

# Saskatoon ewiConnect

December, 2024



## President's Message

*Greetings EWI of Saskatoon!*

*The Chapter Board met for the annual planning retreat on November 27th, hosted by Farm Business Consultants (FBC). The agenda covered all aspects of the chapter operations and business. The meeting left us energized and ready for the year ahead.*

*Our first exciting initiative to support each other professionally and personally was introduced to the members at the November chapter meeting, Karen Skirten, a Life member of EWI is leading a Sister's Challenge. Be sure to join in the fun! Get to know your fellow members and let's strengthen our network together by surrounding ourselves with strong women.*

*I encourage all members to visit the EWI of Saskatoon website for information about this year's events.*

*EWI Corporate hosts monthly professional development webinars and leadership calls that offer a wealth of information and are open to all members and are not just for those on the board or in leadership roles at work. Let's grow together!*

*Thank you to Hillcrest for providing a lovely space for the November meeting. Also a big thanks to our speaker Melanie Gareau. Lots of amazing "take home" info! In addition, a big shout out to all members who participated in the kids shoe box donations! You've made someone's Christmas brighter!*

*I hope you all have our Holiday Celebration on your calendars! The excitement is building for the event. You won't want to miss it!! This special gathering is on December 11th at Willow Country and we have a night planned with delicious food and entertainment. Please bring a regifted item along wrapped for the White Elephant gift exchange.*



*Our fundraising initiatives continue for the ASIST program and I look forward to working with you to reach our goals for 2025!*

Deb Brown, C.Mgr, Business Development Consultant  
Farm Business Consultants

**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.



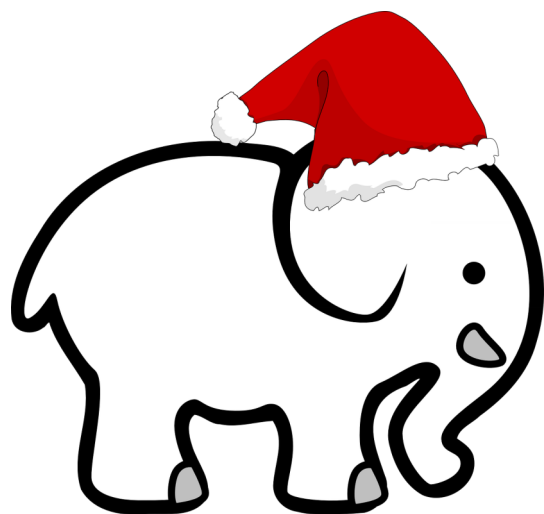
## Our Next Meeting...

*Spouses & Guests  
Welcome*

### *Menu*

*Choice of 2 Salads  
Dinner Buns & Butter  
Roast Turkey & Stuffing  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Perogies & Cabbage Rolls  
Choice of Vegetable  
Choice of Dessert*

*Entertainment too!  
Open Mic Night*



### **White Elephant Gift Exchange**

All attendees for the December meeting are asked to bring a wrapped item for our gift exchange. Items should be something from your home that you want to get rid of by "gifting forward!!" Remember that question in the December Sister's Challenge? Maybe it's a sparkly dress or a shabby housecoat? No Granny panties though, please! LOL!

Something funny or thoughtful, your choice!





## You're Invited!

### EWI Corporate Special Holiday Webinar for all Members!

*Can we be the Chapter with the most attendees?  
Let's show them EWI of Saskatoon's holiday spirit. Maybe we all wear toques for the call? HO HO HO!*



EWI Corporate is hosting a **Holiday Celebration Webinar** on Tuesday, **December 10th at 7pm CST**. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with your EWI family, share seasonal inspiration and make merry together.

#### What's in Store:

- The Corporate Board and members will share their favorite holiday traditions, gifting ideas and inspirations to get you in the holiday spirit.
- Toast to the season! Bring your favorite beverage and join us for a few festive cheers throughout the event.
- Dress the part! Wear your favorite holiday sweater, Santa/Elf/Grinch hat or anything festive to add to the fun.

We'd love to see you there! Please RSVP through the link below to help us plan for this magical evening!

Register [HERE](#) now!

Let's make this holiday season one to remember. We can't wait to see your smiling faces and festive gear!

P.S. Be sure to check out our social media posts to share the holiday cheer with fellow members!

- EWI Corporate Board

## Our Chapter's Year Ahead

The Chapter Board held their retreat on the 27th of November and have laid out the plans for the year ahead! Some exciting things are being planned! Here is a rough outline of what we have in store for you... more details to come!

- ♦ January 15th Dinner Meeting - Inviting Sasktel to speak on Cyber Security. Venue: ClearTech
- ♦ February 19th Dinner Meeting—Inviting Doctor to speaker on Women's Heart Health, location TBA
- ♦ March 19th Dinner Meeting—Speaker Alex Fallon from AISK on Artificial Intelligence, location TBA
- ♦ April 11th—Steak Night Fundraiser, Henk Ruys Soccer Centre—\*Volunteers Needed\*
- ♦ May 21st Dinner Meeting—Inviting Mayor Cynthia Block to speak, location TBA
- ♦ June 18th Dinner & Business Meeting—Inviting Crime Stoppers to speak on personal safety, location TBA
- ♦ July—no meeting
- ♦ August 20th —Backyard Pizza Oven Party & Games Night at Barb Wohlford's home—members only
- ♦ September 17th Dinner Meeting— Inviting Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce CEO Jason Aebig, location TBA
- ♦ October—Octoberfest Fundraiser, date and location TBA—\*Volunteers Needed\*
- ♦ November 19th Dinner Meeting—Inviting Senior Female Member from Canadian Armed Forces, location TBA
- ♦ December 10th Dinner Meeting & Market Fundraiser—Location TBA



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**Dec 11,12,13**

*Susan A. McDonald*

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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



## EWI of Saskatoon's Sisters Challenge

**Reminder—deadline to post your answers on our Chapter's EWI Networking Group on Facebook is Dec 6th!**

Six teams have had points awarded already:

Rhonda & Myra  
Susan M & Shauntelle  
Debbie & Lori  
Susan Mc & Karen P  
Sheila & Karen S  
Darlene & Barb

### Way to go Ladies!

#### BONUS POINTS

available if you dress alike at our  
December 11th Holiday Dinner Party!

### Grand Prize

Lunch & Pedicures for Two  
Will be awarded in June!



*Our Sincere Thanks to...*

**Rhonda, Darlene & Shauntelle**

These ladies coordinated a collection of items at our November meeting for Prairie Harm Reduction.

We also want to recognize **Sheila Buhr** for making it possible for us to grab the designated shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse at our November meeting.

