

December 2021



Letter from President

Christmas is fast approaching...where has the time gone? People are busy preparing their homes with decorating trees, baking, and shopping for gifts. Let us not forget about those less fortunate than we are. Consider doing something outside your comfort zone this season – donate to the foodbank, volunteer to serve Christmas dinner at the Friendship Inn, ring bells for Salvation Army – there are endless opportunities. The rewards come back to you tenfold! It's an amazing feeling.

EWI reaches out to a worthy cause each month and supports those in need locally. December we are highlighting Strength for Moms. This year they are collecting gently used toys and clothes for children of all ages to help families with limited means have a better Christmas. Bring your donations to our Christmas event on December 15th or drop them off at the office of Essential Power Inc.

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.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our Christmas event at Birmingham's Vodka & Ale House on Wednesday, December 15th. Zoom will not be available that evening so hope everyone can join us for a festive evening. Spouses and significant others are welcome to join. We will of course be doing a gift exchange game with a \$20 limit. Let's have some fun!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all my sisters of EWI for the flowers, gifts and warm wishes for my recent retirement. You are truly sisters of my heart! Wishing you all a safe and blessed Christmas season filled with laughter, memories with family & friends and warm hugs! Love to you all!!



Member of the Month Anne Marie Howie



Feisty. Determined. Exacting.

These are all words that describe professional electrician, Anne-Marie Howie.

Anne-Marie has run "Essential Power" (EP) since 2018 and did solo electrical work for another 11 years prior, giving her nearly 15 years of experience. Her dedication speaks for itself.

Unlike some tradespeople, Anne-Marie is a good listener who pays close attention to how her customers want their work done. Her Unique Sales Proposition (USP) is that she gives customers options that other contractors don't and allows her customers to have final say—for example, on the placement of lights. Customers get as close as possible to "the space they want" and are happy with the outcomes.

Her passion is rewarded, she says, when she "lights spaces, seeing the final product and the look on customers' faces when it's done." Also, customer mood and health remain paramount to her: For instance, she promotes efficient LED lighting over dated fluorescents, because the latter's vibrations and flickering can trigger seizures and migraines for those who work under them. LEDs are better for workers and more efficient for the environment. Other upgrades prevent fires and related safety hazards.

Anne Marie is also a passionate supporter of Strength for Moms, a local charity that provides assistance to single mothers and their children This month we are collecting donations for this very worthy cause.





JOIN US! Wednesday December 15th

The Program:

Join us for an evening of fun & festivity at Birminghams Vodka& Ale House!

Dinner selections include: Steak Sandwich, Chicken or Beef Stir fry or Dry ribs & caeser salad.

There are games to be played and prizes to be won! and a \$20 surprise gift exchange

We will also have an awards presentation for our Members of the year!

Donations of gently used Toys & clothing will be accepted for Strength for Moms

Guests welcome!

DINNER MEETING

@ Birminghams

6:00—Dinner 6:45—Program 9:00 —Adjourn Dinner Meeting

> Cost: \$35/Members \$40/Guest



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- Member News -



HOLIDAY MENU PLATED LUNCHES & DINNERS

- 3 COURSE HOLIDAY CLASSIC \$38
 INLCUDES SOUP OR SALAD
- 4 COURSE HOLIDAY CLASSIC \$42 INLCUDES SOUP AND SALAD

ASSORTED SOURDOUGH ROLLS, BUTTER BALLS

SOUP

ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP, CINNAMON CRÈME FRAÎCHE

SALAD

SALAD OF ARUGULA, RED OAKS, GRAPES, ASIAGO CHEESE, TOASTED NUTS, VINE RIPENED TOMATO CAPER VINAIGRETTE

ENTREE

TRADITIONAL ROAST TURKEY, TARRAGON AND MUSHROOM BREAD STUFFING, HERBED TURKEY JUS, MAPLE AND DILL GLAZED ROOT VEGETABLES, ROSEMARY AND OLIVE OIL POMME PUREE

DESSERT

EGGNOG CHEESECAKE, SASKATOON BERRY COULIS, CHOCOLATE SAUCE

- Our Month Ahead -

DECEMBER 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Strength for Mom Donations this Month New or gently used toys & clothes for kids of all ages			1 Board Mtg 7 pm @ Fran's	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	Christmas Event @ Birmingham's	16	17	18
19	20	21		23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
26	27	28 Board Reports & Connect Reports Due	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	



Happy Holidays to you!