

# San Antonio ewiConnect

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March 2026

## President's Message



**Lauren Costley**  
Deacon Recruiting  
2025/2026 Chapter President  
EWI of San Antonio®

Dear EWI of San Antonio Members,

March is a beautiful reminder that new seasons bring fresh energy and new opportunities. As spring arrives, the days grow longer, flowers begin to bloom, and many of us look forward to spring break, Easter celebrations, and simply spending more time outdoors enjoying the sunshine. It's the perfect time to pause, breathe in the fresh air, and make space for the things that bring you joy—whether that's time with family, exploring somewhere new, or reconnecting with friends and colleagues.

Here in our chapter, we continue embracing this year's theme of Rolling Out the Red Carpet and Elevating the Member Experience. Each of you is an essential part of what makes our organization so special. My hope is that every meeting, event, and connection we create together makes you feel valued, welcomed, and inspired. Your involvement, ideas, and support are what truly elevate our chapter.

Speaking of rolling out the red carpet—our biggest event of the season is right around the corner! I hope you will join us for our upcoming fundraising event:

🎬 Lights, Camera, GIVE!

📅 Friday, March 20, 2026

📍 Magnolia Garden

🕒 Doors open at 6:00 PM | Event begins at 6:30 PM

This Hollywood-themed evening promises to be a night of live music, great food, and wonderful company, all while supporting a cause that is very close to our hearts—our EWI scholarship programs. So dust off your Hollywood glamour and dress to impress!

Tickets are \$100 (Sustaining Members \$65) and sponsorship opportunities are still available. We are also currently collecting silent auction items, so if you or your business would like to contribute an experience, service, basket, or gift card, we would greatly appreciate your support.

All proceeds benefit EWI of San Antonio scholarships, helping students pursue their educational and career dreams.

Please reach out ASAP—we would love to have you involved.

Thank you for being such an incredible part of our chapter. I look forward to seeing many of you on March 20th as we celebrate, connect, and give back together.


With appreciation,

Lauren Costley



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Submit info to:

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Next issue deadline: April 6, 2026

### February Meeting Recap

**A big thanks to Jenna Saucedo-Herrera and Ernie Zuniga for an amazing evening of candid discussion getting to know Jenna and her professional journey to her current role at USAA.**



*Make today so  
**AWESOME**  
that yesterday  
gets jealous*



**Welcome to our newest EWI member -  
Samantha Martin  
The Firm Roberts & Martin**

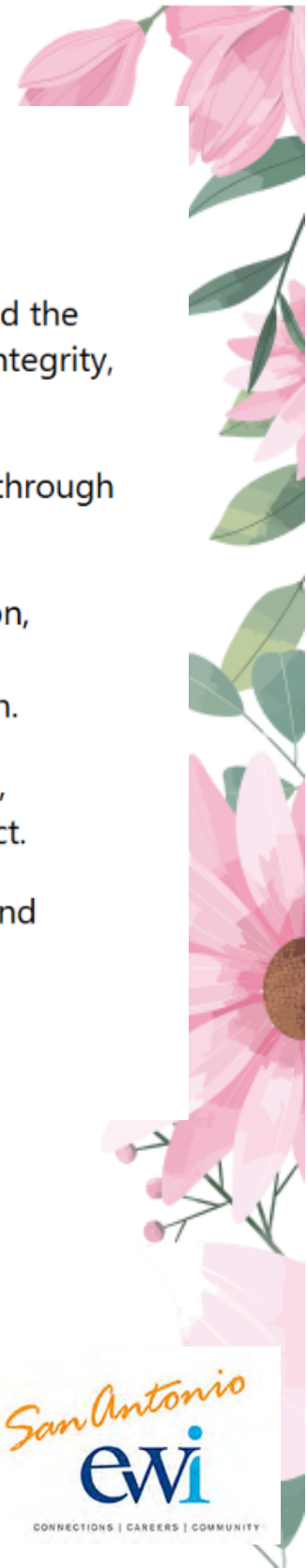
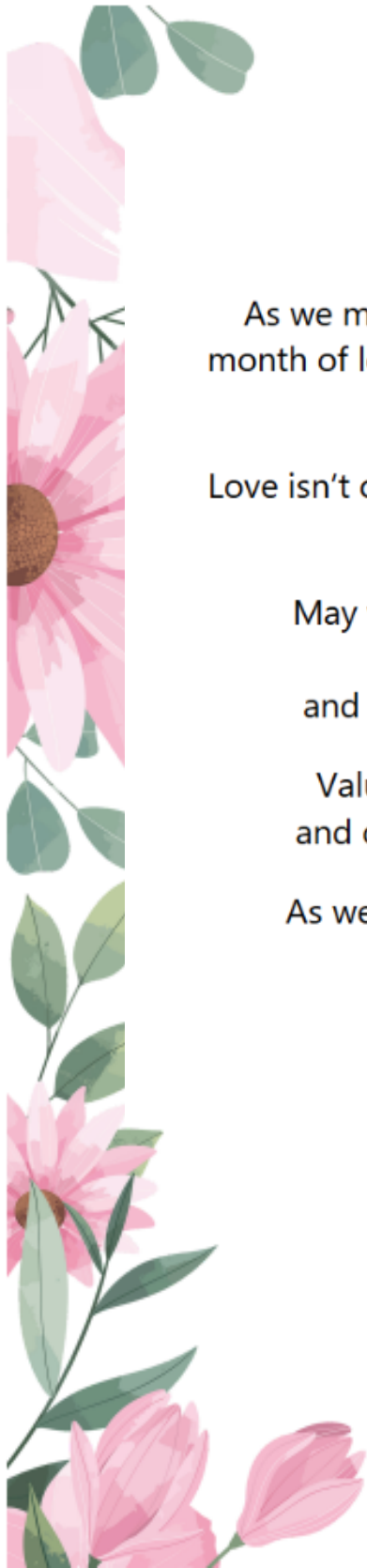
## February Meeting Recap



Friendship is the fuel that ignites our spirits, empowering us to soar to new heights.



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## A February Blessing

As we move through the month of February, a season often called the month of love, let us remember that love can show up as respect, integrity, and care in the work we do.

Love isn't only something we celebrate, it's something we practice through how we listen to, lead with, and uplift one another.

May we approach our efforts with renewed focus and intention,  
our decisions shaped by wisdom,  
and our relationships strengthened by trust and collaboration.

Value each voice at the table, build meaningful partnerships,  
and continue laying foundations for growth and lasting impact.

As we begin this meeting, help us to be present, purposeful, and confident— ready to do good work together.

Amen

Submitted by Margaret Eckhardt, *Affinius Capital*

March 2026



March 20, 2026  
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM



Magnolia Garden  
2030 North Main Avenue  
San Antonio, TX 78212

**Agenda:**

- 6:00-6:30 pm Registrations and Reception
- 6:30-6:45pm President's Welcome, Mission Statement, Roll Call
- 6:30-7:00pm Dinner
- 7:00 -9:45pm Concert, Silent Auction, 50/50 drawing Fundraising
- 9:45pm-10:00pm Announce winners
- 10:00- Event End

**Tickets**

- \$100.00 Member Ticket
- \$100.00 Non Member Ticket
- \$65.00 Sustaining Member

EXECUTIVE WOMENS INTERNATIONAL  
PROUDLY PRESENTS

20 MARCH 2026

LIGHTS CAMERA  
GIVE

A HOLLYWOOD NIGHT SUPPORTING OUR FUTURE STARS

NATE RODRIGUEZ

REED BROTHERS

TO BE ANNOUNCED

**MAGNOLIA GARDEN**

DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM, FUN STARTS AT 6:30 PM  
\$100 Entry Ticket, Sponsorship Tickets Are Available

Purchase Tickets Online [www.ewisanantonio.org](http://www.ewisanantonio.org)

Magnolia Garden- 2030 North Main Avenue SA TX 78212

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT EWI OF SAN ANTONIO & OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

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# LIGHTS CAMERA GIVE

**A HOLLYWOOD NIGHT  
SUPPORTING OUR FUTURE STARS**

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### PLATINUM SPONSOR: \$10,000

- 20 TICKETS TO EVENT (2 TABLES), UNLIMITED DRINKS ALL NIGHT, 20 MEAL TICKETS
- RECOGNITION THROUGHOUT EVENT AS THE EVENT SPONSOR
- RECOGNITION ON SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS
- RECOGNITION ON THE EWI WEBSITE
- RECOGNITION DURING PRESENTATION AND THROUGHOUT EVENT
- INDIVIDUAL SIGN WITH LOGO/NAME ON STAGE

### GOLD SPONSOR: \$5,000

- 10 TICKETS TO EVENT(1 TABLE), 20 DRINK TICKETS, 10 MEAL TICKETS
- RECOGNITION ON SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS
- RECOGNITION ON THE EWI WEBSITE
- RECOGNITION DURING PRESENTATION AND THROUGHOUT EVENT
- SIGN WITH LOGO/NAME ON STAGE



### SILVER SPONSOR: \$2,500

- 4 TICKETS TO EVENT, 8 DRINK TICKETS, 4 MEAL TICKETS
- RECOGNITION ON SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS
- RECOGNITION ON THE EWI WEBSITE
- RECOGNITION DURING PRESENTATION AND THROUGHOUT EVENT
- SIGN WITH LOGO/NAME ON STAGE

### BRONZE SPONSOR: \$1,000

- 2 TICKETS TO EVENT (OPEN SEATING), 4 DRINK TICKETS, 2 MEAL TICKETS
- RECOGNITION ON SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS
- RECOGNITION ON THE EWI WEBSITE
- RECOGNITION DURING PRESENTATION AND THROUGHOUT EVENT
- SIGN WITH LOGO/NAME ON STAGE

### SILENT AUCTION/RAFFLE SPONSOR

- SIGN UNDER EACH DONATION
- RECOGNITION DURING RAFFLE FOR QUALIFYING LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

For more information contact  
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**Magnolia Gardens**  
2030 North Main Avenue  
San Antonio TX 78212

**March 20, 2026**  
6 PM - 10 PM

# ewi Emerging Executive Women

*At EWI, we grow leaders! To demonstrate our commitment to this focus, we are continuing our professional development program, "Emerging Executive Women." This program will advance the growth and development of EWI's leaders by investing in their learning to ignite their career and impact their community. Recognizing that leaders emerge at various points in their professional careers; this program is open to all EWI members. Our main focus is to give our members the support and encouragement they need to build their confidence and achieve their career goals.*

**Program details:**

- Program launches January 26, 2026, with awards granted in April 2026.
- Winners will be paired with a coach from the Corporate Board or membership (must be in a senior leadership role in their firm\*) to complete six (6) dedicated coaching sessions throughout the current EWI year (at a cadence determined by the coach and recipient).
- Winners will receive a grant to participate in a training or leadership program, certificate program or specialized conference. Monies are paid directly to the entity providing the training, program, or conference, not to the individual.
- Monies from this program will not fund any professional development program organized by EWI or its Chapters.

**Eligibility:**

- Applicants must be in good standing with their chapters to apply!
- Applicants must have at least four years of professional career experience and submit an essay explaining their desire to take their career to the next level and how this program will help them reach their goals. Grantees must provide a formal written summary at one year and two years post- program to describe how they are applying the skills and knowledge gained from the program in their career.
- Members can only apply for one grant per year. If awarded, members must wait two years before re-applying.

*\*A senior leader is defined as someone that leads strategic planning, has critical decision-making skills and/or supervises and mentors others.*

For questions, please contact Lesley Comathan at [lcornathan@columbusconventions.com](mailto:lcornathan@columbusconventions.com)

Please submit all applications to the Development committee at [lcornathan@columbusconventions.com](mailto:lcornathan@columbusconventions.com)

no later than 5:00 p.m. CST on April 3, 2026!

[CLICK HERE for Program Guidelines and Application](#)



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**EWI TEXOMA Forum 2026**

July 30 - August 1

Location: Corpus Christi, Texas



**LCAM 2026**

**September 16-19, 2026**

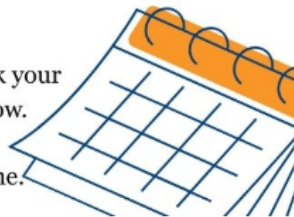


**Mobile, Alabama**



There's no time like the present, mark your calendars and SAVE THE DATE now.

LCAM Justification Toolkit to come.



*Board of Directors  
Spotlight*

**JENNIFER  
UECKER**



**ABOUT ME**

Jennifer is a Senior Vice President of Tax at Affinius Capital. She focuses on managing the tax compliance and consulting for numerous real estate investments that the company manages. She and her husband, Allen, have two beautiful daughters, Madison and Rachel, as well as a wonderful step-daughter Danni. She also has two precious, fun-loving granddaughters that keeps her laughing.

**MY HOBBIES**

Spending time with family and friends is key to the happiness Jennifer finds in life. Whether it be going to concerts with family, traveling with friends, or just enjoying a nice lunch outside, she finds joy in spending time with others. Jennifer also loves to spend time outdoors - gardening, morning walks and just enjoying nature in spite of the Texas heat.

**EWI SERVICE**

Jennifer has enjoyed her 3 years of membership with EWI. She is currently serving her 2<sup>nd</sup> term as the Publications Chairperson for which she and her team publish the monthly newsletter.

**FAVORITES**

- Music: Country
- Food: Hamburgers
- Movie: Hope Floats
- Season: Fall



**EDUCATION**

Graduating from Boerne High School, Jennifer furthered her education at the University of Texas at San Antonio where she received her Bachelors of Business Administration. She is also a Certified Public Accountant.

**"Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love."**

~Mother Teresa

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## **March is National Women's History Month Enjoy some famous quotes from women**

1. "We may encounter many defeats but we must not be defeated." – Maya Angelou
2. "Love yourself first and everything else falls into line. You really have to love yourself to get anything done in this world." – Lucille Ball
3. "Your ambition should be to get as much life out of living as you possibly can, as much enjoyment, as much interest, as much experience, as much understanding — not simply be what is generally called a success." – Eleanor Roosevelt
4. "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even heard but must be felt with the heart." – Helen Keller
5. "If there is a book that you want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, you must be the one to write it." – Toni Morrison
6. "If you look at what you have in life, you'll always have more. If you look at what you don't have in life, you'll never have enough." – Oprah Winfrey
7. "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples." – Mother Teresa
8. "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." – Maya Angelou
9. "The question isn't who is going to let me — it's who is going to stop me." – Ayn Rand
10. "You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try." – Beverly Sills
11. "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough." – Mae West
12. "The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age." – Lucille Ball
13. "Don't wait around for other people to be happy for you. Any happiness you get you've got to make yourself." – Alice Walker
14. "Nobody gets to live life backward. Look ahead — that's where your future lies." – Ann Landers

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**Make Every Day Count**

We all know that establishing healthy habits is challenging but is also important to maintain holistic wellness. Small actions daily can make an enormous difference. Try doing special activities each day of the week.

Hello **Monday** – Get ready, get set for the week. Monday is a wonderful day to start a new habit – even if you are re-starting the habit. This is the best day to begin with a fresh new attitude and high energy.

Tuneful **Tuesday** – Listen to music. It is good for the soul. Music helps reduce anxiety, lowers blood pressure, and improves sleep quality. It also motivates you to move. Why not add an upbeat tune to your exercise routine.



Wellness **Wednesday** – Take a look at your diet. Are you taking your vitamins? Certain vitamins are indispensable for human health and wellness. Calcium and Magnesium are two of the most important mineral supplements that help with strong bones and teeth, muscle health, nerve function, and much more.



Thirsty **Thursday** – Be sure to drink plenty of fluids. Staying hydrated is one of the absolute best things you can do for your health. It helps with your physical performance, brain function, and physical health. Drinking water can even promote weight loss by increasing your metabolism.

Happy **Friday** – Be happy...the work week is over! Reach out to friends and family – Reconnect with an old friend – Call, text or e-mail someone you know. Everyone needs a little extra connection sometimes.



Satisfying **Saturday** – Pampering yourself can be a real treat and very soothing. Self-care can promote your overall well-being and contribute to your health and a positive environment. It also boosts energy levels, improves circulation, and detoxifies the body which leaves you feeling refreshed and rejuvenated.

Super **Sunday** – Sunday is a day rest. Meditation is also beneficial. Take a mini stress break by closing your eyes and taking three long, slow, deep breaths. Even if you take a slow, 30-minute walk, take a warm bath, or watch a favorite TV show, you will attain a healthy break. The essence of rest is being in harmony with motivation and action. Your body will benefit from a balance of activity and rest.

Sources : [www.healthline.com/nutrition](http://www.healthline.com/nutrition)

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## Happy Anniversary

**Porter Loring Mortuaries**

**20 years**

## Happy Belated Anniversary

**Bank of America\***

**68 years**

*\*This important milestone was missed last month*

## Happy Birthday

**Cheri Wiese, *UT San Antonio***

**March 10**

**Cathy Rogers, *Omni La Mansion-Del Rio***

**March 14**

**Cali Beeman, *The ETC Companies***

**March 27**

**Marsha Garza, *USAA***

**March 30**

**Barbara Johnson, *Sustaining Member***

**April 1**

**Jennifer Uecker, *Affinius Capital***

**April 2**

**Margaret Eckhardt, *Affinius Capital***

**April 13**

**Debbie Saldana, *H-E-B***

**April 25**



**2025–2026 MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS**

March 20, 2026	Magnolia Gardens
April 16, 2026	Alamo Cafe 281
May 14, 2026*	UT San Antonio - Downtown Campus
June 18, 2026	Porter Loring
July 2026	No Meeting
August 17, 2026	Embassy Suites
September 24, 2026	Installation of 2026-2027 Board of Directors

\*Please note May meeting is the 2nd Thursday of the month

**BOARD MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS**

March 25, 2026	Virtual
April 29, 2026	Bank of Texas





***If you would like to see the previous General Meeting or Board Meeting minutes please reach out to our Chapter Secretary.***

## 2025-2026 Officers & Directors

<p><b>President</b>  <b>Lauren Costley</b>                  Deacon Recruiting                  210-807-5627                  lcostley@deaconrecruiting.com</p>		<p><b>Membership Director</b>  <b>Cali Beeman</b>                  The ETC Companies                  210-323-7846                  cali@eligibilitytrackingcalculators.com</p>	
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## **2025–2026 Committee Chairs**

ASIST/EWISP	Chloe Knauer
Philanthropy	Debbie Saldana, Christina Cardenas
Hospitality	Frances Dominguez, Sylvia Spanos
Budget	Melissa Molina
Parliamentarian	Frances Dominguez
Historian	Lorie Lopez
Nominating	Alicia Clark
Bylaws	Caroline Diaz
Social Media	Lauren Costley, Cali Beeman
Membership	Cali Beeman
Membership Retention	Cheri Wiese
Chaplain	Margaret Eckhardt
Care & Concern	Joyce Carothers, Diane Skillrud

### **OUR MISSION**

Executive Women International (EWI) brings together key individuals from diverse businesses for the purpose of promoting member firms, enhancing personal and professional development, and encouraging community involvement.

### **OUR VISION**

To enhance professional growth and development within a diverse group of women while empowering them to make a difference as they inspire others.

### **OUR VALUES**

Integrity | Excellence | Respect | Collaboration