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Scholarship Banquet



DoubleTree Hotel

322 North Spokane Falls Ct.

Speaker: Dr. Thayne M. McCulloh,

President, Gonzaga University

Networking: 5:30p.m.— Dinner: 6:00p.m.

Update Reservation Information: *EWI INFO LINE* 1-866-305-5569

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Be Courteous—Be Timely

Please be on time for the monthly meeting. If you are late to a meeting, please notify the **Sergeant-at-Arms** to ensure the attendance is updated.

Each representative has a standing reservation for every monthly meeting. You will be billed for the dinner if you do not call in by **noon, May 12, 2010**.

Sustaining Members / Guests

If you are a sustaining member or are bringing a guest(s), please notify the Sergeant-at-Arms by **noon May 12 2010**, to allow time for menu and name-tag preparation. Your consideration is appreciated.

Dietary Restrictions / Vegetarian Meals

Please call the EWI INFO LINE at 1-866-305-5569 by **noon May 12, 2010**, if you need a substitute meal.

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Letter from the President



Wow, what a wonderful meeting last month. We owe the Program Committee a big round of applause for all their hard work. It was fantastic to have so many Executives and colleagues joins us for our Executive Appreciation and Anniversary Meeting. The venue was fabulous and our speaker, Jeff Philipps, was truly inspirational. At the conclusion of Jeff's speech, he reminded us that we have the opportunity to be philanthropic. As I reflected on his words, I felt proud knowing the Spokane Chapter is doing their part to make a positive impact on our community.

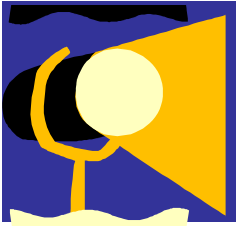
Philanthropy will continue to be a theme in May as we celebrate our top three scholarship recipients on May 18th at the Scholarship Banquet. If you are a new member, this is a meeting you don't want to miss! In 2005, as the EWI Scholarship Chair, I had the fortune to get to know our first place winner, Sam Lim from Mead High School. For those of you that were members at that time, you'll remember Sam's desire to become a neurosurgeon and one day walk again. A few years later, Sam and his family accompanied his little sister to the Scholarship Banquet as she was also one of our top three finalists. Sam was walking with the aid of crutches and as we found out later that evening, well on his way to becoming a surgeon. What an inspiration! Sam continues to write to me each year, keeping me up-to-date on his education and the many nonprofit projects he's involved in.

EWI Corporate: The Corporate Board and Corporate Office posted the 2010 First Quarter Financial documents for your review in the May 5th Corporate Connect. Please be sure to take the time to review them. If you have any comments or questions, please direct them to Executive Director Lynne Shaffer at 877.439.4669 ext. 12 or lynne@ewiconnect.com.

Thought to ponder... "Until you commit your goals to paper, you have intentions that are seeds without soil" -Author Unknown

Polly Phelan

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2009-2010 Chapter President



Member Spotlight!
Northern Quest Resort & Casino
Member Since 2009

Firm Representative: Miranda Song

Major Classification: Recreation/Amusement

Minor Classification: Casino



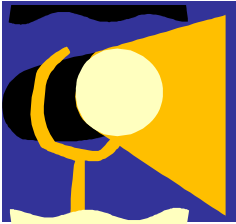
I joined under the Firm, Northern Quest Resort & Casino in December of 2009. I joined EWI because being new to Spokane, I felt EWI offered a lot to myself not only in business but personal networking. I am looking forward to getting more and more involved in committee's and EWI fundraiser's.

At Northern Quest Resort & Casino I am the Reservation/Revenue Manager. I manage both the Hotel Reservations and Switchboard Departments. I feel we have enhanced the casino experience and all it offers with the addition of the Resort, the public with a complete package of resort living, entertainment, spa services and great dining all within a short drive. We also offer a fabulous local hot-spot for music and entertainment (both performance and gaming) along with locations for meetings and leisure.

I was born and raised in Michigan and moved cross country arriving 7/24 and starting work 7/25. All my family lives in a small community in Michigan. My husband, Vathana, and I moved here with our 3 year old daughter, Miette-Pamela. We have a Cornish Rex cat Suki. I met my husband at my previous job, Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort in Mount Pleasant, MI. I have working in the Casino-Resort industry for over 6 years and continue to love the dynamic of my hotel call centers.

I like to work in my spare time. I am constantly running around being a mom, a college student, and a manager of a new property. I enjoy traveling but do not take the opportunity as I should. My favorite location to travel to is Edinburgh, Scotland. My family likes to mountain bike (which I broke my collar bone last May) and we started a wall-climbing gym membership that I am excited to start. I am completing my Bachelor's of Science Degree, majoring in Psychology.

I am excited to start my experience with EWI and appreciate everyone's welcoming words and kindness. I am looking forward to developing relationships with everyone in the organization and being part of EWI overall. Thank you for this opportunity!



Member Spotlight!
Greater Spokane Incorporated
Member Since 2009

Firm Representative: Alisha Benson

Major Classification: Associations

Minor Classification: Chamber of Commerce



I joined under the Firm, Greater Spokane Incorporated in June 2009 for the opportunity to meet and get to know other outstanding women in the community and the opportunity to connect with businesses and share the different resources available through Greater Spokane Incorporated.

Since joining EWI, I have been involved in the Program committee. Being part of a committee really helps with getting to know other women and to better understand EWI.

At Greater Spokane Incorporated I am a Member Relations Manager and have been there for 2 years. Greater Spokane Incorporated is the regional chamber of commerce and economic development council. We provide numerous opportunities for businesses to network and connect with one another, provide resources to assist small businesses through our small business resources program, and government contracting assistance through the E. WA Procurement & Technical Assistance Center. We also coordinate workforce development & education programs that connect the business community, K-12 school system and higher education. We recruit new businesses and assist with the expansion of existing businesses and advocate for the greater business community at the local, state & federal levels.

I have lived in Spokane for 2 years, moving here from Montana. I grew up in Montana and was a WSU grad. I have a wonderful husband Adam. We have been married almost 4 years and we have a crazy 6 year old lab/border collie mix named Boggie. The rest of our family is scattered between WA, MT, WY, OR, CO, IA, IL, & MA.

In our spare time we do anything outdoors—hiking, camping, skiing, xc-skiing, snowshoeing, are my favorites. Plus I love sports—played in my first Hoopfest this past summer and we are crazy Cougar fans!

April Ways & Means Raffle

A BIG 'Thank You' to:

Sue Fleming ~ Avista Corp.

Hildy Cox ~ Designs by Hildy

Amy Higgins ~ Mary Kay Cosmetics

Mary Savage ~ Vanessa Behan

The raffle raised \$225.00!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

June 15

Firm Night, Itron, Inc.

2010 EWI Upcoming Meetings

June 24: Lunch Connect, Location TBD, 11:30-1

July 20: Firm Night, Associated Business Systems

August 17: Past President's Fundraiser ,
Powerhouse

September 21: Firm Recognition Night/Trade Show

September 30: Cocktail Connect, Location TBD, 5pm



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May Birthdays!

Alissa Kensok

American Cancer Society –

May 15th

Jeanine McDonald

McDonald & Melkers, DDS –

May 20th

May Anniversaries!

Carol Haskell - 1996

Journal of Business

Shelley McDowell - 2005

TFB Inc.

Doris Guelich - 2007

Isagenix

Jodie Laib - 2008

Ramada Inn

Elizabeth Connely - 2009

URM Stores

Sgt-at-Arms Report - April Meeting

Posting for Membership: In an ongoing effort to recruit quality firms to join the Spokane Chapter, the following firm(s) are being posted for new or updated membership, or representative change:

No Postings in the Connect for May

Current member firms may object to a firm that has been posted that would be considered a competitor of their firm. EWI Corporate defines a competitor as a firm with the same major/minor. Objections are required in writing by the Executive of the objecting member firm postmarked within 10 days of the distribution date of this newsletter. Objections to a specific business conflict must be defined and any other concerns regarding personal character, integrity or conduct must be detailed with evidence or testimony as appropriate. Any objections received will be discussed at the following scheduled Board of Directors meeting; a decision will be made at that time as to whether or not to pursue extending an offer of membership to the posted potential firm. Decisions on whether or not to accept a member firm's objection to the addition of a posted potential new member firm are based on many factors, the most important of which involves the level of participation by the current member firm's representative within the Chapter. *Mail objection letters to: EWI Spokane Chapter Board of Directors, PO Box 1272, Spokane, WA 99210 and a copy to Polly Phelan, EWI Spokane Chapter President, Spokane Regional CVB, 801 W Riverside, Suite 301, Spokane, WA 99201.*

Member Firms	64
First reps	64
Open positions/first reps	(0)
Second reps	7
Open positions/2 nd reps	(0)
Third reps	2
Open positions/3 rd reps	(0)
Total reps in good standing:	73
Sustaining	1
Lifetime	1
Transitional	1
Total members	75
(Guests that did not show)	2
Excused members	8
Unexcused & late excused	6
Representatives	59
Guests	42
Total Attendance Reps:	59
Attendance Percentage:	81%
Total in attendance:	99

Connect With Your Committee!

- Past Presidents:** June 3, 5:30 at the home of Georgette Grainger
- Membership:** May 25, 11:30, Europa- Last Tuesday of the Month
- Scholarship:** June 3, 12:00 p.m. Devries- First Thursday of the Month
- Philanthropy:** May 18 4:30pm at DoubleTree Hotel
- Program:** June 1, 12:00 p.m., Journal of Business. First Tuesday of the Month
- Ways & Means:** June 1, 4:30pm, Post St. Ale House. First Tuesday of the Month

Please join us Tuesday, May 18th for the EWI Scholarship Banquet!

Many members have stated that this is one of their favorite events. The EWSIP applicants have such talent and dreams for their futures. The ASIST applicants often have personal stories that will inspire you and touch your heart. Please invite your Executives to this fabulous program!

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Thayne M. McCulloh, President, Gonzaga University.

There are two Scholarship Programs in EWI; EWISP & ASIST:

1) EWSIP: *(Executive Women International Scholarship Program)*

Scholarships are available to Spokane and Kootenai county high school Junior level male and female students. First place: \$4,000; Second Place: \$2,000; Third Place: \$1,000.

The top five schools up for the three scholarships are listed below (in no particular order):

Mt. Spokane High School, Freeman High School, Deer Park High School, Post Falls High School and Ferris High School.

2) ASIST: *(Adult Students in Scholastic Transition)*

Two winners will receive scholarships for education. Each Winner receives \$1000.

Thank you to State Bank Northwest and Washington Trust Bank for donating Savings Bonds! And, thank you to Susan DeVries for donating a special gift for each for each of the Scholarship winners!

What's Up in Membership?

NEW Member Orientation:

When: *Wednesday, June 9th*

Time: *11:30 ~ 1:00pm (lunch provided)*

Where: *Washington Trust Bank's Private Banking Room, 9th Floor. 717 W. Sprague. Invitations will be sent to those new members who have not attended one previously and to their Mentor's ~ watch for the E-vite coming soon!*

EWI Membership Connect Lunch:

When: *Thursday, June 24th*

Time: *11:30 ~ 1:00pm*

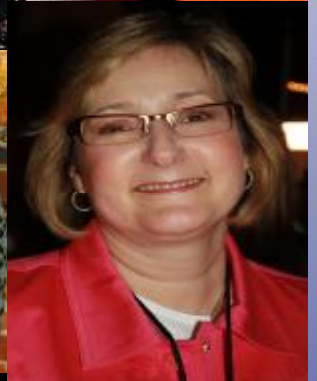
Where: *TBD*

Save the date and watch for the E-vite coming soon!

Our New Member Recruitment Event held on 4/20 prior to our Executive Appreciation and Anniversary Meeting was a success! We had five potential new firms attend and several members of the Membership Committee, Board and an Executive Advisor, Harry Sladich attend! Thank you to Barrister Winery for providing food and beverages and to all who helped make this event a huge success! (Left; Membership Director Mary Nellenbach. Right; Colleen Stevens, Vice-President/President Elect Amy Higgins, and potential members).



April Meeting Photo's ~ What a Wonderful Time!



The 63rd Annual EWI Leadership Conference & Annual Meeting (LCAM)...Save the Date!

September 23-25, 2010 EWI's 63rd Leadership Conference & Annual Meeting (LCAM) is scheduled to be held September 23-25 in Kansas City, Missouri. See Save the Date Card at the following link (just highlight post to your browser):

http://www.ewiconnect.org/pdf/2010LCAM/2010_LCAMsave_the_date.pdf

June Philanthropy Project!

Sally's House is operated through the Salvation Army and is the only emergency foster care center in Spokane.

Sally's House provides a safe and comforting place when children are taken out of a home due to drugs or a dangerous situation. Even a small donation of \$25 will buy a week's worth of diaper's for Sally's House.

Items in greatest need are:

NEW under garments, socks, pj's sizes 2t ~ 16 and shoes for ages 2 ~ 10. (shoes may be new or gently used).

There will be a donation box at the June meeting for these items or cash/check donations.

THANK YOU!