



## Region 4 - NAWIC's Core! News & Information

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Core Purpose: To enhance the success of women in the construction industry

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### Greetings from your Director!

Spring has sprung! I've always enjoyed this time of year when Mother Nature puts on her new show of growth. It's time for renewal and fresh starts. Take that spirit and try something new soon; step outside your self-imposed boundaries and watch yourself grow!

Forum in Detroit is April 11 – 13. See you there!

*Christine*

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### Meet the Candidates

Two Region 4 members have declared their candidacy for the Region 4 Director election that will be held at Forum this month. Both candidates' closing comments are below. Region 4 will be in good hands, no matter which candidate is elected!

#### From Melanie Myers:

Why vote me as your new Region 4 Director? Your decision this year will be tough. You have two very strong candidates and no matter who is named Director, this region will come out the winner. I truly believe and stand by our association's goals and objectives. Should you elect me as Director, I promise to keep our region's goals, objectives, issues and concerns at the forefront of all I do. Along with that, I promise to proudly and respectfully represent our region at all national, regional and industry related events. I will help our chapters share ideas and foster a 'sharing network'. I stand by my original campaign promises of growing our region by at least one more chapter and developing a 'New Leader Summit' for our newest members. Please allow me to 'catch our regions dreams and continue to build our future.' If I can answer any of your chapter's questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [mamyers@oaklandcc.edu](mailto:mamyers@oaklandcc.edu) or via phone at (248) 522-3407. I look forward to seeing everyone at Forum in Detroit!

#### From Jan Sullivan, CCA, CDS, CIT:

Keeping the channels of communication open in our Region will be a priority for me as your Director. It is important to me that we are all involved. One person's efforts may make a small difference but when TEAM NAWIC bands together we will be a powerful force; one that cannot be ignored. TEAM NAWIC has been my theme during my

## Mark your Calendar for Region 4 Events:

### Forum 2008

April 11 – 13, 2008  
Marriott Ren-Cen  
Detroit, Michigan

### Leadership Summit

August 2, 2008

### National Convention

September 3-6, 2008  
Flamingo  
Las Vegas, Nevada

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[www.nawic4.org](http://www.nawic4.org)

campaign. I will continue the theme as your Director. It is not about me. It is about US....all of US. What do we want? I will ask. I will listen. We all are not at the "same place" in our lives. We want different things at different times. We must listen to the needs of each other. You will be asked; your voices will be heard. Together we CAN enhance our success in the construction industry.

I'm asking for your vote as your next Director. I will make myself available and will take my duties seriously as Director of Region 4. Please vote!

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## Membership

Mardi Gauer, CIT

Last report I asked what you are doing to help your chapter grow.

Well I just want to let you know that you are all doing something right. Since last month the Chapters have helped Region 4 grow by 22 new members. WOW – that is outstanding.

Keep up the great work!!!

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## Safety

Traci Hardin, CIT

### Top Four-Construction Hazards

The top four causes of construction fatalities are: Falls, Struck-By, Caught-In/Between and Electrocutions. The following brief points reflect minimums that can be taken to prevent these four hazards. However, "best practices" are always recommended.

#### Preventing Falls:

- Wear and use personal fall arrest equipment.
- Install and maintain perimeter protection.
- Cover and secure floor openings and label floor opening covers
- Use ladders and scaffolds safely and correctly.

#### Prevent Struck-By:

- Never position yourself between moving and fixed objects.
- Wear high-visibility clothes near equipment/vehicles.

#### Prevent Caught-In/Between:

- Never enter an unprotected trench or excavation 5 feet or deeper without an adequate protective system in place; some trenches under 5 feet deep may also need such a system.
- Make sure the trench or excavation is protected by a sloping, shoring, benching or trench shield system.

#### Prevent Electrocutions:

- Locate and identify utilities before starting work.
- Look for overhead power lines when operating any equipment.
- Maintain a safe distance away from power lines; learn the safe distance requirements.
- Do not operate portable electric tools unless they are grounded or double insulated.
- Use ground-fault circuit interrupters for protection.
- Be alert to electrical hazards when working with ladders, scaffolds or other platforms.

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## NAWIC Education Foundation

The NAWIC Education Foundation is seeking nominees for the 2008 Carol Kueker Construction Education Visionary Award. Established to honor Carol's service and dedication to NEF, this award recognizes an outstanding construction **educator** or **advocate** for construction education. It is important to note that this award will be presented to an individual outside of the NAWIC membership. They might be in the academic world or simply an advocate and supporter of construction training. See your chapter President for guidelines and nomination forms. **Deadline for nominations is May 15, 2008.**

We're very excited to report that NAWIC President Tamie Taylor has invited NEF to present this award at the Crystal Vision Banquet and we feel this will be the appropriate venue for this national award. We have one previous recipient, Dr. Roger Liska of Clemson University.

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## Welcome New Members!

### **Akron**

Jennifer Watson – The Ruhlin Company

### **Bluegrass**

Donna Snowden, Brock McVey Co.

### **Cincinnati**

Sally Alsfelder, Williams Scotsman  
Loren Schramm, OK Interiors Corp.

### **Cleveland**

Heather Cooney, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Concrete  
Bridget Herron, Anderson Industrial  
Carrie Hruska, UBS Financial Services  
Jill Keppler, Precision Remediation  
Tonia Parker, Williams Scotsman Inc.  
Angela Roberts, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Concrete

### **Columbus**

Elise Runyon

### **Dayton**

Sheila Sennet, TesTech

### **Detroit**

Jacklynn Gray-Serrato, The Construction Safety Group  
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### **Grand Rapids**

Karen Staniulis, G2 Inc.

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## Bits & Pieces

**National Officer Elections** – Ballots will be mailed to all NAWIC members soon. Is your contact information correct in the national database? If not, you may not receive your ballot and thus miss the opportunity to help choose the leaders of our Association. To check your information visit [www.nawic.org](http://www.nawic.org) >Member Log In >Member Center >Update Your Info. While you're there, check to be sure all of your info is correct. Have you filled in the Company Trade, Occupation, and NAICS Code? This information helps other members find you! If you do not know your user name or password, email [membership@nawic.org](mailto:membership@nawic.org) for assistance.

Candidates for the 2008-2009 NAWIC Officers are:

Robin Fulton Meyer, CIT – President-Elect

**Debra M. Gregoire, CIT – Vice President (Region 4)**

Judy DeWeese, CIT – Secretary

Cindy Johnsen, CDS, CIT – Treasurer

**Christine Parsons, CDS, CIT – Treasurer (Region 4)**

**Online Bulletin Board** – Have you taken a look at the bulletin board lately? You could be missing out! The national officer candidates are currently taking questions and other topics for discussion include convention and safety. Do you have a question or thought you'd like to post? Don't be shy, participate!

*Believe  
in ourselves*

*Persevere  
with the strength of our  
convictions*

*Dare  
to move into new horizons*

**NEW**

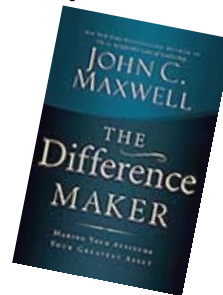
## NAWIC Professional Book Club

### AT CONVENTION

Saturday, September 6, 2008

10:45 am—12:00 pm

Order online at  
[www.injoy.com](http://www.injoy.com)  
or  
A bookstore  
near you



### The Difference Maker By John C Maxwell

*“The promise that attitude is everything is hollow. In fact, if you believe that attitude is everything, it may actually hurt you more than help you.”*

John C Maxwell

Come join in a discussion of this eye opening book about something that can become your greatest asset in business and life. The NAWIC Professional Book Club is an opportunity to discuss with other members your thoughts and ideas about what this book says to you. It is not necessary to agree with everything in the book or everything that someone says about the book. You only have to respect everyone's opinion and their right to have that opinion.

*“Attitude isn't everything, but it is one thing that can make a difference in your life.”*

John C. Maxwell

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