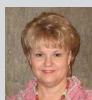
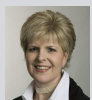


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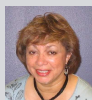
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EWI® Chapter Membership Meeting Thursday, January 17, 2008

Petroleum Club of San Antonio

8620 N. New Braunfels Ave. #700
San Antonio, TX 78217
(210) 824-9014

5:30-6:15 PM Registration and Hospitality
6:15-6:40 PM Welcome/Installations/Roll Call
6:40-7:20 PM Invocation and Dinner
7:20-7:45 PM Navarra Williams, Samm's Ministries
7:45-8:15 PM "Bring & Buy" Door Prize
8:15 PM Adjournment

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, January 22, 2008
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
PLACE: Marmon Mok Architects
700 N. St. Mary's, Ste 1600

The Board meeting is open to the membership. If you would like to attend, please notify Secretary Melissa Pina at mspina@cpsenergy.com.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I ran across a wonderful President's message written last year by Jody Davis-Bergman, an EWI sister from the Tulsa Chapter. I enjoyed her story so much, that I emailed Jody and asked permission to use the same theme in my message this month. Although our stories are different, they do share similarities. The truth is — sometimes it's better to join hands with our EWI sisters!

Last month I told you a story about a photograph of the five generations in my family. Well, here's the rest of the story. During the photo session, I asked the photographer to take a five-generational picture of our "hands." He draped a table with black material and arranged our hands, one on top of the other, cascading each hand so as not to completely cover the one preceding it. The first hand, palm down, was my 93-year-old grandmother's, then on top of her hand came my mother's, then mine, my daughter's, and finally baby Kathryn's hand was placed on the very top. This classic, timeless, black and white photo has real character! It stirs my awareness of God's planned "circle of life" and serves as a reminder that love is at the center of life's purpose. It also arouses my curiosity of how "progress" and "technology" have changed the way we use our hands today.

My grandparents raised their family on a farm. Grandma's hands stitched quilts for her family, picked cotton from the fields, planted summer and winter gardens, fed the chickens, gathered eggs, and, before indoor plumbing, carried water buckets from the pond to the house — the supply of water shared between the kitchen for cooking, and the metal wash tub for bathing each of her four children.

Striving for the "American Dream," my parents worked at having both family and successful careers. In an early job as a nurse's aide, mother's hands provided care for patients in a hospital. Later, her hands took shorthand, typed letters, filed correspondence and answered phones. Finally, she embarked on a life-long professional career by taking pen in hand to write real estate contracts.

My mother also used her hands to hug me, discipline me, cook for me, sew my clothes, perm my hair, clap at my piano recitals, treat my cuts and scrapes, wipe away my tears and lift me up in prayer. My grandmother cared for her four children in this way, as I did with Stephanie and, now, she with Kathryn. The bottom line is, our generations share similarities, but we each continue to accomplish different things in our lives.

As Jody so convincingly stated in her President's message "Our Chapter has many types of hands. Each pair is unique, but offers different skill sets. What do your hands do? Do they shake the hand of a new member? Do they offer a handwritten note to fellow members in need of encouragement? Do they clap when one of our own has made a noteworthy accomplishment?"

I encourage you to hold the value of EWI in the palm of your hand and reach out and share that value with others. An outreached hand is the first sign of welcome to a guest or new member at our meetings. Don't let your hands be idle — allow them to help you make "connections," build "careers," and serve the "community." Let's join hands, San Antonio Chapter, and have a great 2008!

May this Christmas season bring you joy, happiness and more than a "handful" of memories with your loved ones.

Serving EWI San Antonio Chapter,
Connie Ross, President

DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, January 17th

Petroleum Club of
San Antonio

8620 N. New Braunfels Ave.

#700

San Antonio, TX 78217

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 22nd

Marmon Mok Architects

700 N. St. Mary's, Ste 1600

San Antonio, TX 78205

FEBRUARY

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, February 21st

50th Anniversary Celebration

Oak Hills Country Club

5403 Fredericksburg Rd.

San Antonio, TX 78229

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 26th

Marmon Mok Architects

700 N. St. Mary's, Ste 1600

San Antonio, TX 78205



NEW MEMBERS

Meet Rosalinda Coto-Patlán



Rosalinda Coto-Patlán was installed in October as a replacement representative for Tuggey Rosenthal Pauerstein Sandoloski Agather, LLP (TRPSA). As accounting manager and controller to Rob McClane, TRPSA chief operating

officer, Rosalinda is enthusiastically learning the company's philosophy, "Teamwork is #1" since she has only been with TRPSA for three and a half months.

TRPSA, the San Antonio-based law firm, originally named Loeffler Tuggey Pauerstein Rosenthal LLP, emerged with its new name on October 1, 2007. Although TRPSA's home office is in San Antonio, it has additional operations in Austin and Washington, DC. Its five name partners are each well-established business law practitioners in prominent regulatory, business and real estate practices.

Rosalinda graduated from UTSA with a B.B.A. in accounting. She has been married for two years to Dago, a school teacher, who teaches film at the Film School of San Antonio at Harlandale. Rosalinda is also the vice president of Friends of the Family, a service auxiliary of Family Service Association. Apart from her work and volunteer activities, Rosalinda enjoys filmmaking and acting.

Rosalinda will be mentored by Bobbi Lutz, member representative for TRPSA, and will work on the Philanthropy Committee chaired by Linda Buck, member representative for Herff Travel, Inc. Please welcome Rosalinda to EWI the next time you see her.

by Amelia Lewis

Meet Kathe Olson



Kathe Olson was installed in October as a replacement representative for Fresh Horizons. Kathe has only been with Fresh Horizons since April. She does corporate events but her specialty is social events and weddings. She began in the

hotel industry and has been in the catering industry for over 20 years. It is in her blood and she says she is very fortunate to have fallen into this career.

Kathe was born and raised in Washington DC. She moved to San Antonio eight years ago and considers this her home now and LOVES it. Although her family lives in the East Coast she does have two Great Danes – Luke and Lacey. Lacey is a rescue dog.

Kathe's interests are reading, exploring Texas, enjoying the countryside and talking about foods and presentation. She is very excited to be member of EWI and looks forward to her involvement.

Kathe will be mentored by Diane Solarczyk, a member representative for Bitterblue, Inc. and will work on the hospitality Committee chaired by Diane Solarczyk. Please welcome Kathe to EWI the next time you see her.

by Elizabeth Perez

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.

DECEMBER MEETING

Photos by Ardie Lehman, Independence Hill



Connie Ross with Marmon Mok Architects began the evening with a satire on eating tips for the holidays.



Guest speaker Elaine Van De Walle Thompson, VP Executive Committee, Stock Show & Rodeo, brushes us up on San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo history.



Barbara Stevens with San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo hosted our December meeting.



Lori Reed with Quandrangle Press, Inc. watches on as Aida Belmares with St. Mary's University is installed.



Carylin Riak with Ken Batchelor Cadillac Saab Hummer and Lyn Pitman with San Antonio Water System draw another winning ticket!



Connie Ross with Marmon Mok Architects
Elaine Van De Walle Thompson, VP Executive Committee,
Stock Show & Rodeo and
Barbara Stevens with San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo



Bobby Scott with HOLT CAT,
Bobbi Lutz with Tuggey Rosenthal Pauerstein Sandoloski Agather, LLP,
and Lori Reed with Quandrangle Press, Inc. pose with SA Farms Salsa.

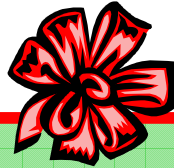
MEMBERSHIP POSTINGS

Membership Postings

Listed below are the firms that were posted to membership in November as "**potential** members." If you missed the e-mail or need any additional information, please contact Lori Reed at lori@quadp.com 210-828-8191.

1. Ovations - A United Health Group Company

NEWS REELS



"BRING & BUY"

A "Re-gifting" Experience

The **January 17th** Ways & Means project will offer an updated version of our traditional door prize drawings. It's called "BRING & BUY," and it offers everyone an opportunity to walk out the door with a prize! Everyone will be a **WINNER**, and so will our Ways & Means coffer! Here's how it works . . .

- 1) Bring an unwrapped gift, valued at \$20.00, to the meeting. Your gift may be a Christmas or Hanukkah present that "just wasn't your cup of tea," and you would like to donate it to this fundraiser. Or, it may be something nice you have around the house. Re-gifting is not only acceptable, but encouraged!
- 2) Buy a \$20.00 ticket and choose the door prize you would like to take home. Only those Representatives that "bring" a gift will be able to "buy" a ticket. So, if you don't "bring" a gift, you won't be going home with a gift!
- 3) When you purchase your ticket, you will be asked to draw a number, and gift selections will be made numerically. Do you feel lucky? Whoever draws #1 will get to choose their prize first!

If you bring a gift and choose not to buy a ticket, left over door prizes will be used in future door prize drawings.

It's too late to be a "bah humbug," so join the FUN!

NEWS REELS (Continued)

The Perfect Fit Membership Campaign

Recruit and WIN!

Each representative who recruits a new member firm, that joins during **October 1, 2007 - May 31, 2008**, will RECEIVE:

- , A \$10 gift card to the corporate EWI Merchandise Shoppe. (There's no limit to the number of gift cards a representative may receive).

AND

- , Each recruiter's name will be entered into a drawing for a 2008 LCAM package to include registration, hotel fee and airfare! (There's no limit to the number of chances a representative can earn)!

AND

- , The top recruiter, the representative who recruits the most new member firms that join during the period October 1, 2007 - May 31, 2008, will win a travel voucher valued at \$1,500.00. (In the event of a tie, a random drawing for this prize will be held).

To be eligible, the recruiter's name must appear on the Application Form 15 when submitted to the EWI Corporate Office.

Cadillac CTS Receives Recognition

The 2008 Cadillac CTS was voted Motor Trends car of the year.
This is a very big honor for General Motors.

Visit the link below to view the Motor Trend article.

<http://searchchicago.suntimes.com/autos/news/665606,CAR-News-cadillac23>

NEWS REELS (Continued)



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Vice President for Development
Aston Professor-Institutional Development

Robert L. Walker, Ph.D.

October 29, 2007

Ms. Ardie Lehman
Executive Women International
San Antonio Chapter
20500 Huebner Road
San Antonio, TX 78258

Dear Ms. Lehman:

The scholarship programs at Texas A&M University are such a vital part of ensuring that many bright and gifted students who come our way are able to complete their academic pursuits at Texas A&M. It is my distinct honor to express our gratitude for your generosity and for your willingness to share the financial successes you have had with young people who endeavor to be successful and productive members of society.

The advancement of this University depends in no small part on the ability of all its deserving students to pursue their academic goals — without scholarship opportunities, many students would be financial prohibited from these pursuits. So, it is my great honor to thank you on behalf of the students and for all of Texas A&M University.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Walker".

PS: A receipt which includes the Internal Revenue Service disclosure requirements will be mailed to you under separate cover. Specific scholarship recipients will be noted on your receipt. If there are more than two recipients, only the number of students will be indicated or the word scholarships.

NEWS REELS (Continued)

Philanthropy Committee December Project Update



The Philanthropy Committee thanks each and everyone of you who contributed to the December Project. "Adopt a Family". We collected just over \$1300.00. The family adopted is a single mother with 5 children ranging in age from 14 to 2. We were able to buy a washing machine, microwave, skateboard, CD players, clothes, Hannah Montana dolls, queen sheets, clothes for the entire family, and a \$200.00 gift card from HEB.

Connie Ross, Carol Center, Gloria Eastwood and I met at Target and shopped until we dropped. Rodger Ross also helped with picking out the microwave. Melissa Pina, Tina Luther, and I are delivering the gifts to the house on December 14.

Thank you from the committee.

Linda Buck
Philanthropy Chair

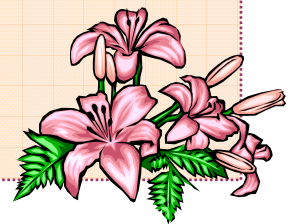
In Our Thoughts and Prayers.....

Henrisue Camp's mother, Janet Miller, passed away November 15. Henrisue is employed with Argonaut Group and has been a member of EWI for almost 3 years. If you would like to express your condolences to Henrisue, please feel free to send cards to her home address:

*18315 Bluebonnet Drive
Helotes, TX 78023*

Carol Abel is recuperating at home after open heart surgery and then a bout with pneumonia. She is feeling much better and gaining strength each day. If you would like to send a note of encouragement to Carol, her address is:

*201 Melody Lane
San Antonio, Texas 78239*



Membership Farewells

Debbie Hudgens of SeaWorld

Kimberly M. Miller 2nd representative for Clear Channel

YEAR AT A GLANCE

To help you with your executive's calendar and your own, we are including the dates of the General Membership meetings (with topics and locations if available), the conferences scheduled for 2007-2008 (including the annual meeting) and the Board of Directors meetings.

<u>General Membership Meetings</u>	<u>Board Meetings</u>	<u>Conferences/Special Events</u>
<p><u>Fourth</u> Thursday, October 25 Installation of 2007-2008 Board Omni La Mansion del Rio Hotel</p> <p>Thursday, November 15 City Club at the Majestic</p> <p><u>First</u> Thursday, December 6 San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo Firm Night</p> <p>Thursday, January 17, 2008 Location To Be Determined</p> <p>Thursday, February 21 50th Anniversary Celebration Oak Hills Country Club</p> <p>Thursday, March 20 Location To Be Determined</p> <p>Thursday, April 17 Location To Be Determined</p> <p>Thursday, May 15 EWISP Banquet/Executive Night Location To Be Determined</p> <p>Thursday, June 19 Chapter Awards & LCAM Location To Be Determined</p> <p>Thursday, July 17 Location To Be Determined</p> <p>Thursday, August 21 Location To Be Determined</p> <p><u>Second</u> Thursday, September 11 Location To Be Determined</p> <p>Thursday, October 16 2008-2009 Board Installation Location To Be Determined</p>	<p>The Board meets at Marmon Mok Architects, 700 N. St. Mary's Suite 1600 unless otherwise stated.</p> <p>October 27, 2008 Board Retreat Horseshoe Bay Marriott</p> <p>Tuesday, November 20 Southwest Business Corporation (SWBC)</p> <p>Tuesday, December 11 Gourmet Fresco Café</p> <p>Tuesday, January 22 Marmon Mok</p> <p>Tuesday, February 26 Marmon Mok</p> <p>Tuesday, March 25 Marmon Mok</p> <p>Tuesday, April 22 Marmon Mok</p> <p><u>Third</u> Tuesday, May 20 Marmon Mok</p> <p>Tuesday, June 24 Marmon Mok</p> <p>Tuesday, July 22 Marmon Mok</p> <p>Tuesday, August 26 Marmon Mok</p> <p>Tuesday, September 23 Marmon Mok</p> <p>October Board Retreat SWBC</p>	<p>Additional Traveling Modules Dates will be included as announced.</p> <p>ASIST Walk-A-Thon (6/7/2008) ?</p> <p>May, 2008 Regional Conference Chicago, IL</p> <p>August 1-2, 2008 TEXOMA Dallas, Texas (Hosted by Dallas Chapter)</p> <p>September 18-20, 2008 2008 Leadership Conference & Annual Meeting Palm Springs, CA</p>

San Antonio Chapter Board Recap

Submitted by: Vicki Chapman
 Southwest Business Corporation
 (SWBC)

Date: November 20, 2007
Location: Southwest Business Corporation

Secretary's Report

- Minutes approved:
 - October 25 general membership meeting
 - October 27 board meeting
- Incoming communications read:
 - Resignation e-mail from Debbie Hudgens (rep for SeaWorld San Antonio)
 - Resignation letter from Kimberly Miller (2nd rep for Clear Channel Communications)
 - Letter of appreciation from Dr. Robert Walker, VP for Development at Texas A&M Univ. for the chapter's generosity in supporting scholarship programs (i.e. Daniel Steck – 2006 EWISP winner).

Membership

- November Installations:
 - new firm - Montdani International, represented by Adrianna Gonzales
 - 2nd rep - Monica Garza, Batchelor Cadillac Saab Hummer
 - replacement reps – Cynthia Rangel, S.A. Employers Health Alliance and Cristina Olivarez, Porter Loring Mortuaries
- Board agreed to waive the 3-month employment requirement for a Clear Channel Communication replacement representative, Deanna Blount, who will be installed in December.

Treasurer's Report

- October 31, 2007 account balances:
 - General account: \$50,742.10
 - Investment account: \$12,831.45
 - BCPD account : \$30,148.85
- Note: the increased account balance in the General account was attributed to the 50th Anniversary Sponsorship revenue to date. Additional 50th Anniversary expenses will be forthcoming.

Business Career Development Program (BCDP)

- EWISP
 - Applications will be distributed to school counselors during January and February
 - Judges have been selected
- ASIST
 - The committee is reviewing applications and will select the winners in the next few weeks (for 2006-07 program)
 - The committee will award three \$2,000 scholarships for 2007-08 versus six \$800 scholarships as in the past.
- Philanthropy
 - The committee is planning to do six or seven projects for the year.

Sergeant-At-Arms

- 53 firms were represented at the November 15th meeting. Total attendance was 72:
 - 65 representatives
 - 5 sustaining members
 - 2 Guests

Programs

- The meal cost for the December meeting was approved at \$30.00 per representative and at **no charge** for sustaining members.
- The meeting will be a firm night held at San Antonio Livestock Exposition.

Ways & Means

- Door prize drawings will be held at the December meeting.

Vice President / President Elect

- No report given

Publication

- The next issue of The PULSE will be distributed after the December monthly membership meeting, due to the early December 6th meeting date.

New Business

- A \$25.00 memorial donation to the ASIST Fund was approved in memory of Janet Miller, mother of representative Henrisue Camp (Argonaut Group).