My name is Kelley Evens, I am a new EO member and the co-owner of Aurora Kitchens & Interiors. Aurora Kitchens was formed in 2008 and specializes in the design and construction of kitchens, bathrooms and interior projects.

Prior to owning my business, I worked as a Chemical Engineer for a military aircraft contractor and as a consultant to the Department of Defense. Since this entailed a significant amount of travel and my goal was to be available for my children, I started a window treatment business that was home-based. This allowed me the flexibility I was seeking to balance family and career goals. As my children grew, I began to introduce additional products and services that were aligned with my family life. In 2003, I met my business partner, Kolbe Clark, who also had an interior design business. We offered our clients complimentary services and collaborated on many projects before formalizing our partnership and creating Aurora in 2008.

Aurora is currently in a growth period. In 2009 we hired our first employee (part-time) and currently have four full time employees and five part-time employees. Revenue increased 30% from 2009 to 2010, decreased 8% 2010 to 2011 (hired more employees), increased 26% from 2011 to 2012, increased 4% 2012 to 2013 (more employees, purchase of a 3000sf showroom property, system building) and increased 21% from 2013 to 2014.

I am originally from Long Island, relocated to Washington DC in 1994, Colorado Springs in 1997 and finally Branchburg, New Jersey in 2000. I am married to Carl, an intellectual property attorney at Johnson & Johnson, my son Zach is a sophomore at the University of Colorado in Boulder (journalism major) and my daughter Madison is a junior in high school where she is a student council delegate and varsity/competition cheerleader. We spend most weekends at our log home located in North East PA at Elk Mountain Ski resort.

I graduated Lafayette College in 1986 with a BS Chemical Engineering and received my MBA from Hofstra University in 1990.