



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!

August is here and that means membership renewal time. Watch your email box for your renewal invoice and act on it right away. In fact, with the easy on-line process and acceptance of American Express, MasterCard, Visa, and Discover there is no reason to procrastinate. Remember that dues are to be received in the NAWIC office by October 1; after that you'll have to pay a late fee.

Convention is just around the corner; are you ready? There are just over 70 of our Region 4 members registered to attend our annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. The educational opportunities at convention will keep us out of the casinos! (At least part of the time?)

Stay cool if you can,

Christine

Annual Planning Conference

The Columbus chapter is busy with preparations for our Region 4 APC which will be held on October 17 & 18. The fun will start with a Friday night football tailgate party. Saturday's meeting will be filled with meetings, a MAGIC camp presentation and workshops. Don't miss the opportunity to pay the early bird registration fee; make your reservation to attend by August 15!

Chapter Chatter

Akron - . The July meeting of Akron Chapter started with a tour of the newly renovated ACME FRESH MARKET in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. The tour was conducted by Lisa Wilson R.D., L.D., the on Staff Dietitian. We were given a vast amount of information on staying healthy with the right foods, how it read labels properly and what to look for while shopping. MyPyramid.gov has all the latest information to a "Healthier You".

Our tour was followed by dinner at LeFevers, overlooking the Falls on the Cuyahoga River. We installed Doris Biasella, of Biasella Tile Company, as our newest member. We continue to grow!

Bluegrass – Several members that had attended recent regional events shared information from keynote speakers and workshops that they had attended. What a great way to spread the educational benefit of Annual Planning Conference and Forum!

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**Mark your Calendar for
Region 4 Events:**

Leadership Summit
August 2, 2008
Dayton, OH

National Convention
September 3-6, 2008
Flamingo
Las Vegas, Nevada

Annual Planning Conference
October 17-18
Columbus, Ohio

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Bowling Green – South Central Kentucky – AGCKY (Associated General Contractors of Kentucky), McGraw-Hill Dodge, NAWIC (National Association of Women In Construction) and WKU (Western Kentucky University) joined forces with a donation of six plan tables and an office desk to WKU Construction Management Program. NAWIC member and WKU staff member Denise Gravitt worked with Paula Short of AGC and also a NAWIC member to coordinate the donation. Paula worked with Vicky Palko of McGraw-Hill Construction and Richard Vincent of AGCKY to acquire the much needed equipment for WKU.



Pictured at one of the plan tables donated are: Front Row 2 WKU students assisting in the move, and back row from L-R John Brazel and Ronnie Perkins of AGCKY, Neal Downey of AIA and WKU, Denise Gravitt of WKU and NAWIC, and Paula Short of AGCKY and NAWIC who also represented McGraw-Hill Dodge. Partnerships do work!

Cincinnati - July 8th the Cincinnati Chapter met at Messer Construction. The topic for the evening was "Networking". Lori Tingle of Messer Construction gave members and guests the Networking Components and had everyone practice during dinner. It was a fun evening with great ideas and new goals for everyone to work on. We are planning on getting Lori to do a 2 hour seminar for our members and guest.

Rosie's Girls started July 14th and will continue thru weeks 7/21/08 and 7/28/08 at Woodward High School. Cincinnati Chapter has partnered with YWCA to bring this camp to Cincinnati for the first time. Many of our members (and their companies) are participating in some way. This is an exciting opportunity for the girls as well as for our chapter.

Follow this link

<http://news.cincinnati.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/AB/20080729/BIZ01/807290360/>
to read an article about Rosie's Girls in the Cincinnati Enquirer!

Cleveland - Lordy, Lordy, Look Who's Forty!! Our Cleveland chapter turned 40 on July 13th and we celebrated with a special Anniversary meeting on July 12th. We were fortunate to have National NAWIC President Tamie Taylor in attendance and deliver a very interesting tale of NAWIC's history. Eleven past chapter presidents were present and it was great to see so many faces from



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the past. Also celebrating with us that evening were Region 4 Director Elect Jan Sullivan and NAWIC members from the Akron, Lansing and Lorain County chapters. Rob Medlock from OSHA was our keynote speaker who discussed 7 life lessons he has learned. A HUGE thank you goes out to our 40th Anniversary Committee for hosting a very special and memorable July Anniversary meeting. Our Scholarship Committee presented a check to Neal Konesky, a senior at Kent State University, who is primed to start his career.

Congratulations to Debbie Gregoire for being elected National NAWIC Vice President!! We are so proud of you and we offer our continued support.



Dayton – The Dayton Chapter has had an exciting month. We have had new opportunities opened up to us with our new Strategic Partner – The Builders Exchange of Dayton. We were asked to be a part of their “Cruise-In” this past week. Different cars and motorcycles were brought in for the President’s of the different organizations to judge. Our President, Rhonda Rhoades chose the Harley Davidson “Fat Boy” as her winner. We also raffled off the Dayton Chapter “Infamous Booze Cooler”. It was an exciting day for us and we were very honored to be a part of this event.



Rhonda Rhoades, Kim Parks, Rhonda Cox, Denise Prikkel, Nancy Howell, Ashley Grandetti

The Boonshoft Museum of Dayton is in the process of making changes and building more for kids to be excited about. One of the changes they hope to be making is having a better “Kidz Construction Zone”. They have one now but it is very limited.

One of our members, Jennifer Salm takes her kids to the museum and made the initial contact. Since then we have met with one of the ladies from Boonshoft and the CEO of the Museum came to our meeting to discuss their new ideas. This is a “in process” project. And it looks like we will be very involved with the project. They want ideas from us on how to make the area more appealing to the kids. They are very excited about having us involved and we are very excited to become a part of their new venture. There is also a possibility we will be having our Block Kids Event at the museum this year.

Evansville – Members gathered to play ‘Anniversary Quiz’ as they celebrated their 45th year as a chapter. Congratulations!

Grand Rapids – It was family and fun night in July for these women. Just a respite before their annual golf scholarship fundraiser coming in August!

Member Char Terpsma, CDS, CIT was interviewed for an article in the Business Review West Michigan newspaper. To read how well Char promotes NAWIC go to

http://blog.mlive.com/squarefootagewm/2008/07/business_quizchar_terpsma_of_p.html#more

Indianapolis – Still glowing with success after their MAGIC camp, these members gathered to hear Lynn A. Troops and David B. Vornehm of Drewry Simmons Vornehm, LLP present ‘Design-Build in Indiana’ at the July meeting.

Lima Ohio Area -

Lima Ohio Area Chapter has a new member, Kay Hardin of Allied Environmental Services and with her membership Wendy Baxter has

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Maria Mrosek, CIT

earned her Red Rose Recruiter Jacket, which will be presented at this year's National Convention. Congrats !

Saturday, July 19th, our chapter worked on renovations at a local women's/children's shelter. We did total interior painting and trim of 6 rooms/common areas and a stairwell. It took most of the day and the directors of the site were so appreciative of our efforts and especially of the results. It was a very rewarding experience. These are the opportunities that make being a NAWIC member so special...when you can truly make a difference in or make someone's life a little brighter. Thanks to all who offered their time, materials and heart to this project.

Louisville – July was the annual company appreciation night for this chapter. Jim Host with the Louisville Arena Authority presented a program on the Louisville Downtown Arena project that will be complete in the fall of 2010.

Toledo - The Toledo chapter held its June 2008 meeting at the OSHA Toledo area office. Jule Hovi, area director, and her staff hosted the group and provided OSHA insight into issues facing the construction industry. Chapter 282 consists of a variety of construction-related industries and includes business owners, managers, safety and health consultants, and other construction support personnel.

MAGIC (Mentor A Girl In Construction) Camp

Melanie Myer



The Detroit and Lansing chapters in collaboration with Oakland Community College (OCC) held the first Michigan MAGIC Camp July 14-18th in Farmington Hills, Michigan. Thirteen girls attended the camp and learned carpentry, electrical and plumbing skills. They were also given demonstrations on drywall and masonry then followed up with an opportunity to use a crane simulator. On Friday evening, the girls and their parents; along with NAWIC, OCC and industry representatives attended a Completion Ceremony and Dinner to mark the end of the camp. I cannot express with words the emotion I feel from this event. I thoroughly enjoyed watching the girls try new things and become empowered by their newfound skills. Many of us were not afforded these opportunities as young

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women and to be part of this has been very rewarding. Even if these young ladies do not choose construction as a career, I am confident that we gave them skills that will follow them the remainder of their lives. I am very grateful to Kathy Dobson and Carol Varga from the Detroit chapter. They shared my vision and stepped up to help make this event successful. I also must thank Arlene Frank, my colleague, friend and Director of the OCC Womencenter, she also helped to make this event a success. Although not a member of this great industry, Arlene shared our vision and dreams to share this camp with young women. I really knew we were doing the right thing when I saw tears in her eyes at what the girls had accomplished. It is truly amazing what we sisters can do together! I am looking forward to sharing my experiences with you all at APC in Columbus. ***You too will believe in MAGIC!***

NAWIC Education Foundation

Received an NEF Certification?

The NAWIC Office needs your help to keep your contact information correct. Due to legal considerations, the NAWIC Education Foundation (NEF) can no longer provide the NAWIC Office a list of members who have received NEF certifications (CCA, CDS, CIT). Therefore, if you have received your NEF certification in the last year, please update your information with the NAWIC Office as soon as possible. Also, if you are planning on becoming certified, please update your information when you pass the test.

Update your information online by visiting <http://www.nawic.org> > Member Sign In > Update Your Info. Enter "CCA, CDS, CIT" in the "certification(s)" field. Or reply to this email with your name, chapter, and certifications.

Welcome New Members!

Cleveland

Karen Bialosky, SE Blueprint, Inc. (to correct typo from last month)
Megan Bielawski, Array

Dayton

Sandra Krisher, Staco Inc.

Detroit

Sue Pickel, Butcher & Baecker Construction Co.

Indianapolis

Debbie Gee, F.A. Wilhelm Construction

Lansing

Diana McCulloch, J.R. Heineman

Bits & Pieces

Convention – For those of you attending convention, please remember that NEF (NAWIC Education Foundation) is having a FUN Putting Tournament on Wednesday, September 3 from 12-5. Transportation will be provided to an 18 hole Par 3 course in Las Vegas with an ice cream social at the end of the tournament. Just so you know, the application has questions on how many times you have golfed and one of the answers is ZERO so you do not have to know how to golf and clubs and balls are provided. Check out the website for the form and registration instructions at www.nawiceducation.org and look under the "Forms" tab. Cost is \$75 and all proceeds will benefit NEF!! Registration deadline is **August 10!!**

Believe
in ourselves

Persevere
with the strength of our convictions

Dare
to move into new horizons

New Partnership to Build Your Education

NAWIC is dedicated to providing cost-effective training opportunities that meet the needs, enhance the skills, restore knowledge, and build competencies of its members. NAWIC has teamed up with Lorman Educational Services to offer our members an impressive list of construction courses with a member discount.

"As regulations, rules and best practices evolve, regular continuing education remains essential to effectively running a business and maximizing safety," says Dede Hughes, Executive Vice President of NAWIC. "Lorman is a first-class educational operation, and we are pleased to be working with them to extend a continuing-education solution for our members."

This partnership provides a convenient way for NAWIC members to keep up with CEUs, as some classes are offered online or in cities around the country. Course topics include environmental concerns, construction issues, land development, public works, water law, real estate and engineering. NAWIC members can access course specifics at www.nawic.org in the member section.

NAWIC Leadership Academy - The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC), along with the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER), has announced an intensive three-day Leadership Academy in 2008. It will be held at Clemson University in Clemson, S.C. on **Oct. 25-28, 2008**.



The first NAWIC Leadership Academy provided a wealth of knowledge to participants. They are taught by expert instructors who have been in the industry for more than 30 years. The sessions totaled twenty-four hours of lectures, case studies and student participation. Leadership skills were reinforced through case studies, group projects, team-building exercises and evening homework assignments.

Academy participants share their own experiences with other women from across the nation. Topics include: leadership and management styles; negotiating techniques; time management; conflict resolution; problem-solving techniques; and conducting effective meetings.

Bonding experiences will be reinforced with informal networking opportunities, class participation exercises and in evening discussions. The sessions will be conducted in a rustic cabin setting at Clemson University's outdoor laboratory facility on Lake Hartwell.

Tuition for NCCER's NAWIC Leadership Academy is \$1,295. This includes three nights of lodging, all meals, course material, transportation to and from the airport, and nightly activities. Registration forms are now available by clicking on the link [here](#), or call NCCER (888) 622-3720.

All women in construction are invited to participate. Completion of a NAWIC Leadership Academy will merit three continuing education credits, a certificate of completion and wallet card from the NCCER National Registry. Space is limited to the first 30 enrollees per session.

NAWIC Builds – education, career, future – Build your life with NAWIC