

December, 2019



## Letter from President

It's that busy time of year when everything starts to pile up: work, volunteering, getting together with family and friends, and of course, Christmas shopping! It is also a busy (and exciting!) time for our chapter. On Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, we will hand over the ASIST dollars to the University of Saskatchewan to begin our scholarship fund. ASIST stands for Adult Students in Scholastic Transition and is available to adults facing economic, social, or physical challenges, who are looking to improve their situation through educational opportunities.

Students first apply and compete at the local Chapter level. Chapter-level winners are submitted to the Corporate level for the opportunity to be selected for one of thirteen scholarships ranging from \$2,000 - \$10,000.

A huge thank you to Joy Crawford for setting this up with the University of Saskatchewan. It was a lot of work to compile the criteria and work within the timeline to get this ready for our December dinner meeting. We look forward to meeting our first recipient next fall.

Also, watch for some changes coming to the website! We have not done an update in quite some time and we have "grown up" quite a bit since 2017. As our membership has taken shape over the last couple of years, we are slowly carving out a niche in Saskatoon's networking landscape. It is time we turn that into words to utilize our website as a great marketing tool. Thanks to Gordon Edwards, a website marketing guru, who combed through our site and made some recommendations. By the New Year, our website will feel fresh and inviting!

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas season filled with family, friends, and lots of great food! If you have some time off, enjoy it! Be sure to think of everything you have accomplished this past year; this past decade and be ready to take on 2020 like, in the words of our last speaker, Amanda Perrot, "bad-ass boss women."

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Busa". The script is cursive and fluid.

**Michelle Busa**  
Chapter President

Are you ready for a challenge??  
 How many guests can you bring??  
 Over the next 12 months, the member who has the most referrals  
 that join EWI will win cold, hard cash!

**\$ 250 !!**



*The winner will be awarded at our EWI December 2020 Dinner meeting.  
 In the case of a tie, the prize money will be split equally between winners.*

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**December Meeting – Wednesday, DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

So excited for our upcoming December meeting! **Please bring your spouse, partner and special guests.** You will not want to miss this very special evening!



Co-Owner Rebecca Simpson will be our Guest Speaker, sharing the trials and joys experienced in their first season of operations. This is a follow-up to when she and her partner Joanne Tataryn first shared their vision of this incredible new venue with ewi back in March of 2018. A tour of the facility will be provided.

**Menu**

- *Baby Greens Salad*
- *Citrus Chicken*
- *Roasted Vegetables*
- *Roasted Baby Potatoes*
- *Chocolate Mud cake with Berry Sauce*

**Directions:**

**Head East on Hwy 16 towards the new Costco. Turn left on to Zimmerman Rd that leads to Costco but take an immediate Right on to Hwy 394 (Patience Lake sign). The Barn is located 6km further on the right side.**

Please remember to invite a guest! We are also doing an Ornament exchange so please remember to bring one wrapped, (no name).

Respectfully Submitted,

**Karen**

Karen Skirten, 2019-2020 Program Director



## Our Year Ahead



**20-Nov-19**

**11-Dec-19**

**Venue:** Delta by Marriott  
**Speaker:** Amanda Perrot, Grounded Goodness  
**Topic:** Her Story  
**Meal:** Scandinavian Buffet (Meatballs &/Or Salmon)

**NOTE: This is the 2nd Wed.**  
**Theme:** Christmas  
**Venue:** The Barn at Winds Edge  
**Speaker:** Rebecca Simpson, The Barn  
**Topic:** The First Year  
**Activity:** \$5.00 Ornament Exchange  
**Meal:** TBD

**20-Jan-20**

**19-Feb-20**

**18-Mar-20**

**NOTE: This is a Monday Nite!**  
**Theme:** Charity Nite  
**Venue:** Queen's House Retreat  
**Activity:** Making soup with Soup Sisters for the Homeless  
**Meal:** Appetizer, Salad, Soup, Glass of Wine

**Theme:** EWI...The Sizzle in Your Life.  
**Venue:** Willows Golf & Country Club  
**Speaker:** Morgan Hackl, Saskatoon Fire Chief  
**Meal:** BBQ Chicken & Rib Buffet

**Theme:** Literacy/St.Pats  
**Venue:** Winston's Pub Private Room  
**Speaker:** Jon Bath, UofS  
**Topic:** Why Does a Book Look Like a Book?  
**Meal:** Choice of Meatloaf, Lamb Stew or Fish & Chips

**15-Apr-20**

**20-May-20**

**17-Jun-20**

**Theme:** Marketing You!  
**Venue:** Manos Restaurant Private Room  
**Speaker:** Rosemary Stephenson  
**Topic:** How to Maximize your LinkedIn Profile  
**Meal:** Set menu with choice of entrée (TBD)

**Theme:** Spring!  
**Venue:** Solar Gardens  
**Speaker:** Sherry Buziak (TBC)  
**Topic:** Power of Promotional Goods  
**Meal:** Oven Baked Personal Pizzas

**Theme:** Marketing/Business Meeting  
**Venue:** Hillcrest  
**Speaker:** Preston Ciccione, William Joseph Communications  
**Meal:** Buffet (TBD)

**Jul-20**

**19-Aug-20**

**16-Sep-20**

No meeting this month!

**Theme:** Chapter Fundraiser  
**Venue:** Prairie Lily Dinner Cruise.  
 Boarding at 6pm, return by 8pm  
**Meal:** Served 3 Course  
**Family Members Welcome!**

**Theme:** "Members WANTED! - EWI Open House  
**Venue:** Park Town Hotel South Dining Room  
**Speaker:** Troy Cooper, Chief of Police  
**Meal:** Served Three Course meal with Chicken Supreme Entree

**21-Oct-20**

**18-Nov-20**

**Theme:** Board Installation  
**Venue:** Crossmount (TBC)  
**Speaker:** Barb Crowe, Ixtapa Travel  
**Topic:** Travel Safety for Women  
**Meal:** Buffet (TBD)

**Theme:** Business Meeting  
**Venue:** Saskatoon Inn (TBC)  
**Speaker:** Virginia Wilson, UofS  
**Topic:** Improving Decision Making  
**Meal:** Plated (TBD)

**Friendly Reminder:**  
 To remain a member in good standing you must attend at least 7/10 meetins per year (Oct - Sep)