

President's Message



Dear EWI Orlando Chapter Representatives:

The holidays are upon us. It is time to remember and be thankful for all of life's blessings. It is also time to reflect on 2008. Was it all that you hoped for? Did you meet your personal and professional goals? What might you do differently or better in 2009?

EWI Orlando experienced a pretty good year. We set our goals and our budget and I believe we accomplished both. We had some great programs, excellent speakers, wonderful dinners, the best comradeship, held some firm nights, provided 3 scholarships totaling \$6,000, had one of our ASIST winners become a \$2,500 Corporate Scholarship winner, tried several new restaurants (and loved them all) with our Saturday Lunch Bunch, will have assisted 3 philanthropies by year end, entertained some prospective members, had a most successful Reading Rally, and held one of our most successful Silent Auction fundraisers ever!!!! I'd say our small group of 18 are some mighty powerful and brilliant women.

I would like to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart for all that you do for our chapter. I truly enjoy being a part of this organization and have made some very good friends and colleagues. I am most excited about what next year holds for us. Our board retreat on December 13th will chart a new set of plans for our chapter. I look forward to sharing those plans with all of you in our January meeting to kick off our new year.

Don't wait to set your own goals and a plan of action for 2009. Aristotle once said, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit." I hope each of you and your families have a wonderful and safe holiday season.

December Chapter Meeting

Date:

Tuesday, December 16, 2008

Location:

MiMi's Café, 4175 Millenia Blvd., Orlando
407. 370. 0333

Program:

Christmas Ornament Exchange

Phlanthropy:

RSVP – See inside for details

Schedule:

5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Price:

Members \$30, Guests \$35

Please remember you must pay once a reservation is made. No shows are responsible for sending payments to the Chapter Sergeant at Arms. Payment for your meal is due at the event.

Reservation Deadline:

Friday, December 12, 2008

RSVP:

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Diane Cumpston Receives DeVry PRIDE Award



On December 13, 2008, our own EWI Orlando member was presented with DeVry University's Professional Recognition of Integrity, Dedication and Excellence (PRIDE) award.

PRIDE is a DeVry annual award that targets those who most directly serve and interact with students and specifically those who go the extra mile to execute their responsibilities at the highest level. PRIDE recipients are selected from faculty, academic leadership and support, facilities and campus maintenance, admissions, IT, and other deserving employees.

"I am honored and surprised to be among those chosen to receive the award," said Cumpston.

Ornament Exchange the Best!



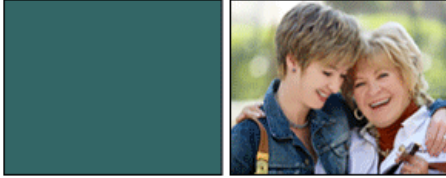
Each year we do a White Elephant exchange with Christmas Ornaments.

Ornaments are wrapped and are typically around \$10. All participants are provided a number to determine their order.

The participant with #1 unwraps any gift from the pile and then shows it to everyone. Each successive participant, in the order, can either 1) "steal" an already opened gift (if there's one they really like) or 2) unwrapped an ornament from the pile. If the participant chooses to steal, the person whose gift is stolen now repeats their turn and either 1) steals another person's gift (they cannot immediately steal back the gift that was just stolen from them or steal a gift that has been stolen 3 times) or 2) unwraps a new gift.

It is a hectic time of year, but this moment in time – it is the best! Don't miss it.

Philanthropy Recipient RSVP of Lake County



For over 30 years, RSVP of Lake County has provided volunteers ages 55 and older to Lake County non-profit agencies. Across the county, the Corporation for National and Community Service’s participants in Senior Corps, Americorps, and Learn and Serve America have done tremendous good for the United States.



They have improved the lives of millions of our most vulnerable citizens by helping children learn to read, caring for the frail elderly, rebuilding communities struck by disasters, transforming failing schools and revitalizing communities. They have done this both through director service and by mobilizing millions of additional volunteers.



Specifically, RSVP programs assist people 55 and older utilize their skills and life experiences to address community needs through service in their local communities.

“Each year RSVP volunteers collectively donate over 155,000 hours of service to these organizations”, notes a RSVP representative. If you calculate that by the volunteer hour dollar amount of \$18.04 established by the Independent Sector, Lake County receives over \$2,796,200.00 of donated service from volunteers aged 55 and older each year.

National Volunteer Week began in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing the week as an annual celebration of volunteerism. Since then every United States President has signed a proclamation promoting volunteer week. Additionally, governors, mayors and other elected official make public statements and sign proclamations to support his week long celebration.

Volunteering not only benefits a community, it is also beneficial to the volunteer. Many studies have been done on the correlation of volunteering and health benefits. Several of the reports show that volunteers have a lower mortality rate, fewer overall risk factors, less insomnia, stronger immune system and quicker recovery from surgery. For the elderly population, volunteer is known to lower levels of anxiety, depression, stress and reduce loneliness and isolation.

How can EWI Orlando help RSVP of Lake County...

At our December meeting, we will be collecting gift cards of \$5 and \$10 to donate to RSVP of Lake County. The gift cards are used as thank you gifts for the hundreds of volunteers that give of their time and talent. Suggested merchants are Walgreens, Walmart and Gas cards.

Dates to Note

December 31, 2008
Form 29 and Form 30 due to the Corporate Office by 5:00 pm MT.

April 23-25, 2009
Leaders Summit in San Francisco for Academy of Leadership Alumni

September 24-26, 2009
EWI's 2009 Leadership Conference & Annual Meeting in Louisville, KY



ZIMMERMAN, KISER & SUTCLIFFE IN ORLANDO, Has Selected Robert Ditz To Serve As Defense Research Institute (DRI) State Representative

Robert L. Ditz, a shareholder at Zimmerman, Kier & Sutcliffe in Orlando, has been selected to serve as Defense Research Institute (DRI) State Representative by the Florida Defense Lawyers' Association and the Dade County and Jacksonville local defense bars. In this capacity, Dietz will be representing DRI at state and regional bar meetings over the next three year. DRI is the largest defense international membership organization of attorneys defending the interests of business and individuals in civil litigation. Dietz is a past president of the Florida defense Lawyers' Association and has been a member of DRI for over 20 years.

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- Promoting member firms
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- Encouraging community involvement

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April 23-25: The Leaders Summit



The Leaders Summit is a biennial event (held in April) committed to further the professional development of Academy of Leadership Alumni. This event is open to Academy of Leadership Alumni only.

The 2009 Leaders Summit will be held on April 23-25 at the Hilton San Francisco Fisherman's Wharf.



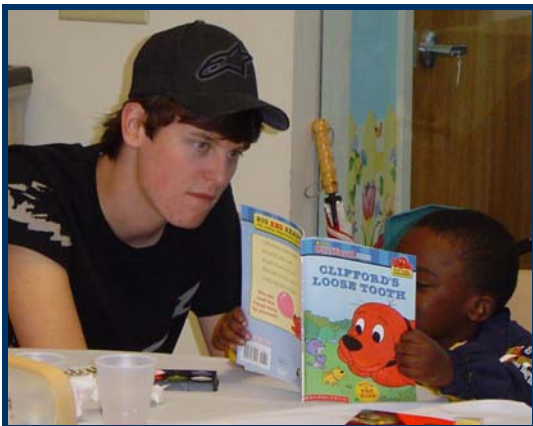
EWI Online

EWI is pleased to announce new online learning options. These classes, offered in distinct suites, are designed for maximum learning, while allowing you to finish a suite at your own pace. These suites are packed full of great knowledge to build your leadership tool kit.

Contact the **Corporate Office** at 801-355-2800 with any questions.

EWI Orlando Reading Rally a Great Success

On November 1st EWI Orlando representatives gathered together at the Orlando Day Nursery to provide books to the children, along with arts & crafts fun in a trick-or-treat atmosphere. Thanks to all the representatives who provided supplies and their time to make this annual event successful.



A special THANKS to Lynette Wigg's son for his reading time with the kids!



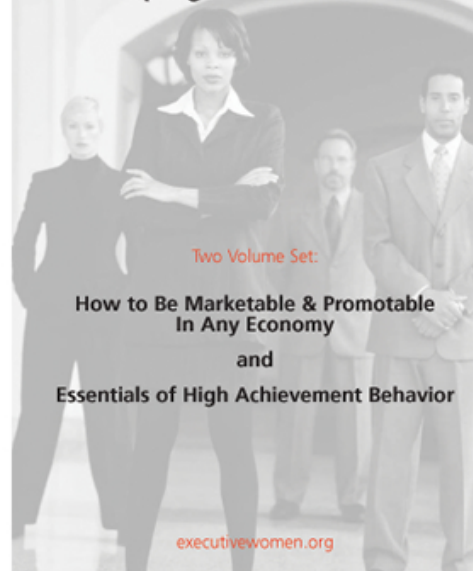
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