

EWI Roanoke Chapter Meeting Minutes March 14, 2007

The Roanoke Chapter February meeting was held at the Hotel Roanoke with networking and socializing starting at 5:30 p.m. At 6:00 p.m., Vice President/President Elect Amanda Schaal welcomed members present: Lana Seale, Leslie Coty, Libby Camper, Tonya Harper, Donna Tatum, Libby Newton, Ashley Austin, Linda Mack, Jessica McGrady, Helen Kerrigan, Wanda Hatchett, Anna Karbassiyoon, Nancy Meyer-Barker, Corrie Bowers and Becky Beard.

Member introductions were made and the guests were introduced: Danya Palmer/Roanoke for Kids, Alexa Mower/Nationwide, Lois Baker/WDBJ, Jo Lynn Seifert/Blue Ridge Business Journal, Laura Slusher/Blue Ridge Business Journal, Arnica Mulder/Luna Innovations, Laura Resnick/Luna Innovations and Tracy Burke/Roanoke Cement.

Donna Tatum distributed gift bags to our three newest members. Wanda Hatchett then introduced the Hurt Park teachers, Allison Claytor and Teresa Smith. They shared with the members some background on the school and the fact that the children are in need of all the adult support and interaction possible. They were thrilled to announce that their Odyssey of the Mind group had taken first place in the local competition and would be going to participate in the State Competition. Everyone was extremely moved by their dedication and compassion and the reading volunteer sign-up sheet was sought out after listening to these amazing teachers.

Libby Newton then introduced our guest speaker, Kathleen Harvey Harshberger who gave an enlightening presentation on Business Etiquette. The members were full of questions...then full of angst with the approaching meal, fearing that they would be caught using an improper fork or inappropriately placing their napkins. Kathleen was delightful and offered a return visit to further expand on her vast knowledge. A wonderful meal followed, and to my knowledge...no one was reprimanded.

Respectfully submitted,

Lana Seale, Secretary