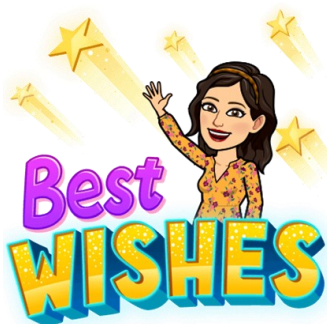
One thing, I just could not let go of was honoring our Scholarship Recipients. Trust me I was not the only one that felt this way. They are all deserving of being recognized by us for winning. Not only did they take the time to finish their scholarships and turn them in completed before they deadlines they did all of this with all the changes taking place around us and being enforced by the City because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Schools shutting down and switching to virtual, some having to homeschool their children on top of now having virtual classes, etc. The ASIST and EWISP Chairs and I have been hard at work to plan a special virtual meeting. There may be a few glitches, but we are trying our best to make this evening special and show our 14 Scholarship Recipients EWI of Houston is proud of them, supports them, and is there for them. We really hope you will be able to join us Thursday via Zoom. The Program will start at 6:00 PM but please log in earlier to socialize and meet our Scholarship Recipients.

Some members may be concerned about next year since we did not have our Dollars for Scholars Fundraiser. We want you to know that this year we have saved money! Margo is starting off with part of the 2019-2020 budget as well as about \$20,000 in monetary donations we received. It just means 2021 will be bigger and better – I am already jealous, ha! Our Executives Night Committee has worked hard contacting our auction contributors to see if expiration dates could be extended. If there are items that will expire prior to Executives Night in 2020, we will have an auction or raffle this fall so they do not go to waste.

Our Philanthropy Committee has not let social distancing stop them! In April, we donated \$3,000 to HISD's Wraparound Project, which they used to purchase sanitizing resources for employees and HISD families they directly serve. Wraparound Services provides students with support necessary to be successful in school such as food, housing, and access to mental and physical health professionals. Then in July, we donated over 1,100 books to HYPE Freedom School in lieu of our annual Reading Rally.

Maybe everything hasn't gone as planned, but I am proud of our Chapter for coming together during this time to still make things happen!

We have all had a challenging time the past 5 months and sadly it is not over yet. We really don't know if it will ever be over and we will go back to normal again, but I do know that this is only making all of us stronger. We will preserve and come out on the top in the end if we keep working hard, taking precautions to be safe and healthy, and continue to support one another.



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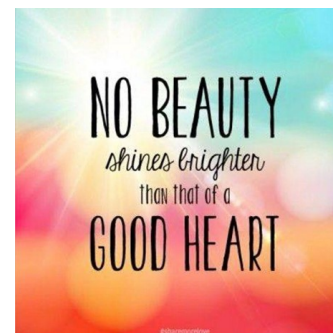
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EWI Calendar of Events

CHAPTER DATES

MONTHLY MEETINGS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020 - ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT - HONORING 2020 ASIST & EWISP WINNERS

VIRTUAL - ZOOM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 - ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

MORTON'S THE STEAKHOUSE-GALLERIA - 5000 WESTHEIMER (77056)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020 - INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

LOCATION - TBA

BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020 - FULL LEADERSHIP TEAM

CORPORATE DATES

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP CALL

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020 @ 2PM

AUGUST PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

"BECOMING COMPETITION PROOF" BY BERTA MEDINA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 @ 3PM ET

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

LCAM - SEPTEMBER 16-19, 2020 - VIRTUAL - [HTTPS://EWICONNECT.COM/LCAM-2020/](https://ewiconnect.com/lcam-2020/)

*As a courtesy, please remember to RSVP to monthly meetings, EVEN IF you are NOT attending.
You can host a table at a Monthly meeting at no extra charge.*

If you are not receiving the RSVP emails please reach out to SAA Lily Portales at lportales@eogresources.com

Did you know?

LCAM ²⁰²⁰ ewi

Empower. Engage. Inspire.

VIRTUAL EVENT



Click the “TV” to view a message from EWI Corporate President Felicia J. Senter

LCAM 2020 - A Virtual Event - All Members

September 18-19, 2020!

FREE for an all members, this year’s virtual event will including our Town Hall Meeting, Annual Meeting, Leadership Caucus and 2020 Recognition Celebration! More details and complete schedule will be released soon.



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

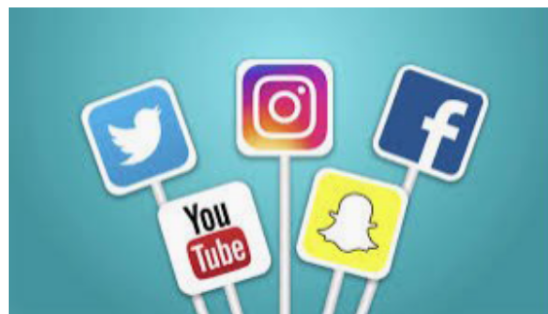
⇒ Click going to each of the monthly meetings in FB Events:

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

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

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ELP Enterprises, Inc.	6 years
Sewell Automotive Companies	6 years
Costar Group	2 years
Topgolf Houston-Spring	2 years
FreeRange Concepts, LLC	1 year



LaTonya Perez	August 2
Rebecca Bartholomew	August 4
Darcy Fleeman	August 9
Dena Wilson	August 10
Elisa Garcia	August 12
Barbara Camino	August 13
Priscilla Massey	August 19
Carmen Nadolney	August 20
Carolyn Toriggino	August 23
Kedrienne Day	August 26
Rebekah Wesley	August 27
Kelly Grieve	August 27
Erica Perez	August 28
Linda Petticrew	August 31



EWI FIRM SPOTLIGHT

The Ballroom at Bayou Place

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[The Ballroom at Bayou Place](#) is located on the 2nd Floor of Bayou Place in Downtown Houston, the over 15,000 square foot event center provides everyone from brides to businesses a premier event venue located in the heart of Houston’s Theater District. With floor-to-ceiling windows and sweeping balconies, guests of The Ballroom are treated to a striking backdrop of the Houston skyline and the ability to create an open-air environment. The Ballroom is your full-service event venue offering a suite of services that will make event design and production easy on the client.

The Ballroom at Bayou Place is also the parent company for all of your event needs, including custom floral design, decor and accessories, linens and lounge furniture. Please read more about these divisions of The Ballroom at Bayou Place below.



[LBL Event Rentals](#) is a full-service Linen company offering Tables Linens in all sizes, Cushion Covers, Pillow Covers, Sashes, Chair Covers, and Runners.



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[Houston Event Furnishings](#) is everything you need to create a unique lounge environment. We offer all shapes and sizes in Sofas, Chairs, Coffee Tables, Side Tables, Mirror Top Tables, and any other table or chair rental you may need to create that one of a kind custom space.



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Our motto is "Feel like a guest at your own event".



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Submitted by Courtney Castellanos, representing Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc.

Ten Ways to Find Your Inspiration

Written by Jan Gordon

www.qualitycoaching.com/Articles/inspiration.html

The word inspire comes from the Latin word for inspirare, which means to breath upon or into. When we inspire others, we're living from our higher selves. When we're being inspired, we expand beyond what we previously were, or know our selves to be. Our lives have new breath. Our soul and our actions are one.

- 1. Know what inspires you.** Go back to your memories and recall when you felt most inspired. What was the common thread amongst the different times when you've been inspired? Was it a quality about another person or your self? Was there a theme to the times when you've been inspired, or have been inspiring? Was it an action that a person took - or that you took? Think about what's inspired you in the past. Look to see what's missing now.
- 2. Learn to live with ambivalence while striving for perfection.** Inspiration lives between the two spaces of ambivalence and perfection. Inspiration speaks to the best within our selves - ambivalence is the messiness of our lives, the life process. Perfection is the ideal, while ambivalence is its application. Inspiration is what moves us forward in life - through the ambivalence and towards the ideal.
- 3. Take a break from your life.** Go to a movie or hike a mountain to its highest vista. Surround yourself with the sound of the rhythm of water, while the warmth of the sun energizes your body. Move your body so you feel its life. Keep your focus on nothing other than your experience. Live in the present.
- 4. Inspiration isn't only what's done TO you.** Being inspired requires an openness of heart and spirit. Create an environment that supports an open heart, so that inspiration blossoms in your life. Just as a flower needs soil and water, so too does inspiration need openness of heart and spirit. Inspiration can't exist without this.
- 5. Sometimes we fall before we stand.** Don't beat yourself up when you fall from grace. Life is a process and isn't static. When you fall, don't beat yourself up for falling. Acknowledge the fall and it's impact on your life. At some point, you'll take action and stand up. Trust the process.
- 6. Divert your attention.** Forget about the joys that inspiration brings, and live from another domain. An inspired life isn't only about inspiration. It's also about exhilaration, about passion and living life fully. Do something completely different than you normally would. Strike up a conversation with someone you typically wouldn't, and approach the conversation with naivete, openness and depth. There's a good chance that inspiration will come to you when you're least looking for it.
- 7. Surround yourself with what inspires you.** If a certain type of person inspires you, follow and nurture the attraction. Trust what inspires you, and let it guide your actions. If a Wagner opera inspires you, surround yourself with it's music so you feel completely at one with the music, and with what inspires you. Lose yourself in what you love and be inspired.
- 8. Get outside of yourself.** Though you think you know what inspires you based on past experiences - this doesn't mean that you can't be inspired by something new that previously didn't effect you. Live in the present and pay attention to what tugs at your heart. This will give you a hint to newer sources of inspiration.
- 9. Grace + openness + life + soul = inspiration.** Create a formula consisting of the ingredients that define inspiration for you. We all have different perceptions and experiences of inspiration. Define what it is for you.
- 10. Inspiration is a quality and a state of being.** To be inspiring to others is to be self-generative and inspiring to ourselves. How can you be more self-generative? One must live in a state of being that allows for inspiration to take root. How can you cause and create your own source of inspiration? Where are you self-generative in your life, and how can you be more self-generative?



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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.

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

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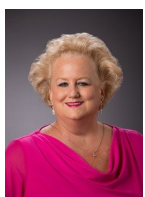
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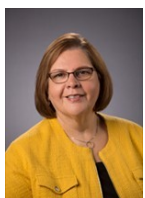
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