



### *A Word from our Chapter President*

I want to thank each person who participated at October 12<sup>th</sup> Installation of Officers. Special thanks go to Melissa Gross for arranging the delicious meal at the Sheraton Riverwalk and

Brenda Enfinger and Linda Helton who planned this special night. Brenda's creative touch made the ceremony very special for the 2011-2012 new board members. I am looking forward to working with the new board and have great expectations for our Chapter.

Our Board Retreat on October 22<sup>nd</sup> was a huge success. A big thank you goes to Sharon Hewitt for graciously opening her home. The eight of us enjoyed fellowship and great food before getting down to business. During the course of several hours we exchanged ideas and accomplished a lot, especially regarding the programming for next year. Meetings like this outside our regular gathering helps to stimulate ideas and create plans in a relaxed environment that allowed for lots of open dialogue.

We anticipate a fantastic meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> at MacDill AFB. Colonel Tonja Brickhouse will be our guest speaker and I'm sure you will find her very interesting and inspirational. Colonel Brickhouse will be sharing how her journey in the military prepared her for the career she currently holds as Director of the Solid Waste Department. Please invite others to join us for this wonderful evening.

Let us remember the special days in November - Veteran's Day on the 11<sup>th</sup> and Thanksgiving Day on the 24<sup>th</sup>. We have much to be thankful for, especially all the brave men and women who give of themselves to keep our country safe. Enjoy your Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends.

With loads of Gratitude,  
*Bonnie Smith*

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## October Installation:

The October chapter meeting started out with our usual meet and greet, followed by a delicious dinner.



Brenda Enfinger presided over the installation of the new board members and recited the corresponding responsibilities. Installation of Officers is always a special evening for our Tampa Chapter. Each new board member received a glass candle holder with a beautiful gold candle.

It was my pleasure to receive the president's pin bestowed by Brenda, a two-time past president.



## November Chapter Meeting:

Join us for an inspiring evening as Colonel Tonja Brickhouse speaks to us about her journey and career in the military. She has served as an Air Force officer for 25 years and in 2005 was promoted to colonel. Colonel Brickhouse served at MacDill Air Force Base for about a year before retiring in June 2007.

As usual, our monthly meeting is the second Wednesday of each month - *Wednesday, November 9.*

**Time:** 5:30 PM Meet & Greet/Registration  
6:00 PM Dinner and Program

**Location:** MacDill AFB  
Surf Edge Club, Heritage Room

**Speaker:** Colonel Tonja Brickhouse

**RSVP to SAA:** [Carol Talone](#) or 813.621.4671  
**Must RSVP by November 2, no exceptions.**

We are obligated to guarantee 25 reservations so please extend an invitation to potential members, fellow co-workers and family to attend our meeting on this special evening.



At November's meeting you can select a child's name from a wish list of the Hope Children's Home and bring a Christmas gift during the December meeting to be held at The University of Tampa.



### CHAPTER CALENDAR:

**November 9**  
Chapter Meeting  
MacDill AFB

**November 16**  
Board Meeting - telephonic  
11:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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#### November Birthdays:

- 3 Marilyn Madson
- 5 Sharon Hewitt
- 7 Linda Helton

#### December Birthdays:

- 9 Vicki Boyle
- 9 Carol Talone
- 11 Patti Jako
- 16 Dottie Leeds

## October Board Meeting “Retreat”:

The October Board Meeting “Retreat” was held at the home of Sharon Hewitt. We enjoyed a delightful, casual Saturday morning with fellowship and plenty of yummy breakfast foods.

Afterwards we gathered around the dining room table which led to a lot of good interaction about various topics. It was a great time of sharing and bouncing ideas amongst each other. After several hours we decided to call it a day and we all felt like a lot was accomplished. Programs for 2012 have been initially discussed and will need a few things tweaked before being finalizing and publicizing on our chapter website.



### Topics discussed:

- Monthly meeting fees to change: amount will be \$5 more than cost of meal expense
- Meeting expenses need to be presented to board by planning individuals one month prior to meeting
- EWI tri-fold brochures to be made available for guests and placed on registration table at each meeting
- All reps should register and visit the new “[MyEWI](#)” Social Network! It includes a calendar, news, forums, and the community directory of members. If you have issues contact corporate: [Melissa@EWIConnect.com](mailto:Melissa@EWIConnect.com)
- Web host for our chapter will change and likely save a few dollars per month.

## Reading Rally Update:

By Carol Talone

This year the Board and membership approved a donation of \$500 to Garland V. Stewart Middle Magnet School in Tampa. The money will be used to purchase a class set of books of *The Florida Water Story* which will stay with the school for use by future classes along with some additional display boards and art materials for students.

USF has chosen Stewart to be a part of their NSF grant on Coastal Areas Climate Change Education. The school is developing an integrated earth science project that focuses on our river shorelines and the Tampa Bay area. Their science partners are the Florida Aquarium, USGS, NOAA, NASA, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute and USF’s College of Marine Science to plan this project. Their 3 main goals are:

Goal 1: Students will improve their understanding of climate change science by combining information obtained from technology resources, interactions/interviews with scientists and authentic learning experiences (field trips).

## Corporate News:

Log-in here for news, events, EWI resources and professional development webinars offered by corporate - upcoming and past!  
<http://www.ewiconnect.com>

### **Upcoming Webinars:**

November 8, 3:00 p.m –  
Building Trust in the Workplace

November 15, 3:00 p.m. -  
MyEWI: The Basics



Pam McFarlin, Earth & Space Science Teacher; Carol Talone; Lynn McDaniel, Lead Teacher and Bonnie Smith

Goal 2: Students will improve their understanding of the world by combining information obtained from resources with higher level thinking skills to obtain a conceptual understanding of climate change and earth and environmental science.

Goal 3: Students will enhance reading and comprehension skills, research skills, written and oral communication skills and student self-confidence.

At the conclusion of this project next spring several students will bring displays to one of our meetings to do a "Show and Tell" to share with us what they learned through their participation in this program.

The Vision for Stewart Middle Magnet is developing independent, life-long learners, through exploration in math, science and technology with an emphasis on aviation and aerospace.

## Proposed Programs for 2012

| Month     | Type of Meeting                                       | Possible location | Comments  |
|-----------|---|-------------------|---|
| January   | Speaker from Greater Tampa Bay Chamber                | Open              | Phyllis to find speaker                                       |
| February  | Business Meeting                                      | Yale Lift Trucks  | Members only, guests discouraged                              |
| March     | Women's Health/Wellness                               | Sheraton          |   |
| March     | Regional Board Forum                                  | Atlanta           | Open to all members.<br>No cost to attend.<br>Date March 2-3  |
| April     | Executive's Luncheon with uplifting, humorous speaker | Maestro's at PAC  | Terry will contact PAC;<br>Marla to ask Linda Devine to speak |
| May       | EWISP   | UT                | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday<br>instead of 2 <sup>nd</sup>       |
| June      | Speaker from Tampa Bay Partnership RE: upcoming RNC   | Centre Club       | Patti to arrange<br>Centre Club; Phyllis to find speaker      |
| July      | Speaker   | TB Yacht Club     | Phyllis will contact YC;<br>Sharon to find speaker            |
| August    | Philanthropy Activity                                 | Open              | Open  |
| September | Business  | Sykes             | Prepare for LCAM; reps only, guests discouraged               |
| October   | Installation  | Sharon's choice   | Open  |
| November  | MacDill (hopefully)                                   | Open              | Open  |
| December  | Open  | Open              | Open  |