

Saskatoon ewiConnect

April, 2025



President's Message

The Gem of Opportunity: Investing in Education

April is a month of growth, renewal, and new possibilities. As we welcome the change in seasons, we also embrace the opportunity to make a lasting impact on the lives of those striving for a brighter future. This month, our focus shines on the incredible power of education and the importance of providing the tools necessary for success.

Like a rare and precious gem, knowledge has the ability to transform lives. It is through learning and perseverance that individuals uncover their true potential. That is why this month, we are rallying together for a cause that is close to our hearts—raising funds to provide computer equipment for an adult student pursuing further education through Foundations Learning & Skills.

In today's digital world, access to technology is a cornerstone of educational success. A reliable computer is not just a tool—it is a gateway to opportunity, connection, and achievement. By coming together as a community, we can help remove barriers and empower students to thrive.

Please support our fundraising efforts, whether through participation, donation, or spreading the word. Your generosity and dedication reflect the very essence of what makes EWI so remarkable—the commitment to uplifting and empowering others.

Thank you for being the gems that continue to make a difference. Together, we are not just investing in equipment; we are investing in futures, in dreams, and in the boundless potential of lifelong learning.



With appreciation and purpose,

Deb Brown, C.Mgr.
2024-25 Chapter President

"Shine bright because the world needs your light!"



Foundations
Learning & Skills
Saskatchewan

You're A Gem!

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Please Join Us!
If you would like to assist in a board position, please reach out to any board member.



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Family Steak Night

Friday, April 11th, 2025

Doors Open 5pm, Dinner at 6pm

Saskatoon Soccer Center, 150 Nelson Rd.

*Get your tickets before
April 6th
or while they last!*

www.ewiofsaskatoon.ca

*Steak or Chicken Entree
GF/Vegetarian options
Kids meal is Chicken Fingers*



Adults \$26
Kids Meal \$15

Silent Auction
Raffle Items
Door Prizes
50/50
Live Dessert Auction

Space is limited to 150



A portion of the funds raised will be donated to
Foundations Learning & Skills to fund a laptop
for an adult student who is pursuing further
education.

Family Steak Night

Notes & FAQ's

WE NEED YOUR HELP MEMBERS!

- * Please send all silent auction or raffle prize info (Name of company, description or theme if it is a gift basket, value and any expiry dates if applicable) by **April 4th** to **kfskirten@gmail.com**
- * If you can bake an item for our **Live Dessert Auction**, please send an email to **kfskirten@gmail.com** and advise how many items you are booking, i.e. One Dozen Cookies. Please ensure items are packed in a container you do not wish to have back, that is see through so the attendees and auctioneer can see the items (you eat with your eyes first!) and a card or label attached that has the Recipe Name and ALL ingredients listed.
- * Register for the event by Friday, April 4th. We hope to see our members and their family and friends once again come out for a great event, this time supporting Member Firm Foundations Learning & Skills.

Huge thanks to Tracey Fesiuk of Member Firm Martensville Plumbing & Heating for their kind sponsorship of \$150.00 for the event!



Thank you to all of the companies who have donated items so far:

PLANT.yxe

The Barn at Wind's Edge

Sable Consulting

MOBO Promotional Solutions

Boston Pizza

Synergy

Great Western

Miren Nekane Jewelry

Laserology

Again, if you have items to donate or that you have collected, please send email to **kfskirten@gmail.com** by **April 4th**



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2024 – 2025

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March 30, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

EWI provides an opportunity for professional women who believe that leadership is something within all of us to come together and develop our skills and ourselves. Through service, volunteering, partnering, creating, designing, mentoring, acting and supporting - members of EWI thrive in their careers and their communities.

We are fundraising to support Foundations Learning & Skills who offer literacy programming and support throughout the province of Saskatchewan. Specifically, we are hoping to raise funds to provide laptops to adults utilizing their services who are pursuing further secondary education and training in Saskatoon. Literacy is the primary philanthropic focus of Executive Women International which was started in 1938.

We are reaching out to local business owners in Saskatoon to request prize donations for our door prizes and silent auction. Anything that your business would be willing to donate would be greatly appreciated, and we will gladly mention your business and contributions at our event on April 11, 2025 at the Soccer Center on Nelson Road.

To arrange for prize pickup, please contact EWI at ewiofsaskatoon@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your support. For more information on EWI, please visit <https://ewiofsaskatoon.ca/>.

Sincerely,

Debbie Brown

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2024-25 President, EWI of Saskatoon

P.S. I highly encourage anyone looking for a community of professionals that believe in being your best self to join EWI and do it today! Please join us the 3rd Wednesday of each month (September to June) for networking, dinner and a guest speaker. To hear our latest news, like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ewisaskatoon/>.

2024/25 Sister's Challenge

Current Standings



TEAM #	Big Sister	L'il Sister	TOTAL
1	Cara Mazurak	Lori McInnis	0
2	Susan McDonald	Karen Pallibroda	28
3	Char Weightman	Joanne Jestin	5
4	Nhu Gaudet	Darla Brown	5
5	Fran Seidler	Ashley Bernauer	5
6	Susan Mowat	Shauntelle Cox	14
7	Darlene Biggins	Barb Wohlford	14
8	Tracey Fesiuk	Ricci De Cecco	0
9	Jennelle Wignes-Haaland	Brenda Dyer	7
10	Karen Skirten	Sheila Buhr	21.5
11	Rhonda Adair	Myra Kirk	10
12	Debbie Brown	Lori Riopel	28.5
13	Anna Kalyta	Melinda Bushaj	10

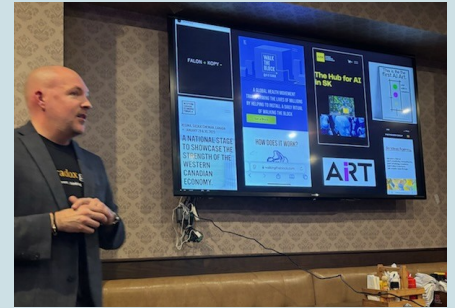
WELL DONE Sisters! There were three teams that got together with their Sister and shared their "WHY EWI?" on our EWI of Saskatoon Facebook page. Overwhelming reason for our continued membership is the connections with one another. Bonus points went to four of us for posting a Limerick on our EWI of Saskatoon Networking Group page on Facebook.



Our April Challenge & Bonus is....

- ⇒ Our April challenge is to register and attend our Family Steak Night on April 11th.
- ⇒ BONUS Points will also be awarded to any sister that bakes an item for our Live Dessert Auction at the Steak Night. Remember to send an email to kfskirten@gmail.com if you are going to be one of our bakers. Ready? Set? Bake!

It was a lively crowd that came out to our March dinner meeting at Birmingham's with Alex Fallon of AiSK. Thanks to all of you who came, members and guests alike!



Thank you Birmingham's



EWI of Saskatoon has two great opportunities for Leadership Development available on the Board...

Program Director & Fundraising Chair

"She profits most who serves best" - Lucille Johnson Perkins, Founder



December 16, 2024

LIT UP! Auction Letter

Dear Friend of Literacy,

We need your help gathering items for our LIT UP! silent auction 2024.

Foundations Learning's 29th annual fundraiser, LIT UP! will be held on **Thursday, April 24th** at Prairieland Park, Hall C. Last year, we hosted 368 guests and raised \$68,000 through this event. Several items and one-of-a-kind experiences were auctioned off while guests enjoyed a delicious sit-down dinner and cocktails.

Want to get involved?

- **Donate an item to be used in our silent or live auction!** It could be a product, a gift card, a gift basket, an experience voucher, etc. We will also gladly accept cash donations to purchase an item on your behalf. If you require a charitable receipt for your donation, please indicate the value.
- **Purchase tickets or a corporate table!** Tickets are \$125 per individual, \$1,000 for a table of 8, or \$1,250 for a VIP table of 8. The VIP experience includes wine service for the table, extra dessert, and front-row seats! Tickets sell out fast, so don't sleep on it, get yours here. A charitable tax receipt is issued for a portion of all tickets purchased.

Auction items can be mailed or delivered to the Foundations Learning's office. If you prefer, we will be happy to arrange to pick up items at your convenience.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope to see you at LIT UP!.

Sincerely,

Cathlin Berndt (she/her)
Communications & Events Coordinator
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Did you know that one-third of Saskatchewan residents struggle with literacy daily?

Foundations Learning & Skills Saskatchewan offers literacy training and support for adults and families as well as access to financial literacy programs, all free of charge. We believe that everyone has the right to learn, and that lifelong learning habits contribute to strong communities. Visit our website to learn more: FoundationsLearning.com

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together.
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together.

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