

Letter from the President



Happy Holidays! I hope that you enjoyed our November and December meetings. In November, Pamela Taylor, from Dress for Success® San Antonio, and her guest, Patricia Morin gave us some great insight into their organization. They inspired and touched our hearts along with Anne Zbinden from the Children's Shelter. There are so many great groups in this city working to help children and women who need support to be successful. Our December meeting was a bit different from our normal monthly meeting and afforded us the opportunity to mingle and jingle with the other representatives. We had an incredibly successful night with our Ways and Means Committee raising **\$3976** through the "No Dirty Dishes" fundraiser and "Santa's Silent Auction". Our Philanthropy Committee also had a great night with **502** items collected for the San Antonio Food Bank.

The funds and food that we have collected will help us to fulfill an important part of our Mission, which is "Encouraging Community Involvement". Through our efforts we are able to provide assistance to students in our city by encouraging their future education and help hungry families during the holiday season. This is just one of the tenets that EWI of San Antonio focuses on and I hope that you will share this with your executives as January brings about our annual renewals.

Our Treasurer, Patty Wilkins, sent out renewal invoices at the end of November and if you have not received your notice you may email her at pwilkins@ssfcsu.org. Please remind your executive of the benefits that EWI brings to both you and your firm. We have included some bullet points, for your convenience, in this issue of the *EWIConnect*. If you need assistance when speaking with your firm please contact any of the board members and we would be happy to promote our great organization and all that it has to offer.

May this season be a time of peace and joy for you and your family!

In Service,
Monica Garza
Representing the YWCA of Greater San Antonio

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Membership Meeting Notice

Thursday, January 20, 2010

Doubletree Hotel

37 NE Loop 410 @ McCullough

Phone: 210.366-2424

January Board Meeting Notice

Wednesday, January 26, 2010

D.R. Semmes Family YMCA,

3233 N. St. Mary's St.,

San Antonio, Texas 78212

PLEASE NOTE:

Board Meetings will be moved to Wednesdays

starting in January

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.

Upcoming February Membership Meeting

Thursday, February 17, 2010

To be determined

Upcoming February Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 23, 2010

D.R. Semmes Family YMCA

3233 N. St. Mary's Street

San Antonio, Texas 78212



New Arrival

Congratulations to Connie Ross (Marmon Mok Architecture) on the arrival of her new grandson Samuel "Sam" Ross Seligman



Power Serve

When people say it can't be done is most likely the best time to do it.

"I studied the lives of great men and famous women, and found that the men and women who got to the top were those who did the jobs they had in hand, with everything they had of energy and enthusiasm and hard work".

- Harry S. Truman



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Frances Menjivar-Harte-Hanks, Inc. (2nd), Diane Solarczyk-Bitterblue, Inc. (6th); Lorri Mach-Porter Loring Mortuaries (9th); Joyce Carothers-Sustaining Member (12th); Carol Crawford-TETCO, Inc. (15th); Valerie Manns-Project Control (19th); Deborah Spruill-Deborah Marie & Company (23rd); Stacy Yent-Fresh Horizons (25th)



Anniversaries

Purina Care Insurance Services (2 years)



Reminder

Annual dues are around the corner....Please remind your Executive of the benefits that EWI brings to both you and your firm. We appreciate their continued involvement and support of EWI!!

Benefits of EWI Membership

Connections

- An increased network
- New business opportunities
- An open door to more than 2,100 member firms in 67 Chapter locations throughout North America

Careers

- Relevant leadership skill development for member representative(s)
- Access to professional development for all employees
- Opportunities for business-to-business mentoring

Community

- An elevated profile and awareness
- A focused avenue for philanthropic efforts with a non-profit that champions scholarships and literacy initiatives
- Chapter-driven fundraising with a local impact



Private Dining at Morton's... Perfect for the Holidays!

Allow us to make your holiday planning easy this season! We can customize a holiday event to fit your needs and your budget. Select from three special holiday menus...ideal for luncheons, cocktail receptions and dinner parties. Morton's superior service and perfectly prepared food will leave an impressive impression on all your guests!

Contact [Mitzi Pearson](#) at 210-228-0700 to start planning today!

Eat, drink and be merry!

Give the Gift of Morton's

Morton's Gift Cards make the perfect gift for friends, family, colleagues, clients...and you! Take advantage of our special Holiday Gift Card offers* and receive a reward gift card for yourself.

Now through December 31, when you purchase \$300 in gift cards you'll receive a complimentary \$50 reward gift card. Purchase \$500 in gift cards and you'll receive a complimentary \$100 reward gift card.

Together, we can help make a difference



*We wish we said it every time, you do the things you do.
You always lend a helping hand, and we're filled with gratitude.
We wanted to thank you with this note as our personal round of applause.
The credit for our good deeds, firmly rests with all of YOU!*

Thanks to all of you for bringing Burlington Coat Factory to our November meeting, so many coats, clothes, etc., absolutely wonderful, and the cash donations that we received was greatly appreciated by The Children's Shelter. I believe we collected close to 200 coats. Walton Signage our new member firm had too many to bring to the meeting, so they delivered 72 coats to the Shelter the day after our meeting. C.H. Guenther filled up my car with all kinds of wonderful clothes and stuffed animals for the children.

We are all very thankful for what we have, and the generosity that you all continue to be so selfless when the call for help cries out!

January we will be taking care of our furry friends at the Animal Defense League by collecting several items including newspapers, used towels, used pet dishes, cat food, dog food, toys (old and new).

*Wishing you all a joyous Christmas and a safe journey into 2011
Bless you all,*

*The Philanthropy Committee
Aida, Cindy, Debbie, Diane, Lori, Lorri, Lulu, Lyn, Michelle, Suzanne, Valerie*

Message from Denise Cross, Ways & Means Director....

Thank you Ladies for the great job you did raising funds for our scholarships in just a three week period. Thursday, December 9th, we raised right at \$4000 for our scholarships.

Congratulations to **Mitzi Pearson, Lori Hakspiel, and Kim Brady** (sold by Bobbi Lutz) on winning the three wonderful prize packages for the "No Dirty Dishes" Fundraiser. Enjoy all that dining out!

Congratulations also to **Liana Greenberg, Lori Hakspiel, and Patty Wilkins** on winning the B&B stay at Ye Kendall Inn, the \$100 gift card to Ruth's Chris, and the \$25 card to TETCO respectively. Thank you for helping to raise so much for our scholarships!

"A Special Thanks" also to the following firms for their very generous donations towards the prize packages and Incentive Prizes for our "No Dirty Dishes" Fundraiser:

Omni Hotel at the Colonnade for Brunch for four

Omni La Mansion del Rio for Dinner for 2 at Las Canarias

University of Incarnate Word for \$100 to Frederick's French Fusion Cuisine

Ye Kendall Inn & Spa for \$150 in certificates to Limestone Grille &

a Bed & Breakfast for two at Ye Kendall Inn and Spa

Security Service Federal Credit Union for \$200 in gift cards to Chili's, Saltgrass, Olive Garden, and Alamo Cafe

HEB for \$90 in gift cards to HEB Central Market

Fralo's the Art of Pizza for \$75 in gift cards to Fralo's

Whataburger for \$75 in gift cards to Whataburger

Ken Batchelor Cadillac for \$50 in gift cards to Ounce Steakhouse

Brasserie Pavil for \$45 in gift cards

Zachry Holdings for \$100 gift card to Ruth's Chris Steakhouse

TETCO for \$25 gift card

Also, Much thanks to the following who donated items for our Silent Auction:

Michelle Albright, Betty Gavora, Dress for Success, Barbara Johnson, Denise Cross, Jimmie Joffe, Julian Gold, and H.E.B.

January Philanthropy Project



Animal Defense League of Texas Wish List

General Needs:

- 🐾 Brooms and String Mops
- 🐾 Copy Paper
- 🐾 Pet Store Gift Cards
- 🐾 Heavy Duty Water Hoses
- 🐾 Laundry Detergent
- 🐾 Bleach
- 🐾 Trash Bags (33 gallon)
- 🐾 News Papers
- 🐾 String-shredded Paper
- 🐾 Lawnmowers and Edgers
- 🐾 Electric Space Heaters
- 🐾 Refrigerators

Animal Specific:

- 🐾 Towels
- 🐾 Heating Pads
- 🐾 Canned Cat Food
- 🐾 Purina One Dry Kitten Food
- 🐾 Stage 1 Baby Food
(chicken/turkey)
- 🐾 Dog and Cat Toys
- 🐾 Esbilac Puppy Formula
- 🐾 Plastic Kiddie Pools
- 🐾 KMR Kitten Milk Replacement
- 🐾 Puppy and Kitten Toys

**As always, if you can't shop we are happy to do it for you!
Monetary donations are always welcome!**

The greatest gift for any animal is a place to call home and a family to love. Cats and dogs of all ages, sizes, colors and breeds, including those pictured, are available **TODAY for adoption.**

To find out more about these and other animals, as well as volunteer opportunities, visit www.adltexas.org.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Old Faces, New Name, as KIA Store on SPID Gets New Owners

Corpus Christi, TX, December 1, 2010 – The Mike Shaw Automotive Group announces the acquisition of an existing KIA dealership in Corpus Christi, TX. Mike Shaw, President and CEO, reports that papers were signed on November 15, 2010, and Cantwell KIA officially became Mike Shaw KIA. Located at the corner of S.P.I.D and Nile, the Mike Shaw KIA store is presently undergoing rigorous renovation to upgrade the facility. New signage, fresh paint, interior re-design and updated customer-waiting areas with WI-FI and vending, are all being completed. Check out MIKESHAWKIA.COM for all the updates happening at the store!

Robert Cantwell, former owner, will continue on at the dealership as an integral part of the management team and says that the decision to sell any business is very difficult. “The car business has been a huge part of our lives, and now my wife and I look forward to being able to enjoy some free time outside the dealership when we get the chance. I will continue to oversee the day to day operations of the dealership for Mr. Shaw, and our great team of people that we had at Cantwell KIA will all stay in place at Mike Shaw KIA.”

Why did Mr. Shaw pursue another dealership in Corpus? The proximity of the Cantwell KIA store to Mr. Shaw’s existing Used Car facility, Mike Shaw Used Cars, and vacant corner lot, made the purchase of the store a natural extension of a business plan already in place. “We have a proven business model that works in Corpus with our Toyota store. We put together great people with state-of-the art facilities and unmatched customer service. We add a broad selection of inventory, and service our cars with great technicians. Adding a KIA store is a great opportunity for us to offer this experience to a new group of customers!”

From an industry standpoint, KIA Motors is one of the few auto manufacturers experiencing double-digit sales growth. According to an article in *Bloomberg Businessweek*, it is reported that, “Kia’s U.S. sales gained 15 percent this year through October, outpacing growth at General Motors, Toyota and Honda. If Kia can keep it up, it should log its highest annual U.S. sales ever.” Mr. Shaw likes that idea, and says that while the domestic auto market is recovering, it is nice to have a Korean product to offer at a lower price point, and with such broad appeal

2010-2011 Calendar: YEAR AT A GLANCE

General Membership Meeting	Board Meeting	Topics/Conferences/Special Events
Locations TBD	D. R. Semmes Family YMCA	Locations TBD
	3233 N. St. Mary's St, 78212	
	5:45 PM	
Thursday, October 21	Thursday, October 28	Orientation/Committee Planning Session
Thursday, November 18	Tuesday , November 23	Dress for Success-Pamela Taylor
SECOND Thursday, December 9	Thursday, December 16	Holiday Celebration & Trade Show
Thursday, January, 20	Wednesday, January 26	
Thursday, February 17	Wednesday, February 23	
Thursday, March 17	Wednesday, March 23	
Thursday, April 21	Wednesday, April 27	Executive Recognition and Award
Thursday, May 19	Wednesday, May 25	EWISP & ASIST Scholarship Banquet
Thursday, June 16	Wednesday, June 22	
Thursday, July 21	Wednesday, July 27	Non-Meeting Fundraiser
Thursday, August 18	Wednesday, August 24	TEXOMA Board Forum - August 5-6, 2011, San Antonio, Texas
Thursday, September 15	TBD	Chapter Board Installation
		Reading Rally - September 9, 2011
		LCAM- September 22-24, 2011, Minneapolis, MN



Sylvia Rodriguez & Sue Ouimette



Linda Buck & Lorri Mach



Melissa Stewart (ASIST Winner) & Monica Garza, Chapter President



Becky Turgeon & Patty Wilkins



Frances Menjivar & Liz Rivera



Diane Flack, Marty Frakes (guest) & Lyn Smasal



Leona Pappas, Jimmie Joffe & Jelane Lodek



Judy Janney (guest), Debbie Saldana, & Jaime Mergele (guest)



Barbara Gault, Barbara Jordan & Carol Crawford



Charito Lincoln & Susan Hough



Valerie Manns & Yvonne O'Riley (guest)



Margaret Anaglia

November Meeting Photos by Liana J. Greenberg