

President's Address



Well, finally we are having some better weather! I was thrilled that the sun was shining on us for our meeting at Solar Gardens. What a great evening! If you have not been – do so! You will not be disappointed.

A special thank you to Candace Schierling with Tourism Saskatoon for her update and a very heart-warming discussion about what makes our city so great.

Since arriving back home I have been continually amazed at the generosity of spirit in everyone and really, that is what makes Saskatoon shine...beyond the sunshine.

Coming together to form this chapter has been a group effort and each one of our 14 members deserves congratulations for telling their “EWI” story to friends, family members and colleagues. I LOVE the fact that we have a mother and daughter as members...Susan and Vicki Mowat! That is, in and of itself, a great story to share.

I shared the story of EWI and our chapter this month with Sheryl Harrow-Yurach, Executive Director of READ Saskatoon. She has kindly agreed to be our speaker in November of this year so that she can share with you some exciting ways in which we can support them as our literacy partner moving forward. I was so encouraged by some new initiatives they are about to launch that, on behalf of our chapter, I am going to officially apply for one of the grants being offered by the EWI Foundation. If we are successful, the \$1000.00USD grant would be a great initial donation from our chapter to their efforts.

In the meantime, there is another way to help. One of the key needs they have is to be able to supply Aboriginal clients with books written by Aboriginal authors. I know this a universal need as one of my favorite charities is Room to Read and they too, moved away from supplying books in English to those written and illustrated by authors from the child's own country. For just \$1 Room to Read is able to do this. Sadly, not so here for READ Saskatoon. Sheryl has kindly shared a list of Aboriginal books which I have included below. If you shop online at Amazon or on Chapter's site, next time please take a look at some of these book titles and if you are able to purchase one that we can donate to READ Saskatoon that would be a tremendous help!

2016-2017 Officers & Directors

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Karen Skirten

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Ways & Means
Vacant – This could be you!

**Recruitment & Retention
Director**
Vacant – This could be you!

Sergeant-at-Arms
Joy Crawford

Programs
Sandra Miller, Park Town Hotel

Communications Director
Vicki Mowat

President's Address (Cont'd)

- "Thunder Boy Jr." by Sherman Alexie
- "Wild Berries" by Julie Flett
- "We all Count: a book of Cree numbers" by Julie Flett
- "Little You" by Richard Van Camp
- "We Sang you Home" by Richard Van Camp
- "Jingle Dancer" by Cynthia Leitich Smith
- "The Aboriginal Alphabet" for children by Evelyn Ballantyne
- "Caribou Song" by Thomson Highway
- "When the Trees Crackle with Cold, a Cree Calendar" by Bernice Johnson-Laxdal and Miriam Korner
- "My First Metis Lobstick" by Leah Marie Dorion
- "[The Seven Teaching Stories Series](#) - The First Day: A Story of Courage" by Katherena Vermette

If you do wish to donate one of these, or another children's books, please just bring them to our next meeting and I will make sure they get to READ Saskatoon.

Our fundraising efforts continue with our **Go Fund Me** campaign to get Serena to Dallas and I am so encouraged by the support we have received to date, which at the time of writing this is \$400! Amazing! THANK YOU to all who have donated throughout the entire EWI organization!

We will be sharing information with you about a special opportunity to assist with this campaign. Save the date for July 14th! We will be selling tickets to a Yuk Yuk's evening at the Park Town Hotel. A huge thank you to Sandra for securing us this opportunity. Essentially, we are given 30 tickets that we can then in turn sell to our friends/family for a set price (we will advise all the pertinent details as soon as we can). Those funds will go a long way to paying for the bulk of Serena's trip! The tickets are usually sold for \$25.00 I believe. We would also like to have a table of silent auction items there that might not only for our group of attendees, but also for everyone attending the show that night to bid on. If you have an item that you could secure or provide, i.e. restaurant gift certificates, gift baskets, bottles of wine, please let us know and we can arrange pick up. I feel like this whole message has been about asking you for assistance, and yes, getting Serena to Dallas is a huge undertaking. However, I am forever reminded in EWI that when a group of women set their minds to something – it gets done!

Please be aware that our June meeting (and the one in November) has been designated as our two official chapter business meetings. **We will require all fourteen members to be there to vote (or to send a proxy to us via email) as we will be presenting and adopting a budget & our chapter Standing Rules.** These will be distributed to you at least 10 days prior to the meeting on June 21st. See you there!
Kindest Regards,



Karen F. Skirten
2016-2017 Chapter President

In case you missed it:

Congratulations to Sergeant-at-Arms Joy Crawford on her Nomination as a Woman of Distinction

We would like to congratulate our very own Joy Crawford on her nomination as a Woman of Distinction. Joy was honoured at a ceremony this week.

The 2017 Women of Distinction Awards Dinner was held on Wednesday, May 31 at TCU Place.

The Annual YWCA Women of Distinction Awards® are a celebration of the best in women's achievements, across industry, culture and public service, honouring ordinary women for their extraordinary contributions to the Saskatoon community.

The YWCA Women of Distinction Awards® are proudly presented by PotashCorp. Funds raised every year through the Women of Distinction Awards® Dinner continue to be a major source of financial support for YWCA Saskatoon services, touching the lives of thousands of women and children right here in our community.

CALL FOR DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS

A fun way to participate in EWI meetings is to purchase door prize tickets. It's always fun to have the chance to win something!

This is also a great way to promote your business or passion. Funds raised go to supporting the work of the Saskatoon EWI chapter and toward the scholarship fund we are building.

If you would like to donate, please contact Joy Crawford, Sergeant-at-Arms at crawfojo@sasktel.net or 306-717-6773.

Reports from 2016 – 2017 Officers & Directors

To: EWI of Saskatoon

From: Karen Skirten, Chapter President 2016-2017

Re: President's Report to the Membership – June, 2017

1. Membership (as at 25May, 2017): 14 Members (7 Firms and 7 Individuals)
2. Summary of Board Activities to Date:
 - Seven board positions filled (2 vacant – R&R and Fundraising)
 - Five board meetings held to date
 - Five membership meetings held to date
 - Facebook page created and very active
 - Board communication calendar established
 - Standing Rules written
 - Marketing materials produced (recruitment cards, thank you notes, name tags)
 - Centralized cloud based storage set up for board and chapter documents on Slack
 - Two bank accounts established with Affinity Credit Union (Operating and B/C/DP account)
 - Wild Apricot selected for our EWI website which is being worked on. Expect launch in time for August meeting registrations/receipting. Domain name will be www.ewiofsaskatoon.ca
 - Go Fund Me campaign for LCAM expenses set up (\$400 raised as of 25May)
 - Speakers and venues booked until June.
 - August “fun” night being planned for members – no speaker.
 - Attended three monthly President's conference calls
 - Various communications with corporate board and staff
 - Met with READ Saskatoon and discovered some potential synergies as our Literacy partner

Respectfully submitted,



Karen F. Skirten, Chapter President 2016-2017

To: EWI of Saskatoon
From: Vicki Mowat, Communications Director 2016-17
Re: Communication Director's Report to the Membership – June, 2017

1. Summary of Communications Activities to Date:
 - Managed Facebook events for our monthly dinner meetings
 - Taking photos to use for communications purposes
 - Created flyers to advertise our monthly dinner meetings
 - Create two issues of our monthly Connect newsletter
 - Have been working on developing our new EWI of Saskatoon website. Stay tuned for a launch announcement this summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Mowat, Communications Director 2016-2017



To: EWI of Saskatoon
From: Sandra Miller, Program Director 2016-2017
Re: Program Director Report to the Membership – June, 2017

1. Summary of Activities to Date:
 - Ensuring that the venue have been booked monthly dinner meetings
 - Most of the Speakers have been booked between now and the end of the year
 - Ensuring that the programs for each dinner meeting are completed.
 - Follow up monthly with all guests attending the dinner meeting to find out about dietary restrictions.
 - Booked a fundraiser date for EWI of Saskatoon with Yuk Yuk's comedy club for July 14th
 - Sent out information about volunteering for the Sask. Marathon to help raise funds to send Serena to LCAM through earning honorariums.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Miller, Program Director - 2016-2017



To: EWI of Saskatoon
From: Joy Crawford, Sergeant-at-Arms 2016-2017
Re: Report to the Membership – June, 2017

The Sergeant-at-Arms is responsible for keeping complete records of the representatives' attendance at meetings of the chapter.

With 5 meetings held, the chart below shows the attendance at the monthly meeting.

	Registered Attendees	Members	Guests
January	24	22	5
February	21	19	7
March	20	22	11
April	19	19	6
May	14	12	1

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Crawford, Sergeant-at-Arms, 2016-2017



To: EWI of Saskatoon
From: Lisa Shepard, Secretary 2016-2017
Re: Report to the Membership – June, 2017

The Secretary is responsible for:

- taking minutes at chapter Board meetings
- updating the chapter Membership Roster
- sending notice of the annual business meeting to chapter members
- keeping physical record of minutes, roster, and Motions for Payment

I had the honour of introducing the Mayor of Saskatoon, His Worship Charlie Clark, at our inaugural Chapter Dinner Meeting in January. I also had the pleasure of introducing Mubarka Butt, the speaker for our March Dinner Meeting on the important subject of diversity.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Shepard, Secretary, 2017-2018



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Why Your Cat Loves Boxes, According to Science

“Well, why do cats do anything they do? People have been trying to figure that out for the past 4,000 years. Feline behavioral scientists say that cats love boxes because seeking out confined spaces is instinctual in the larger species from which the domesticated cats evolved. Out in the wild, confined spaces allow felines to hide from predators and stalk their prey, according to Live Science.”

Lauren Cahn, Reader’s Digest, rd.com/funny-stuff

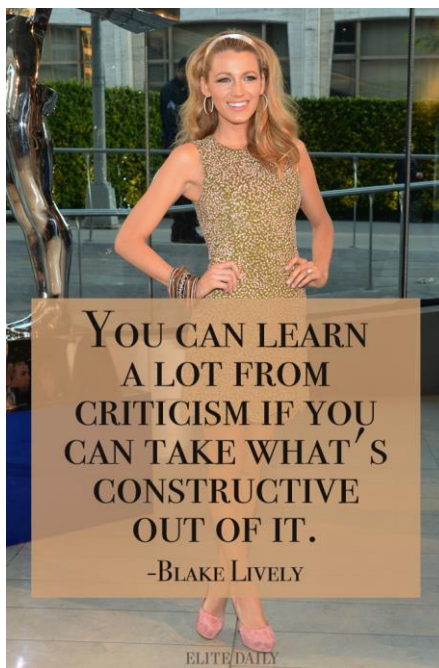
Hilarious Things People Actually Believed as Kids

“I believed that if I ate a watermelon seed, a watermelon would grow in my stomach.”

“I believed that people in the past lived in a black and white world because old pictures were only black and white.”

“I believed that school buses ate the little kids that got on them every morning. I always saw them get picked up, but was never there when they got dropped off.”

Morgan Cutolo, Reader’s Digest, rd.com/funny-stuff



DATES OF NOTE:

June 21

June Dinner Meeting
 Jeanne Burbage
 “How to Read a Client From Across the Room”
 Park Town Hotel

Jul 14

Yuk Yuks Fundraiser
 Talk to a Board Member for tickets!
 Let’s get Serena Dallas to LCAM
 Park Town Hotel

September 21 – 23

LCAM
 Leadership Convention & Annual Meeting
 Grapevine, Texas

September 29 – Oct 1

Strategic Planning Session for EWI of Saskatoon Board Members



JOIN US! Wednesday, 21 Jun



Guest Speaker: Jeanne Burbage

“How to Read a Client From Across the Room”

How to Read A Client from Across the Room gives you the insight into your own character and the personalities of others to help you adapt your communications to suit your customer.

DINNER MEETING & Chapter Business Meeting

@ Member Firm
Park Town Hotel
924 Spadina Crescent

5:00 - Networking
6:00-Dinner
6:45 - Program
7:30-Adjourn Dinner Meeting for Guests
7:40—Chapter Business Meeting Roll Call and Agenda
8:30—Close

Cost:

\$45/Member
\$50/Guest

**Register by Jun 16th,
on Eventbrite**

**Email Special Meal Requests to
smiller@parktownhotel.com**

Our Program:

Please join us for networking , a wonderful three course plated dinner and an inspiring message. Guests Welcome!

Mandatory Business Meeting to Follow for all Chapter members. A proxy is required if absent.



Reports from Officers & Directors

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To: EWI of Saskatoon

From: Serena Dallas, Vice-President 2016-2017

Re: Vice-President Report to the Membership – June, 2017

Summary of Activities to Date:

- Created rooms in Slack to help streamline some of our posting/communications
- Collaborated with Program Director for Speaker Referrals
- Active promotion of EWI of Saskatoon including promoting with a promotion table at Powerhouse Women & Wealth Seminar May 2017
- Secured website address for EWI of Saskatoon April 2017
- Participate in volunteer activity with the Saskatoon Marathon (course marshal) on behalf of fundraiser to send to LCAM. (May 2017)
- Provided invocation for inaugural meeting with His Worship Charlie Clark (Jan 2017)
- Provided introduction for Karen Chad in April 2017
- Set up Michelle Busa from Heart & Stroke to speak at February 2017 meeting, who then became a member.
- Set up Jeanne Burbage to speak at June 2017 meeting
- Provided door prizes for April & May 2017
- Being mentored by Karen Skirten, current President, to learn role/responsibilities of President.
- Working towards the goal of taking over as President of Chapter in October after attending LCAM in September in Dallas, Texas.



Respectfully submitted,

Serena Dallas, Vice-President, 2016-2017

To: EWI of Saskatoon

From: Nancy Johnson, Treasurer 2016-2017

Re: Treasurer's Report to the Membership – June, 2017

The proposed budget and Chapter financials will be distributed for your review prior to June 12, 2017.