



Region 4 - NAWIC's Core!

Chapter Chatter

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

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Greetings from your Director!

Read all about it! Here is the news from chapters around the region.

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Chapter News

AKRON – The Akron Chapter November meeting was held at Anthe's restaurant on November 14, 2007. Our speaker was Attorney Sheri Peters. Sheri spoke to us about long term care and proper estate planning. While never a pleasant topic, it is an inevitable fact of life that we all need to be prepared for. Sheri is an excellent speaker and took questions throughout her talk. She brought us up to date on the issues of estate planning, probate, Medicaid, and guardianship, as well as many other related issues. Twenty members and three guests were present. Akron just launched their new chapter website at www.akronnawic.org. Great job!

BLUEGRASS – The Bluegrass Chapter was proud to welcome member Susan Bachner as our featured speaker in November. Susan is an occupational therapist who specializes in improving accessibility and safety in the home for people with disabilities. Susan has her own consulting business. She works with designers and builders to create spaces that will allow disabled homeowners maximum accessibility and independence. She analyzes how each space is utilized and makes recommendations on adaptations that suit the specific needs of the homeowner. Susan gave us a lot of practical ideas on how we can make our own homes more accessible. Some items she mentioned are moving electrical outlets up higher on the wall for easier access, hinging the oven on the side instead or the bottom and using wider hallways and entry doors to allow for wheelchairs. She also suggested hinging bathroom doors so that they swing out to prevent anyone from getting trapped in the bathroom. We never know if we may have to face living with a disability and we should plan our living spaces to allow for any necessary changes to be made easily. If we can incorporate these and other simple changes into our living spaces, our homes can be accessible to people of all ages and abilities. Our thanks to Susan Bachner for sharing her expertise with us.

BOWLING GREEN – SOUTH CENTRAL KENTUCKY – Mike Baas of Van Meter Insurance delivered a program on insurance and bonding issues in construction. This program fits nicely with the CIT Curriculum most of us are studying for and it also affects many of us in our daily jobs.

**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

CINCINNATI – Cincinnati Chapter held their November meeting at H.C. Nutting Company. Speaker Jason Sanders, P.E. did an excellent presentation on all the different types of testing that are done in the construction industry. Several of our members had questions on current projects that are in the testing stages. Timing was good and it helped with everyone understanding a little more. It was very interesting with all the new technology being introduced to this field.

Cincinnati also completed their fall Ms Fix It Program. It was a total success and we have enhanced many of the students' knowledge of basic electrical, plumbing and carpentry.

CLEVELAND – Six members attended a great APC in Louisville and we are still a buzz about the fabulous job Meg Webster played as a thief. Jokes aside, we truly learned a lot about important self defense strategies.



If it's a NAWIC event, you know you'll find great food. The Cleveland Chapter had an early Thanksgiving dinner at our November membership meeting where we installed 3 new members and had speakers who provided some key financial strategies specific to women. Later in the month, our Women Build crew of volunteers enjoyed a Slovenian Thanksgiving at the work site, complete with pierogies, unstuffed cabbage rolls and kielbasa. NAWIC membership has its privileges!

COLUMBUS – Dianne Grote Adams, President of SafeX, spoke to members on the Indoor Environmental Quality aspect of the LEED program.

DAYTON – Members staffed a booth at the CSI Trade Show and have begun preparing for their Block-Kids event.

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DETROIT – The November meeting for this chapter was titled 'Feng Shui – What the Heck is That!' and was presented by Catherine Hilker, owner of Creating Sanctuary. Members learned about a wide range of options to help them create the environment that will help them to be their very best at home or at work. Interesting!

EVANSVILLE – This chapter met at Evansville Tile Co. in November to hear information about new products and how they are used.

FORT WAYNE - Our membership meeting was held at a downtown Fort Wayne Restaurant. Our speaker was Emily Fitzgerald, a professional organizer with Organized Living Solutions. She showed us new and informative ways to organize our files in our business and our home. It was a very enlightening program and we were able to take some good information with us. Plans are underway for our 2008 Block Kids program on January 26th. We are adopting a family through the Lutheran Children' Pediatric Outpatient Center for our December Community Benefit Project.

GRAND RAPIDS – Check out the presentation made at this meeting – 'Billing Goddess 101 – A Guide to AIA Billings'. Members Ellen Zierleyn and Harriet Perdue of Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. helped attendees better understand continuation forms, sworn statements, and over/under billings. Quite informational!

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INDIANAPOLIS – Kristin Altice leads Shiel Sexton’s legal efforts, including contract drafting and negotiation, real estate development, dispute avoidance, resolution and mitigation. Her presentation at the November chapter meeting brought meaning to the legal jargon of the construction world.

KALAMAZOO/BATTLE CREEK – Our chapter had a successful “changing of the guards” meeting in September. All outgoing board members were recognized for their dedication this past year and the new board members took the NAWIC oath to be good stewards of their positions this year.

The October meeting was held at the home of Barbara Rider and Fred Sammons. Their home was built with Universal Design in mind – a term meaning design for adaptability. As an individual ages their needs change. The design of their home included wider doorways and halls, lever door hardware, roll-in showers, an elevator, lighted switches, “no-step” entries and double rails on stairs. Although the couple is only in their 60’s and healthy, they wanted to build a home that they could enjoy for many years to come even if one of them became disabled in some way.

November’s meeting was held at Louie’s Trophy House Grille and the topic is Geo-thermal HVAC systems.

LANSING - The Lansing Chapter Members and Guests met on November 14, 2007, at Coscarelli’s Restaurant. We had two guests present from the Saginaw area. Our guest speaker was Rachel Michaud, Vice President of Operations for Gillespie Group, who develop premium properties and projects in the Lansing area, and elsewhere. Rachel was a dynamic speaker, who discussed the new “Stadium District” project, which is being built across Michigan Avenue from the Lugnuts ball stadium. The project consists of upscale condominiums, apartments, office space and retail space. She also advised the group of other projects in the works for the downtown Lansing revitalization. The Lansing Chapter held our 10th Annual Holiday Luncheon and Auction on November 11, 2007, which was a huge success. Everyone had fun, did some of their Christmas shopping and we raised money for our Scholarship Fund.

LIMA OHIO AREA - APC was another wonderful NAWIC experience. I am so proud of our Chapter, 8 members, over half of our total membership, attended the conference this year. Upon our return we received confirmation that we have a new member, Brandi Halkerof Smith-Boughan. She hasn’t even attended a meeting yet and has asked to be on our Block Kids Committee....NOW THAT’S BEING FIRED UP. We are excitedly putting together our version of Operation NAWIC Cares for service men and women with local ties and we are looking forward to our December meeting and holiday social.

LORAIN COUNTY – Members took care of business in November. Fundraising, marketing, and public relations are helping this chapter spread the word about NAWIC.

LOUISVILLE – Concrete finishing techniques were presented by Jon Pellegrino of Creative Concrete.

NORTHWEST INDIANA – The NWI Chapter was treated to a special insight of seeing how a time honored restaurant, Café Borgia, an Italian restaurant, moved from their tiny existing location in Lansing, II to a new larger and superbly decorated new restaurant in Munster, IN.. Our

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South Bend/Mishawaka

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speaker, Denise Slevnik, representative of International Tile, gave us a tour of the fabulous restaurant and how she and the owners designed everything in the space from the floor tiles, wall colors, murals, lighting and even the restrooms. Every area is uniquely designed and decorated. The chapter got to see very unique ways that metallic paints, granite, and glass tiles were incorporated through out the space. The chapter meeting was also held at Café Borgia.

Welcome New Members!

Akron

Ann Beznoska, Parker Fabricating Co.
Robyn Burkett, Vasco Sports Contractors
Amanda Greive
Laura Schick, Schlabig & Assoc.

Cincinnati

Kristina Centers, Baker Concrete
Jo Groh, August Groh & Sons, Inc.
Aiyin Jiang, University of Cincinnati
Kimberley Smith, Baker Concrete

Cleveland

Judy Adelaar, Comm. Steel, Inc.
Tamika Bell, Ullman Electric
Debbie Beilinski, The Builders Exchange
Marsha Collett, Wickens, Herzer, Panza, Cook & Batista Co.
Amy Hewis, The Builders Exchange
Judy Masa, Regency Construction Services, Inc.
Debra McGarry, University of Akron
Jennifer Odom, Westfield Group
Lisa Richardson, The Builders Exchange
Lori Romano, The Builders Exchange

Columbus

Liegh Workman, Royal Electric & Technologies

Detroit

Karen Hill, Construction Assoc. of Michigan
Tracie Maisonville, Roofcon, Inc.

Indianapolis

Jayne Cannon, Drewry Simmons Vornehm, LLP
Loree Everette, PHANOMEN/design
Kay Richardson, Southeastern Supply Co.
Patricia Steele, Jack Laurie Commercial Floors

Lima Ohio Area

Brandi Halker, Smith-Boughan, Inc.

Terre Haute

Reanda Kirchner, Re-Construction Services, Inc.

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