

President's Message

Happy Spring!



Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Connect newsletter for the EWI of Saskatoon Chapter!

I am humbled and honored to be serving as the Chapter's first President and as such want to start by taking a moment to thank each and every one of you that have joined the Chapter to walk this journey with us.

I would not be writing this and nor would we have a fledgling Chapter if Serena Dallas (Vice President-President Elect) and I had not met for coffee in October. We were both so excited to re-connect and we were lamenting the loss of EWI in our lives. Well, as what normally happens in EWI, the inevitable question was asked, "What if?"

Well, here we are six months later and we have 12 members in our Chapter! You are ALL amazing women that I feel blessed to have met and I look forward to establishing long-term friendships with all of you! Now, the job is not over as we must all go forth and multiply! A perfect talk for Spring – lol!

The Board and I have had recruitment cards made that we will be giving to each member. They are a great reference tool for when you are sharing your EWI story with your colleagues, friends, clients, vendors and neighbors. What has your experience been with EWI? Why did you join?

There is also a bountiful collection of marketing tools from the Thrive campaign in the Corporate EWI MemberZone under Resources. Please make sure that you go online and update your company and personal information in MemberZone as soon as you can. Corporate is really trying to encourage all members to engage and use the database as it really is "EWI Central."

We have been blessed with our speakers to date and I am looking forward to the coming months. Serena and Sandra have been busy securing some really interesting business professionals who have a compelling story which will be integral to our success of developing our Careers.

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Vicki Mowat

President's Message (Cont'd)

As a fifteen year member of EWI and Past Corporate President, the best advice I can give all of you is to engage in the Chapter!

Volunteer, get involved! We still have two board positions vacant; a Recruitment & Retention Director which is a critical role as we grow the Chapter to enable bigger and greater ways to make Connections! We also need a Ways & Means Director. As a Chapter we want to empower others in our Community and the Ways and Means Director will be key to developing our philanthropic efforts. If that is of interest to you, please just reach out to me.

Looking forward to phenomenal Spring & Summer seasons, sharing and caring with each of you!

Kindest Regards,



Karen F. Skirten
2016-2017 Chapter President

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 will be honoured at a ceremony on May 31, 2017, at TCU Place. We wish her luck that night.

Save the date! The 2017 Women of Distinction Awards Dinner is Wednesday, May 31 at TCU Place.

5:30 pm Cocktails, Silent Auction and Raffle

6:30 pm Dinner and Awards Program

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.

(YWCA Saskatoon, 2017, ywcaskatoon.com/women-of-distinction)



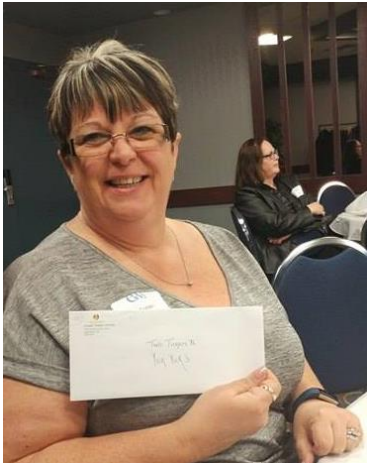
President Karen Skirten and Vice President Serena Dallas, celebrating our tenth member.



Photos from our February dinner meeting, where we reached 10 members!



Joy Crawford, Sergeant-at-Arms for EWI of Saskatoon and Nominee for a 2017 YWCA Women of Distinction Award



EWI of Saskatoon member Susan Mowat was the winner of two tickets to Yuk Yuk's Comedy Club, donated by member firm Park Town Hotel

CALL FOR DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS

Each month, our bank account grows stronger and attendees at our monthly dinner meeting win a lovely selection of door prizes.

Thank you to all members and member firms who have donated thus far.

If you have door prize items to donate, please contact our Sergeant-at-Arms, Joy Crawford.

EWI of Saskatoon Provides Donation to Moon Time Sisters

This past year, a Saskatoon-based group called Moon Time Sisters formed with a goal of supporting our young women in the north by helping to provide menstrual supplies to northern Saskatchewan.

As our first philanthropic effort, EWI of Saskatoon made a donation of feminine hygiene products to the Moon Time Sisters cause, and dropped off their donation at one of the local collection points, Member of Parliament Sheri Benson's office.



EWI of Saskatoon's Moon Time Sisters donation

March Dinner Meeting *Dealing with Unconscious Bias*

Thank you to all members and guests who have been attending our monthly dinner meetings. It has been a great way to get to know each other. This past month, we had the opportunity to hear from Mubarka Butt, Principal, Hire Profile, at member firm Park Town Hotel.

In light of today's growing diversity, Mubarka guided us in a discussion about how one takes an open approach to inclusion to encourage tolerance, acceptance and love for others. The evening was a great opportunity to hear about unconscious biases we often confront in the workplace and in ourselves.



Upcoming Events

Workplace Harassment Forum

Wednesday, April 19, 2017
 7:30 – 9:30 pm
 at the
 W. A. Edwards Family Centre
 333 Fourth Avenue North

Speakers:

Chelsea Mack, Human Resources, City of Saskatoon (Types of harassment)

Patti McDougall, U. of S. Vice-Provost, Teaching & Learning (U. of S. Sexual Assault Prevention Policy)

Haley La Pointe, Trauma therapist, Saskatoon Health Region (PTSD)

Moderator: **Jo Custead**

Sponsored by the Provincial Council of Women, the Saskatoon Council of Women and the Canadian Federation of University Women/Saskatoon

No Charge

All are welcome; refreshments

Happy Birthday, EWI

On April 29, 2017, EWI celebrates its 79th birthday. We are grateful to our founder Lucille Johnson Perkins, and we look forward to becoming an official Chapter.



“You can, you should, and if you’re brave enough to start, you will.”

– Stephen King, *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft*

DATES TO NOTE

April 19

April Dinner Meeting
 Karen Chad
 “A Story of Leadership”
 Park Town Hotel
 5:00 pm Cocktails
 6:00 pm Dinner

May 17

May Dinner Meeting
 Candace Schierling
 Solar Gardens
 Carpooling options available

June 21

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

August

Stay tuned for news about an upcoming fundraiser!

September 21 – 23

LCAM
 Leadership Convention & Annual Meeting
 Grapevine, Texas

September 29 – Oct 1

Strategic Planning Session for EWI of Saskatoon Board Members



CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY

JOIN US! Wednesday, 17 May

Guest Speaker: Candace Schierling
Director of National Conventions and
Event Marketing,
Tourism Saskatoon



Our Program

Please join us for networking , a make-your-own Woodfired Pizza, and an inspiring message. Candace Schierling will be speaking on Tourism Saskatoon’s strategic focus to attract events to the city through International gatherings, national associations, cultural events and sport. Local leadership and utilizing partnerships are key strategies to set the stage for Saskatoon as a host destination.

Guests Welcome!

DINNER MEETING
@ Solar Gardens
Corner of Highway 60
(Pike Lake Highway) and
Windmill Road

5:00 - Networking
6:00-Dinner
6:45 - Program
7:30-Close

Cost:
\$45/Member
\$50/Guest

Register by May 12th,
under “Events” on
EWI of Saskatoon’s
Facebook page & Eventbrite

Email Special Meal Requests to
smiller@parktownhotel.com

