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January 2021

Hello Dallas Chapter!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone had a nice holiday and found time for rest and relaxation. I certainly enjoyed it and feel I was able to recharge a bit. Even with all that is going on in the world, I remain optimistic (cautiously) that it will be a better year! IT'S GOING TO BE A BETTER YEAR! Let's just do everything we can to make it great!

Thank you to everyone that participated in the December chapter holiday meeting. It was really such a fun meeting. I am extremely grateful for each and every one of you for the difference we made for the children at The King's Academy of Dallas. We were able to meet their needs with our collection of winter accessories for the children. I'm so proud of our wonderful chapter. We also enjoyed hearing from Dr. Shailendra Thomas, Director of The King's Academy of Dallas. She is simply fantastic, and what an impact she is having in her role and for the community!

Our January Chapter meeting will be our first Business Meeting of the year and is being held via Zoom. We will start the meeting with a discussion with our very own Lindsay Jones of Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc., who will talk with us about financial/retirement planning. The new year is especially a great time to focus on these important topics. I very much look forward to hearing from her. We will then conduct the business portion of our meeting. Please do save the date and do everything you can to join us, as you know we need a quorum for our business meetings. We look forward to seeing you all on January 19 as we kick off 2021!



Let's keep doing everything we can to **LEAD** our chapter, **LEARN** and grow both the chapter and within our personal and professional lives, and **INSPIRE** those around us in every way possible to do the same. Please reach out if you need anything at all! Be safe, be well.

Again, here's to a successful 2021!

Virtual hugs,

Lisa Tignor
2020-2021 EWI of Dallas President



EWI OF DALLAS CONTINUES TO SERVE EVEN IN A PANDEMIC!



THE KING'S ACADEMY

A HIGHER PURPOSE

Dear EWI,

On behalf of Dr. Thomas please allow me to share this note of thanks to you and your organization.

We are so thankful to Executive Women's International for sponsoring the TKA Winter Accessory Drive. Forty seven students received hats, gloves, and scarves in time for our winter snow! The blessings overflowed so much that we have extra winter accessories to replace any damaged or lost items! May God richly bless you just as you've blessed us!

- Dr. Shailendra Thomas

Here are some fun pics from school! THANK YOU EWI!

EWI Dallas & the State Fair of Texas donated several hundred books to [For Oak Cliff](#) for their Teacher's Appreciation event in December. About 50 educators participated. Along with food, cleaning supplies and prizes, each educator was given the opportunity to "shop" for books for themselves, their classroom and their families for **FREE!** They were so excited!



They also have a program called [LENA](#). In this program, parents with children ages 0-3 are encouraged and educated on being their child's first teacher. For 8 weeks, families received books in order to enhance at-home read time with the kiddos. Baby Zeta (pictured below) has enjoyed all of the books she has received and even reads to her little sister who is 6 months. This is done in her own way, (insert laughter), but we love the bond it has built between Mommy and her two baby girls.

[For Oak Cliff](#) also donated about 3 boxes of books to the [Clara Oliver Elementary School Library](#). The librarian was so excited to receive books for her school and the kids enjoyed selecting books to read at home.



EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (EWISP) **DESCRIPTION & REQUIREMENTS**

2021 EWISP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!!

Scholarship applications must be submitted electronically by
Friday, March 26, 2021, at 11:59pm CDT

To nominate a high school senior and receive the link to the online application, please email ewi.dallas.scholarships@gmail.com the following information about your nominee:

- (1) Student's full name**
- (2) Name of the high school they're attending**
- (3) Student's email address**

The Executive Women International Scholarship Program (EWISP) has been helping high school seniors/12th graders achieve their academic goals for over 35 years. The EWISP program is an annual, competition-based program which awards college scholarship money each year to qualifying high school seniors. The applicants will be judged on several factors with special emphasis on their financial need, leadership qualities, extracurricular activities, scholastic records, oral and written communication skills, creativity, awards and honors, attitude, and career goals. **Only one senior per high school may be nominated by their counselor or school administrator.** Up to \$10,000 will be awarded at the EWI of Dallas Scholarship Awards Dinner in May 2020.

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- High school senior, 18 years of age or older by the application deadline
- Nominated by his/her school counselor or school administrator
- Enrolled in a public, private, parochial school or homeschooled
- Legally reside in the USA and live within boundaries of Dallas, Collin or Tarrant counties
- Plan to pursue a degree at an accredited post-secondary institution
- Have a demonstrated financial need
- Have a minimum 3.00 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Have contributed to their community as demonstrated by their involvement in extracurricular activities, work, religious, civic or volunteer activities

****Please note – students are required to upload the following documents:**

- FAFSA/TAFSA Student Aid Report
- Prior Year Income Tax Return for parents or legal guardian
- Current Student Transcripts
- ACT/SAT Scores
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
- Personal Essay

If you have any questions please contact **EWI of Dallas - Scholarships**

ewi.dallas.scholarships@gmail.com

ADULT STUDENTS IN SCHOLASTIC TRANSITION (ASIST) PROGRAM DESCRIPTION & REQUIREMENTS

2021 ASIST APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!!

Scholarship applications must be submitted electronically by
Friday, March 26, 2021, at 11:59pm CDT

[Click here to apply for the 2021 ASIST Scholarship!](#)

The EWI Adult Students in Scholastic Transition (ASIST) Scholarship Program helps provide financial support to adult students in a variety of transitional situations. The ASIST Scholarship is a non-discriminatory, educational scholarship program for the benefit of non-traditional men and women pursuing an associate's, bachelor's or master's degree, or a technical/professional certificate. Selection criteria includes, but is not limited to financial need, social, physical and economic challenges, and individuals with children residing in the home. Up to \$10,000 will be awarded at the EWI of Dallas Scholarship Awards Dinner in May 2020.

ASIST applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- **Not** currently enrolled in high school
- 18 years of age or older by the application deadline
- Adult students entering a college, university, trade school and/or the workforce for the first time
- Non-traditional students already enrolled in a college, university, or trade school
- Persons in need of re-training due to changes in the workplace
- Legally reside in the USA and **live within boundaries of Dallas, Collin or Tarrant counties**

Applicants must be able to:

- Clearly define career goals and objectives
- Specify the educational requirements needed to attain the above goals and objectives
- Demonstrate utilization of re-entry programs available through colleges/universities/technology centers, community agencies, service groups or career professionals

****Please note – students are required to upload the following documents:**

- **Transcripts from schools attending (or most recent school attended)**
- **Prior year income tax return**
- **Two (2) Letters of Recommendation**
- **Personal Essay**
- **SAT/ACT scores (optional)**

If you have any questions please contact EWI of Dallas - Scholarships
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Submitted by Jeannette Davis, JLL

The Power of Saying 'No' – Benefits You Get from Not Over-committing



Many of us believe we always have to say 'yes.' After all, we want to be seen as positive helpful people. Saying 'no' seems so negative. But learning to say no more often can be powerful. While using it too much can create problems, the key to using this word is to find balance in your life instead of over-committing. Here are a few benefits of learning to say no sometimes to avoid over-committing.

1 – Saying No Makes Room for the Right Things

When you say no to one thing, it makes room for the right things in your life. If you say yes to too many things and over-commit, then you may be leaving out some important things. When your plate is too full, you don't have any room left for opportunity. As you learn to say no more often, you'll make space in your life for the right opportunities to come along. And then you'll have the time to walk through those new open doors.

2 – You Establish Healthy Boundaries

Whether it's at work or on relationships, no allows you to establish healthy boundaries, too. Caring for yourself is important, too. Over-commit and constantly focus on making everyone else happy leaves your own needs neglected. Saying no sometimes, caring for your own needs, and metaphorically putting your own oxygen mask on first, ensures you're more capable of helping others.

3 – Sometimes No Reduces Regret

Ask yourself this question: how many times have you said yes to something and regretted it immediately? It's too easy to say yes when you want to say no, and that leads to regret and unhappiness with your life. When you're presented with a choice, ask yourself if you'll regret saying yes in the future. If so, it's time to say no and nix regrets.

Stop thinking that saying no is a form of negativity. Remember, when you say no to one thing, you're opening the door for amazing possibilities in your life that you can wholeheartedly say 'YES!' to.



Before your next conversation; pause, breath, and become curious.

During a hectic workday, it's easy to build up stresses that make us more prone to acting in a reflexive or biased way. When this happens, [science tells us](#) we're less likely to hear a colleague's valuable insight or perspective.

Before your next meeting or conversation, spend a quiet moment accessing an open and inclusive mindset using three simple steps:

Pause – Notice what is on your mind that could impact your upcoming conversation.

Breathe – Take a slow, deep breath. This calms the nervous system.

Become curious – Ask yourself, “What can I learn in this conversation? Whose perspective can I hear?”

Take a bigger view

There is always a bigger view. Whatever the situations and challenges we are facing, there is always a frame of reference that can provide us with some perspective. In a mindfulness practice, the always accessible bigger view is our ability to just be aware, to know. Next time you find a difficult emotion arising in your mind, bring your awareness to that experience. The part of yourself that knows the difficult emotion is not itself difficult. If you practice taking the bigger view, the more space you'll give yourself to deal with challenges as they arise.

Asking "What will happen next?" can be very powerful. Just by inviting the question, we prime our minds to be on the lookout, like a cat waiting at a hole for the mouse to come out.

With your body relaxed and eyes open, try asking yourself this question and carefully watch your mind to see what grabs its attention. Where does it move? What is the next thought that arises? What prompted it?

What will happen next?

Do you have a book that you just absolutely LOVE? Or a book that stirred something deep in your soul? A book that your mind keeps coming back to even after you've finished it? If so, we want to know!! Submit your recommendation to katie@vaultjet.com so we can expand our minds together!

The Book Nook

New York Times

100 Notable Books of 2020!

CLICK THE LINKS FOR THE FULL LIST!

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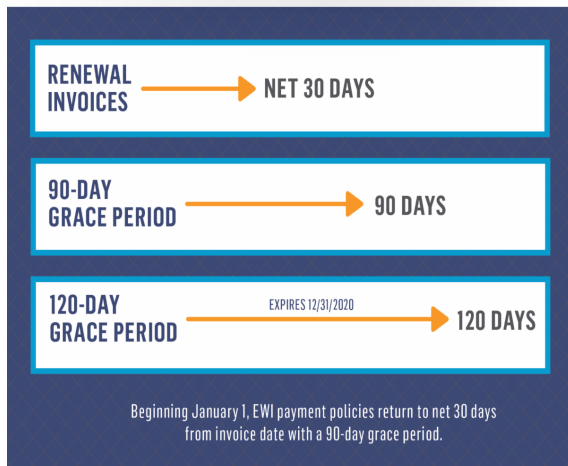


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Membership Dues Invoice

Date	Invoice #
12/4/2020	

DUES RENEWAL TIMELINE



The Recruitment and Retention Committee would like to remind all members of the updated Renewal Policies and accommodations being made to help all members with their membership renewal invoices.

Current payment terms are NET 30 days.

We offer a 90-day grace period to pay invoices.

In April 2020, the Corporate Board announced that we would extend our grace period to 120 days from the date of invoice.

This expires on December 31, 2020.

EWI will return to normal operating procedures for membership renewals on January 1, 2021.

Members have the ability to make up to three (3) payments to help pay membership renewals.

Please send any membership updates or requests to make payment options to Cortney at Cortney@ewiconnect.com

"COME BACK TO EWI" - Membership Incentive Program



Member firms/ reps that have deactivated their membership between April 1 and December 31, 2020 may **"Come Back to EWI"** at the current member dues rate of \$165 plus applicable Chapter requirements.

Savings of \$35.

Program expires March 31, 2021

Reach out to your deactivated Chapter members and ask them to **"Come Back to EWI!"**

2021 January Business Meeting Information
EWI® of Dallas

CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING

Date: January 19, 2021
Location: Your Home Office, Kitchen or Patio
 221 Your House
 Somewhere, Texas
Phone: [CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE ZOOM!](#)
Networking: 6:00p.m.
Program: 6:15 p.m.
Door Prizes: 7:00 p.m.
Price: \$25.00



If you are unable to make your payment due to COVID19 budget restrictions, we completely understand. Please contact Lisa Tignor to make arrangements-as we would love for you to participate in the call.

BOARD MEETING

Date: January 27, 2021
Host: Danielle Forney
 Neuberger Berman
Location: Your Living Room via Zoom
Phone: 214-918-9130
Meeting: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
RSVP: To attend the Board Meeting, contact **Jeannette Davis, JLL**
 2020-2021 Secretary, no later than
 12 noon, Friday, January 22, 2021
 Email: Jeannette.Davis@am.jll.com
 Office: 214-438-6122



Guest Speaker:

Lindsay Jones, Ameriprise Financial Services



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 can be received at the meeting, or mailed prior to:

Danielle Forney
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*For advance invoices, please email:
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RSVP to Reservation Hotline:

Millie Marsac
 Bank of America Merrill Lynch
 2020-2021 Sergeant-At-Arms Committee
[by 12 noon Friday, January 15, 2021](#)
 cell: (469) 951-6149
 email: millie.marsac@bofa.com

Total number of Reservations @ \$25.00/pp: _____

Total Amount Remitted: \$ _____

Would you like a receipt mailed to you? _____

Name: _____

Firm: _____

All special dietary requests, please contact your in-home meal coordinator.

NOTE: All Representatives have automatic standing reservations. Representatives **DO NOT** need to return this form unless canceling or responding with guest(s). **Cancellations must be received by the deadline or your firm will be billed.** It is helpful to receive payment prior to the meeting. If you require a receipt for your payment, you may check the appropriate space on this form and your receipt will be mailed to you upon receipt of your check. Checks are not processed until after the meeting date; therefore, if you mail your check ahead and a change of plans requires you to cancel your reservation, as long as you cancel prior to the deadline, your original check will be returned to you.

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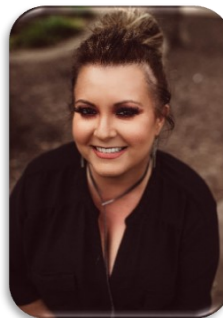
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Mission

Executive Women International (EWI) brings together key individuals from diverse businesses for the purpose of promoting member firms, enhancing personal and professional development, and encouraging community involvement.

Vision

To enhance professional growth and development within a diverse group of women while empowering them to make a difference as they inspire others.

Values

Integrity | Excellence | Respect | Collaboration



FEBRUARY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR

Building Your Business With Trust in a Dynamic Environment

Presenter: Roseann Freitas

Hawaii Marketplace Manager,
Better Business Bureau Northwest + Pacific

Tuesday, February 2, 2021
3:00 PM ET / 12:00 PM PT



During challenging times, it is even more important to focus on trust, honesty, transparency, and integrity to survive. Learn how to be a trustworthy company, and the impact it can have on your bottom line. Members will learn the components of trust, why trust is essential, and how to be a trustworthy company.

Roseann Freitas is the Hawaii Marketplace Manager for the Better Business Bureau. Northwest + Pacific. As the face of the BBB in Hawaii, Roseann's role includes promoting trust in the marketplace via media, strategic relations, business, and consumer education. She loves assisting trustworthy companies and highlighting unethical business practices. Roseann has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting from Mount Olive College in North Carolina and volunteers with Executive Women International Honolulu Chapter and the National Kitchen and Bath Association Aloha Chapter.

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