

December 2018



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Wow, how time flies! I can't believe that it is December already,

Scholarships. The Pigs personality and characteristics traits are energetic, enthusiastic, and may not stand out in a crowd, but they are very realistic and take action. Which is what I want to see for our first full year as an official Chapter.

I do hope you are able to join us for our December meeting, which we have changed for this month from a dinner meeting to a lunch event. We felt that this would be better as we know that December is a busy month for everyone. Please do join us and learn more about the YWCA Shine a Light for the Holidays campaign, and how you can help provide a safe haven for women and families in crisis. We will also be hosting our Bi-annual Business meeting at 11:00 a.m. where we require our membership to be present to pass our 2018-2019 Budget. Should you not be able to make it to this please send your proxy with another member.

Thank you for a great year of being part of an amazing group of women (& really smart men) that I know I have learned a lot from, and look forward to learning so much more. On behalf of the Officers and Board of Directors of EWI of Saskatoon, we would like to wish you and your family a very Happy, Safe Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,  
*Sandra Miller*  
Board President

however I always enjoy looking back on the year and how much we as a Chapter have done. We were so very luck to officially chartered this year on May 4, 2018 and had the pleasure of having the Corporate President at the time Cheryl Hawkins join us for a great weekend of fun, I am so glad members from our chapter were able to show her what Saskatoon is all about. We would not have been able to get to where we are without the help of our sister chapter over in Albert EWI of Calgary, a BIG shout out and THANK YOU to the ladies for their support and commitment as well as coming to our Chartering Gala as well.

As I have shared before writing is not my strong suite or one of my favorite things to do, so I am always looking for inspiration on what to write about. This time I came across the Chinese Zodiac sign, and 2019 is the year of the Pig, and this spoke to me as well I am a "Pig". As I read up on the Pig I learned a lot not just about myself, but where I see our Chapter headed over the next year, with this amazing Board of Directors we have. They say that the Pig is the twelfth zodiac animal and to the Chinese is a sign of wealth, which I find super fitting because this is the year we have a full board and will be moving forward with our EWI Foundation and setting up our ASIST (Adult Student In Scholastic Transition)

## EWI OF SASKATOON

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING

2ND AVE GRILL - ATRIUM

DECEMBER 19, 2018 @ 11 AM  
PRIOR TO OUR DECEMBER LUNCH EVENT

Should you not be able to make this meeting please ensure  
you send a proxy to someone who is able to vote.

## Save the Date

### December 12<sup>th</sup>

11:00 Member Business Meeting  
11:30 Luncheon and Fundraiser for  
YWCA  
Guest Speaker Joy-Ann Allin.  
Remember your holiday ornament  
and donation for the YWCA

### January 16<sup>th</sup>

Networking and Dinner  
Location TBD  
Stay tuned to our Website &  
Facebook page for details.

### February 20<sup>th</sup>

Networking and Dinner  
Location TBD  
Stay tuned to our Website &  
Facebook page for details.

*Remember our meetings are on the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.*

# Report from 2018-2019 Board of Directors

To: EWI of Saskatoon  
 From: Sandra Miller, President 2018-2019  
 Re: President Report to the Membership –  
 December 2018

## 1. Summary of Activities to Date:

- Full Board with no vacant positions
- Planned the Board Retreat in October 2018
- Supporting our new board within their positions
- Working on creating interest in joining committees
- Creating a timeline and specific duties within each board position

Respectfully submitted,  
*Sandra Miller, President – 2018-2019*

To: EWI of Saskatoon  
 From: Michelle Busa, Vice President/President Elect 2018-2019  
 Re: VP/PE Report to the Membership  
 December 2018

## 1. Summary of Activities to Date:

- Have booked us in with Moon Lake Golf Course for 2019
- Managing sign-up sheet for committees
- Organized a list of members and board to be “buddies”

Respectfully submitted,  
*Michelle Busa, VP/PE 2018-2019*

To: EWI of Saskatoon  
 From: Susan Mowat, Ways and Means 2018-2019  
 Re: Ways and Means Report to the Membership –  
 December 2018

## 1. Summary of Ways and Means Activities to Date:

- I have started requesting donations for door prizes from Firm Members for monthly dinner meetings. I will reach out monthly to a different firm member so all firms have an opportunity to shine.
- I am setting up Licensing for raffles and 50/50's for monthly meetings
- I have researched locations and booked a steak night for March 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.

(In celebration of international woman's day month)

- Looking into Venues for event for Christmas 2019 event.
- I have been exploring other options for fundraising for next year.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Susan Mowat, Ways and Means 2018-2019*

To: EWI of Saskatoon  
 From: TJ Keller, Program Director 2018/19  
 Re: Program Director Report to the Membership –  
 December 2018

## 1. Summary of Activities to Date:

- Looking into venues for 2019 Dinner meetings
- Making initial contact with potential guest speakers for the new year
- Evolving Paper meeting programs to electronic presentations
- Gathering suggestions for potential guest speakers

Respectfully submitted,  
*TJ Keller, Program Director – 2018-19*

To: EWI of Saskatoon  
 From: Char Weightman  
 Re: Retention and Recruitment Director  
 November 2018

## 1. Summary of Activities to Date:

- Individual members moving to firm members. Pay as if they are a new member
- 2 new member inquiries
- Michelle B renewed into firm member
- Joy will move to firm member in Jan when her renewal is up
- Shannon Cosette is changing company's but individual member.
- Serena, Shannon, Tammy and Tanya were to renew in Nov. Waiting on update from Courtney

Respectfully submitted,  
*Char Weightman - Retention and Recruitment Director – 2018-2019*

To: EWI of Saskatoon  
From: Amanda Medvid  
Re: Communications Director  
December 2018

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1. Summary of Activities to Date:

- Utilizing Facebook to reach out to current and potential members
- Managing the website and Connect newsletters

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Medvid - Retention and Recruitment Director –  
2018-2019

To: EWI of Saskatoon  
From: Darlene Biggins , Treasure 2018-2019  
Re: Treasure Report to the Membership –  
December, 2018

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1. Summary of Activities to Date:

- Please see attached

Respectfully submitted,  
Darlene Biggins , Treasure 2018-2019

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## Did you know our members have access to webinars? Our next webinar is

Shape Your Time for Work Life Balance  
Presenter: Samantha Lane, Owner  
Origami Day  
Tuesday, December 4, 2018  
3:00 PM EST / 12:00 PM PST



origami day

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encouragement on proper mindset to bring balance to a busy life. Participants can expect to leave this session feeling encouraged and empowered to make the most of their days with tips and resources to implement immediately. Additionally, specific pointers on managing a calendar, setting expectations and increasing efficiency will be shared. The session will conclude with Q&A.

**Samantha Lane** is a communication professional, with past work in advertising, public relations, and higher education. In 2014, she experienced a life-changing surgery that shifted her perspective on life. After years of juggling full-time careers and passion-based side-hustles, Samantha started Origami Day to help others bring balance to their busy lives. Samantha holds a BS degree in Public Relations from the University of Tennessee and an MBA from King University. She has served on various boards and committees including the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Executive Women International, Knoxville Chamber, and American Marketing Association Knoxville. When she is not engaging in the community, Samantha spends her time enjoying life with her loved ones.

This session will offer best practices for time management, tips for increased personal productivity, and practical



## JOIN US! Wednesday, December 12



### The Program:

**Join us for an inspiring afternoon  
as we learn about and support the  
YWCA Shine a Light Holiday**

**Campaign and Celebrate the Holiday Season. Guests welcome!**

### LUNCH MEETING @2nd Avenue Grill

11am Business Meeting  
11:30—Networking & Appetizer  
Lunch  
12:25—Presentation  
12:35 pm—Gift Exchange  
1pm—Adjourn

Cost:  
\$35/Members  
\$40/Guest

Register by Dec 10th on  
[ewiofsaskatoon.com](http://ewiofsaskatoon.com)

**\*Remember to bring a \$10 Holiday  
Ornament for the gift exchange.**





#partwithapurpose #socialgood

For our December Fundraiser for the YWCA & Crisis Shelter & Residence. They are looking for the following items to help with supporting the essential services that they provide.

Cash donations of any denomination are gratefully accepted. Charitable tax receipts are automatically issued for financial donations over \$20.

In addition, the following items are currently needed for clients who use the YWCA. Please note: YWCA Saskatoon does not issue charitable tax receipts for items on the current needs list.

New bowls, cups, and mugs (microwave safe)

New cutlery and kitchen supplies

New dish cloths and towels

New bedding for single beds

New towels and face cloths

New full Size and bulk containers of shampoo, conditioner, and body wash

Toothbrushes and toothpaste

Feminine hygiene products

New pajamas, socks, and underwear for women and children

New sweat pants of various sizes

Disposable diapers, sizes 4-6, and baby wipes (including swimming diapers)

New baby bottles and nipples

Grocery and phone gift cards of any denomination

New swim suits for women and children

Hair brushes and combs

Disposable Razors

Dental Floss

Lip Chap

Make up and nail polish

Epsom Salt

We do not accept used clothing or household items, aerosol containers, hairspray, kitchen knives and other sharp items, men's items, or unsolicited donations of food.

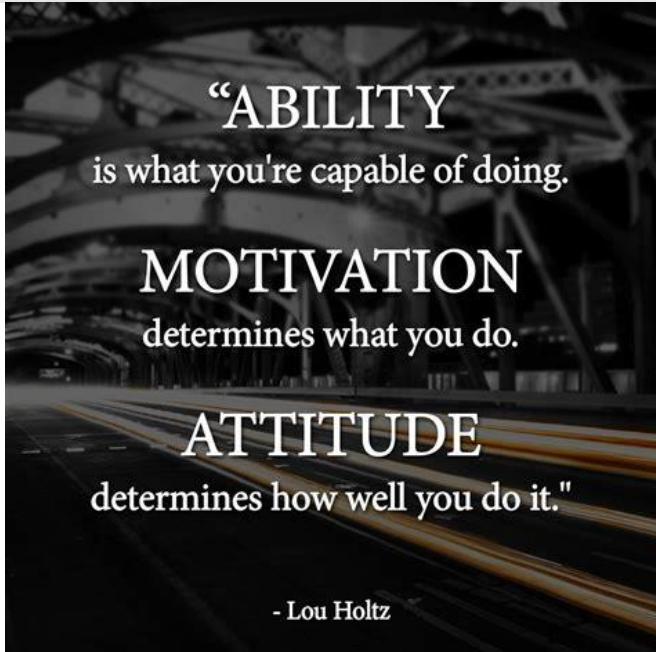
For questions about making a cash donation or to arrange an appointment to donate items, please phone 1-306-244-7034.



“READ Saskatoon’s work is so critical: we strengthen literacy skills that strengthen communities, and in turn create incredible economic spinoff. Literacy should never be an obstacle to a fulfilling life for anyone.”

– Kris Foster, READ Saskatoon Board Chair

To donate visit [READsaskatoon.com/donate](http://READsaskatoon.com/donate)  
or call 306-652-5448



**For any future submissions for the Connect. Must be in by the last day of the month.**

Contact Amanda  
[amedvid@hotmail.com](mailto:amedvid@hotmail.com)

or

[ewiofsaskatoon@gmail.com](mailto:ewiofsaskatoon@gmail.com)

**For any suggestions for guest Speakers please speak to our Programs Director T.J Keller**

[tj.keller@sasktel.com](mailto:tj.keller@sasktel.com)

## 2018-2019 Officers & Directors

### President

Sandra Miller, Comfort Suites

### Vice President

Michelle Busa

### Secretary

Shirley Bonnetrouge.

### Treasurer

Darlene Biggins

### Ways & Means Director

Susan Mowat

### Recruitment & Retention Director

Char Weightman

### Advisor

Alisa Thompson

### Sergeant-at-Arms

Fran Seidler

### Programs Director

T.J. Keller

### Communications Director

Amanda Medvid