



Message from the President

As we experience the days becoming shorter and colder and the holiday season approaching, I am reminded of a famous Japanese proverb: "One kind word can warm three winter months." I am also reminded that in this season of giving, our Chapter has always stepped up to the plate. I hope you consider sponsoring all or part of our monthly meetings and engaging in the friendship, sharing, and kind words we experience when we get a chance to be together.

Although it is early in the year, your Board has made some major strides:

- Our Programs are amazing...both informative and FUN
- The CONNECT is better than ever and is highlighting the work you do and your firm's accomplishments
- We have a date and place for our next Gala
- Membership continues to grow
- We continue to give. We have made a literacy contribution to Glassmanor Elementary. Member firm, Mindy's Catering, Inc., donated brunch to a parent workshop hosted at Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, and we continue to support our ASIST winner, Deborah Funderburk, and wish her success.

What an amazing group!

In this season of reflection, I always take time to set my personal intentions for the coming year. I also include EWI in those intentions and hope you do too. As a start, I see our DC chapter growing and expanding our connections. I see a very successful Gala and a deserving ASIST scholarship winner. I see packed meetings, fantastic programs, and I hear how members have supported each other throughout each month, both personally and professionally. I am truly excited about what I see and ask that each of you keep our Chapter in mind as you set your own intentions for the upcoming year.

Happy Holidays!!

Jennifer Wild

Alternate Perspectives, Inc.
2009-2010 President
EWI of Washington DC

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Chapter Dates to Remember

December 9, 2009

Holiday/ Philanthropy Dinner
2009 Awards Presentation

Guest Speaker

Tony Cancelosi, CEO
Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind

SunTrust

January 13, 2010

Chapter Business Meeting

ACLA Offices
Featuring Mindy's Catering

[Members Only Please]

February 10, 2010

Susan Holt: Cooking Demonstration
CulinAerie School

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EWI Corporate Events

April 22-24, 2010

Spring Conference
Hosted by
EWI of Memphis
Memphis, TN

September 23-25, 2010

63rd Leadership Conference
& Annual Meeting

Kansas City, MO



CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY

EWI of Washington DC

 *Holiday and Awards Celebration* 

December 9, 2009

Guest Speaker

Tony Cancelosi

President & CEO, Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind

SunTrust Bank
1445 New York Avenue, NW, 9th Floor
Washington, DC

TIME: 6:00 to 8:30 pm

PARKING: PMI Parking -- adjacent to SunTrust

METRO: McPherson Square - Blue/Orange Lines

COST: \$40.00 Members & Guests

*** RESERVATIONS REQUIRED ***

Please RSVP to Debbie Williams by Friday, December 4
phone: 202-457-0617
or e-mail: Deb@Wisdom-Williams.com

****Cancellations made within 72 hours of the meeting date, those who do not RSVP or "no shows" will be charged the meeting fee. Members with outstanding meeting fees must bring their account current to attend future meetings. Prepayment of meeting fees is appreciated and welcomed.**

**Sponsor an upcoming meeting and promote your firm.
Please contact Program Director Patti Ripperger at 202-956-5204
or patricia_ripperger@fmc.com for more information.**

**Please remember to bring non-perishable food items
to support the Gethsemane United Methodist Church Food Pantry.**

Connections



Anthony J. (Tony) Cancelosi was appointed president and CEO of Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind (CLB) in September 2005.

Under his leadership, CLB is refocusing its priorities to better serve the needs of the nearly 180,000 residents living in Maryland, D.C., and Virginia who are blind or visually impaired. To accomplish this goal, Mr. Cancelosi is expanding CLB's strategic partnerships within the greater Washington, D.C. metropolitan area and forging alliances with other blindness and disability organizations, both regionally and nationally. As CLB increases the depth and outreach of its local programs, Mr. Cancelosi is working to identify and cultivate new sources of private and government funding, reduce administrative expenses, and bring an increased level of fiscal accountability to the organization.

Mr. Cancelosi comes to CLB with extensive executive experience. Prior to joining the nonprofit organization, he was President of ICL, an international software company, and the CEO of several for-profit technology companies, including iBrite, Inc.; eStara; and Source Digital. He also served as COO for Kee Systems (now Sylvan Learning). Early in his career, Mr. Cancelosi worked in sales for Control Data Corporation. His nonprofit experience includes involvement with the International Center for the Disabled, National Kidney Foundation, and the Special Olympics. He is the former chairman of ServiceSource and is now a trustee of the ServiceSource foundation.

In addition to serving on CLB's board of directors, Mr. Cancelosi serves on the board of directors of VISTA Technology Services, Inc. and is president emeritus of the Association for Corporate Growth. He is a member of the Wharton Club, Leadership of Greater Washington Class of 2007, the Potomac Officers Club, and the Rotary Club.

Mr. Cancelosi completed the Executive Finance Program at the Wharton School of Business in Philadelphia and received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from St. Joseph's University, also in Philadelphia.

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind is Prince George's County Employer of the Year

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind (CLB) was awarded the 2009 Prince George's County Employer of the Year award. This is an annual award by Prince George's County's Commission for Individuals with Disabilities, and this marks the first time CLB has received such an accolade. **Congressman Steny Hoyer, County Executive Jack Johnson, Patricia Morris, Director, Prince George's County's Department of Family Service, and Patricia Saunders, Prince George's County's ADA Coordinator were among those in attendance.**

As an employer and service deliverer for people who are visually impaired or blind, one of CLB's programs is Career & Assistive Technology Services, which trains adults on skills such as resume writing, interviewing, and computer navigation while using adaptive software. Currently, CLB employs 82 people including individuals who work on the seven government contracts, for example, Andrews Air Force Base.

Earlier this year CLB was awarded a grant, from Maryland's Department of Labor for the Base Realignment and Closure project, to recruit and train veterans who are blind or visually impaired for jobs, and this program is known as Bridge to Work. Through the Bridge to Work program for veterans, CLB has trained and placed veterans into jobs as Document Prep personnel.

For more information on CLB's award, please contact Jocelyn Hunter at jhunter@clb.org or 202-454-6422.

Please welcome new member TRAK Companies!



Representative: Erin Walden Executive: Bernadette Gilson

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Careers

Jumpstart your career in the New Year.

Academy of Leadership

The Academy of Leadership is composed of distinct courses or workshops which develop leadership skills to their full potential. Each course fosters principle-focused leadership through the use of research, best practices, behavioral models and support.

The Academy of Leadership embraces a three-fold philosophy:

1. Leadership can and must be taught
2. Everyone possesses leadership potential
3. There are excellent examples of leadership within EWI



This philosophy is the foundation for the entire Academy of Leadership program, including all speakers, activities and information presented at each course.

The completion of any three Academy of Leadership courses by July 1 is a prerequisite to attend The Leadership Experience at LCAM and join the Academy of Leadership Alumni. Alumni are eligible to attend special leadership events such as the biannual Leaders Summit and the Annual Alumni Experience.


Academy of Leadership courses are offered annually at the Leadership Conference & Annual Meeting (LCAM). Also look for more information and potential Academy of Leadership offerings during the Spring Conference hosted by EWI of Memphis.

For more information visit www.ewiconnect.org.

Community



Bring a new, unwrapped toy to the December meeting.

SunTrust Bank is proud to be a collection point for  again in 2009. For over 62 years the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program has distributed more than 400 million toys to more than 188 million needy children.

Children are one of our nation's most valuable resources. Today's children are tomorrow's leaders.
Won't you help?



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Corporate News

EWI Fellows Program

EWI members are eligible to receive funding for undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate degrees through the Business Career Development Program (B/C/DP). Applicants must be members in good standing, as well as active for at least one year. Applications, with a \$25 nonrefundable application fee, must be received by Corporate Office by **April 30, 2010**.



Application and details are available at ewiconnect.com

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