



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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Chapter News



AKRON - The Akron Chapter's May general membership meeting included a tour of Midwest Underground Technologies, Inc. in Medina, Ohio. Midwest Underground Technologies, Inc. specializes in excavation safety equipment and training. Midwest's Owner, Dana 'Buck' Buchholzer, spoke to us

on the importance of using protective systems in an excavation. We then toured the facilities and observed Midwest's state of the art deep pit simulator used for trench rescue training.

We followed up our tour with a Mexican dinner at Casa del Rio in Wadsworth, Ohio. It was there that our chapter president, Anke Myers, and board member, Delores Speicher, celebrated their birthdays with singing waiters, sombreros, and a shot of tequila on the house!



BLUEGRASS – Décor and You hosted our May general membership meeting in their new showroom. Member Virginia Whitaker and past member Lynette White gave us a tour of the space, an old warehouse that has been adapted to house their interior design business. Lynette recounted the history of the business and explained the way they work with clients, builders and vendors. Many of us were pleased to learn we work for a lot of the same clients, another valuable benefit of NAWIC networking. Virginia has been an active member in our chapter and we enjoyed seeing some of her handiwork in person. Our thanks to Décor and You for arranging a wonderful meal and an informative meeting. We also celebrated the success of our 3rd MS. FIX-IT event, providing hands on classes on home maintenance and repair to our community. The event continues to grow and attract more interested women. Members also made plans for our current community service project, outfitting a room in the new Liberty Place Recovery Center for Women in Richmond, Kentucky.

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

TEAM NAWIC entries due:
July 1, 2008

Leadership Summit
August 2, 2008
Dayton, OH

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

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BOWLING GREEN – Mr. Dale McDaniel of WKU gave an overview and introduction to Building Information Modeling (BIM): What it is; what it can be used for; how it can help contractors, designers, and building owners/operators.

Additionally, he shared some of the software programs available. Per Dale, the benefits of BIM include: Increased delivery speed, better coordination, reduced errors and mistakes, decreased costs, greater productivity, higher quality of work, new revenue & business opportunities, and building life cycle support. BIM can be used for: visualization, structural analysis, design drawing production, overall design coordination, code review, fabrication & shop drawing production, cost estimating, construction sequencing, energy performance evaluation, Green Building characteristics, conflict/interferences and collision detection, renovation phase planning, and move/relocation management.

CINCINNATI – Cincinnati Chapter had Shon Dorsey and Justin Berry of CIGNA at their May meeting. Employers are continually looking for ways to help reduce claim costs. The only way to do this is to keep employees and their dependents healthy. Providing consumers with the essentials necessary to make lifestyle behavioral changes is the most important part of getting healthy. Topics of discussions consisted of Healthy Heart, Stress Management, Preventive Care, Cholesterol, Nutrition Facts, Mammograms and Breast Cancer Awareness. Massages and facials were given throughout the evening.

The evening included presenting membership pins to new members: Jo Groh of August Groh & Sons, Inc., Toni Winston of Tuburon Construction, Schuyler J. Murdock of CM-GC and J.J. JioDucci of Middletown JioDucci Holdings LLC.

Also the Chapter elected their 2008-2009 Officers and Board of Directors. Thank you to the Nominating Committee for their hard work.

Cincinnati NAWIC Chapter started their Roundtable events for Owners, Project Managers, Financial, and Project Administrative Coordinators. Some of them have met twice and it's becoming very beneficial to participants. Hats off to Pat Popp for coordinating this effort.

On May 22, 2008 Tech Expo will take place at the Duke Energy Convention Center where senior projects from the University of Cincinnati's College of Applied Science will be display. NAWIC members will come out and see our SWIC students/NAWIC members display their projects.

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CLEVELAND – The Cleveland chapter held the Annual Industry Appreciation meeting in May and it was a tremendous success. It drew a record crowd and the message presented by Barbara Danforth of the YWCA was well received and fits right into our goal of encouraging the success of women. Congratulations to John Porada of Construction Employers Association as he was the recipient of the Chapter's 2008 Industry Appreciation Award. Well done Toni Walker for nominating him!



Our chapter is busy with preparations for our annual golf outing fundraiser in early June. We are keeping our fingers crossed for long straight drives and sunny weather.

We hope to see many chapter members and guests at our 40th anniversary celebration on July 12th.

COLUMBUS - May began with our quarterly feeding of the homeless women at the Faith Mission Shelter during a power outage. It was challenging but the members were able to serve all the ladies in the allotted time. Way to go ladies!!!! Our May meeting was our annual Dirts and Skirts rodeo at Ohio Cat. Over 18 participants raced Bobcats through an obstacle



course, drove a HUGH dump truck and raced a backhoe. It was a great time and we damaged nothing!

We are busy planning the 2008 APC scheduled for October 17 and 18. We are stepping up the Friday night networking party to a Football Friday Night Party. There will be friendly competition, great food and a DJ. Make plans to attend!



Believe
in ourselves

Persevere
with the strength of our convictions

Dare
to move into new horizons

DAYTON – A few members of the Dayton Chapter (Ashley Mazurek, Jennifer Salm & Rhonda Rhoades) were on K99.1 on April 18th. Last year Nancy Wilson (DJ for station) asked us to be on her talk show that aired during WIC Week. This year she asked us to do the same talk show. Although this year, Nancy had a family emergency she had another DJ, Jim Barrett fill in and I think we even impressed him with our organization. Unfortunately it did not get to air during WIC Week this year, but hopefully it helped get the NAWIC word out to a few more listeners. At our April meeting, Warren Smith from the DBX talked to us about Team Building and presented our new Partnership Agreement. We also installed one of our three newest members, Denise Pickrell. We are working on some new ideas for our chapter for the coming year. One of our members, Jennifer Salm has been actively finding exciting speakers for us including one from our own baseball team's organization, the Dayton Dragons. So we feel we have an exciting new year ahead including a new board that Jennifer has also worked very hard in getting together for us.

DETROIT – Featured speaker Lawrence F. Kruth, P.E., Vice President of Engineering, Technology, and Safety of Douglas Steel Fabricating Corp. presented "A Case Study in BIM." The presentation focused on a successful BIM project and brought to light the cost and time savings of using BIM as well as some of the obstacles that were overcome and short comings in the process.

EVANSVILLE – Our meeting this month will be at Southland, Jane Fleener will be talking about Erosion and how to prevent it from happening. She's the owner of Erosion resources & Supply.

Our industry night was full of fun and a really nice dinner Dave Russell was our supporter of the year, he had a few classes for us and taught our group some interesting things.

FORT WAYNE – In May our speaker was Dawn Ritchie of the City of Fort Wayne who addressed the present Greenway facilities. She spoke about the walkway and how future expansion will be enormous. It was a great program for all in attendance. Tracey Bade reported on Forum. She was very impressed with the regional event and is planning to attend Annual Planning in the fall. Plans are underway for Annual Planning 2009 which will be held on October 23-34, 2009 at the Fort Wayne Marriott Hotel.

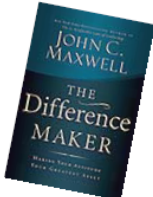
GRAND RAPIDS – Our second annual "Bring Your Boss to NAWIC Night" was held on May 14. Aileen Liepprandt (attorney for Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge) and her Dream Team (Heather Lambertson CIT, Barb MacWilliams CIT, Cheri Rysko, and Betty Veldhouse CIT) presented a mock arbitration. These ladies are all members of NAWIC and did a great

NEW
NAWIC Professional Book Club
AT CONVENTION
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10:45 am—12:00 pm

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"Attitude isn't everything, but it is one thing that can make a difference in your life."
John C. Maxwell

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job of representing NAWIC in their roles during the presentation. There were 42 guests and 20 members in attendance. The audience had a good laugh along with learning the importance of documentation on every job. You never know when you will be a part of the court system. You need to make sure you save every note and e-mail for your defense. However, it is also important that you are careful when creating those notes and e-mails that they reflect what you would want them to say in a court of law, without slander or derogatory remarks. Always remember that the other person may also be retaining memos for the same reason.

We also had the pleasure during the evening of meeting Brittany Lalley, our student CAD Design entry. Brittany took second place in Regional competition. Other awards presented were: Heather Lambertson CIT and Barb MacWilliams CIT for second place in the Regional Construction Industry Competition, Barbara Nugent CIT for second place in Regional Newsletter Competition, Katy Kurkiewicz and Sandra Stock for 35 Years of Membership, Deb King for Chapter New Leader, and Char Terpsma CDS, CIT for Chapter 4-Most Leader.



The arbitrator (Aileen Leipprandt, attorney) and prosecution team for Bill Ditt Corp. (Barb MacWilliams CIT and Cheri Rysko).



The defense team (Betty Veldhouse CIT and Heather Lambertson CIT), arbitrator (Aileen Leipprandt – our resident attorney), and the prosecution team (Barb MacWilliams CIT and Cheri Rysko).

INDIANAPOLIS – May was an anniversary celebration for this chapter. In addition to recognizing scholarship recipients members also presented an award to Nathan Wright, who not only won the regional CAD/Design Hand-Drafting division but **1st place in the national competition too!**

June will be an exciting month for this chapter also as they host their first Mentor A Girl In Construction (MAGIC) Camp.

LANSING - The Lansing Chapter held their “Annual Recognition Night” program on May 14, 2008. At this meeting, we showcase

our Chapter's activities and members. We gave away two scholarships—one to Amber Montri who attends Monroe County Community College, and one to Chad Holman, who attends Eastern Michigan University. We recognized our "Block Kids Competition" winners and our "CAD/Design Drafting Competition" winners who attended along with their parents. We recognized our 2008 New Leader—Heidi Hitz, and our 2008 Foremost Leader—Melanie Myers. At the end of the evening, we awarded our 2008 "NAWIC OF THE YEAR" award to our member--Jane Smith. We also presented a special give certificate to Irene Daniels, and recognized her for all her fine efforts in heading up our Ways and Means Committee. Our guest speaker for the evening was Matt Dugener, President & CEO of the Lansing Area Economic Partnership. He was a great presenter for this special meeting, and he conveyed future planning for Lansing.

LIMA OHIO AREA – The Lima Chapter is focused on getting our membership up and currently we are out introducing ourselves to area businesses who may have common goals or interests for business or their employees. Also, in addition to some informative speakers, we have welcomed guests and potential new members at our past two meetings and look to continue the efforts.

In July we are planning and excited about a combined Social and Volunteer Work Project for an area Women's shelter. Our chapter is young and growing!

LORAIN CO. - Lorain Co celebrated their 21 NAWIC Anniversary on Tuesday, May 20 at Our Secret Garden Cafe. Mike Powers of Edward Jones and Brent Charriere of Lord Abbett talked to our group about "Investing in Your Future" and how women's roles have changed in understanding and participating in investment decisions. We had another guest, Debbie Gregoire, NAWIC National Treasurer, who talked to us about Convention and how important it is to send in our votes for the NAWIC election.



LOUISVILLE – Chapter member Angela Stephens, attorney with Stites & Harbison, PLLC gave a program titled “Who’s the Fairest of Them All – The 2007 edition of the AIA Construction Documents or the 2007 Consensus Docs?”

NORTHWEST INDIANA – The Northwest Indiana Chapter took part in a “Muddy Boots” tour of 3 Parade of Homes tour located in Lowell, Indiana. The three Parade of Homes are in various stages of completion. Chapter members and guests were given an inside tour of the homes and were able to asks questions to the builders. Chapter meeting was held at one of the Parade of Homes.

TERRE HAUTE – Guest speaker Sharon Holland-Welge presented “Getting Organized.”

Welcome New Members!

Cincinnati

Schuyler Murdock, CM-GC
Betty Owens, Ameridian Specialty Services
Toni Winston, Tuburon Const.

Cleveland

Cynthia Bender, CMR Holdings
Dawn Chuma, Gilbane Building Co.
Sue Sutkus, Gilbane Building Co.

Detroit

Melissa Cole, Johnson Controls
Julianne Klein, Johnson Controls
Barbara Lawrence, Johnson Controls
Jennifer Wagner, Johnson Controls

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Indianapolis

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Lansing

Sagata Bhawani, Michigan State University

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