



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!

Can you feel the excitement in the air? Convention is just around the corner! Our region has over fifty members traveling to Orlando, Florida for an educational, energizing and exciting four days. Along with keynote speakers, professional seminars and association workshops, the 2007-2008 officers and board of directors will be installed.

Your chapters should also be preparing for transition of leadership. Current officers should be meeting with the incoming officers to review procedures and responsibilities. Organize your paperwork and share as much information as you can before the new year starts on October 1.

I've just returned from National Board Orientation where the main focus was the responsibilities of Directors. We were given guidance on how to lead effectively and professionally. I'll be able to share some of my new found knowledge at the Region 4 Leadership Summit this month, and your chapter leaders will then bring information back to your group.

"Success is understanding that life is attitude." Peter J. Daniels So remember to always keep reaching for success with a positive attitude!

Christine

Chapter News

AKRON – Lauren Wise of Geis Construction spoke to members about Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building rating system, developed by the US Green Building Council. This is the up and coming standard for future construction projects.

BLUEGRASS – Chapter members toured the Ferguson's showroom and learned about the trends in plumbing fixtures.

BOWLING GREEN – SOUTH CENTRAL KENTUCKY – The ladies of this chapter are still acquiring members to their new chapter and discussed membership recruiting information. They also made plans for future meetings.

CINCINNATI – Janice Urbanik, CDS, CIT (and chapter member) presented 'Diversity in the Workplace – Unleashing the Power of a Multi-Generational Workplace'. Janice will also be presenting this workshop at national convention.

CLEVELAND – A chapter picnic was the setting for the signing of a Partnering Agreement with CSI and also the awarding of a scholarship to

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Mark your Calendar for Region 4 Events:

National Convention
September 5-8, 2007
Caribe Royale
Orlando, Florida

Annual Planning Conference
November 3, 2007
The Galt House
Louisville, Kentucky

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

Region 4 Websites

NEW! REGION 4 WEBSITE!!
www.nawic4.org

Bluegrass
www.bgnawic.org

Cincinnati
www.nawiccincinnati.org

Cleveland
www.nawiccleveland.org

Detroit
www.nawicdetroit.com

Fort Wayne
www.nawicfortwayne.org

Grand Rapids
www.nawic194.org

Kalamazoo/Battle Creek
www.nawickzoobc.com **NEW!**

Lansing
www.nawiclansing.org

Lorain County
www.nawic.netfirms.com

Louisville
www.nawic-lou.org

Toledo
www.nawictoledo.org

a student and mother from the University of Akron.

DAYTON – Members took advantage of the summer by having a picnic and assembling items to sell at national convention.

EVANSVILLE – A 'Day at the Races' helped this chapter celebrate their 44th anniversary. Congratulations!

GRAND RAPIDS – July took these ladies to the zoo as they toured the Lions Den Exhibit at the John Ball Park Zoo.

INDIANAPOLIS – Debbie Gregoire, CIT, NAWIC Treasurer participated as guest speaker for an 'All About NAWIC' Q&A session for members and guests.

LIMA OHIO AREA – "Summer Picnic & Social" took these members to a member's beautiful home. Some business was attended to before everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal around the pool.

LORAIN COUNTY – The final phase of the chapter's strategic plan was written and plans for implementation are under way.

LOUISVILLE – A tour of the \$20 million redevelopment of the Henry Clay Building was the highlight of this chapter's Company Appreciation Night.

NORTHWEST INDIANA – Members and their families enjoyed a summer picnic and networking with Director Parsons.

SOUTH BEND / MISHAWAKA – July found these members touring the new Elkhart County Correctional Complex, touted as a 'new era in corrections'.

Membership

Wendy Baxter, CIT & Vickie Owens

Our national "**Power of One**" recruiting competition, led by our National Membership Chair Kathy Sterling, is now complete. Every member who recruited **one** new member during the competition will receive a congratulatory note and a certificate from Kathy. For those who recruited at least **three** new members throughout the recruiting time frame, you will receive a Power of One pin from the National Office. However, if you have achieved this **AND** are attending the National Convention in Orlando, Florida in September, your pin will be presented to you in person by Kathy.

Do not fret my friends.... there still is time for you to recruit for our Regional membership competition, still in progress (4/1/07 to 9/30/07). Don't forget, the Region 4 member who recruits the most members between these dates will receive a special plaque at APC November 3rd at the Galt House in Louisville, KY. The second and third place winners will receive a certificate for her efforts. To date, the top 2 members have recruited 18 and 10 members respectively! There is currently a 3-way tie for 3rd place, recruiting 5 members.

Also, during APC, Vickie Owens and I will announce the final membership retention competition outcome between Regions 4 and 7. To date, the retention numbers for these regions are very close.... The retention rate for Region 4 is 78% and Region 7 is at 76%. Keep up (and don't let up) the good work ladies!

Committee Information

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NAWIC Election Results

Congratulations to the newly elected officers! The following will be the national officers for the 2007-2008 term:

President - Tamie K. Taylor, CDS, CDT, CIT

President-Elect - Pat J. McDonald, CCA, CIT

Vice President - Robin Fulton Meyer, CIT

Secretary - Judy DeWeese, CIT

Treasurer - Debra M. Gregoire, CIT

Immediate Past President - Christie S. Wigginton, CIT


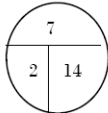



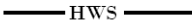

NAWIC Education Foundation

Melanie Myers

Construction Document Specialist Quiz

Thinking about becoming a CDS? Already a CDS? Test your industry knowledge by matching the definition to the correct term. Material is taken from the CDS self-study manual. For more information visit www.nawiceducation.org. See last page for answers.

Match the following Construction Drawing symbols:

A. 	Duplex Receptacle	_____
B. 	Section Symbol	_____
C. 	Hot Water Supply Piping	_____
D. 	Common Brick	_____
E. 	Earth	_____
F. 	Gas Piping	_____
G. 	Fire Brick	_____

Safety News

Traci Hardin, CIT

Preventing Falls

Falls and falling objects result from unstable working surfaces, ladders that are not safely positioned, and misuse of fall protection. Workers are subject to falls or to the dangers of falling objects, if sides and edges, floor holes, and wall openings are not protected. Any time a worker is at a height of six feet or more (construction industry), the worker must be protected.

Chapter Presidents

Akron

Mardi Gauer, CIT

Bluegrass

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Central Kentucky

Kim Hansen

Cincinnati

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Cleveland

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Terre Haute

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Carla Klatt

Fall Protection - Fall protection must be provided for each employee on a walking/working surface with an unprotected side or edge at the height required by the OSHA standard applicable to their work environment. Management shall:

- Develop, implement and commit to a fall protection program
- Provide training on the fall protection program
- Evaluate the program on a regular basis to insure the program's effectiveness and determine whether it needs to be changed or updated

Unprotected Sides, Wall Openings, and Floor Holes - Almost all sites have unprotected sides and edges, wall openings, or floor holes at some point during construction. **Use at least one of the following whenever employees are exposed to a fall of 6 feet or more.**

- Guardrail Systems
- Safety Net Systems
- Fall Arrest Systems
- Cover or guard floor holes as soon as they are created.
- Guard or cover any openings or holes immediately.
- Construct all floor hole covers so they will effectively support two times the weight of employees, equipment, and materials that may be imposed on the cover at any one time.
- In general, it is better to use fall **prevention** systems such as guardrails, than it is to use fall **protection** systems, such as safety nets or fall arrest devices.

Welcome New Members!

Cincinnati

Dawn Jackson, Megen Construction Co., Inc.

Cleveland

Barbara Benkowski, The Bolton Pratt Company

Robyn Sedlak, The Crowley Group

Valerie Stakes, Multilingual Training Solutions

Detroit

Julie Giattino, The Home Depot

Indianapolis

Cassandra Ashley Jordan, Coleman Graham & Stevenson

Mona Loman, Luath

Louisville

Leslie Lovelace, Neace Lukens

Bits & Pieces

Convention 2008 – Las Vegas, Nevada at the Flamingo Hotel

National Election - Region 4 had 57.2% of its members vote in the national election (more than any other region!)

Membership Renewals – Coming to your mailbox soon! Please help streamline this process by renewing your membership EARLY! Don't wait until the last minute and be buried in a stack of thousands of forms. Start the new year as an early bird and renew right away.

CDS Quiz Answers: G, B, E, A, C, F, D (from top to bottom)

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