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Dear EWI Tampa Bay Chapter Members,

Thank you for your participation in our first Business Meeting of the year. We were able to finalize several items on our agenda to help us continue our achievements through the calendar year.

We are successfully updating our website and working on other social media outlets to improve our ability to better serve our chapter. I would personally like to thank each member for their continued support of EWI, Tampa Bay. Together we will do great things.

We have a wonderful program scheduled for The Executive Luncheon. Please remember to invite your executive to share in the festivities to be held at The Florida Aquarium on April 14, 2010 at 11:30AM. We have also invited several guests to attend this luncheon in honor of our dedicated executives. We are very thankful to have the continued support of our member firms along with the devotion of their leadership.

Our EWISP Scholarship Event will be held on May 19, 2010. Phyllis Corr of Sykes Enterprises is our Chairperson and is continuing her efforts along with Marla Mancini of the University of Tampa to finalize this important event. This function takes a great deal of effort, and we owe each member involved a debt of gratitude for their continued efforts in support of this program.

I hope all of you had a blessed Easter Holiday with family and friends. I look forward to seeing you soon.

My best regards,

Linda



The Executive Luncheon is a good opportunity to invite potential new members, so they can watch EWI, Tampa Bay shine!

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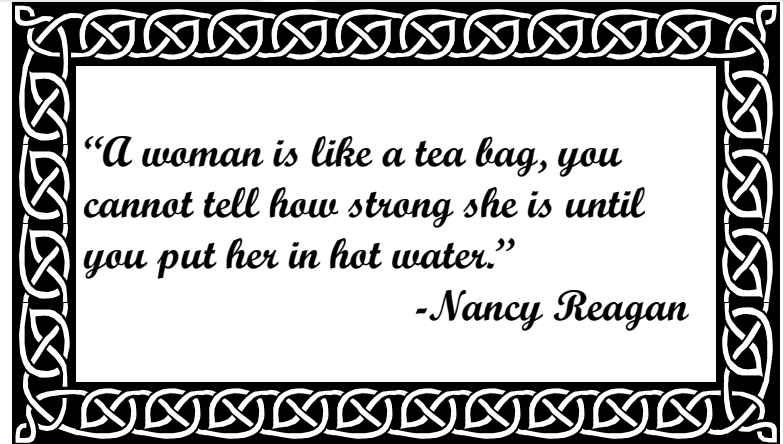
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You are cordially invited to

EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
Tampa Bay Chapter

Executive Luncheon

April 14, 2010
11:30am – 12:30 pm

The Florida Aquarium
701 Channelside Drive
Tampa, Florida 33602

FREE Parking Available: Aquarium parking lot located off McKay Street, mention you are with the EWI Luncheon at the parking booth.

We are pleased to have Mr. Thomas F. Stork, Executive Director/CEO of The Florida Aquarium, welcome the Tampa Chapter members and their executives followed by member Vicki Boyle of TECO Energy.

Guests will be able to tour the Florida Aquarium at their leisure after the luncheon.

Cost \$30.00

Please RSVP by April 9, 2010 to Melissa Gross along with your guests and executives at mgross@sheratonriverwalk.com or 813.210.1015

Member Firm Announces Additional Product Line!



For nearly 30 years, Yale Lift Trucks of Florida and Georgia has been a market leader in material handling equipment with more than 20,000 pieces of equipment sold. Today, they are proud to announce that they have added JCB construction equipment to their line-up under a new division named JCB of Florida and South Georgia.

Like JCB, Yale Lift Trucks of Florida and Georgia are family owned and operated businesses. In the early 1980s, CEO and founder A.D. "Sandy" MacKinnon purchased existing Yale dealerships in Tampa and Orlando and later expanded to include additional locations in Jacksonville and Tifton, GA. The dealership has been awarded the "Dealer of Excellence" for fourteen years; one of two dealerships in North America to earn this distinction. Yale plans on bringing the same dedication and level of service to their JCB customers as they have for their Yale customers.





As Submitted by: Bonnie Smith

As part of their Wellness Program, HOK on February 23—25 had the Wii Winter Olympics at their office for those that wanted to participate. It looks like fun, but Bonnie was not one of the medal winners. What a great idea Bonnie, thanks for sharing!



By Lori S. Goldsmith, SPHR, GPHR
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HR Tampa's theme for 2010 is, "You Can Make a Difference," I am deviating from my usual HR practices and trends to write about volunteerism.

In 1908. Theodore Roosevelt said, "Every man (*woman*) owes a part of his (*her*) time and money to the industry to which he (*she*) is engaged. No man (*woman*) has a moral right to withhold his (*her*) support from an organization that is striving to improve conditions within his (*her*) sphere.

It only takes one person to change the world. A seven year old boy in England just raised 7,000 £ for the Haiti earthquake survivors. I have been volunteering ever since I was in the first grade. My elementary school had a class for physically and mentally challenged children and my parents told me to ask the teacher how I could help. At a young age, I developed a respect and sensitivity to those around me and can't imagine not being involved in my profession or my community.







Last year, marked my third appointment as the HR Florida State Council's Certification Director and my first year serving on the HR Florida conference team. What a wonderful experience! I joined the program committee because I wanted to learn more. Unexpectedly, the Program Chair resigned and I stepped up to the plate. This was my first experience working with programs. At our state council meeting, which is held during the state conference, I was recognized as the HR Florida Volunteer of the Year. When Kitty Fields, the HR Florida State Council President, starting talking about the person she was about to introduce as the Volunteer of the Year, she talked about dedication, rising to the challenge, participation in conference calls at all hours - Kitty could have been talking about anyone of my team members. When she started talking about what this person has done for certification over the years, I found myself looking around the room somewhat frantically because I could not figure out who was in charge of certification ... when I gasped ... I realized it was me. The thought of being recognized as the HR Volunteer of the Year still overwhelms me. It is not about the recognition; it is about suddenly realizing the tremendous difference I have been able to make.

Certification is my professional passion. I have been volunteering in an HR certification role since 2000 and very grateful to HR Florida and HR Tampa for the honor of allowing me to serve these years. Most of all, I want to give a great big thank-you to our President, Holly Tomlin for supporting and encouraging our volunteer leadership roles. None of this would have been possible without Holly's support and the support of my colleagues. For the past 10 years, I have also been serving on Moffitt Cancer Center's, Corporate Partners Steering Committee. In another volunteer life outside of work, I am a beginning Taoist Tai Chi instructor and realize the gift of helping others regain health and mobility or just relieve stress. As time allows, I also participate in local community projects. In a prior professional related volunteer life, I served as the chairperson of the Screening Committee for job readiness training with the Philadelphia and Tampa Urban League for many years. Proudly, I attended every one of their graduations from the program and watched many go on to college to become doctors, lawyers, architects and engineers. In 1994, the National Urban League recognized me as Volunteer of the Year. After all these years, I still think about the community members that we turned into productive citizens, helped to break the cycle and provide self-esteem never before experienced.

Make a difference in someone's life, the environment and in your community. If you have the family and employer support to get deeply involved or can only give one hour a month, get involved to the best of your capacity. Volunteering is straight from the heart. Making a difference is the best gift you can give, not only to your community, to yourself as well.

In December, I passed the GPHR (Global Professional in Human Resources) exam. Could it be the next volunteer chapter of my story?

April 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				 1 April Fools' Day	2	3
 4 Easter Sunday	5 Easter Monday	6	7	8	 9 Good Friday	10
11	12	13	EWI Executive Lunch Fl. Aquarium Anna Miller B-day	15	16	17 Carla Pirez B-day
18	 19 Patriot's Day	20	21	 22 Earth Day	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	 30 Arbor Day	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31  Memorial Day					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 	10	11	12	13 Bonnie Smith B-day	14	15
16	17	18	19 EWISP Awards Univ Tpa	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29