June is upon us and that means one thing. It’s time for our annual Executive Luncheon! It’s the best opportunity to educate your executive on what EWI of Chattanooga is all about. Joining us as our guest speaker is newly elected Mayor Andy Berke.

We have reached a very exciting milestone! We just awarded our first $1,000 EWISP scholarship to a high school senior. The lucky recipient was Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy graduate Kaitlin Newton. That means that so far this year we have donated $22,000 in scholarship money! Ladies, you are amazing. There is no way we could have raised this money without each and every one of you.

As we approach the end of this year, we have a lot to look forward to. First up is our Support the Troops philanthropy project. Don’t forget to bring your donations to Charlie and Kathy! Then, it’s time to gear up for the Barnyard Auction. Sharon and the fundraising committee will be asking for everyone’s help to make sure it’s a success again this year! From that we jump right into Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting in sunny San Diego. If you’d like to attend, but your firm won’t cover all of the cost, don’t forget to fill out the sponsorship application and turn it in to me by June 15th! Finally, the Nominating Committee is working on the slate of officers for next year’s board. Please be sure to fill out the straw ballot and turn them in to Kristina Smith.

See you at the Executive Luncheon in June!

Sincerely,

Ani Yacoubian, Yacoubian Tailors
Upcoming Meeting

EWI June Executive Luncheon

Date: Tuesday, June 11th
Time: 11:30 AM
Location: Mountain City Club
407 Chestnut Street

3 Cs Focus: Community
Speaker: Andy Berke
Mayor of Chattanooga

How to Register Online:

Step 1: Go to ewichattanooga.com, log in, and click on “Events.”
Step 2: Click on the “Register” button for the EWI June Executive.
Step 3: Fill out your registration information in the screens that follow. Select meal preference.
Step 4: Confirm your reservation. We’ll see you at 11:30 a.m. on the 11th!

If you have guests coming, please have them register for the event themselves. This also includes your executive! The registration process is the same for non-members, minus the log-in.

Mayor Andy Berke is…

- In his first year as the elected Mayor of Chattanooga
- A graduate of Stanford University and the University of Chicago Law School
- A former State Senator for Tennessee’s 10th district
- An advocate for education and economic development
- Launching a public safety initiative to reduce violent crime in Chattanooga
- A husband and father

Philanthropy:

Our Philanthropy Project for May and June is Support the Troops! Collect items to send to our troops overseas, and don’t forget that you can always donate cash to help with shipping!

EWI To-Do List:

- Help your executive register for the EWI Executive Luncheon on Tuesday, June 11!
- Ask local churches and schools to donate items to send to our troops serving overseas.
- Begin collecting items for EWI’s 16th Annual Barnyard Auction scheduled for September 12.
- Check your profile on the EWI site to make sure all of your information is up to date.
Scholarship to Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy Graduate Kaitlin Newton

Executive Women International (EWI) of Chattanooga donated $1,000 to Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy graduate Kaitlin Newton. Ms. Newton will continue her education this fall at Chattanooga State.

Since chartering in 1987, EWI of Chattanooga has contributed more than $170,000 in scholarships at area schools. This is the first time a high school student has been a recipient; historically the scholarships have been awarded to women already attending college. EWI of Chattanooga President Ani Yacoubian, of Yacoubian Tailors, says, "EWI representatives know the funds they donate make a real difference in the lives of local women; that's important to us. We recognize the good work CGLA is doing for our youth and we wish Kaitlin all the best. We're already planning our December meeting when Kaitlin will join us to celebrate her progress at Chattanooga State."

Click here to read the Chattanooga Times Free Press article about EWI’s scholarship presentation!

From UTC’s Blog: Educational Opportunity Center assisted May graduate

By Angel Ulmer, University Relations Intern

After Melissa Mitchell graduated with good grades from Marion County High School in 1997, she knew she had the potential for a four-year academic degree but admits to a lack of motivation. A meeting with Cathy Brown of the Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) changed her mind.

The EOC, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, is part of the Center for Community Career Education at UTC. It offers free counseling and information to adults who want to apply for college. . . .The EOC staff became very well acquainted with Mitchell. She remembers what it felt like to have no more funding for school, and then the EOC staff told her about a scholarship that would allow her to continue her studies with no interruptions. She was encouraged to compete for the scholarship, funded by Executive Women’s International—to her delight, she was selected as the recipient of the Jean Bradford Award in 2012.

“. . .They encouraged me to excel as a thirty–one year old single mother of a four-year-old son,” Mitchell explained. . . .She has learned valuable skills on the way toward achieving her goal of becoming a Community Social Worker. As she earned her degree, she has operated a free store for children on Saturdays in the East Lake community. Her new BSW degree will play a critical role in her future as she continues to assist children.

Melissa Mitchell was one of seven single mothers from UTC, Southern Adventist University, and Chattanooga State who were awarded scholarships by EWI in 2012.
Firm Spotlight: Stop the Madness National, Inc.

THE EXECUTIVE

DeJuan S. Jordan is a native of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and returned home in 2006, from Fort Wayne, Indiana.  DeJuan was formerly employed as an Allen County Adult Felony Probation Officer in Ft. Wayne, IN. She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice in 2003 and a Master of Science Management Degree in December 2006. She is also a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. In January 2007, DeJuan was appointed Executive Director of Stop the Madness. Through hard work and dedication, DeJuan has been instrumental in the development of Stop the Madness National, Inc. as a nationally recognized organization, leading her to the position of President/CEO.

As a young girl, DeJuan had many dreams and desires of what she wanted to be when she grew up. On October 27, 1993, a nearly fatal incident changed her life. While she and her brother (T.J.) were waiting inside the YMCA for their mother to pick them up from piano lessons, shots rang out and seconds later she prayed frantically as she stood over her brother lying on the floor with a bullet wound to the head, fighting for his life. This incident as she describes was the defining moment that confirmed what she wanted and needed to do with her life. T.J survived and currently serves as the Program Director for Stop the Madness. With the bullet still lodged in his head he uses his story of survival and faith to give HOPE to other’s lives.

DeJuan has always had a compassionate heart for people even at a young age; especially for those that society deemed undesirable and unreachable. She loved participating in the Stop the Madness camps and programs as a young girl and contributes the impact Stop the Madness had on her life to the person that she is today.  DeJuan is committed to helping young men and women to reach their full potential. This has led to her career assisting her father with the Stop the Madness program which he founded in 1992.

THE FOUNDER

Dr. Ternae T. Jordan, Sr. is the Senior Pastor of Mt. Canaan Baptist Church. Noted for his unyielding “passion for God and compassion for people” he has been actively involved in the process of redeeming the hearts of our nation’s youth for more than two decades. One of the vehicles he uses to do this has been Stop the Madness, which he founded in February of 1992, after having the unfortunate task of funeralizing 12 young people who lost their lives to senseless violence. To date he has funerlized more than 100 kids.

As a nationally recognized leader on youth violence prevention, Dr. Jordan served as a representative for the House-Senate Republican Faith-Based Leadership Summit held in Washington, DC in April 2001. He was also chosen by SafeCities of the U.S. Department of Justice to serve on a national panel to discuss safety in after-school programs. Dr. Jordan also serves as an Expert Consultant with the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Diagnostic Center, Department of Justice, to assist in implementing data-driven and evidence-based solutions to develop strategies for police departments and faith-based communities which would help the city build police-clergy-community relations and make cities a safer community in which to live. Dr. Jordan works on many community-shaping initiatives, but most importantly, he is devoted to serving God and family.  Dr. Jordan and his wife Angela F. Jordan (EWI Member), have three children: Ternae Jr., JaMichael and DeJuan, who all play a major role in the operation of Stop the Madness.

THE FIRM

Stop the Madness National, Inc. (STMN) is a nonprofit organization that firmly believes that every life has a purpose, yet the various forms of violence, the lack of parental guidance, especially a father’s presence in the home and the lack of support often prevent these purposes from being fulfilled. It is for this reason that STMN seeks to meet the need of serving as a bridge to empower, engage and enrich the future of our youth. Stop the Madness National, Inc. is not just “another program,” but an alternative avenue to impact the lives youth and families everywhere. Stop the Madness understand that programs don’t change people; instead people help people to change.

“Summer Youth Enrichment Camp”
Grades 6-12
Visit: www.STMNational.org to register today!

Stop the Madness National, Inc.
“Stopping the Madness by Changing Lives”

Phone: (423) 648-7820   Email: info@stmnational.org   Website: www.STMNational.org
Committee Reports

**Fundraising: Sharon Diegel, Miller & Martin PLLC**

**Door Prize Table for May Chapter Meeting**

For our May Door Prize Table, we raised $187. We also sold tickets to win a certificate to attend a Sandler Training Seminar and raised an additional $10. Congratulations to certificate winner Heather Burrell!

*Note that there will be no Door Prize Table at our Executive Luncheon in June.*

**16th Annual Barnyard Auction**

Ok, ladies—we raised $18,000 at last year’s Barnyard Auction. How much more can we raise this year? It’s time to start thinking about our upcoming 16th Annual Barnyard Auction! What businesses or service companies can you solicit for donations? Besides being a tax-deductible donation, it’s great advertisement for the donating company. We are accepting donations of cash, gift baskets, services, and new or unused items. Questions? Please call Sharon at 423.785.8415.

_Save the date for our 16th Annual Barnyard Auction on Thursday, September 12!_

**Sergeant-at-Arms:**

**Beverly Jerman, Office Furniture Warehouse**

**May Meeting Attendance:**

- Members: 36
- Guests: 2

**Website:** Kristina Smith, First Tennessee Bank

Log in to ewichattanooga.com and check your profile for accuracy. Remember that this information is for internal use only.

Questions? Email Kristina: Khsmith@firsttennessee.com.

**Membership:** Tammy Hargis, MCA, Mike Collins & Associates, Inc.

**TRIVIA Question:**

_In what year was EWI chartered?_

Email your answer to thargis@mcollins.com for your chance to win door prize table tickets at our next meeting on April 18th! The winner will be drawn at the meeting.

**RECRUITMENT SPOTLIGHT CATEGORIES:** Jewelry, Electrical, or Paper Industry

Do you know of firms in these industries that might be interested in EWI? Invite them to the June luncheon!
Announcements

EWI Care Corner

Please keep the following requests in your daily thoughts and prayers:

Margaret Browning—Pray for improving health for her dad, John Roberts. He has difficulty breathing.

Sharon Diegel—Her mother gets more confused as each day goes by. Also, Sharon’s dad needs prayers for an approaching heart valve replacement, scheduled for June 17. Sharon needs prayers for both of her parents and would appreciate any assistance we can give her—pray for rapid healing for her dad. Additionally, Sharon’s daughter Amanda is having a rough time just now and needs prayers for motivation and guidance.

Delores Lewis—Please pray for her sisters, some of whom are suffering from ill health now.

Zelma Peck—Pray for her friends who have recently lost loved ones.

Mayor Andy Berke—Desire to stop violence in our community and strategic plans to make Chattanooga a safe and fun place for tourists.

Our Nation—Please pray for the leaders of our nation and all in authority as we remember those serving in danger zones. We hope that fighting will end soon and that all those deployed will return safely to their families.

Help us stay connected by sharing your praises and prayer requests! You can email them to Carolyn Stringer at any time (cstringer@lukenholdings.com).

Philanthropy: Kathy Lee, DiStefano Eye Center

The Philanthropy Project for May and June is Support the Troops. Below is a list of some requested items, but remember that money is also a welcome contribution! Each box costs around $14.95 to ship. Remember that our troops also love to get letters and pictures, especially ones from children. Check with your local schools and churches to get them involved! Remember that schools are out in May, so if you need help picking up letters or artwork, just let me know!

- Toiletries
- Bed Sheets (single)
- Nail Files
- Breath Mints
- Bug Repellent
- Blankets
- Instant Coffee/Cocoa
- Powdered Powerade
- Beef Jerky
- Chips/Crackers
- Easy Cheese
- Candy and Gum
- Dry Cereal (singles)
- Condiments
- Kraft Easy Mac
- Canned Soups
- Canned Tuna
- Instant Oatmeal
- Dried Fruit
- Energy Bars
- Ramen Noodles
- Microwave Popcorn
- Batteries (AA, AAA)
- Stamps, Envelopes, etc.
- Journals
- Frisbees
- Bandanas
- Mini Footballs
- Yo-Yos
- Hackie Sacks
- CDs, Movies,
- Books, etc.

Questions? Contact Kathy Lee at 423.314.7864 or at klee@distafanolaser.com.

All announcements need to be sent to Emily Kurlinski of Classical 90.5 WSMC (emilyk@southern.edu) by the close of business on the Friday following our monthly chapter meeting.
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- **Connections** - Promoting member firms
- **Careers** - Enhancing personal and professional development
- **Community** - Encouraging community involvement

**Congratulations, Charlie Rosenquist!**

Our own Charlie Rosenquist was recently awarded the 2013 Outstanding Service Award from the Georgia National Guard & Family Services Directorate. As we all know, Charlie is very involved with the National Guard families and spearheads our “Support the Troops” philanthropy project. This award is well-deserved! Congratulations, Charlie!

“Like” our Facebook page to view meeting photos and receive updates about our Chapter. You can also follow us on Twitter @EWIChattanooga.

**Quick Links:**

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- **EWI Corporate**