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## SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

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### Letter from the President

Webster defines transition as “*The act of passing from one state or place to the next; an event that results in a transformation*”. Very profound, don’t you think! I am a firm believer that everything in life happens for a reason. Sometimes as change is happening in our lives we resist it and sometimes we embrace, but as we all know, whichever choice we make, change is going to happen.

I did not anticipate taking the lead as your President so soon. However, Letty and I have been working very closely together for the last seven months. I share her vision to grow and develop EWI of San Antonio. We have such an incredible group of women and through our mission we can make a significant impact in our community. Our B/C/DP Scholarship Program and Annual Reading Rally are just touching the surface of what we can accomplish. I want you to feel confident of my commitment to making this a successful year. I intend to continue the work that has already been set in motion and then working to take EWI of San Antonio to the next level in 2011. Transforming our organization, yet preserving our history!

Letty sent a message and I would like to share it with you. I wish her the best and know that great things are in store for her as this new phase of her life begins.

I leave you with the verse that has carried me through so many transitions.  
“I can do all through Christ who strengthens me”~ Philippians 4:13~

Monica J. Garza  
Representing the YMCA of Greater San Antonio

*From Letty:*

*Dear Representatives:*

*Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve as your President. What an honor and a privilege it has been for me. Through this journey, I have grown both personally and professionally. All that we have accomplished this year is due to your hard work and dedication to this Chapter. EWI of San Antonio is a strong organization because of what YOU bring to this group. The friendships I have gained through you, my EWI sisters, will remain strong and true in my heart.*

*As Monica starts her journey with you in this new position, I know your successes together will shine as bright as the stars.*

*I feel very confident that in the near future I will be a part of a great firm that will offer me a wonderful opportunity. I appreciate all your thoughts and prayers as I focus on this challenge in my life.*

*I will see you all again real soon.*

*Sincerely,  
Leticia R. Villarreal*

## SAN ANTONIO BOARD

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**32nd ANNUAL TEXOMA BOARD FORUM  
AUGUST 6-7, 2010**

**Skirvin Hilton Hotel  
Oklahoma City, OK**



See pages 9-12 of the newsletter for more details.

**MAY BOARD MEETING**

**DATE: June 22, 2010**  
**PLACE: D.R. Semmes Family YMCA**  
**3233 N. St. Mary's St.**  
**San Antonio, TX 78212**

The Board meeting is open to the membership. If you would like to attend, please notify Secretary Diane Solarczyk at [dianesolarczyk@bitterblue.com](mailto:dianesolarczyk@bitterblue.com).

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**JUNE**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Thursday, June 17  
 Valero  
 Topic: Trade Show

**BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, June 22  
 D.R. Semmes Family YMCA  
 3233 N. St. Mary's St.

**JULY**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Thursday, July 15  
 Non Meeting - Fundraiser

**BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, July 20  
 D.R. Semmes Family YMCA  
 3233 N. St. Mary's St.

**EWI@ MISSION AND VISION**

**MISSION**

Executive Women International® brings together key individuals from diverse businesses for the purpose of:

- Promoting member firms
- Enhancing personal and professional development
- Encouraging community involvement

**VISION**

To be the leading connection for business professionals.

**NEWSREELS continued**

<b>Member Firm Anniversaries - May</b>	
USAA	37 years
Quadrangle Press, Inc.	19 years
DoubleTree Hotel	10 years
Touchstone Communities	2 years
Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc.	1 year
Resources Global Professionals	1 year

**Best wishes to the following representatives who are celebrating a birthday this month:**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

May 4	Liana Greenberg	PurinaCare Insurance Services The University of Texas at San Antonio	<a href="mailto:liana.greenberg@purinacare.com">liana.greenberg@purinacare.com</a>
May 5	Jane Findling Burton	McMarr Properties, Inc.	<a href="mailto:jane.findling@utsa.edu">jane.findling@utsa.edu</a>
May 7	Jimmie Joffe	Silver Eagle Distributors, LP	<a href="mailto:jimmiej@satx.rr.com">jimmiej@satx.rr.com</a>
May 9	Leticia Villarreal	Port Authority of San Antonio	<a href="mailto:lvillarreal@sedbud.com">lvillarreal@sedbud.com</a>
May 18	Clara Ernst	Quadrangle Press, Inc.	<a href="mailto:clara.ernst@portsanantonio.us">clara.ernst@portsanantonio.us</a>
May 19	Lori Reed	BioMed SA	<a href="mailto:lori@quadp.com">lori@quadp.com</a>
May 31	Donna Miller	Resources Global Professionals	<a href="mailto:dmiller@biomedsa.org">dmiller@biomedsa.org</a>
May 31	Susan Hough		<a href="mailto:susan.hough@resources-us.com">susan.hough@resources-us.com</a>

**EWI of San Antonio**

**Welcomes New Member Firm**

**The Artessa at Quarry Village – Lauren Gordon**

**Now** 71 Member Firms strong with 95 Representatives

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# TRADE SHOW

## Early notice

Plan to showcase your firm at the membership meeting on  
June 17, 2010

Valero Energy Corporation

One Valero Way, San Antonio, TX 78249

Event tables will be stationed around the meeting room for  
you to set up your display

Please call Damita Pape, Program Director,  
at 829.3900 with any questions

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**VALOR CONFERENCE HONORING THE SPOUSE OF DEPLOYED SOLDIERS**

*Valor is not only for Soldiers – Families must put on their own battle gear at home*

As troops prepare to deploy overseas, the families they leave behind must also prepare for an attack on the home front – uncertainty, loneliness, fear, increased responsibilities leading to added stress.

On Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the Valor Conference will be held at the Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade. This will be complimentary for all spouses of deployed soldiers, sailors and airmen. The event will consist of a morning worship service and a luncheon speaker. Valor, strength and encouragement will be presented to honor the spouses stationed throughout Central Texas. This conference is to remind them they are not alone as they go through their own stateside deployment.

Carol Pipes, editor of the *On Mission* magazine will be the worship speaker. She recently met with the military chaplains in Iraq who minister to the troops in the field. The afternoon speaker is Carla O'Dell, "military brat" and pastor's wife of Rocky Cove Church.

Sponsors are needed to pay for the meals.

Sponsorship opportunities are:

Gold: \$5,000

Silver: \$3,000

Platinum: \$1,000

If you would like to sponsor a table of 10 people: \$250

If you would like to sponsor a meal: \$25

Call 210.699.5826 for sponsorship

Call 210.699.5803 to make reservations if you are a spouse of a deployed military member.

This event is co-sponsored by the Omni San Antonio Hotel and Rocky Cove Church

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**“VALOR CONFERENCE” HONORING THE SPOUSES OF DEPLOYED SOLDIERS TO BE HELD AT THE OMNI  
SAN ANTONIO AT THE COLONNADE**

*Valor is Not Only for Soldiers – Families Must Put on Their Own “Battle Gear” at Home*

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Complimentary to attendees, the program will be funded through sponsorships, including: (1) sponsorship of a table of ten people, \$250, (2) sponsorship of a meal, \$25. This event is also co-sponsored by the Omni San Antonio Hotel and Rocky Cove Church.

“We are so fortunate to live in a great military city,” said Cesar Cantor, general manager for the Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade. “It is a real honor to serve those who are serving our country with tremendous valor at home and away.”

For sponsorship information, call 210-699-5826. Spouses of a deployed military soldier, sailor or airman should call 210-699-5803 to make a reservation.

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### Ernst & Young joins Google and Disney as one of the top five US employers . . . and ranks #1 again by accounting majors



In an annual survey of US college students, Ernst & Young ranks among the top five ideal employers. In a survey of ALL majors we are ranked fifth, following Google #1, Disney #2, FBI #3 and Apple #4. Not bad company!

In addition, for the third year in a row Ernst & Young has been named THE ideal employer by accounting majors. And, according to business majors we were ranked #2, following Google. In the Overall Undergrad Diversity survey we are ranked #3 and the only Big Four firm to be in the top five. Over 56,000 students participate in the US version of the survey.

Rankings for Canada and SASA will be released in the coming months. In Mexico, we were ranked #1 by accounting schools earlier this year. Individual school results will be available by the middle of June.

Read the announcement in [Bloomberg Businessweek](#).

Regards,

Lynn



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- Oklahoma Chapters**  
 Oklahoma City  
 Tulsa
- Texas Chapters**  
 Corpus Christi  
 Dallas  
 Houston  
 San Antonio

**32nd ANNUAL TEXOMA BOARD FORUM  
AUGUST 6-7, 2010**

**Skirvin Hilton Hotel  
Oklahoma City, OK**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRM: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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2009 BOARD POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

2010 BOARD POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION FEE: \$100, due by Tuesday, July 13.  
Includes Friday lunch, workshop, Saturday breakfast and working sessions.

CHECKS PAYBLE TO: EWI - Oklahoma City Chapter

FAX/MAIL/EMAIL TO: Angela Nemecek  
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Oklahoma City, OK 73147  
Phone: (405) 948-6860  
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DRESS: **Casual attire will be appropriate for all sessions.**

## NEWSREELS continued

Reservations must be booked directly with the hotel no later than 07/13/10 to receive the EWI Conference rate.

Please identify yourself as an EWI Texoma Board Forum attendee at the time of your reservation.

You can also go to the link below and it will take you to the customized registration website.

[http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/OKCSKHF-EWI-20100802/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/OKCSKHF-EWI-20100802/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

The Skirvin Hilton Hotel - Oklahoma City

1-800-HILTONS (800-445-8667)

[www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com) / Group Code: EWI

Rates: \$139 Single/Double (Thur/Fri/Sat)

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Texoma Board Forum  
 August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Hosted by Oklahoma City Chapter of EWI  
 Skirvin Hilton Hotel

Thursday evening, August 5<sup>th</sup>

Some guests may arrive and check-in hotel

Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Registration and Hospitality

Noon

Welcome and Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Speaker: Avis Scaramucci, President/Owner,  
 Painted Door and Nonna's Euro-American  
 Ristorante and Bar

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Break

2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Brainstorming

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Brainstorming

4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Announcements

Evening

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Hospitality Room

On your own

Explore Bricktown, OKC National Bombing Memorial

Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Speaker: Scott Klososky, one of the first successful  
 Internet entrepreneurs

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Corporate Update

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Open discussions

11:45 a.m. – noon

Closing remarks and adjournment

Oklahoma City Chapter of Executive Women International – PO Box 794 – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101  
<http://www.ewi-okc.org>

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**Attendee Information**

**Oklahoma Chapters**

Oklahoma City  
Tulsa

**Texas Chapters**

Corpus Christi  
Dallas  
Houston  
San Antonio

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

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CURRENT BOARD POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

2010 BOARD POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMITTEES SERVED: \_\_\_\_\_

YEARS IN EWI: \_\_\_\_\_

AIR CARRIER: \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL DATE/TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTURE DATE/TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return completed form by Tuesday, July 13th to:**

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## NEW MEMBER



### **Diane Flack** **San Antonio Museum of Art** **By Jan Steger, Contributing Writer**

We welcome one of our newest member firms to our local chapter: San Antonio Museum of Art (SAMA) and representative Diane Flack, who returns to EWI after a brief interlude.

This international museum employees approximately 70 staff members with many other docents and volunteers who work regularly in the building. Diane is Executive Assistant to the Director of SAMA, Dr. Marion Oettinger. SAMA became an EWI member last month, but Diane was previously a member of our local chapter when she worked for the Spurs for 20 years.

SAMA's building is a historic one in San Antonio on Jones Avenue having been established in 1884 by Anheuser Busch as a brewery, but the building was abandoned during prohibition. In the 1970s, members of the Art Museum organization discovered it, renovated and reopened for business in March of 1981.

Diane has been with SAMA for about seven months and is direct support for the Director. In that position, she helps with special events, with community collaboration and with the San Antonio River Authority because of the recently opened extension of the river that now joins the museum.

Diane, who is from Belen, New Mexico, an Albuquerque suburb, came to visit San Antonio for Hemisphere in 1968 and met her husband-to-be, David. She went home, but soon thereafter, she and David were married – a marriage that has lasted 40 years after Diane came to live in the Alamo City, David's home town. Although the Flacks have no children, they do have four-legged "children" in the guise of Cavalier King Charles Spaniels.

Diane is a graduate of Texas Tech University where she studied English and History. Her favorite hobbies, when she finds time for them, are photography, reading, and visiting small Texas towns.

Diane hopes to renew her acquaintances in EWI and to educate the members about the San Antonio Museum of Art, which is such a wonderful local resource. She also hopes to host a firm night in the Museum in the coming year.

Please welcome home: Diane Flack.

## NEW MEMBER

**Mercedes Fusilier-O'Brien**  
**Sushi Zushi, Inc.**  
**By Ginger Ramos, Contributing Writer**



Sushi Zushi, Inc. has grown from one location in NW San Antonio to a thriving chain boasting locations in Dallas, San Antonio and recently Austin. Sushi Zushi has something for everyone. With their unique fusion style they offer a variety of sushi, raw and cooked, to suit everyone's palate.

Mercedes Fusilier-O'Brien is the executive assistant to Alfonso Tomita, President and CEO of Sushi Zushi and Asociacion de Empresarios Mexicanos (AEM). She handles public relations and coordinates a variety of public events, and mixers for Sushi Zushi and AEM.

Mercedes is married with two teenagers who attend Clark High School. Originally from Southern California, she enjoys the small-town atmosphere San Antonio provides. In their free time, the family loves to go camping and take trips to see different parts of Texas. She also enjoys collecting antiques and loves to visit Gruene to search for new finds.

Mercedes is looking forward to meeting all of the wonderful ladies of EWI and participating in our upcoming events.

**YEAR AT A GLANCE 2009-2010 Calendar**

<u>General Membership Meeting</u>	<u>Board Meetings</u>	<u>Conferences / Special Events</u>
Location to be announced in monthly meeting announcements	Board Meetings to be held at Silver Eagle Distributors, unless otherwise stated. Meeting start time is 5:45 p.m.	
Thursday, November 19 UIW Marian Hall Ballroom Topic: Bus. Mtg./Committee Sessions	Tuesday, November 24	
<b>Second</b> Thursday, December 10 Anne Marie's Catering Topic: Networking	Tuesday, December 15	
Thursday, January 21 Omni Hotel at the Colonnade Speaker: Chief William McManus San Antonio Police Department	Tuesday, January 26	
Thursday, February 18 Omni Hotel at the Colonnade Speaker: Peter Holt Topic: Education Center for Vietnam Veteran's Memorial	Tuesday, February 23	
Thursday, March 18 Omni Hotel at the Colonnade Speaker: Susanne Serna, CFP, SSFCU Topic: Investments and Retirement	Tuesday, March 23	
Thursday, April 15 Morton's Steakhouse Topic: Exec Recognition Luncheon	Tuesday, April 20	Spring Conference Memphis, TN April 22-24, 2010 open to all members
Thursday, May 20 DoubleTree Hotel Topic: Scholarship Banquet	Tuesday, May 25	EWISP and ASIST Scholarship Banquet
Thursday, June 17 Valero Topic: Trade Show and Business Meeting	Tuesday, June 22	Member Firm Trade Show
Thursday, July 15 Non-meeting	Tuesday, July 20	Non-Meeting - Fundraiser
Thursday, August 19 Omni at the Colonnade	Tuesday, August 24	TEXOMA Board Forum Oklahoma City, OK August 2010
Thursday, September 16 DoubleTree Hotel	Tuesday, September 21	LCAM Kansas City, MO Sept. 23-25, 2010 open to all members
Thursday, October 21 Topic: Business Meeting 2010-2011 Board Installation	October Board Retreat Venue: TBD by Monica Garza	Reading Rally 2010-2011 Board Installation