

# Houston EWIConnect

July / August 2022



## From Our President

These last two months have been a whirlwind of activity for our chapter. On July 15 - 16, 2022, we hosted the annual TEXOMA Board Forum. Representatives from our sister chapters that make up TEXOMA as well as members of the EWI Corporate Board came down to discuss "Hot Topics" and share "Cool Ideas" on how to make all of us succeed and grow our chapters.

I want to give a big shout out and thank to the members of the committee who helped to make this a huge success - Kay Bart, Rebekah Wesley, Cindy Baker, LaTonya Perez, Patti Strawther and Marji Zamora. I also want to thank all of the members of EWI of Houston who donated door prizes and came out in support of this event. The accolades that we have received from everyone from outside of our Chapter belong to each of you.

Our August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting was our annual Scholarship Awards night and what a wonderful night it was. In addition to our scholarship recipients and their families in attendance, we were also honored to have the family of Adelaide DeBow join us. There was not a dry eye in the house as we honored Adelaide with the awarding of 3 ASIST Scholarships in her name. This night would not have been possible without the generous donations of our member firms each year at our Executives' Night Appreciation in April. The funds raised each year allow us to not only award ASIST and EWISP Scholarships but also to fund our other philanthropic endeavors.

This year both of our ASIST and EWISP Committee Chairs had to bow out due to personal reasons. However, our Director At Large, Carole Pitts, stepped up and handled everything this year as far as putting together the program for Scholarship Appreciation Night. The Power Point presentation was beautiful, and I want to give a great big "THANK YOU" to her for a job well done!

September is going to be another busy and exciting month for EWI! Thursday, September 8, we will have our Annual Meeting. We have to have a quorum at this meeting, so please make every effort to be in attendance. We are unable to conduct the necessary business of the Chapter if we do not have a quorum. We will be meeting at Morton's in the Galleria.

EWI of Houston would not have been able to accomplish all the great things we do without each and every one of you. I am grateful to all of you as members of our chapter. By working together, we will be able to continue to succeed in everything we seek to do. Please feel free to reach out to me or any member of the Executive Board with any questions or help you might need now or in the future.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at our Annual Meeting.

Shari



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The Rose

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Cindy Baker  
Black Haw Group

# *Save the Date!*

## ***Thursday, September 8th***

Monthly Chapter Meeting - Annual Business meeting - Morton's The Steakhouse

## ***Thursday - Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – September 17<sup>th</sup>***

Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting (LCAM) - Corpus Christi, Texas

## ***Thursday, October 13th***

Monthly Chapter Meeting - 2022-2023 Installation of Officers - The Ballroom at Tanglewood

## ***Thursday, November 10th***

Monthly Chapter Meeting - Cyclone Anaya's Woodway

## ***December 8th***

Monthly Chapter Meeting - Houston Zoo

## ***Representative Birthdays***

<b><i>Carolyn Noack</i></b>	<b><i>July 3</i></b>
<b><i>Deborah Jones</i></b>	<b><i>July 23</i></b>
<b><i>Sara Waguespack</i></b>	<b><i>July 30</i></b>
<b><i>LaTonya Perez</i></b>	<b><i>August 2</i></b>
<b><i>Elisa Garcia</i></b>	<b><i>August 12</i></b>
<b><i>Barbara Camino</i></b>	<b><i>August 13</i></b>
<b><i>Paula Mischer</i></b>	<b><i>August 16</i></b>
<b><i>Priscilla Massey</i></b>	<b><i>August 19</i></b>
<b><i>Carmen Nadolney</i></b>	<b><i>August 20</i></b>
<b><i>Carolyn Toriggino</i></b>	<b><i>August 23</i></b>
<b><i>Rebekah Wesley</i></b>	<b><i>August 27</i></b>
<b><i>Linda Petticrew</i></b>	<b><i>August 31</i></b>

## ***Company Anniversaries***

<b>Atlantic Relocation Systems</b>	<b>22 years</b>
<b>ELP Enterprises, Inc./ dba MC Business Products</b>	<b>8 years</b>
<b>Sewell Automotive Companies</b>	<b>8 years</b>
<b>The Rose</b>	<b>6 years</b>
<b>Black Haw Group</b>	<b>4 years</b>
<b>EOG Resources</b>	<b>4 years</b>

## EWI of Houston Chapter July Meeting Recap

Submitted by Sanela Hasagic, representing Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc.



Our July Chapter meeting was held at the beautiful, recently renovated Omni Hotel that was also selected as the location for the Annual Texoma Board Forum. The evening was kicked off with a networking hour followed by the dinner in the elegant Greenway ballroom. We were excited to see several guests from EWI Corporate Board and other EWI Chapters in attendance.

Our President, Shari Schiffman, representing Douglas Elliman Real Estate, welcomed everyone and recognized our guests: Christine Healy (Corporate Board), Cheryl Holmes (Corporate Board), Cheryl McCall (Corporate Board), Charlie Rosenquist (Corporate Board), Jennifer Clark (Dallas Chapter), Danielle Forney (Dallas Chapter), Cheri Wiese (San Antonio Chapter), Vicki Chapman (San Antonio Chapter) and Cheryl Homes (corporate board member).

Shari then called Kay Bart, our President-Elect, to the podium to give a brief history of Texoma Board Forum. Before we ate, Shari invited Delynn Walker, representing Texas Southern University, to give a very inspiring invocation. Then we enjoyed a delicious dinner. Our dinner menu included Butter Lettuce Salad with Roasted Sweet Potato, Dried Cranberries, Spiced Pepitas, Goat Cheese and Lemon Vinaigrette, followed by a Grilled Petit Beef Tenderloin, Potato Gratin, Asparagus, and House Made Steak Sauce. For dessert we had a Lemon Merengue Tart with Seasonal Berries.



After dinner, we had several speakers from EWI Corporate. Christine Healy, EWI Corporate President, talked about the EWI organization, and Charlie Rosenquist, EWI Corporate Secretary/Treasurer, gave us highlights of 2022 LCAM which is taking place in Corpus Christi this year.

Shari thanked everyone for coming, and invited our Fundraising Director, Patti Strawther, representing James J. Postl Interests, to the podium for the Door Prize Drawings.



- **WINE:** Two Bottles of Alexander Valley Wines (2019 Merlot & 2020 Rose of Sangiovese) in Decorative Christmas Fabric Bags, value: \$50, donated by Ellen Ramsey, representing Let It Fly Events. Winner: Margo Faulkner

- **FRAMED EMBROIDERY:** 3 Christmas Themed Framed Embroidery: You Better Be Nice, Believe, and We're Like Really Into Christmas, value: \$150, created and donated by Patti Strawther, representing James J. Postl Interests. Winner: Cheri Wiese (San Antonio)



- **DATE NIGHT:** One Night Stay with Breakfast for 2 at the Omni, value: \$250, donated by Georgia Graugnard, representing Omni Hotels Houston. Winner: Shannon McNair

- **MYSTERY GIFT:** A Surprise Wrapped Gift! Package revealed a Kate Spade Satchel, donated by Santa Claus. Winner: Becky Dunn

- **3 BONUS DRAWINGS:**
- Santa T-Shirt, donated by Patti Strawther, representing James J. Postl Interests. Winner: Vicki Chapman (San Antonio)

- **Double-Batch Homemade Brownies,** made & donated by Mary Margaret Carroll, representing MMcarrroll & Assoc. Winner: LaTonya Perez

- **Lighted Christmas Decoration,** donated by Patti Strawther. Winner: Barbara Stokes



It was a fun evening, filled with laughter, great conversations, and awesome door prizes.

*EWI of Houston July 2022 Meeting*



*Martha Ceballos, ELP Enterprises, Inc.  
Debra Crabtree, Westpark Communications  
Rebekah Wesley, Jackson and Company*



*Courtney Castellanos, Lockwood, Andrews &  
Newnam, Inc.; Cindy Baker, Black Haw Group  
Ellen Ramsey, Let It Fly Events, LLC*



*Carole Pitts, John Daugherty, Realtors  
Cindy Baker, Black Haw Group  
Cheryl McCall (Corporate Board)  
Cheryl Holmes (Corporate Board)*



*Shannon McNair, The Rose  
Sara Waguespack, Sustaining Member*



*Marji Zamora, Speedy Printing  
Shari Schiffman, Douglas Elliman Real Estate*



*Cheri Ferguson, Sustaining Member  
Barbara Stokes, Amegy Bank*

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## EWI of Houston July 2022 Meeting



*Carole Pitts, John Daugherty, Realtors  
Michelle Votano, Atlantic Relocation Systems*



*Carolyn Toriggino, Sustaining Member  
Kay Bart, Skerl & Associates*



*Rebekah and Larry Wesley*



*Shari Schiffman, Douglas Elliman Real Estate*



*Patti Strawther, James J. Postl Interests*



*LaTonya Perez, The Rose*

## ***EWI of Houston Chapter August Meeting Recap*** ***Submitted by Michelle Votano, representing Atlantic Relocation Systems***

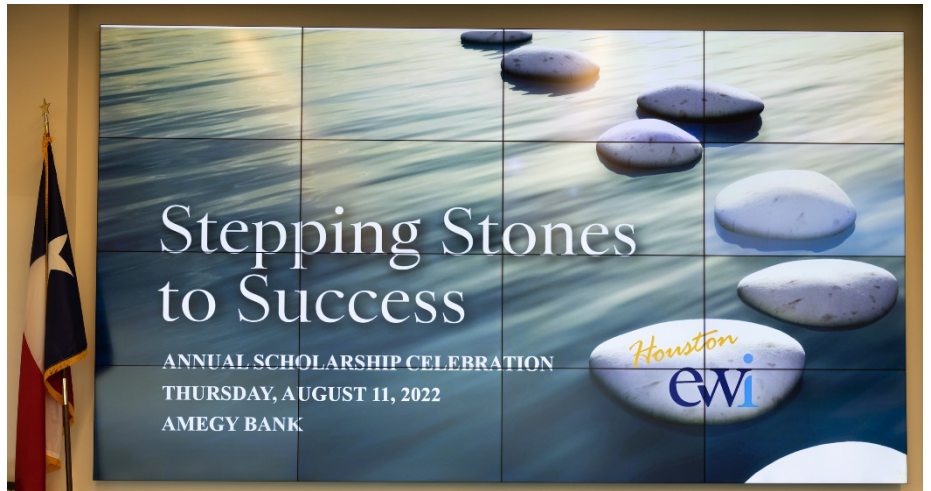


Our August Chapter Meeting was held on August 11, 2022, at Amegy Bank. Amegy Bank and Barbara Stokes hosted a beautiful evening in a room with lovely windows overlooking our city. The networking hour was full of energy with mingling, good conversation, and new guest introductions. We enjoyed yummy appetizers and complimentary beverages.

Our President, Shari Schiffman, representing Douglas Elliman Real Estate, started our meeting with a warm welcome to all of our guests. She elaborated on how special this evening is as we recognize our 2022 Scholarship Award Winners and the Judges. Shari shared her theme “Stepping Stones to Success” and how it relates to our program “Goals and Achievement”. Diane Mahen, Chief Operating

Officer of Amegy Bank, came up and welcomed everyone. Before we ate, Cindy Baker, representing Black Hawk Group, gave a beautiful invocation, then we enjoyed a delicious gourmet meal topped off with cheesecake and chocolate cake (does not get any better than this)!

Shari invited Carole Pitts, representing John Daugherty, Realtors, to the podium for our Scholarship Awards Presentation. Carole thanked everyone for attending and talked about how exciting this night was for all of us. Carole mentioned a quote from Helen Keller “Education is the stepping stone to wealth”.



Wealth of mind, wealth of spirit, and just plain wealth. Carole spoke about the challenges the students have faced over the past several years and said they were battle tested and all so worthy of their scholarships. Carole talked about the Business Career Development Program and the Scholarship Opportunities. She recognized and thanked our dedicated judges who spent many hours choosing our finalist. The EWISP and ASIST Chairs and Committees were recognized and thanked for all their commitment and hard work.





Carole introduced Michele Votano, representing Atlantic Relocation Systems, to announce the first set of stars - - - the EWISP Scholarship recipients. What an inspiration these women are. As the evening continued, Carole introduced Delynn Walker, Individual Member and Past President of EWI Houston Chapter, to come forward to introduce our next set of stars - - - the ASIST Scholarship recipients. Delynn shared "Goals require hard work, persistence, late nights, sacrifices, doubts, failure, risks and most important, passion and love, in order to reach those goals and make dreams come true." Delynn said that it is with deep honor to introduce the next three awards.

In August of 2021, EWI of Houston lost a beloved, long-time member, Adelaide DeBow. Adelaide was passionate about EWI'S ASIST Scholarship Program and worked tirelessly to raise funds for this program. Adelaide's family, who attended Scholarship night, asked that memorial contributions be made to the ASIST program in lieu of flowers. As a direct result of their generosity, EWI of Houston is able to award an additional 3 ASIST Scholarships. We honor her with these Adelaide DeBow ASIST Scholarships. This was an emotional and heartfelt moment for everyone in attendance.

A few more thanks went out to our President, Shari Schiffman; our Sergeant at Arms, LaTonya Perez; Advisor and Past President, Marji Zamora; David Jones, D. Jones Photography; and Amegy Bank and their representative Barbara Stokes. THANK YOU!

Shari announced that the beautiful floral arrangements were for each of the recipients to take home with them.

Next Board of Directors Meeting will be held at Douglas Elliman Real Estate office on August 17<sup>th</sup>. All board reports are due on Monday, August 15, before noon. Our next Chapter meeting will be held on September 8,

2022. This is our annual business meeting, and we must have a quorum. Please plan on attending.



Patti Strawther, representing James J. Postl Interest, was welcomed to announce our door prize winners. Fabulous door prizes were won, even one of our scholarship recipients got lucky!

*EWI of Houston August 2022 Meeting*



*Kay Bart, Skerl Associates  
Priscilla Massey, Past President*



*Cindy Baker, Black Haw Group  
Bill Stokes, Guest*



*Erika Green, EWISP Judge  
Debbie Youens, EWISP Judge; John Youens, Guest*



*Cindy Joutraw, CenterPoint Energy  
Olga Cach, ASIST Winner*



*Sanela Hasagic, Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc.  
Eric Atwood, Guest  
Isabella Atwood, EWISP Winner*



*Carole Pitts and John A. Daugherty, Jr., executive  
John Daugherty, Realtors*

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## *EWI of Houston August 2022 Meeting*



*Lisa Diaz, Guest  
Shannon McNair, The Rose*



*Delynn Walker, Texas Southern University*



*Shari Schiffman, Douglas Elliman Real Estate*



*Diane Mahen, Amegy Bank*



*Alondra Martinez, ASIST Winner  
Dan Gundrum, Guest  
Curtis Gundrum, ASIST Winner  
Sara Waguespack, Sustaining Member*



*Akram Dagher, Guest  
Carla Dagher, ASIST Winner*

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*Erika Green, EWISP Judge; Curtis Gundrum, ASIST Winner; Carla Dagher, ASIST Winner; April Cano, EWISP Winner. Shari Schiffman, Douglas Elliman Real Estate; Alondra Martinez, ASIST Winner; Isabella Atwood, EWISP Winner; Debbie Youens, EWISP Judge; Diana Salmeron, Adelaide DeBow ASIST Winner.*



*Diana Salmeron, Adelaide DeBow ASIST Winner; Jeff DeBow, Nick DeBow, Michael DeBow; Nicole Nelson; Olga Cach, ASIST Winner*



*Andrea Kelly, Guest; Amanda Cano, Guest; April Cano, EWISP Winner; Eduardo Cano, Guest; Deborah Russell, Guest; Patti Strawther, James J. Postl*



## ***EWI of Houston Membership Update***

***As of August 15, 2022***

33 Member Firms  
36 reps.

15 Sustaining Members  
5 Honorary Members

## ***ASIST Winner Update***

***Submitted by Carole Pitts, John Daugherty, Realtors***

From: Olga Cach <[olgacach@icloud.com](mailto:olgacach@icloud.com)>  
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2022 11:40 AM  
To: Carole Pitts <[carolep@johndaugherty.com](mailto:carolep@johndaugherty.com)>  
Subject: Research Class

Good Morning Mrs. Pitts,

I just wanted to share with my EWI Family that I officially got accepted to one of the most important research classes.

Every semester they only pick 3 and I was one of them. I am so happy to share this with all of you.

I am going to study the mouse eye to generate the lost neuron. I won't be able to Graduate this fall, but I'll be graduating in Spring 2023 because of this research takes longer.

Thank you and have an awesome day!

Sent from my iPhone

## Notes from the Board of Directors

### LCAM 2022 Rates Are:

- \$800 Regular registration (July 1, 2022 – September 15, 2022)
- \$150 Leadership Caucus – One set price for all attendees!

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### I. B/C/DP - Carole Pitts, John Daugherty, Realtors

Emailing with Committee Chairs, both ASIST and EWISP are waiting to hear back from winners regarding the enrollment verification forms. Each winner contacted to make a 30 second “thank you” video to go along with their bio due on the July 30.

EWISP - All students have been emailed and we have received a few enrollment forms back.

Following up with each winner regarding attending August meeting and writing a bio for the program

ASIST - Alondra Martinez (1st place winner) was sent into corporate for judging. She did not place at the corporate level, but we are still very proud! Currently following up with each winner regarding attending the August meeting and writing a bio for the program

Philanthropy - Speaking with principal at MacGregor Elementary School to do a Reading Rally in September, avoiding the week of LCAM.

#### II. ASIST Report - Carole Pitts, John Daugherty, Realtors

Will be assigning committee members to work with ASIST and EWISP winners to get verification of enrollment forms, bio, headshots, and 30 second videos which are due by Friday, July 22, 2022.

#### III. EWISP Report - Carole Pitts, John Daugherty, Realtors

Will be assigning committee members to work with ASIST and EWISP winners to get verification of enrollment forms, bio, headshots, and 30 second videos which are due by Friday, July 22, 2022.

#### IV. Philanthropy Report - Carole Pitts, John Daugherty, Realtors

Committee meeting on Thursday, July 21, 2022, to discuss details of Reading Rally. Speaking with principal at MacGregor Elementary School to do a Reading Rally in September, avoiding the week of LCAM.

#### V. Budget Report - Margo Faulkner, Sewell Automotive Companies

##### BCDP Accounts

Money Market Balance as of 5/31/2022: \$ 17,345.31

Checking Balance as of 5/31/2022: \$ 123,068.93      **Total: \$ 140,414.24**

##### Operating Accounts

Money Market Balance as of 5/31/2022: \$ 33,709.49

Checking Balance as of 5/31/2022: \$ 19,448.85      **Total: \$ 53,158.34**

**Certificate of Deposit:** As of 5/31/2022: \$50,000.00

#### VI. Communications Report - Sanela Hasagic, Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc.

Deadline for the July/August Connect is August 12, 2022. July/August Connect will be distributed on Friday, August 19, 2022.

Need volunteers for meeting recaps.

- **Courtesy** - No Report.

#### VII. Public Relations - Social Media - Sandy Gracia, Individual Member:

No report

#### VIII. Web - David Jones, D. Jones Photography

No report

**IX. Fundraising Report - Patti Strawther, James J. Postl Interests**

**Communications:**

- July 6 – email to Courtesy Distribution List with July door prizes for pre-purchase or at the meeting.
- July 12 – email to Courtesy Distribution List, Last Call for pre-purchase of the July Door Prizes with link to purchase tickets online. Reminder we will have several out-of-town guests attending and show them our Houston hospitality

For July we had three opportunities to raise funds for the Operating Budget through door prize sales at the monthly meeting (Thursday, 7/14) and two days of the Texoma Board Forum (Friday 7/15 and Saturday 7/16). Combined, these three days raised a total of \$1,715. We received numerous contributions from the Houston Chapter representatives, attendees, and vendors at the Texoma Board Forum, that were used at the Texoma Board Forum and other items saved to use at future meetings. Thank you to everyone who contributed! These additional items will help us in our fundraising efforts through this term ending in September, and to kick off the new term. We have such an amazing group and would like to recognize the following Houston representatives for answering the call for this request: Cindy Baker, Kay Bart, Courtney Castellanos, Martha Ceballos, Margo Faulkner, Sanela Hasagic, Deborah Jones, Carolyn Noack, Linda Petticrew, Carole Pitts, Ellen Ramsey, Shari Schiffman, Barbara Stokes, Patti Strawther, Sara Waguespack, and Marji Zamora. The theme for the monthly meeting (Thursday) was Christmas in July and we had 7 drawings, with one being a Mystery Gift and three were bonus drawings. Barbara Stokes assisted with selling door prize tickets. Funds raised: \$750.

**July meeting door prizes:**

- WINE: Two Bottles of Alexander Valley Wines (2019 Merlot & 2020 Rose of Sangiovese) in Decorative Christmas Fabric Bags. Donated by Ellen Ramsey, representing Let It Fly Events. Winner: Margo Faulkner
- FRAMED EMBROIDERY: 3 Christmas Themed Framed Embroidery: You Better Be Nice, Believe, and We're Like Really into Christmas. Created and donated by Patti Strawther, representing James J. Postl Interests. Winner: Cheri Wiese (San Antonio)
- DATE NIGHT: One Night Stay with Breakfast for 2 at the Omni. Donated by Georgia Graugnard, representing Omni Hotels Houston. Winner: Shannon McNair
- MYSTERY GIFT: A Surprise Wrapped Gift! Package revealed a Kate Spade Satchel, Donated by: Santa Claus. Winner: Becky Dunn
- 3 BONUS DRAWINGS:
- Santa T-Shirt, donated by Patti Strawther, representing James J. Postl Interests. Winner: Vicki Chapman (San Antonio)
- Double-Batch Homemade Brownies, Made & Donated by Mary Margaret Carroll, representing MMcarrroll & Assoc. Winner: LaTonya Perez
- Lighted Christmas Decoration. Donated by Patti Strawther. Winner: Barbara Stokes

Texoma Board Forum door prizes total fundraising for the 2-day event was \$965. Door prize tickets were allowed to be used over the two-day event. Ellen Ramsey, representing Let It Fly Events, and Martha Ceballos, representing ELP Enterprises dba MC Business Products assisted with selling door prize tickets both days.

Day One (Friday) yielded \$665 with 10 drawings, plus Ellen Ramsey, representing Let It Fly Events, donated \$55 from their vendor sales, for total funds for day one at \$720.

- Silver Oak Cabernet Sauvignon, donated by Martha Ceballos, representing ELP Enterprises dba MC Business Products. Winner: Sanela Hasagic
- Pair of Homemade Matching Safari Pillowcases, donated by Patti Strawther, representing James J. Postl

- Interests. Winner: Marji Zamora
- Rose Gold Wine Tumbler with Lid, donated by Shari Schiffman, representing Douglas Elliman Real Estate. Winner: Margo Faulkner
- EWI Fashion: Pink Pashmina Stole, Travel Sewing Kit, Jewelry Travel Bag and Silver Clutch, donated by Linda Petticrew representing Shell Energy Resources and Carolyn Noack, Sustaining Member. Winner: Jennifer Clark (Dallas)
- Custom designed artist inspired "LOVE" belt buckle with EWI scarf, donated by Cindy Baker, representing Black Haw Group. Winner: Barbara Stokes
- EWI Heart Shaped glass bowl, EWI Necklace with matching bracelet, donated by Linda Petticrew representing Shell Energy Resources and Carolyn Noack, Sustaining Member. Winner: Sara Waguespack
- Silver necklace with navy adjustable length cording, donated by Cheryl Holmes (Columbus). Winner: Vicki Chapman (San Antonio)
- Texas Themed basket of goodies, donated by Jennifer Clark (Dallas). Winner: Ellen Ramsey
- My Drink Bomb vendor donated package. Winner: Martha Ceballos
- Water Bottle, donated by Charlie Rosenquist (Chattanooga). Winner: Marji Zamora

Texoma Board Forum door prizes Day Two (Saturday) yielded \$245 with 14 drawings.

- \$25 Amazon Gift Card, donated by Cheryl McCall (Omaha). Winner: Charlie Rosenquist (Chattanooga)
- \$40 Starbucks Gift Card, donated by Cheryl McCall (Omaha). Winner: Margo Faulkner
- Annie Klein Purse, donated by Charlie Rosenquist (Chattanooga). Winner: Vicki Chapman
- EWI Fashion: Scarf and Necklace. Donated by Carolyn Noack, Sustaining Member. Winner: Danielle Forney (Dallas)
- 'Out of Office' Straw Tote, donated by Margo Faulkner, representing Sewell Automotive Companies. Winner: Ellen Ramsey
- 2020 Patient Cottat Sancere wine, donated by Martha Ceballos, representing ELP Enterprises dba MC Business Products. Winner: Charlie Rosenquist (Chattanooga)
- Texas Themed: pillow, t-shirt, Tervis tumbler and socks. Donated by Marji Zamora, representing Speedy
- Printing Katy Freeway. Winner: Shari Schiffman
- Wall Hanging - God Says.... Donated by Christine Healy (Des Moines). Winner: Kay Bart
- Bracelet, Earrings, pottery trinket dish, and stone shaped candle, donated by Barbara Stokes, representing
- Amegy Bank. Winner: Coree Fall (San Antonio)
- Mélange Eye Candy vendor donated package. Winner: LaTonya Perez
- Christina Green vendor donated package. Winner: Martha Ceballos
- MINE vendor donated package. Winner: Coree Fall (San Antonio)
- Texas Sunshine Coffee, soap and scrub, donated by guest speaker Lisa Anhaiser. Winner: Dawn Redmond
- (Dallas)
- Full Focus Planner, donated by guest speaker Lisa Anhaiser. Winner: Courtney Castellanos

July Door Prizes (Monthly Meeting and Texoma Board Forum Combined) - Total \$1,715.

**X. Executive Appreciation Night Committee - Patti Strawther, James J. Postl Interests**

No report

**XI. Membership/Directory - Shannon McNair, The Rose**

33 Member Firms with 1 rep pending, 36 Representatives, 1 Individual Member, 15 Sustaining Members, 5 Honorary Members

- New Member - HEB - Rep Anna Bryant
- Potential Members - Cosmo Cool Concepts (Destination Management Company) - Rep Juliana Wathen, recommended by Stephanie Cleary
- Directory - No report

**XII. Mentor/Retention - Mary Margaret Carroll, MM Carroll & Associates**

No report

**XIII. Program / Professional Development - Cindy Baker, Black Haw Group**

- August 11 Scholarship Night - Amegy Bank - \$65 per person - Amegy is donating 24 bottles of wine (12 white, 12 red), free garage parking, three course meal with Charcuterie Board during networking. After discussion the price of this meeting was changed to \$50 to help attendance with the chapter paying the additional \$15 per person.
- There will be tables of 6 (there is NO room for more than 6 at each table) so we have to plan accordingly. Unfortunately, there can't be any exceptions for this event.
- September 8 is our Annual Business meeting - Looking at Morton's and St. Regis
- October 13 - Ballroom at Tanglewood - Kay Bart's Installation - \$55 per person/free self-parking/open bar
- November 10 - Cyclone Anaya's on Woodway - Blue Santa
- December 8 - Have been unable to confirm Zoo Lights so I'm looking into other options

**Professional Development** - No report

**XIV. Bylaws - Barbara Stokes, Amegy Bank**

No report

**XV. SAA Report - LaTonya Perez, The Rose**

July meeting had 35 in attendance with 35 RSVPs; a detailed report is on file.

Texoma had 29 in attendance with 30 RSVPs

**Hospitality** - No report

**XVI. Convention / VP - Kay Bart, Skerl & Associates**

No report

**XVII. Nominating Report - Rebekah Wesley, Jackson and Company**

No report

**XVIII. Strategic Planning - Marji Zamora, Speedy Printing - Katy Freeway**

No report

# Member Spotlight

## WESTPARK COMMUNICATIONS

Westpark Communications is a 24-Hour/7 Days a Week, 365 Days a Year Customer Service Call Center that offers a live telephone answering service to individuals and corporation both small and large. Westpark is based in Houston, Texas, with a call center and primary administrative facility located in the Northwest region of the city. The call center is a 15,000 square-foot facility with offices for our Operations,

Customer Service, Quality Assurance, Technical, Sales and Administrative Departments, as well as the Westpark Training Center.

Over 50 years of building custom call center solutions for a variety of organizations. Westpark Communications knows that your company needs a partner who understands your clients, your brand, and your value. Founded in 1968, Westpark Communications, L.P. is a trusted resource with a mission of providing outstanding personal service with a history built on long-term client relationships. We provide call center solutions using a unified approach to call handling through our scripted, controlled system, based upon our client's specific needs. Westpark is the link that keeps your business accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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