

Letter from the President



Every December, we look back at the year that has passed and we reminisce about our successes, failures, family, job and friendships and make New Year Resolutions to do things differently.

My challenge to you is to not focus on the past, but take a serious look at your future and RESOLVE to listen more, be empathetic, be aware of others all around you, inspire someone, empower someone, personally invest in and commit to growing and helping others around you grow...that's Servant Leadership.

I'm expecting a 2012 full of prospects. Are you?

Sincerely,
Michelle Withorn
EMJ Corporation
Your Chapter President

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January Chapter Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 10

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Doubletree Hotel
407 Chestnut Street



Allison Lebovitz

How can you make a difference in your Community?

A dedicated community volunteer with a passion for philanthropy, Alison Goldstein Lebovitz believes that each of us has the power and responsibility to make this world a better place. In 2007, that conviction prompted her to become co-founder and president of [One Clip at a Time](#), a nonprofit inspired by “The Paper Clips Project” started in Whitwell, Tennessee that promotes student activism and supports service learning in classrooms across the country.

Allison is also the host of 'The A List' weekly on WTCL/PBS and is a Chattanooga Parent Magazine Columnist.

EWI To-Do List:

- Email your reservations for the January meeting to Barbara Tawater by noon on Friday, 1/6.
- Bring door prizes to the chapter meeting. The theme is “Wine and Cheese.”
- Bring philanthropy items - Head Start.
- Contact your “Business Card Buddy”
- Do the website trivia!
- Pay annual dues by February 1st



Philanthropy:

The project for January is Head Start. They need sweatshirts, sweat pants, socks, and shoes for ages 6 weeks to 5 years.

EMJ Corporation

Since 1968, EMJ Corporation has put its signature as the General Contractor on upwards of 500 million square feet of construction projects across the United States. The company was founded with the vision of completing construction projects on schedule while, at the same time, building strong professional relationships with a wide range of clients representing virtually all sectors of business and industry. We believe that relationships should be the cornerstone of all EMJ projects. That philosophy has resulted in sound business principles, a solid reputation, and has fueled the growth of the company to where it is now recognized nationally as one of the most reputable and capable general contractors in the country.

With headquarters in Chattanooga, EMJ Corporation maintains offices in Dallas, Texas; Boston, Massachusetts; Memphis, TN, and Sacramento, California. The company has a subsidiary office in Tulsa, Oklahoma and Signal Energy based in Chattanooga. We have constructed some of the city's notable landmarks: AT&T Lookouts Ballpark, Armstrong Relocation, Baylor Natatorium, Boyd Buchanan High School, BlueCross BlueShield Campus Site & Parking Garage, CBL Office Buildings, Covenant Transport, Cedar Ridge Elementary, East Ridge Elementary, Enterprise South Site Work, Erlanger Hospital Addition, Erlanger Medical Center at Volkswagen, Hamilton Corner, Hamilton Place Mall, Hampton Inn Suites Downtown, Health South Park Medical Office, Hunter Museum of American Art, Majestic 12 Cinemark Theater, Memorial Medical Offices, Museum Bluff Village Condos, St. Barnabas Nursing Home, Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church, Springhill Suites Downtown, US Xpress, and Volkswagen Training Center.

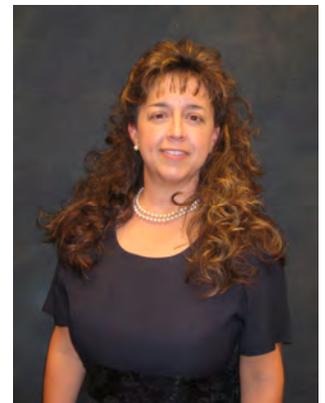


Jay Jolley, Chief Executive Officer

Jay graduated Tennessee Tech University with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and has been with EMJ for 28 years. He helped start up our Dallas office where he met his wife, Kelly, before moving back to Chattanooga in 1994. Kelly owns a gift shop off of East Brainerd Road named Genevieve Bond. They have one daughter, Grace. Jay enjoys golf, sports, and flying his plane.

Michelle Withorn, Director of Strategic Initiatives

Michelle joined EMJ in 1995 as a Secretary, became the Office Manager a few months later, Corporate Administrator in 2006 and recently promoted to Director of Strategic Initiatives. In this new position, Michelle will work with EMJ's Executives to implement the company strategic plan in its regional offices and related companies as well as provide more training support to the jobsite personnel. She is actively involved at Silverdale Baptist Church and volunteers for Junior Achievement teaching a 'Success Skills' course to high school students. She has been a member of EWI since 2008 and loves being involved in EWI because of the remarkable professional women and their hearts to serve our community.



Note from the Editor: **Congratulations Michelle on your PROMOTION!!!**



Fundraising: Sharon Diegel, Miller & Martin, PLLC

Raffle Table: Thanks to all the wonderful items you brought in for our Christmas-themed raffle table, we raised \$241 at our December meeting. Way to go, ladies! Our January theme is "Wine and Cheese," so please bring in related items -- wine, cheese board, wine accessories, etc.

No Dirty Dishes for a Week: We will soon start collecting gift cards for our No Dirty Dishes for a Week fundraiser. If you find yourself with a restaurant gift card that you don't want to use, please consider donating it to this worthy fundraiser. More details will follow in January regarding No Dirty Dishes for a Week.

Pasta Fundraiser: The pasta orders have come in and you should have your order or you should have been contacted about your order. We don't quite know the total raised but that information will be forthcoming.

Monthly PowerPoint Advertising: Advertise your firm on our EWI slide show that runs continuously before each monthly meeting. The cost is \$25 per month. All proceeds go toward our scholarships.

Thank you, ladies, for your continued support through our fundraisers! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!



Sergeant-at-Arms: Barbara Tawater, Northgate Title Escrow, Inc

Last Month's Meeting Attendance:

Members Present:	46
Guests Present:	15
Percentage of Firms Present:	59%



Retention and Recruitment: Sandy Saylor, Robert Half International

Anytime you attend a seminar, a conference, or an event, keep the program. Reach out to the sponsors of the event to grow our chapter. We are currently at 62 member firms. Help us grow our membership to 75 firms by August 4, 2012!

EWI Care Corner

Please keep the following requests in your thoughts and prayers:

EWI Scholarship Recipients (Encouragement)

Sandy Saylor's husband (car accident but he is okay)

Bertha Lloyd (Delores Lewis' sister)

Betty Doss (Delores Lewis' sister)

Karen Collins (Co-owner of MCA – battling Ovarian Cancer)

Thanks for your support of EWI members and families. If you have a request to add this list, please send it to Heather Burrell (hburrell@mcollins.com) by the Friday following our monthly meeting.



Website Trivia Contest: Win 3 raffle tickets!

EWI has received many glowing testimonials from area leaders over the years, including one called "Making the Case for EWI". Who wrote it? Email your answer to Kelly McCoy (kelly.mccoy@cumulus.com) and you might win 3 raffle tickets!

EWI Corporate: Development Opportunities

Leadership as it Relates to Change

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 3:00 pm (ET)
Colette Carlson, Speak Your Truth

Register for webinars at www.ewiconnect.com.



Note: All announcements need to be sent to Melissa Gratias of MBG Organizing Solutions (melissa@mbgorganizing.com) by close of business on the Friday following our monthly chapter meeting.



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