

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



This is my first President's Report for the Connect and I find it's always hard to do anything for the first time. It's awkward and challenging because there is a learning curve which can be frustrating or daunting at times. Regardless, I am going to tackle this without any fumbles I hope! This, like being the President of our Saskatoon Chapter of EWI, is a first for me. Joining the Board of

Directors was also a first for me. I am excited, nervous and looking forward to all the great things that these experiences will bring to my life. The prospect of what the wonderful woman who partake in our Chapter will be learning, doing and seeing, is inspiring to me.

Many people ask, "Why? Why should someone do something that is out of their comfort zone" or perhaps, "Why should I look at trying something new?" I think one of the biggest reasons is that by trying new things and surrounding myself with amazing people I keep in a state of learning which will help me grow and stay mentally sharp. My motto is, "No regrets!"

I love being around these wonderful women that are a part of EWI. They are smart, professional and hardworking...these are all traits that I aspire to achieve. Every time I have an opportunity to spend time with the women of EWI I learn something new and feel like I have a family that I didn't know existed.

So, the next thing that people ask is "What is a board? What's involved in being on a board?" Well, a properly run board is a gathering of a group of people who want to see change, growth and have it done in a constructive environment. We all know how sometimes we get a bunch of people together and conversation goes off to the left or right and the next thing you

know it's been an hour and nothing got done that needed to get done, right? My role as President is to chair the board meetings, ensure financial stability for the Chapter, represent the Chapter as well as welcome everyone I possibly can to the EWI of Saskatoon Chapter. So, you are probably wondering what is involved in being a board member? Well, all boards have positions. EWI is no different. We have a Communications Director, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Program Director, a Retention and Recruitment Director, a President and a Vice President at the moment. Right now we are lacking a Sargent-At-Arms and a Fundraising Director (also known as Ways & Means). I am sure that lots of people say to themselves, "Well, I would never be on a board. It's not for me." Or perhaps, "I don't know what to do, I don't know what's involved?" I'm hoping to break it down for you today! A Sargent-In-Arms is someone who loves to hang out with amazing women...women who go

above and beyond. The Sargent-In-Arms role is basically being the face of our board at each membership meeting. You're the person that smiles at the door to greet everyone at our events. You're the person that makes sure everyone has a name tag and that everyone feels included. You're someone who is organized and keeps great attendance records. You must also be the type of woman who wants to hang out with kickass women on a regular basis. So, if you're reading this going "Hmm maybe I want to hang out with this amazing group of women" or "Maybe I could be that person," all you need to do is talk to anyone on the board and we would be more than willing to fill you in.

The Fundraising Director plans and carries out any special activities for the purpose of supplementing Chapter operating funds and/or fundraising activities to support the Chapter's Business/Career/Development Program. Basically, that's a diplomatic way of saying if you like to plan activities that have a social meaning such as raising funds for our ASIST scholarship program or other charities that we decide to embrace as a Chapter, then this position is for you! If it makes you smile when you work hard to bring a room full of people together to graciously donate and give to make something better for someone else, then I recommend you talk to one of us on the board to find out more information. We would love to have you join us!

All of us that are part of this board are working diligently to make EWI special and grand for Saskatoon. We want to bring woman together and lift them up and make them proud, strong and help them give back to our community. We are always looking for fresh ideas; we are always looking to expand the network so please tell everyone about EWI and if you're a member and think, "Hmm, maybe I could do more" than please contact a board member and we would be more than willing to welcome you with open arms. Please remember that EWI is not just for women. As we like to say, "EWI is for women and smart men!" All those interested are welcome!

Thank you everyone. Take care.

Sincerely,

Alisa Thompson
2017-2018 President

AND ONE DAY SHE
DISCOVERED THAT
SHE WAS FIERCE,
AND STRONG,
AND FULL OF FIRE,
AND THAT NOT EVEN
SHE COULD HOLD
HERSELF BACK
BECAUSE HER
PASSION BURNED
BRIGHTER THAN
HER FEARS.

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A PERSONAL APPEAL

Good Day to my EWI Sisters!

I am writing to you to ask for your assistance on behalf of a dear friend of mine, Sandra Dazzan, who lost all of her belongings in a house fire at AGAR's Corner Farm on the 20th of February.

Sandra and I have known each other since my first job when I was just 15 years old saving up money for my exchange trip to Germany. She worked at the Cafe with me. Since then we have always remained close.

When Joy Crawford and I saw Sandy just days after the fire at the Second Ave Grille where she works as a Chef, she was shaken but remarkably upbeat about it all. I delivered discontinued samples of clothing from member firm MOBO Promotional Solutions, who also donated a cell phone to her. Joy gave her a gift card for Midtown Plaza. Thank you Juanita and Joy for your compassion!

What Sandy needs now is just that - cash or gift cards (malls, stores, gas, groceries) so she can start to rebuild the things she lost on a limited income. Both she, and I, would be eternally grateful if you can assist! She sadly had no insurance.

Please bring donations if you can to the March meeting and/or call Karen Skirten at 306.249.4318.

THANK YOU for your kind consideration!

Kindest Regards,

Karen F. Skirten

DATES TO NOTE **February 16th**

March 21st

5:00pm – EWI Dinner Meeting
Hilton Garden Inn

March 27th

2:00pm - Get in the Know with a Pro
The Franklin

April 18th

5:00pm – EWI Dinner Meeting
Hilton Garden Inn

May 3th

7:00pm – Dinner with Corporate President
Second Avenue Grill

May 4th

Day – Tour
Potash Mine, lunch at the Berry Barn, visit Remail Modern Art Gallery

6:00pm - Dinner
Hilton Garden In

New Members

We are excited to announce the addition of two new members:

Char Weightman – Individual Member

Kimberly Jolivet – Firm Member – Sacred White Raven

Kim has also taken on the role of Program Director on the Board of Directors! Welcome ladies!

Speaking of members, at our February meeting guests greatly outnumbered EWI members as we had only 8 of 20 members attend. While it is great to see the interest in EWI from the community, support from our members would be very much appreciated.



I love Emails!

Who doesn't! We have started to send out messages from our website. If you wish to not receive them, you can either unsubscribe or send michellebusa@sasktel.net a message saying you no longer want to receive them. If you still want to stay up to date on our events, like our Facebook page and stay tuned!

In the Community

At this month's dinner meeting the EWI portion of the proceeds from the 50/50 will be given to the Moon Time Sisters. We are also encouraging members to bring feminine hygiene products to the meeting which will be donating through MLA Vicki Mowat's office.

The Moon Time Sisters are a collective of people who want to support our young women in northern and remote communities in Saskatchewan



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JOIN US!
Wednesday, 21 March



The Program:

**“The Missing Sales Foundation—
Understanding the Importance
of Niche Markets”**

Join us for an informative evening as Daria
Malin with Boost Strategic Coaching
shares about all things Marketing.

Guests welcome!

DINNER MEETING

@Hilton Garden Inn

5:00—Drinks & Networking
6:00—Dinner
6:45—Program
7:30pm—Adjourn Dinner Meeting

Cost:

**\$45/Members
\$50/Guest**

Register by March 17th on
ewiofsaskatoon.ca/events

***Remember to bring a book for our
collection to donate to READ
Saskatoon!**





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May 4th Chartering Gala Silent Auction

Donations Needed!



*It takes a
village!*

We are so thankful to the following individuals for already stepping forward with an item for our Silent Auction at the Gala Chartering Dinner we are hosting on Friday, May 4th:

Vicki Mowat (an original painting by her), Kimberly Jolivet, Fran Seidler, Michelle Busa, Joy Crawford, Karen Skirten and Alisa Thompson.

Our goal is to have 12 items for auction. If you can contribute a gift basket, a bottle of wine, gift certificate or promotional item from you and/or your firm, it would be greatly appreciated! If you know of a company or restaurant you could approach for items that would be a tremendous help to augment what the board members and Vicki have already pledged. Funds raised from the Auction will be going to our ASIST Scholarship.

If you can contribute, please email Karen at kfskirten@gmail.com or call her at 306.202.7901

THANK YOU!



Get in the know with a pro.

Join us to learn "How to Live to be 101" hosted by The Franklin by Revera.

Tuesday, March 27, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Dr. Thomas W. Wilson, Professor emeritus, Department of Pharmacology and Medicine, University of Saskatchewan will be sharing his knowledge about "How to Live to be 101" Enjoy the company of new friends over complimentary refreshments and snacks.

**Call us to RSVP by
Friday, March 23**

Tours Available!

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