



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!

The office of Tuttle Construction in Lima, Ohio suffered an explosion and fire in January. The three NAWIC members that work for Tuttle were not at the office at the time and there were no injuries to those that were in the building. I found out that all of their Block-Kids supplies were in the building though and I sent out a call for help. And you came through for them quickly, of course! Goody bag items were donated, blocks were loaned, and other supplies were replaced from chapters throughout our region and across the country. In NAWIC we all strive to help others succeed and that certainly showed in this case. Chapter President Sheri Lybarger sends her thanks to everyone for their support!

Christine

Chapter News

AKRON

The Akron Chapter enjoyed a Winter Social held on December 12 at the SYB with a fantastic turnout. The evening was relaxing with finger foods, and beverages. We had displays from Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Jewelry, Candles and Mary Kay. This gave us the opportunity to do last minute shopping at our leisure, with no pressure to buy. Everyone was asked to bring canned goods which were donated to the local Food Bank. To top the evening we had an ornament exchange with some very unique ornaments. Thanks to Kim Berger for organizing the event.

We began the New Year with a tour of the new YMCA in Barberton, arranged by Linda Jones, followed by dinner at David B's. We have a trend going. Akron has installed new members at every business meeting since October, thanks to our Membership Chair, Mardi Gauer. WATCH US GROW!

BLUEGRASS – William P. Emrick, the Executive Director of the Kentucky Office of Worker's Claims in the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, was the speaker for the January chapter membership meeting. Mr. Emrick has many years of experience practicing law and has held several positions in state government. He is currently the President Elect of the Southern Association of Worker's Compensation Administrators. Workers compensation laws affect all of our businesses and we were fortunate to have such a distinguished speaker address our chapter. The chapter is also making plans to attend Forum in Detroit, Michigan as well as finalizing plans for Ms. Fixit III, our primary fund raiser.

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Region 4 Events:**

WIC Week

March 2-8, 2008

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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CINCINNATI –In January the Cincinnati Chapter had Carhartt for Women. Brendan Long from Footworks brought in samples of the Carhartt women's line and we had our members show us what they look like. Members could purchase the pieces at the meeting. Footworks also sent out a 10% coupon for members and guests to use. Also, Sue Meyer, CIT shared safety tips for winter conditions "Knowing the Cool Facts". Everyone got a handout to remind us of being safe in the winter months.



CLEVELAND - The Cleveland Chapter did not have a membership meeting in January, but it hasn't stopped us from action. In addition to the regularly scheduled Habitat for Humanity – Women Build project each month, we also held a networking social with Hard Hatted Women and Allied Cleveland Tradeswomen and community service event at a local church.

Several of our NAWIC representatives were armed with sheet cake and tossed salad to help serve a community meal at the Redeemer Crisis Center on January 13th. It was a day of freezing rain but that didn't stop us as we teamed up with another volunteer group to feed close to 100 people and hopefully bring a ray of sunshine to them. This was our first foray into meal preparation at a facility like this and was a truly rewarding experience.

COLUMBUS – Company is coming! These members are starting on their plans to host Annual Planning Conference this fall.

DAYTON - The Dayton Chapter worked vigorously to prepare for their Block Kids Event on January 26th at St. Albert the Great Church in Kettering, Ohio. They worked with Girls Scout Troops 290 · 2247 · 2428. Our student member Kelly Kaufman had a few of her friends joining her at the event to do a concrete mixing demo, a safety demo and also a poster demo of how to put a house together. Rhonda Cox our Block Kids Chair works very hard to make this event a success and does an awesome job.

We will also have a display at the Dayton Builders Exchange Team Building Night on January 24th. We put together a display last year at the last minute and this year we hope to have a better display and more information to offer to ladies and their employers.

Rhonda Rhoades, Chapter President and Kim Parks traveled to Lima on January 10th to their monthly meeting. Rhonda gave a presentation of her trip to South Africa. It was a very enjoyable evening for Rhonda & Kim.

DETROIT – January found these members touring the expansion of the Detroit Institute of Arts. They heard from the Walbridge Aldinger representative about the challenges faced on the project. The chapter is also considering working with Habitat for Humanity for a Women Build House in the spring. All that and hosting Forum too!

FORT WAYNE - Chapter members are geared up for Block Kids on January 26th. We filled goody bags and counted Lego blocks at our January Membership meeting to prepare for the Block Kids Program. We had two guests join us and they found out firsthand what Block Kids is

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all about. It was interesting that one of our guests was from South Bend and traveled two hours to attend our meeting. In February we will donate items for the Operation NAWIC cares project. These packages will be filled and shipped to soldiers in Iraq.

GRAND RAPIDS – For January's meeting we had guest speakers Dana Quick and Todd VandenToorn from the Comstock Park Rotary Club. They shared their vision for the GROTTO Park Restoration Project that is



just across the street from the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans facility. Comstock Park Rotary Club's intension is to modernize this park and make it a handicapped assessable place of relaxation and peacefulness for the veterans and their families. Currently they are at the preliminary design and fund raising (cash and materials donations) stage. However, their dream is to have the park open by fall of this

year. NAWIC 194 decided to commit a Saturday of work/effort to the park. The Saturday will be selected when their schedule is complete and it is know where and when we are needed.



We had another successful "Grow Project" bazaar night at our meeting. The talent in our group is amazing! Our members have

done an awesome job!!! We will be holding one more bazaar in the summer, so our members will have another chance to "grow their money" and keep this project growing.



Our "Spring Bulbs" sale is on and the sale is going great. The baskets will be available for pick up at our February 13th meeting.

INDIANAPOLIS – Our Chapter has been busy the past couple months with speakers at our Oct. and Nov. dinner meetings discussing the issues presented and overcome by women in the construction industry - we had a fun and lovely Christmas Party with gift exchange.

This month's guest will be Mark Mayer of Hunt Construction speaking of the work going on out the New Indianapolis International Airport. This will be very interesting as we have an upcoming tour there.

We are currently in full gear for our upcoming events. The Block Kids program on Jan. 31st. WIC Week in March will have a Tour of our new Indianapolis Airport and a Blueprint reading class. We are continuing to put together the MAGIC Program to be held this summer in June.

LANSING - The Lansing Members met on January 9, 2008, at

Believe
in ourselves

Persevere
with the strength of our convictions

Dare
to move into new horizons

LaSenorita Mexican Restaurant. Our guest speaker for the evening was Suzy Carter, Executive Director of the Lansing Area Safety Council. She filled us in on the Council's involvement in the Lansing area, and brought us up-to-date on their endeavors. She brought several nice handouts for our members. We installed our newest member, Jessica Young, and welcomed her into our Chapter. The Lansing Chapter is busy making preparations for our Block Kids Competition which is being held on February 9, 2008. The Capitol Area Construction Council and Lansing Community College are helping host this even. We anticipate having 100 participants!

LIMA OHIO AREA – Guest speaker was Dayton member Rhonda Rhoades who spoke about her trip to South Africa with NAWIC and People to People.

LORAIN CO. - Lorain Co. Chapter 320 signed their first partnership agreement for the NorthCoast Building Industry Association at their General Membership Meeting January 16, 2008. The agreement is for three years and was signed by Jeff Hensley, 2008 President of NorthCoast BIA and Maria Mrosek, CIT Lorain Co. Chapter President. Following the signing, Rocco Fana, Executive Director, gave a presentation on the 2008 Economic Forecast for Northern Ohio area.

LOUISVILLE – A joint meeting was held with CSI that included a tour of the Home of the Innocents and their expansion project. This chapter has contributed to this organization at Christmas time for several years.

NORTHWEST INDIANA – The NWI Chapter #311 met on January 3 to tour a million dollar, 5,000 square foot new construction home built by Wagner Homes. Our host, Chapter Member Amy Carter, an Interior Designer for Wagner Homes gave us an exclusive tour of the fabulous home. She gave us the inside scoop of what is new in high end upscale designer homes. The Chapter meeting was held at this home which was also completely furnished and decorated.

Welcome New Members!

Akron

Anita Francisco, Moser Construction Co., Inc.

Bluegrass

Rebecca Millay, Branch Banking & Trust Co.
Stacia Chenoweth, Mason Structure

Cincinnati

Teri Sitterding, Pella Windows & Doors

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