



### A Word from our Chapter President

As Edwin Way Teale once said, "The world's favorite season is Spring. All things seem possible in May." With 2011 moving so quickly, I thought we all needed a reminder of what a wonderful month May can be each year. Mother's Day is just right around the corner, there are always plenty of weddings, baseball season is in full swing, and here in Florida we have beautiful beach days. May is also a great time for Spring cleaning, whether it be your house or office. It is a great time to reorganize and refocus on the things that truly matter.

As you all know this year has been a whirlwind and with Busch Gardens opening Cheetah Hunt at the end of this month, I don't see it slowing down. However, I have every intention of reorganizing and refocusing. I believe this will help bring a little more balance and I encourage everyone to do their own version of Spring cleaning. I just know how wonderful it feels to finally clean out that back room closet that has had everything stuffed in it and I can't wait to feel that way about everything!

Happy May Everyone!

*Dana McDonald*

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## May Chapter Meeting

### Don't Be a Victim!

The National Crime Stop Program will teach you how to protect yourself from potential fraud.

- Date: Wednesday, May 11  
5:30p.m. – social networking  
6:15p.m. – dinner and speaker
- Location: Syniverse Technologies  
8125 Highwoods Palm Way  
New Tampa
- RSVP: NOW but no later than Friday, May 6  
to [Bonnie Smith](#) or call (813) 371-5747
- Bring: A guest and let them experience the benefits of EWI membership!

## April Executive's Luncheon

Unfortunately we were unable to meet our attendance requirements at Seasons 52 so to avoid an extreme financial loss to the chapter, the board of directors decided to cancel the luncheon.

## News from the Birmingham Chapter Concerning the Tuscaloosa Tornados:

*Thank you for your concern. Some of our reps have damage to their homes and property, but no injuries or loss of life in our immediate group. All of us know families who have lost everything and some of us have friends and co-workers who have lost loved ones. It is an overwhelming situation. As an Alabama Power employee, I have co-workers who are witnessing terrible devastation as they work to restore power to heavily damaged communities. We will be involved in the rebuilding effort for quite some time. Please keep us in your prayers.*

Thanks,  
Sandra Hight  
President, EWI Birmingham

## Corporate News:

### Thank You!

Pause with me for a moment and contemplate the impact that you make because of your firm's commitment to EWI. Through your volunteer service on Chapter and Corporate Boards and Committees; Connections are built, Careers are enhanced, and Communities and individual lives are changed for the better.

This month marks the second anniversary of my employment with EWI. What a privilege is it to work in this capacity and interface with such remarkable women and men! On behalf of the Corporate Office, I want to express my thanks for your firm's support and your leadership and vision. You breathe life into EWI's three pillars ~ Connections, Careers, Community.

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**This is one we all could benefit from taking:**

Tuesday, May 24:  
"Taking Minutes Shouldn't Take Hours: A Guide to Accurate and Succinct Meeting Notes" with Lisa Fabian

## Welcome the Babies...Kasi and Mtani!

Just a month after [Busch Gardens](#) took in a two pound cheetah cub whose mother wasn't caring for it, the park's animal care team has identified the perfect four-legged friend for the 8-week-old cat: a 16-week old female yellow Labrador puppy.



A contest was held to name the friends, and the winning names selected were Kasi for our baby cheetah and Mtani for his puppy friend. Kasi is Swahili for "one with speed" and Mtani is Swahili for "close friend."

Cheetahs are included on both the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) list of vulnerable species as well as on the US Endangered Species Act list of threatened species. Only approximately 12,400 cheetahs remain in the wild. Busch Gardens supports the conservation of and education about cheetahs through the SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund, which has donated nearly \$100,000 to cheetah efforts in Africa since 2005 and also helps fund conservation programs for white rhinos, marine animals and many other species around the world.

### CHAPTER DATES

#### May 11

Program Meeting at Syniverse Technologies New Tampa

#### June 8

Philanthropy Activity  
Banana Splits for Residents  
Hope Lodge at Moffitt  
Cancer Center

#### May Birthday:

13 Bonnie Smith

#### June Birthday:

23 Phyllis Corr

## Just in time for Afternoon Showers...

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EVA Case included. Available in Royal Blue.  
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