

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Happy New Year! I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday season.

Last month I had the pleasure of joining 13 women at the 30th Annual Past Presidents' Christmas Brunch hosted by Debbie Jacobs and Mary Lynn Jones. To be in the company of these amazing women that helped nurture our organization was truly delightful. We had a great time as we fellowshiped, laughed and enjoyed each other's company.



As I think about this New Year, I am reminded of something that Past President Iris Schipper said during grace. She prayed for hope and change for the New Year. With the tough times that families, companies, and our country faced last year, I, too, pray for hope and change in 2010. A special thanks to Mary Lynn Jones and Linda Drummond for volunteering to host next year's brunch.

Thanks to everyone for your donation to the Christmas Angel Tree. Because of the generosity of our member firms, over 25 kids were able to enjoy Christmas. What an impact we made in the lives of these children!

You should be receiving your renewal invoice in the upcoming days. Thanks to each of you for continuing to be a part of our organization. It is because of you that EWI of Baton Rouge continues to be a leading organization for professional and personal development. As an incentive to help with the growth of our Chapter, we will be waiving the \$50 Chapter Admission Fee for new firms during the month of January. This is a great time to share the benefits of EWI with potential members.

Our January meeting will be a Firm Night hosted by the A. C. Lewis YMCA, where they build strong kids, strong families and strong communities. I hope this will be the first of many Firm Nights. If you are interested in hosting one, please contact a board member for details.

See you at the Y on January 12th!

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### January

- 12 Board Conference Call - 11:00am  
BR Chapter Meeting - YMCA, AC  
Lewis Branch - 6pm

#### February

- 9 Board Meeting - 4:30pm  
Chapter Anniversary Meeting - 6pm  
Guest Speaker, EWI Corporate President  
Louise Anderson -Location TBA

## BATON ROUGE CHAPTER MEMBER FIRMS

- ◇ Averett Aircraft Services, LLC ◇
- ◇ Baton Rouge Coca-Cola Bottling Company ◇
  - ◇ Commonwealth Advisors ◇
  - ◇ Baton Rouge Duplicating ◇
- ◇ Donnie Jarreau Construction ◇
  - ◇ Excel Group, Inc ◇
- ◇ Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry ◇
- ◇ PPC Mechanical Seals ◇
- ◇ Redemptorist-Diocesan Catholic High School ◇
- ◇ Renal Associates of Baton Rouge ◇
- ◇ Safety Council of Louisiana Capital Area ◇
  - ◇ Wright & Percy ◇
- ◇ YMCA of the Capital Area ◇

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## EWI®: CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY

### Benefits to the Company

Enjoy access to an international business base, discover new opportunities with other members and increase local and international contacts. Chapter and corporate activities offer continuous events to showcase your firm's products and services.

- Increased business relationships through member firm contacts and access to PULSE, a bimonthly newsletter, and an International Directory (a listing of thousands of decision makers).
- Recognition as a business leader through news coverage and community involvement.
- Awareness of cutting-edge business and civic issues through EWI programs.
- Opportunity to provide quality professional development and continuing education scholarships for promising employee(s).

### Benefits to the Individual

Develop and utilize personal talents, learn business skills through hands-on EWI programs and become involved in local philanthropic activities.

- Cultivate personal and professional development through conferences, seminars and an extensive network of contacts.
- Gain leadership skills through training programs and service on committees and boards.
- Earn Continuing Education Units.
- Become involved in community, scholarship and philanthropy projects at the grass roots level.
- Scholarships in continuing education.

## Happy Holidays!



Over 25 children benefited from the Angel Tree gifts donated by EWI Members



EWI Members showing off their gifts from our annual ornament exchange.



EWI of Baton Rouge Past Presidents celebrated its 30th Annual Christmas Brunch at the home of Debbie Jacobs. The brunch was hosted by Debbie Jacobs and Mary Lynn Jones.

### Current Membership Status

As of December 2009

Current Member Firms.....	13
Current Member Reps.....	17
Firms with Two Reps.....	3
Firms with Three Reps.....	1
Firms without Reps.....	0
Sustaining Members.....	3

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#### EWI® MISSION AND VISION

##### MISSION

Executive Women International® is an organization which 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 be the Leading Connection for Business Professionals

### January Member Assignments

#### Greeters & Registration Table:

LaDonnis Kimble  
 Rose Wilson

### Firm/Member Anniversaries

Lauren Champagne - 7 years

### Happy Birthday

#### Executives:

Bob Jacob	Jan 7
Kathy Trahan	Jan 9

#### Representative's:

Deanne Bonvillain	Jan 9
Jackie Airhart	Jan 11



If we missed an Executive or Representative

### SHARE THE NEWS!

Send submissions or corrections for the Chapter Pulse:

Contact: Dianna Braud  
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## January Meeting Information

- Program:** Fitness for the New Year
- Speaker:** Donna Chustz & Ian Guedry ([bio](#))
- Date:** January 12, 2009
- Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Place:** YMCA - AC Lewis  
350 S. Foster Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
- [Map It](#)
- RSVP:** [chiaracaruthers@ccbcu.com](mailto:chiaracaruthers@ccbcu.com)
- Menu:** Creole Honey Glazed Chicken Breast  
Stuffed Potato Casserole  
Sensation Salad  
Rolls  
Praline Cheesecake

## New Website

Our new chapter website is up!  
Check it out at  
[www.ewibatouge.org](http://www.ewibatouge.org).

Be sure to visit our website frequently for meeting announcements and to view photos from all of our events.



## Membership Drive

**January is the month to recruit new members!**

In an effort to increase our membership, our Board of Directors voted to waive the \$50 Chapter Membership Admission Fee for new firms that join during the month of January. This would make the cost to join \$335.

Share the news and lets get some new firms!

## Door Prizes are Back!

Attend a chapter meeting and you are eligible for door prizes! Each attendee will receive 1 door prize ticket BUT...you can increase your chances of winning by earning extra tickets. Each person that wears their EWI pin to the meeting will receive one additional ticket AND if you submit the name of a new prospect, you will receive another ticket for a total of 3 possible tickets per meeting. Good Luck!

## Media Release Form

In this newsletter on the next page, you will find a media release form for the Baton Rouge Chapter. **All Chapter Representatives** need to print the form, sign it and turn in at the January Meeting.

If you have any questions in regards to this form, contact Leah Frederic at 225-677-8700, ext. 227 or [lfrederic@excelusa.com](mailto:lfrederic@excelusa.com)

## Hats Off to Toni Shaw!

Toni was awarded the Director of the Year for the YMCA of the Capital Area. Through her leadership as Association Aquatics Director, the YMCA has gained more certified swim lesson instructors and swim lesson instructor trainers as well as reached more children through the water safety program. The operating standards that have been created with her guidance enhance safety at all of the aquatic facilities and improve program quality. Congratulations Toni





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# Media Release

Project Name/Chapter: Baton Rouge Chapter	Date: 12/08/2009
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I consent for all purposes to the sale, reproduction and/or use of photographs and voice recordings by Executive Women International and by any nominee and designee of Executive Women International, including any agency, in all forms and media including television and advertising.

In giving this consent on a work for hire basis, I release Executive Women International, their nominees and designees from liability for any violation of any personal or proprietary right I may have in connection with such sale, reproduction or use.

I am more than 18 years of age, or am the parent or legal guardian of the minor named below and have the legal authority to execute the above consent and release. As parent/legal guardian for the named minor, I approve the foregoing and waive any rights in the premises for and on behalf of said minor.

**SIGNATURE**

**PRINTED NAME**

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**PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE**

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