

## **EWI Roanoke Chapter Membership Meeting Minutes**

**March 12, 2008**

The March meeting was held at Schaal's Metamorphosis starting at 5:30 with networking and wine tasting compliments of E&J Gallo Winery. The meeting was called to order by Leslie Coty, President, at 6pm and a delicious buffet dinner was served "Schaal's Catering" style.

Leslie welcomed members and guests and gave a brief overview of the professional and personal development advantages of EWI membership. Members introduced themselves, their companies and shared personal testimonies about EWI. Leslie encouraged all guests to pick up a welcome package to learn more.

### **Members Present:**

Becky Beard, Linda Mack, Libby Camper, Amanda Schaal, Wanda Hatchett, Ashley Austin, Corrie Bowers, Tonya Harper, Jo Lynn Seifert, Dr. Nancy Barker, Angie Baughman, Marlene Stewart and Elizabeth Futtrell.

### **Guests Present:**

Melinda Laughon- Eisenman & Associates; Karen Bertrand- Long and Foster Realtors'; Danielle Plunkett- SFCS; Lisa Scott- SFCS; Kathy Claytor- Jefferson Center; Nadean Carson- ECS; Gretchen Weinnig- FNB; Nicole Pardon- Oscient; Michelle Church- Coke; Brenda Wilson- E & J Gallo Winery, Lana Seale, and Diane Helkemp.

**Program Presentation: "A Walk Through the Vineyards"** presented by Brenda Wilson, Senior Account Manager of E&J Gallo Winery.

Everyone enjoyed a variety of delicious wines with dinner while Brenda gave a very interesting presentation about E&J Gallo Winery and their wide variety of wine offerings. E&J is the largest privately owned as well as family owned winery in the world with distribution in 90 countries. E&J is the largest landowner in California and is an advocate of protecting the environment. Wal Mart and Kroger are their largest business partners. Many questions were asked and everyone learned a lot about wine and E&J Gallo Winery. Brenda is available for private party consultations.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Lynn Seifert,  
Secretary