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Letter from the President

I hope you all had the opportunity to connect and be with family and friends in lieu of our July meeting. We raised a little over \$1300 towards our BC/DP Scholarship Fund. Many students will reap the benefits of your generosity.

I have had the opportunity to spend the last week with many loved ones as we honored my father and celebrated his life. Thank you so much for the many cards, thoughtful notes, and for coming to the funeral services. I am not at all surprised by the outpouring of love that you have all shown me during this time. It is a true testament to the caliber of ladies we have in our Chapter. These last few months have been extremely difficult for my family and I and I am so grateful for my EW1 family. I would like to share just one memory from my father's passing that was so clearly brought to life over the last few days, "How many people take their last breath in this world with all their loved ones surrounding them and being at peace?" Not many I would say. My father, Armando A. Garza, left this earth in just that manner. I hope one day we can each leave such a legacy.

I find it very fitting that it is almost time for me to say goodbye as your President. In August, we will elect our 2011-2012 officers and in September they will be installed as your new leadership team. I am saddened that my time will soon come to an end but so excited for our Chapter as Debbie Saldana takes the helm. She is going to be an incredible President and I am so grateful that she served with me through this last year.

I still have a couple more events to lead and hope that you will all take an active role in participating. First, we have 53 registrants for the TEXLAHOMA Forum August 5-6, 2011. We are pleased to have 19 San Antonio representatives registered. How exciting is this? Now that the registration deadline has come and gone, we have officially closed registration. It will be a wonderful time of networking and leadership growth. It will also be a great time for us to show off our great city!

Also, please keep in mind that our next meeting is August 18th at the YMCA. This will be our Annual Reading Rally and it is going to be a fun filled time with 50-60 students from 2nd -4th grade. We will have many local mascots, reading stations, and several contest winners from our summer reading program. Please don't miss this opportunity to see our philanthropic endeavors in action.

Lastly, I would like to thank the many member firms who have contributed to our events this year. We are part of a very generous group of firms, who continuously give to support our chapter; whether it is in monetary donations, drawing items, sponsorships, or allowing their representatives to serve in a leadership role. We are truly a service oriented group of ladies working for an incredible group of community leaders!

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



Please help bring **LIVESTRONG®** at the YMCA, a program to improve the health of cancer survivors, to our community. Vote for us to receive funding for this special program using this link <http://vote.livestrong.org/applicants/159-ymca-of-greater-san-antonio/> - Voting deadline is 5/31 and you can vote everyday!



MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

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

July Board Meeting Notice
Wednesday, August 3, 2011

D.R. Semmes Family YMCA
 3233 N. St. Mary's Street, San Antonio, Texas 78212

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August Membership Meeting & Reading Rally

Thursday, August 18, 2011
 D. R. Semmes Family YMCA

August Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 24, 2011
 D. R. Semmes Family YMCA
 3233 N. St. Mary's Street
 San Antonio, Texas 78212



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Diane Vallejo – Rosenthal Pauerstein Sandoloski Agather, LLP Services (2nd)**
- Erline H. Ward – Life Member (3rd)**
- Cece Abel – KCI (6th)**
- Betty Gavora – Life Member (6th)**
- Elisa Ellington – HOLT CAT (6th)**
- Margaret Woods – Nix Health (10th)**
- Stacey Crabb – Omni Hotel San Antonio (10th)**
- Mary Padron – Security Service Credit Union (11th)**
- Charito Lincoln – USAA (16th)**
- Carole Lanham - KCI (17th)**
- Karin Senneff - Plant Interscapes (24th)**
- Diane Skillrud – Port Authority of San Antonio (28th)**
- B. J. Hall – Sustaining Member (28th)**
- Denise Cross – Arthur Pfeil Smart Flowers (31st)**



Anniversaries

Arthur Pfeil Smart Flowers	(53 years)
TETCO, Inc.	(29 years)
Batchelor Cadillac	(27 years)
Julian Gold	(23 years)
Herff Travel, Inc.	(22 years)



**Teri Perez
SWBC**

By Betty Gavora, Contributing Writer

The newest representative for SWBC is Teri Perez, senior executive administrative assistant to Susan Stewart, president and chief executive officer of SWBC Mortgage Corporation.

Teri has been with SWBC for three years. She says she enjoys acting as the president's liaison to some external constituents, staff and other divisions within the company.

SWBC Mortgage Corporation is a full service mortgage banking firm headquartered in San Antonio, where it has been servicing financial institutions for 20 years. The company has partnered with numerous banks and credit unions throughout the United States to create customized mortgage solutions.

A native of Uvalde, Texas, Teri moved to San Antonio in 1980. She attended Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde, where she studied business. She is married and has two sons and a granddaughter. Teri enjoys being outdoors and all the things that go with it like bike riding, camping, running and picnicking.

Teri says she hopes to further develop her public speaking skills in EWI and to gain valuable experience while participating in EWI projects.

Welcome, Teri. We're looking forward to getting to know you better.



Susan Mossberger

Creer-Believe

By Diane Flack, Contributing Writer

Please welcome into our chapter Susan Mossberger of Creer-Believe. After working in the corporate world for over twenty years, Susan was at an impasse in her past career. She had a strong desire to grow professionally and realized that she would have to change the direction of her life to do so.

Susan decided to take “the road less travelled” and set out to create her own business dedicated to providing large and small format services. Reflecting her naturally creative personality, she decided to name her business “Creer-Believe” (the Spanish word for “believe” is “creer”). Susan knew that if she really believed in something she could make it happen!

creer (v.), believe, conceive, consider, credit, deem, expect, fancy, feel, figure (spéc. anglais américain), find, guess (spéc. Anglais américain), hold, imagine, methinks, opine, postulate, presume, reckon, suppose, suspect, take for, think, view as

Four years later, she heads a thriving company with certifications from SBA 8 (a) - Business Development Program; SBA 8 (m) – Economically Disadvantaged Woman Owned Small Business; HUB Certified with the State of Texas; and the Southwest Minority Supplier Development Council.

If you shop at North Star Mall in the Saks wing, there are images on the wall which were printed and installed by her company; if you shop at The Shops at La Cantera, you will see images Creer-Believe produced and installed; if you work out at the Spectrum club, their banners and posters are also produced by her company; and if you shop at Ashley Furniture, you will also see Creer-Believe images!

There are many things Susan loves about having her own business – she is blessed with a great staff, including her husband and her daughter and son-in-law. She also claims to have wonderful customers!

Susan is a native San Antonian and enjoyed her tomboy years with five brothers, two half-brothers and no sisters. She later enjoyed her time in Eastern Europe working in a Radisson International and has also lived in Washington, D.C. Although she would not miss an opportunity to live abroad again, she knows “there is no place like home.”

2009 was a pivotal year for Susan when she married the love and light of her life and became Susan M. Mossberger-Singleton and inherited two children; chows Red Dog and Lovely; Purr, a fantastic American Bobtail, and a pond full of fish!

Susan is a welcome addition to our chapter and we look forward to sharing her enthusiasm and creativity.



Rebecca Martinez
Nix Health

By Margaret Woods, Contributing Writer

As director of corporate relations for Nix Health, Rebecca Martinez is responsible for overseeing the public relations, marketing and advertising efforts system-wide. Born in Caldwell, Idaho, Rebecca and her family traveled many of the states that make up our nation following the crops to include North Dakota, Missouri, and Florida, among others. Growing up as a migrant worker, she quickly learned to appreciate the value of an education.

In hopes of becoming a journalist, Rebecca earned a degree in Speech Communications from St. Mary's University. After completing an internship in the public relations department at San Antonio College, she decided this was what she could envision doing the rest of her life. She has held public relations positions at the San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau, Warm Springs Rehabilitation System, Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa, and now at Nix Health.

"I'm excited about becoming a member of EWI. For years I have heard women throughout the city talk about their membership with great pride and excitement and now I am a part of that," said Rebecca. "I not only look forward to the camaraderie but also the opportunities to continue to grow and contribute to EWI and Nix Health."

Married to Robert Martinez, pastoral associate of St. Gregory the Great Catholic School, and mother of 7 year-old Gabriela, Rebecca enjoys reading and running during her spare time. She is currently training to run the 1/2 Rock-N-Roll Marathon in November for the first time.



Monica Garza & Liana Greenberg



Lynn & Harold Smasal



Jimmie Joffe &
Yvonne O'Riley (Guest of PurinaCare Insurance Service)



Barbara Jordan, Gloria Eastwood



TEXAS BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE Walking Tour of GCC Computing Center & Bus Tour of Texas Biomedical Research Institute





The Hakspiel Family



Damita Pape



Barbara Gault



Leona Pappas, Jelane Lodek, Karen Carawan



Patti Timblin, Susan Mossberger, Mitzi Pearson



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2010-2011 Calendar: YEAR AT A GLANCE

<u>General Membership Meeting</u>	<u>Board Meeting</u>	<u>Topics/Conferences/Special Events</u>
	D. R. Semmes Family YMCA 3233 N. St. Mary's St. San Antonio, Tx78212 – 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	Freedom of Choice-You Are Your Words - David Flack
Thursday, February 17	Wednesday, February 23	Kenneth P. Trevett, J.D.-SFBR
Thursday, March 17	Wednesday, March 23	EWI'rish Potluck Dinner – Guest Speaker, Stephanie Ramsey, VP Marketing Port San Antonio
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	Firm Night - Texas Biomedical Research Institute
Thursday, July 21	Wednesday, August 3	Non-Meeting Fundraiser
Friday, August 5-6		TEXLAHOMA Forum/Hosted by San Antonio
Thursday, August 18	Wednesday, August 24	YMCA of Greater SA/Reading Rally
Thursday, September 15	TBD	Chapter Board Installation
		LCAM: September 22-24, 2011 Minneapolis, MN

June 2011

EWI OF SAN ANTONIO BOARD RECAP

TREASURER REPORT

Patty Wilkins, Treasurer

May 30, 2011 Account Balances:

GENERAL ACCOUNT

General Account \$ 50,754.30
Investment Account \$ 13,108.73

BCDP (EWISP & ASIST)

Scholarship Account \$51,274.79

SECRETARY REPORT

Liana Greenberg, Secretary

- Minutes Approved: May 25, 2011 Board Meeting
- Minutes Approved: June 16, 2011 Membership Meeting

PROGRAM REPORT

Debbie Saldana reported on behalf of Director Barbara Gault

July Non-Meeting Meeting. Representatives will RSVP as normal and pay a reduced fee of \$20 for members (\$10 for sustaining members) but with no actual meeting taking place. All money collected for the July Non-Meeting will go to the B/C/DP Scholarship Funds.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Patti Timblin, Director

- June installations included Susan Mossberger of new member firm, Creer-Believe and Rebeca Martinez as a third representative for Nix Health.
- Installations planned for August include Amanda Avendano of Enterprise Holdings and Nina L Hernandez as a replacement representative for Porter Loring Mortuary.
- 20 representatives attended the New Member Orientation on Thursday June 9, 2011.

PHILANTHROPY REPORT

Lyn Pitman, Director

- The following items were collected at the June meeting for Dress for Success: 29 Clothing items; 5 purses; 29 pair of earrings; 45 necklaces; 7 bracelets; 8 pins; 5 miscellaneous jewelry items; 10 pair of shoes and 1 watch.
- With assistance from the Ways & means Committee we also received a box of books for the Reading Rally.
- The Philanthropy Committee has a Reading Rally planning meeting scheduled for Tuesday June 28 at the YMCA Tri-Point facility to review and discuss the Reading Rally.
- A special thank you to member firm, Batchelor Cadillac who donated \$200 specifically for the Reading Rally.
- An appearance by the H-E-Buddy has been confirmed for the Reading Rally.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT

Vice President Debbie Saldana on behalf of Sergeant-At-Arms Lori Hakspiel reported

June Attendance:	40 Firms Represented	56%
	49 Representatives	52%
	1 Sustaining	07%
	2 Life	67%
	<u>8 Guests</u>	
	60 Total	

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WAYS & MEANS REPORT

Denise Cross, Director

- The Ways & Means Committee held a Reading Rally Book Fundraiser at the June regular meeting. A total of \$67.00 was collected for the B/C/DP fund.
- An Additional \$190.00 was collected for the scholarship fund from additional donations made leftover office chairs from the EWI Rummage sale.
- The July meeting will be a Non-Meeting Fundraiser for the B/C/DP Scholarship fund.

PUBLICATION REPORT

Melissa Piña, Director

- The following members will be interviewed for the June edition of CONNECT:
-Teri Perez, SWBC

NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

- A memoriam in honor of Kathy Jones' mother and Debbie Lazarine's brother will be made to B/C/DP scholarship funds.

TEXLAHOMA

Connie Ross, Advisor

- The forum will be held at member firm Doubletree Hotel on August 5-6, 2011. The catering contract has been signed. We are confirmed for 40 people and 25 sleeping rooms. Connie R e-mailed a flyer and registration form to all chapter presidents in Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas asking them to share the information with their members. Mayor Julian Castro will welcome our guests at the opening of the forum on Friday afternoon. That evening we will have a karaoke reception. Suzie Humphreys will be our guest speaker on the morning of August 6th. All members are invited and encouraged to attend the Texlahoma Forum.