

January 2022



Letter from President

Happy New Year EWI Sisters! I trust everyone celebrated the holidays with family and friends around them. I pray it was a meaningful time for all and that everyone had a chance to make some new memories.

Congratulations to our first Annual Chapter Award Winners – Anne Marie Howie (Rookie of the Year), Jenelle Wignes-Haaland (Representative of the Year) and Phyllis Salisbury (Executive of the Year). Well deserved ladies!

There are still some kinks to work out of our zoom aspect with our meetings. Feedback is always valuable. We aim to get better at this and provide a good experience for all attendees. Please let us know of any issues you experience.

Our speaker this month is Chad Mireau, brother to the Van de Vorst family who were tragically killed by a drunk driver in January 2016. He has written a book about his journey coping with the loss of 4 family members and coming to a place of forgiveness. His story is a must hear! Spread the word, bring guests. Bring past members! Chad's story will resonate in some way for all of us.

Membership is still a high priority for this years' Board. I would like to see each of us reach out not only to new potential members, but also invite past members back for a second look. Find out why they left. Is it something we can find a resolution for? Was the timing just not right back then? Let's reach out!

Finally, my New Year's wish to all is this:

When you are lonely, I wish you Love
When you are down, I wish you Joy
When you are troubled, I wish you Peace
When things look empty, I wish you Hope
May you be surrounded by Happiness, Peace & Joy Always!
(Anonymous)



Hugs,

Fran

"...Be focused. Be determined. Be hopeful. Be empowered."

Michelle Obama



EWI reaches out to a worthy cause each month and supports those in need locally. January we are supporting The Lighthouse which offers affordable housing, supportive living, and emergency shelter for adults in Saskatoon. The Lighthouse has been helping people find home since 1992. As at January 2nd these were the items they were looking for: (You can always check their website for a daily update)

- Winter Jackets
- Winter boots
- A 5XL winter jacket
- M+W Underwear (Bras, briefs, boxers)
- M/W pants (size 38 or smaller)
- Sweats (pants, hoodies, t-shirts)
- Socks
- Shoes
- Towels
- All hygiene items toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, disposable razors, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, hand cream, soap, feminine hygiene products
 - o We accept open hygiene items that are clean on the outside and at least half full





JOIN US!

Wednesday, January 19th

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DINNER MEETING

@ Hillcrest Memorial

5:00—Drinks & Networking 6:00—Dinner 6:45—Program 7:30pm— Adjourn Dinner meeting

The Program:

In early January 2016, Chad received THE phone call in the middle of the night that no one wants to receive. The police officer on the other end of the line shared the heart-shattering news, he had just lost his most precious family in a tragic car accident...

Chad shares his journey through grief, losing four family members to a drunk driver and the effect it took on everyone in his life. There were many dark days and there were times that he felt things may never get better. Remarkably, he was able to find inner peace and strength after first doing the work to truly forgive the driver of the other car.

As he came through the grief fog, he started to share his thoughts and feelings with others who had been through similar tragedies in their lives. Change started to happen. Those who listened started to transform their lives. Chad then felt an overwhelming sense that people worldwide needed to hear his story and understand his journey.

What could have been a lifelong spiral out of control in complete and utter devastation has turned out to be an amazing journey of growth and personal development.

If you have struggled with grief and/or forgiveness in any way, Join us January 19th for an evening with Chad Mierau <u>Cost:</u> \$45/Members \$50/Guest

\$15/via Zoom

Register by January 17th on ewiofsaskatoon.ca/events



Guests welcome!

* for up to 3 visits

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- Our Month Ahead -

JANUARY 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SAA – Sherry Buziak Donations: Lighthouse						1 HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!
2	3	4	5 BOARD MEETING 7 PM Fran's or Zoom?	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 EWI DINNER 5PM @ HFH Chad Mireau	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	Board Reports due on Slack – January 27 Connect Submissions Due January 27*				

Welcome to EWI Debbie Brown!

happy new year