

41 Members Participated – some questions left blank

1. Do you like meeting at Ruth's Chris and do you enjoy the menu options?

- Yes (24 responses)
- Yes, it is fine
- It's fine
- Yes, very much (2 responses)
- Love it!
- Absolutely
- It is acceptable. Easy parking is helpful.
- I like the location and the parking; however, our menu is the same over and over.
- Variety would be nice.
- Yes, Ruth's Chris is a great location and the food is delicious
- Yes, especially the desserts
- Yes, but would love to have several options out west, also.
- I like meeting there, but the menu options are not great
- Yes, especially the crab cakes
- It is a convenient location/I've missed several meetings but those I've attended have always been tasty.

2. Do you enjoy the networking before the meeting?

- Yes, when I can make it.
- Yes (20 responses)
- In theory, but as a new member it is hard to meet new people. Having assigned seating might be fun to mix things up.
- Absolutely
- I never get there on time
- Not really. I am never able to get here in time for it.
- Sometimes
- Yes, I think it is important to have time to meet other members.
- Don't usually make it.
- When I have time
- I haven't had a chance to participate
- I rarely can arrive early enough
- No – it's too crowded. It would be better downstairs than all clustered together in the space upstairs which is too small. Maybe put the name tag table on the far end of the bar to spread people out more.
- Not really
- Yes, if my schedule permits me to arrive early
- I generally don't arrive in time
- Yes, but it is crowded and hard to mix
- Neutral on that. Don't usually get there in time.
- I really don't have strong feelings one way or the other
- My schedule doesn't really allow me to get there in time to take advantage of it

3. What have been your favorite program topics/speakers?

- Natalie Rice (2)
- History oriented
- FBI director and woman whose thesis was on Russian politics

- Speakers that address challenges facing Knoxville and the country – e.g. the retired TBI agent on human trafficking
- FBI lady, Head of ORNL, Dawn Coppock’s poetry presentation
- Thomas Zacharia, ORNL, Natalie Rice, Margie Quin
- Local government, occasional music, would love to hear from the mayor from time to time
- All of them
- I’m new so I don’t know yet
- Anything without a political slant
- New member, so haven’t attended topics yet
- Enjoy the variety
- I like them all
- I like all of them. The conductor of the Knoxville Symphony did a great job.
- FBI presentation
- Local speakers that inform about city, region, arts, etc.
- Those who address issues of local interest or that are in the news
- Susan Dakak, presentation of Russia (can’t remember her name Dean Rice’s wife)
- All!
- The retired ambassador. The (fired) UT Chancellor.
- I have really enjoyed the variety of backgrounds of the speakers – from the park service to the symphony – it has opened my mind from the day-to-day operations of a business. My favorite was the UT person who taught communications skills and brought her book. Her enthusiasm and her ability to see humor in herself was contagious.
- The ones that are unusual. Hearing about the redevelopment of “x district” is not appealing as we can get that information anywhere. Who/what should be special.
- No favorites. I learned from most of the speakers.
- Community awareness.
- I enjoy almost all of them
- Community, Oak Ridge, Women in the Spotlight
- All have been excellent
- Bruce Wheeler, Natalie Rice, Carole King Musical
- Natalie Rice talking about Russians inserting themselves into US election. Fascinating. And, soon after her talk, it became national news! I felt “in” the news. Also loved Aram Demirjian, New KSO conductor. Great to get access to him in such a small setting.
- ORNL, new member’s intro day
- The professor who spoke on Russia was great. I loved the play, too.

4. Do you have suggestions for future programs or speakers?

- Fabulous UT professors on various topics. Literature, art history, state history
- No (2)
- More work related topics on how others have successfully initiated change or new ventures in their work environment.
- What’s being done to address the opioid crisis? Are food borne illnesses increasing or is there just better reporting?
- We should solicit our membership volunteers for presenting topics by our members. We have brilliant members who speak publicly all the time and we should learn from each other.

- I prefer specialists in their fields who are also good speakers.
- A health topic in the news.
- New county mayor and other new office holders that we know little about
- Not yet, but if I do I'll happily share
- Building a vibrant growing community
- Not at this time, but one I see some of the programs, I am sure something will come to mind for the next survey 😊
- Yes, Jim Welch and Caryl Griffin with Griffin Foundation. Involved with Global Biosafety.
- Variety is good.
- Head of TVA Bill Johnson, Bill Lyons, Downtown Development
- Women in leadership roundtables, development programs for women
- Lots of new people arriving at UTK that could be of interest
- New police chief
- Mary Barra – head of GM or other national person for at least one meeting. Lawyers dealing with immigration issues. Doctors working on cutting edge research, HGTV person on national trends
- Keep up the variety
- I think this should be an ongoing request to members
- Media awareness, marketing awareness
- Nothing political please
- Pechakucha organizers in Knoxville, Female entrepreneurs
- Women at risk, medical tips
- I like to hear about cultural activities in our town. I'd like to hear folks from Symphony, Clarence Brown, Opera and KMA talk about upcoming programs. Maybe with a sample performance.
- Women's issues, voting issues/changes, ways to teach tolerance in debate and conversation
- I would like to see some panel discussions with our members
- Nothing comes to mind, but I feel capable of letting the program director know.
- New county mayor, when elections are complete
- Maybe a program on the importance of mentoring the next generation. A lot of talent in the room.

5. What prevents you from attending meetings?

- My schedule for Wednesdays often conflicts with our luncheons.
- Just schedule. I love to attend.
- Schedule (4)
- Going to my car and driving over
- Work conflicts. Going to/from Ruth's Chris adds 40 minutes to my day.
- Work, sometimes.
- Infrequent schedule conflicts
- Business travel
- Just busy
- Sickness, vacation, or unavoidable conflict with a client
- Work schedule/conflicts (9)
- I'm sure that the main thing that might prevent me from attending meetings would be work deadlines. That said, I'm hoping to make as many as possible this year.

- Out of town meetings
- I attend regularly
- I attend most meeting and on occasion have a schedule conflict with another meeting
- Timing. I have a difficult time getting to a noon event. 12:30 would be better for me
- Unexpected walk in from clients
- Conflicting work priorities
- I play golf on Wednesday. I'll be back in the winter.
- Conflicting meetings
- Unscheduled appointments
- Travel with my job and drive time from where I work.
- My office is in west Knoxville so it is sometimes difficult to get away from the office to go downtown and then back to the office.
- Business conflicts. Also, I have heard enough folks from law enforcement. Didn't we have speakers from TBI twice this year? Not my favorite topic.
- Work requirements and sometimes I don't come if I don't find the topic interesting. I've missed more meetings this year than in the past because of my lack of interest in programs.
- Only schedule conflicts with my job prevent me from attending.

6. Have you attended After Hours events? If so, what have been your favorites?

- Yes, roof top event and plays
- The play group was excellent
- I have enjoyed those occasionally. I have appreciated the happy hours and also enjoyed the Clarence Brown Theatre events.
- Haven't been able to attend due to work and child schedule conflicts.
- No (3)
- I have...Blackberry Farm, a play
- Yes. The behind the scenes at the Zoo and the theater events.
- Yes, I love the plays, Volunteer Princess and just the opportunity to get together like the function at the roof of the Hyatt Place.
- A couple....a long time ago.
- Yes, the plays.
- Yes, TN Theatre.
- Occasionally. I enjoyed the Volunteer Princess boat ride and the tour of Villa Collina.
- I am not able to attend After Hours events because of other commitments.
- No, I'm nearly retired and holding on by a thread so after hours events are not my favorite.
- Yes.
- Not yet. (2)
- River Cruise.
- Yes. Enjoyed the play. I loved the Blackberry Farm event. The cocktail hour at the Farragut was fun. The tour of the Tennessee Theatre was great.
- Yes, a few.
- A few, but not recently.
- Yes. Those at the Tennessee Theatre.

- Hyatt on Gay St. cocktails on the roof with tour was great. I like the idea of plays/shows but so far I have either seen them or had tickets or had a conflict. Blackberry dinner was great but I know it was a one-of-a-kind thing and extremely expensive.
- Yes. All are good.
- The Word Players, Clarence Brown
- Carole King Musical.
- Yes, Theatre related are my favorite.
- Tennessee Theatre and other play events. Also, ones like the boat trip where there is a lot of getting to know one another.
- Yes, I love them all.
- Yes, loved going to the plays and the Hyatt Roof Top.
- Performance and happy hours.
- Yes, Tennessee Theatre, musicals
- The painting was great fun.
- Yes, Carole King and Rick Dover's Hyatt on Gay St.
- I generally like them all.

7. What are your suggestions for future After Hours events?

- None
- I am not sure. The ones we have had are all good ideas.
- Maybe some art functions or event group volunteer projects.
- Rather than introducing new members at a regular meeting, have an After Hours event with a short program introducing new members and then let the mingling begin. Visits to unique Knoxville things like WDVX, KMA, Women's BB Hall of Fame
- Suggesting a movie (The Book Club, Mama Mia) that we might enjoy meeting to attend together.
- N/A (2)
- Not sure
- I'm not sure yet
- The KMA, plays, concerts
- Since I haven't attended any yet, I'm not sure what to expect, but will make suggestions down the road if I think of anything.
- I can't usually attend.
- Culinary class, Painting with a Twist again, seasonal wreath making, etc.
- I have enjoyed the events at the Tennessee, also an event we had at Blackberry Farm and the Knoxville Museum of Art. So interesting arts events or unusual locations.
- Maybe a Clarence Brown production.
- More shows/plays but with more advance notice so I have not already bought tickets. More happy hour events like the Hyatt event.
- Non at this time.
- Venues around Knoxville
- ??
- Flying Anvil Theatre
- Behind the scenes opera or theatre.
- Downtown walking tour in the evening with a happy hour to start
- Bus trip for dinner (again)
- West Knoxville locations are great – doesn't really matter what we do. Maybe consider volunteer opportunities.

- Cocktails at a new KMA exhibit opened just for us. (I think there is a Beauford Delaney exhibit coming up.) Cocktails at Patricia Nash studio.
- Bourbon/wine tasting, concert, walking tour downtown
- More things like Beautiful at the TN Theatre.
- I like the happy hours at different locations that perhaps we wouldn't visit on our own.

8. Please list any other comments of suggestions.

- At least once a year make assigned seating so that it will be easier to meet
- Thanks
- Needs to be fun, networking, non-political place
- Truly appreciate all the executive committee has done since Michelle has been gone. Good job!
- None at this time. Thanks. (2)
- How do folks get involved in EWA committees?
- The Board and committees do an excellent job and I appreciate the opportunity to be part of such a great organization. Thank you.
- Perhaps varying the time just a bit?
- Beth Hamil has done an excellent job and I genuinely appreciate her time and caring spirit.
- I do so appreciate this group! I do believe we need more actual business owners and leaders in business in this group.
- Thanks for asking for member input.
- Great organization.
- Thanks to all officers who stepped in after Michelle's passing.
- I extend a special "thank you" to Beth Hamil for her assistance this year during Michelle's illness and after her death.
- It has been an excellent year. Thanks to the leadership team.
- Other program ideas: Mayor Rogero after she leaves office: What I can say now that I couldn't say then! Panel of women in top positions: Supreme Court, recognized doctor, minister, business leader (like Mintha). How has being a woman made your experience different?
- I enjoy EWA so much.
- I really enjoy this organization.