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Letter from the President

PASSING THE TORCH! It is now time for us to experience the light of a different leader in EWI® of San Antonio. I proudly hand the flame over to Debbie Saldaña as your new President. We have worked closely together and all that was accomplished was a team effort and a combined vision to sustain and expose our great organization to the city of San Antonio.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the following ladies:

- **Debbie Saldaña-VP/President Elect representing H-E-B**
- **Liana Greenberg- Secretary-representing Purina Care Insurance Services, Inc.**
- **Patty Wilkins-Treasurer-representing Security Service Federal Credit Union**
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- **Connie Ross-Advisor-representing Marmon Mok Architecture**



These dynamic women, along with those who served as Committee Chairs, have been invaluable partners this past year. I am so proud of how these savvy women worked to streamline our processes and make their committees more efficient. EWI® of San Antonio is very fortunate to have volunteers and leaders who do their part every month to keep our organization moving forward.

I pass the **TORCH** with confidence knowing that we have a new team ready to serve you, our representatives and firms. I look to the future with excitement and anticipation as we strive to achieve our common goals of building **Connections, Careers and Communities**.

This has been a year of amazing growth for me both personally and professionally and I am so grateful that I was able to share that journey with you..... My EWI Family!

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





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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Liz Rivera

Doubletree Hotel (2nd)

Kathy Bishop

Zachry Holdings, Inc. (14th)

Joan Gase

Sustaining Member (19th)

Susie Salazar

St. Mary's University (20th)

Sylvia Rodriguez

Valero Energy Corporation (28th)

Delia Guajardo

U.S. Military Veterans Parade Association (28th)

ANNIVERSARIES

AT&T

(52 years)

Morgan Stanley Smith Barney

(34 years)

C.H. Guenther & Son, Inc.

(13 years)

WELCOME BACK!



Bobbi Lutz

(San Antonio Economic Development Foundation)



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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

Membership Meeting & Installation of 2011-2012

Board of Directors

Thursday, September 15, 2011

The Spire at Sunset Station
230 Center Street, San Antonio, Tx 78205
Phone: 210.222.9481

September Board Meeting/Retreat

Friday, September 30, 2011

11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

H-E-B Headquarters (Arsenal)
646 S. Main, San Antonio, Texas 78204

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October Membership Meeting

Thursday, October 20, 2011

To be determined

October Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Ronnette Elizabeth Pittman Security Service Federal Credit Union

By Diane Flack, Contributing Writer



Our new member Ronnette Elizabeth Pittman is the eldest of four siblings from a military family. She had a wonderful childhood that gave her the opportunity to travel in Europe and experience different cultures. She has also lived in several states across the United States. It was only natural that she married a military man; her husband Kenneth served 22 years in the Air Force, finally retiring to Lackland AFB in San Antonio. She is currently finishing up a BA degree at Columbia Southern University and has only four classes remaining to complete her degree.

Kenneth and Ronnette will celebrate their 28th anniversary this December and have three beautiful children: Gary, Kenny and Jazmine. They are almost empty nesters, with only Jazmine and her miniature Chihuahua tiny remaining at home. Currently her mother-in-law also resides with them- God, family, and friends are Ronnette's priorities, and she thanks God every day for His leadership and for all the blessings she has received. She loves to live, and lives to love with an open heart.

Ronnette has worked in the banking industry for 22 years and has been with SSFCU for 12 of those years. Her current position with Security Service Federal Credit Union is Senior Service Center Manager of the 2nd largest branch of SSFCU. She loves her job working for Security Service Federal Credit Union because they are truly the epitome of "People helping people ". She had the opportunity to attend the North Chamber Leadership Lab in 2008, a leadership lab that opened new doors and provided invaluable networking opportunities.

Ronnette's hobbies include cooking desserts, dancing, and socializing with family and friends. She loves music, especially jazz, and loves to read romance novels for relaxation.

Monique Johnson, a former EWI member, introduced Ronnette to EWI, and she is excited to be joining our chapter, with the belief that EWI will open new lines of communication for networking. With the support of her family and her gratitude for her many blessings, she looks forward to being a part of the EWI family.

Amanda Avendano Enterprise Holdings, Inc.

By Betty Gavora, Contributing Writer



Amanda Avendano, business rental sales executive for Enterprise Holdings, Inc., looks forward to representing her company in the San Antonio Chapter of EWI. Fresh out of college, Amanda joined Enterprise's management training program in January 2003. She moved up to management in 2004 and was promoted to the Business Rental Department in 2007.

In her job Amanda handles a large book of business and is responsible for setting up accounts and accounts payable. Enterprise is the largest car rental provider in the world measured by revenue (\$12.6 billion annually), employees (some 66,000) and fleet.

A native San Antonian, Amanda holds a degree in General Business from The University of Texas at San Antonio, where she also met her husband, Tony, "the love of her life." They have two beautiful children—son Hayden, 3, and daughter Kooper, 18 months.

Amanda is head of the philanthropic plank of the women in business for Enterprise, so she is looking forward to networking opportunities in EWI and excited to gain a mentor for help with her leadership skills and personal development.

An avid tennis player, Amanda enjoys sports, and--get this--is training for the Rock 'n Roll Marathon in November. Rock on, Amanda!

Executive Women International is supporting San Antonio youth literacy efforts

San Antonio Business Journal - by [Tamarind Phinisee](#)

Date: Tuesday, August 16, 2011, 12:53pm CDT

EWI of San Antonio is hosting a Reading Rally event as part of the larger 2011 EWI International Reading Rally campaign for the month of August. A literacy campaign is designed to promote reading and writing to children. The event will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2011, from noon to 1 p.m., at the D. R. Semmes Family YMCA at TriPoint, located at 3233 N. St. Mary's St.

EWI of San Antonio is using Mayor **Julian Castro's** 2011 San Antonio Public Library Summer Reading Program as a guide to encourage the children to read throughout the summer. The hope is that the children would be better prepared to start the school year.

This year's theme for the rally is water conservation, a topic reflecting current drought concerns across much of Texas. As such, [San Antonio Water System](#) [San Antonio Water System](#) Latest from The Business Journals [SAWS approves smoke-testing over Edwards Aquifer recharge zone](#)[BexarMet's credit line frozen over uncertain future](#)[SAWS planning revenue bond offering](#) [Follow this company](#) has donated a conservation-based book titled "Reagan's Stream" to each of the 60 children. The book will be read by YMCA COO and Vice President **Jill Tramel**.

EWI of San Antonio has also selected three essay contest winners who will be awarded prizes for their diligence in reading and writing.

Executive Women International (EWI) is a nonprofit organization of leading business, service, and professional companies. The organization's mission is to bring together women from diverse businesses for the purpose of promoting member firms, enhancing personal and professional development, and encouraging community involvement.

Businessman Red McCombs kicks off 'Fill 'Er Up' campaign for UTSA Athletics

UTSA football players and Head Football Coach Larry Coker (Aug. 19, 2011)--Local business leader **Red McCombs** announced Friday he will donate \$1 million to UTSA Athletics, matching the single largest gift in department history. The announcement came during a local breakfast held by the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce at Stonewerks Big Rock Grille at The Rim. Additionally, the McCombs family pledged to purchase 1,000 tickets for UTSA's inaugural football game against Northeastern State Sept. 3 at the Alamodome.



"Red McCombs has been a steadfast supporter of UTSA," said UTSA President **Ricardo Romo**. "Like many in San Antonio, his enthusiasm for our new football program is unstoppable. With his help and the help of local business leaders, we are aiming to sell all 65,000 seats at our first game. Let's 'fill 'er up.'"

McCombs' million-dollar pledge kicks off a fundraising campaign to build practice facilities at the new UTSA Park West Campus near the intersection of Highway 1604 and Kyle Seale Parkway. Once completed, the campus will be home to all UTSA Athletics teams.

"Today, the center of San Antonio is UTSA," McCombs said. "We need a lot of things at UTSA. We have to have practice fields, and I'm going to kick that drive off today."

"We certainly appreciate Mr. McCombs and his gift and all of the support we've received in the San Antonio area," UTSA Head Football Coach **Larry Coker** said.

"What Red has pledged to our department is nothing short of amazing," said UTSA Athletics Director **Lynn Hickey**. "We want to thank him for his generosity and support of our athletics department."

At the Chamber breakfast, Hickey also announced **Jim Bodenstedt**, a graduate of the UTSA College of Business (1996), will purchase 500 tickets. Bodenstedt, and his wife, **Cathy Bodenstedt**, donated \$1 million last year to support UTSA Athletics.



WHATABURGER Goes BaNANAs

Introduces new banana pie and shake, starting August 22

(SAN ANTONIO – August 22, 2011) – Today [Whataburger](#) announced the addition of two tasty new desserts for a limited time -- the banana pie and banana shake. The fruity treats will be available at [all Whataburger locations](#) Monday, August 22 at 3 p.m. through Monday, October 31.

The banana pie and shake make their debut on Whataburger's menu in response to a growing customer demand. In fact, according to [Mintel](#), a leading market research company that analyses 580 restaurants with combined offerings of approximately 1.5 million menu items, tropical flavors "are as hot as high summer right now."

The banana shake joins Whataburger's tried and true flavors of vanilla, chocolate and strawberry. All shakes, including Whataburger's traditional shake flavors, are offered in three sizes, 16 ounce, 20 ounce and 32 ounce. The new banana pie, with its flaky crust and creamy filling, joins Whataburger's lineup of limited time pie favorites which have included strawberry, cherry, lemon and chocolate brownie.

In addition to the new banana pie and shake, other Whataburger dessert options include hot apple pies, sugar and chocolate chunk cookies, cinnamon rolls and fruit chews.

For nutritional information on the banana pie, banana shake or any other Whataburger menu item customers can visit www.whataburger.com.

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October 22, 2011
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San Antonio, Texas 78257

Tables of 8 \$500
VIP Tables of 10 \$750
Individuals \$75



Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade Appoints General Manager

The four-diamond Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade has appointed Delfin Ortiz as General Manager. Ortiz will be responsible for the overall strategic direction of the hotel as well as the day to day leadership of the property.

Ortiz brings more than 19 years of hospitality industry experience to the Omni at the Colonnade. He most recently served as the Director of Operations at the Omni Houston Galleria Hotel. Before joining the Houston Galleria Hotel, Ortiz was the Director of Operations for the Omni at the Colonnade. Due to his outstanding performance, he comes back as the General Manager. His background also includes Management positions at the Omni Berkshire, Omni Colonnade in Coral Gables, FL. and Omni Charlottesville.

Ortiz earned an Associate's degree in Applied Science from the City University of New York, a degree in Hospitality Management from New York University and studied Food & Beverage Management from the Florida International University. He was awarded the Manager of the Year from the Omni Berkshire Place as well as the Excellence Award for Outstanding Service in New York.

"I am pleased to return to San Antonio and proud to be the General Manager of the Omni at the Colonnade." says Delfin Ortiz. His vision is to continue the focus on delivering the Omni top-notch customer service.

About Omni Hotels & Resorts

Omni Hotels & Resorts creates genuine, authentic guest experiences that take guests on "A Total Departure" to 45 distinct luxury hotels and resorts in leading business gateways and leisure destinations across North America. Each Omni showcases the local flavor of the destination while featuring four-diamond services, signature restaurants, Wi-Fi connectivity and unique wellness options. Known for its award-winning, personalized service, Omni leaves a lasting impression with every customer interaction.

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OCTOBER 2, 2011
10:00am - 2:00pm

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DONATIONS FOR VICTIMS OF THE TEXAS FIRES



The Situation:

- By September 5, fires had burned over 3.5 million acres across Texas.
- In the past week, more than 1000 homes have been destroyed.
- In the Bastrop fires alone, more than 5000 people have been evacuated.



What is needed?

- **Blankets**
- **Pillows**
- **Toiletries**
- **Non-perishable Food Items**
- **Unopened Medical Supplies**

For cash donations, please contact the Red Cross at (800) 928-4271.

For current updates, visit the Texas Forest Service at <http://txforestservicetamu.edu>

Drop off items through September 15, 2011 at:

**D. R. Semmes Family YMCA at TriPoint
3233 N. St. Mary's St. San Antonio, TX 78212
210-246-9622**

Or you may bring them to the Membership Meeting on September 15th!

EWI Reading Rally



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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, July 27	Non-Meeting Fundraiser
Friday, August 5-6		TEXLAHOMA Forum/Hosted by San Antonio
Thursday, August 18	Wednesday, August 24 <i>Artesa at Quarry Village</i>	YMCA of Greater SA/Reading Rally
Thursday, September 15	Friday, September 30 H-E-B Headquarters (Arsenal) 646 S. Main, SATx 78204	Chapter Board Installation The Spire at Sunset Station 230 Center Street, San Antonio, Tx 78205
		LCAM: September 22-24, 2011 Minneapolis, MN