



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!

All of our chapters will be busy this month with Women In Construction Week because we are 100% committed! Congratulations ladies, for understanding the importance of this national campaign to raise awareness about our Association. Chapter members across the country will be wearing their NAWIC logo gear, advertising on the radio and billboards, and hosting industry appreciation events. Celebrate construction and the multitudes of women employed in the industry and related fields!

Christine

Chapter News

AKRON - The February meeting focused on Women's Safety. We were fortunate to have two speakers from the Stow Police Department, Sergeant Jeff Film and retired officer Mike Barker. We were given handouts and both men demonstrated the many ways to protect ourselves. They stressed the importance of being aware of your surroundings and also of projecting confidence.

Akron is very excited about our upcoming meeting "Meet the Candidates" on March 12, 2008, we will have the candidates for Region 4 Director and also National Vice President and National Treasurer speaking to us. We have invited the Cleveland and Lorain Chapters to join us. This is an open invitation to anyone in the region that wishes to attend. Just notify Mardi Gauer at mgauer@rkps-aps.com

BOWLING GREEN – SOUTH CENTRAL KENTUCKY – This new chapter is making big plans for WIC Week, including a proclamation from Mayor Walker, email contest to see which member can spread the NAWIC word the most often, and an Industry Appreciation Luncheon. Great work ladies!

CINCINNATI – In February the Cincinnati Chapter had a booth at the Cincinnati Construx Expo in Loveland, Ohio. We had members come out and help with Registration as well as work our NAWIC booth. We made some contacts and distributed lots of NAWIC information. Due to weather conditions we had to reschedule our Tour of Crossroads. But we are hard at work preparing for Block Kids on the 23rd at Sands Montessori. We have about 70 students who will be participating. And as usual our SWIC members came out once again to help with the preparation.

On February 19th Cincinnati Chapter held another Ms Fixit with Troop #8257. These young ladies are



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**Mark your Calendar for
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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learning about plumbing.

At the end of the month we will be doing a NAWIC 101 Presentation to women at Turner Construction.

CLEVELAND - Fifty students participated in the Cleveland Chapter's 18th annual Block Kids event on February 9, 2008. Entertainment was provided by the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Thank you to Pia Foss, CIC and Trina Hyatt for co-chairing a successful event and to all of the volunteers. The event was covered in the local newspaper and included separate articles about our NAWIC chapter and current participation in the Habitat for Humanity Women Build project.



COLUMBUS – Members learned how to protect themselves from identity theft from Sergeant Ehrsam of the Columbus Police Department at their February meeting.

DAYTON - The Dayton Chapter had a great January! We participated in the Dayton Builders Exchange "Team Building Night" for the 2nd year.

Ashley Mazarek and Rhonda Rhoades set up the booth that was filled with displays of pictures showing everyone what NAWIC is about. Also on display was a "booze basket" that we raffled off at the end of the evening.



It was an exciting night for us as we had a good number of ladies (and gentlemen) stop by our booth



to collect information. Also during January, we held our Block Kids Event. It was held at St. Albert the Great and involved Girl Scout Troup #'s 290, 631, 913, 1133 & 2247. Our student member Kelly Kaufman and some of her friends from the University of Dayton kept the girls entertained while the judges made their final decision. They put on a demonstration for the girls of mixing

concrete and a display of what is involved in building a house. Each of the girls were allowed to use a hammer and try to drive a nail through a piece of wood. The girls were very intrigued and fascinated.

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With those events over, we are all busy planning our WIC Week events. As like last year we will be in the "spotlight" of the K99.1 Extortion Breakfast. We will be making breakfast for the radio station, which will allow us a radio spot on their morning broadcast. We are also having a Chapter Sponsor Appreciation and Membership Drive dinner. We are also hoping to be signing a Partnering Agreement with the Dayton Builders Exchange. Ashley & Rhonda will be meeting with the DBX about the Partnering this month.



DETROIT – Electrical Safety in the Workplace was the topic presented to this chapter in February. The focus was on the deadly impact of arc flash and a review of NFPA 70E 2004 and its implications to contractors.

EVANSVILLE – A program on home improvement was presented.

GRAND RAPIDS – Members heard from two speakers in February; Laurie Parks from the City of Grand Rapids Equal Opportunity Department and Kathy Forzley from Habitat for Humanity.

INDIANAPOLIS – We have had a busy month and it will keep getting busier. Our chapter has hosted our Block Kids Competition this month. What a wonderful job the committee did putting this together. The children involved were from inner city schools and it was amazing the interest they had in this. We have chosen our New Leader and 4 Most Leader Awardees. We are working on the WIC Week projects. Had a wonderful speaker on the New Indianapolis Airport Project, in which our WIC Week tour will be at. Preparing for our Construction Industry Night has that committee finding out who in our chapter plays an instrument. What a lovely evening that will be. Our MAGIC Program committee is on the move getting this together. We will be hosting at least 12 girls at our 1st summer camp this year.

KALAMAZOO/BATTLE CREEK – We had a great turnout at our January meeting. Doug Phillips, Skansa USA, gave an overview of what their company does and the types of contracting available to clients such as Design-Build, Construction Management, etc.

Our February meeting will be held at the historic Park Club in downtown Kalamazoo. The topic will be green roofs. We will also get to tour the Park Club and learn about its history.

LANSING - The Lansing Chapter held their 4th Block Kids Building Event on Saturday, February 9, 2008, at the Lansing Community College West Campus. This year's event was a team effort, presented by NAWIC, The Capital Area Construction Council and Lansing Community College. Melanie Myers and Traci Sherman were the Lansing Chapter's Co-Chairs, and did a great job of organizing the event. We had 54 children attend, along with their parents, and our first place winner was a fourth grader, Derek Fabus. The parents were entertained with a construction career video during the competition. The children, parents, judges and all the workers really enjoyed this successful event.

The Lansing Chapter met on February 13, 2008, at PF Changs Restaurant for our monthly meeting. Our guest speaker was Larry Kruth, P.E., Engineering and Safety Director at Douglas Steel Fabricating

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Corporation. He gave a presentation on BIM, which stands for Building Information Modeling. A Building Information Model is a digital representation of the building process to facilitate exchange and interoperability of information in digital format. He projected building images on a screen, and explained the advantages of using this process. We all found the information very interesting. Our normal business meeting was also conducted.

LORAIN CO. - Lorain Co. Chapter 320 had 61 kids participate in their Block Kids Event held Saturday, February 16. The Event received news coverage from two local newspapers and the local radio station. At the General Membership meeting on Feb. 19th, the guest speaker was John Keaton, Executive Director of Lorain Co. Habitat for Humanity. He did a presentation on HFH and informed the members about the upcoming projects scheduled for 2008.

LOUISVILLE – Happy 43rd Anniversary!

NORTHWEST INDIANA – The Northwest Indiana Chapter's February tour and meeting was held at Hopper's Roofing and Siding located in Lowell IN. This was an interesting evening as last year the chapter was given a tour of the beginnings of the business's vision of remodeling their showroom. The Lansing Chapter held their 4th Block Kids Building Event on Saturday, February 9, 2008, at the Lansing Community College West Campus. This year's event was a team effort, presented by NAWIC, The Capital Area Construction Council and Lansing Community College. Melanie Myers and Traci Sherman were the Lansing Chapter's Co-Chairs, and did a great job of organizing the event. We had 54 children attend, along with their parents, and our first place winner was a fourth grader, Derek Fabus. The parents were entertained with a construction career video during the competition. The children, parents, judges and all the workers really enjoyed this successful event.

This meeting was a tour of that completion of that vision. Comments from the members were "awesome" and "incredible" to describe what they saw.

Welcome New Members!

Akron

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Cincinnati

Nancy Abbott, Baker Concrete Const.

Cleveland

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