



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!

This month's newsletter is filled with Forum news. All of the award recipients, whether individual or chapter, deserve recognition for their dedication to NAWIC and the Association programs. Three cheers to all the worker bees out there that make their chapters shine!

Congratulations to Jan Sullivan, CCA, CDS, CIT who is Region 4's Director-Elect! We all look forward to your leadership and will be proud to watch your installation at convention in September. Kudos also to Melanie Myers whose leadership of our region is still on the horizon.

Christine

Meet your Director-Elect

With the smile still on my face, I am rolling up my sleeves to get to work. I would like our Region to have a chair and co-chair on as many committees as possible. My rationale is that we do not know what is in store for us in the months to come. Many times we accept the responsibility to undertake a task but something may happen that makes that commitment difficult to keep. With two heading up the committee, that pressure is eased. The co-chair can receive valuable experience in the first year and be ready to take the committee over in the second year. Also if someone thinks they may be interested in doing something outside of their chapter on the Regional level, they can make a commitment knowing they have backup. Actually we in NAWIC have backups; our NAWIC teammates. All we have to do is ask and sometimes we don't even have to do that!

A survey is almost complete. It will be sent to the Chapter Presidents to share with the members. Please take a few moments and answer it. It can be answered on an individual member basis or by a chapter. Remember this is our Chapter, our Region, and our Association. We can contribute to making it stronger by sharing our ideas. The next two years is not what I want; it is what we want.

I am honored to be your Region 4 Director Elect,
Jan Sullivan, CCA CDS, CIT

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

Leadership Summit
August 2, 2008

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

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Forum Review

The Detroit chapter hosted the 2008 Region 4 Forum in grand style. The hard work and dedication of co-chairs Nola Lee, CIT and Val Czyzewski along with the committee members and chapter volunteers was appreciated by all that attended!

Foremost Leader

Cleveland member Bethany Criscione, CIT, was awarded the coveted onyx eagle as our region's 2008 Foremost Leader. Here are some excerpts from her Vision of Excellence submittal:

Monica Hamed, chapter President says, "Ask any contractor about what makes a good building and a common response is that it all starts with a solid foundation. Eight year member Bethany Criscione, CIT, is the cornerstone of our chapter... The passion Bethany has for the construction industry is not limited to her own advancement. She plays a critical role with mentoring and instructing other women... Bethany has led our chapter in various positions including President, Vice President, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and board members. Additionally, she chaired several committees... Bethany's most recent involvement at our chapter level is with Habitat for Humanity – Women Build project. Last year Bethany spearheaded our chapter's involvement, both financially and in sweat equity hours... She organizes, teaches, works and learns alongside all of the volunteers."

"Bethany is the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of VIP Restoration, Inc. She has been a critical factor in getting VIP to where we are today...it is my hope that Bethany will be a lifelong member of Team VIP" said Rick Semersky, President of VIP.

Outside of VIP and NAWIC, Bethany enjoys coaching her daughter's basketball team, works closely with her daughter's Destination Imagination team, and plays intermittingly in recreational volleyball and basketball leagues. Last summer, Bethany completed the Breast Cancer 3-Day walk, 60 miles in three days to raise money for breast cancer research.



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New Leader

Dayton member Ashley Mazurek, CIT was recognized as Region 4's New Leader. The nomination essay included the following information: Ashley "has been a member since March of 2006. She has taken on many roles in our organization. She became our chapter Secretary after being a member for less than six months. She is also our Construction Industry Chair and her entry on "Team Building Night" won 2nd Place last year. She has also taken on the role of our newsletter editor. She attends board and general meetings on a regular basis and has also received her Construction Industry Technician certification. She has been instrumental in our chapter soon to be partnering with the Dayton Building Exchange. She has also become active in attending APC and Forum."

Her employer states, "Ashley has been responsible for increasing membership in our local office by over 80% and was then chosen to open and head up a new branch office. She has shown all the qualities of a leader as a hands-on administrator and an excellent sales person."

Chapter President Rhonda Rhodes adds that Ashley "is very dedicated to NAWIC and is always looking for ways to increase the chapter membership. She has become a very important part of our organization. She is always there to volunteer to make things happen... there is no task too tough. We see her future as an upcoming president of the chapter."

Construction Industry – Industry Benefit

1st Place – Cleveland Chapter – NAWIC Partners with Women Build. Members contributed over \$5,000 and worked over 320 hours on the project.

2nd Place – Grand Rapids Chapter – Bring Your Boss to NAWIC Night. The evening generated awareness of the local chapter and promoted networking within the industry to share resources, business advice and community efforts.

3rd Place – Akron Chapter – Akron-Canton CSI New Product and Technology Show. Participation in this event allowed chapter members to speak to over 200 people individually to promote NAWIC's core purpose and showcase the benefits of NAWIC membership.



Construction Industry – Community Benefit

1st Place – Cincinnati Chapter – Joint program with Girl Scouts. Members volunteer to help scout members obtain their Ms. Fix-It Badge. This program introduces young girls to the construction industry along with enhancing their confidence and independence.

2nd Place – Fort Wayne Chapter – Nine different programs were enriched by the generosity of the chapter members and their volunteer spirit. Some of the projects included Easter baskets for the Children's Sanctuary, donations to the 'Babies Closet' and the Associated Churches Food Bank.

3rd Place – Cleveland Chapter – Applewood Center Holiday Lights Program. Chapter members volunteered to assist the center that provides behavioral healthcare and social services for children and teens



Professional Education Committee awards in a holiday party. They decorated the facility, made gifts, obtained food and entertained those less fortunate.

Committee Chair – Betty Veldhouse

Professional Education

1st Place – The Indianapolis Chapter sponsored joint business event with Construction Financial Management Association to promote educational opportunities, industry networking and alliances amongst the member companies. It was a dynamic event with 76 members and guests in attendance representing 46 construction firms. Speaker was Susan Williams whose experience and history brought life to the construction of many high profile projects for the City of Indianapolis. She spoke on how several past projects came to be and what contracting opportunities are going to take place in the future.



2nd Place – The Akron Chapter toured a local high school 171,000 SF building under various stages of construction allowing members to witness and ask questions. They saw underground conduit being placed to rooms ready for the punch list. The Chapter's member's whose companies had worked on the project provided interesting and informative information to those on the tour. This firsthand information provided interesting insight for the current members and boosted NAWIC's credibility with prospective members.

3rd Place – The Cleveland Chapter's program "The Color Code of Personality Styles" by Past National NAWIC President Denise Norberg-Johnson helped members learn about one's own leadership style and how it drives their relationships as a key with working with others. This program showed members how to capitalize on their own personality strengths while minimizing their limitations to be more successful in their endeavors

Committee Chair - Jan Sullivan, CCA, CDS, CIT

Believe
in ourselves

Persevere
with the strength of our convictions

Dare
to move into new horizons



Newsletter

1st Place – Dayton Chapter

2nd Place – Grand Rapids Chapter & Lansing Chapter (tie)

3rd Place – Lima Chapter

Committee Chair - Sally Falk

Block-Kids

1st Place - Derek Fabus, 4th Grade, sponsored by the Lansing Chapter who built a power station powered by solar energy panels, and methane gas from an adjacent landfill.

2nd Place - Paul Rahner, 1st Grade, sponsored by the Cincinnati Chapter who built a crane with a rock as the wrecking ball and a partially demolished building.

3rd Place - Maddy Massey, 6th Grade, sponsored by the Lorain Co. Ohio Chapter who built a Church with stain glass windows (aluminum foil), a roof (cardboard), pews inside, and a bell (string with knot).

Committee Chair - Myndi Bacon, PE



CAD/Design/Drafting



Hand Drawing Division

1st Place – Nathan Wright, sponsored by the Indianapolis Chapter

CAD Division

1st Place – Zachary Button, sponsored by the Lansing Chapter

2nd Place – Danielle Lulham, sponsored by the Toledo Chapter

3rd Place – Brittany Lalley, sponsored by the Grand Rapids Chapter

Committee Chair - Cheryl Fellem, CIT

NEF

Sherry Yarbrough, CIT, NEF President

Convention Information – The NAWIC Education Foundation will offer a free certification review class on **Wednesday** morning, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m., on September 3rd at Convention. The class will feature one of the new CDS courses – Introduction to Construction Estimating and Scheduling – and will be taught by Dr. Chris Piper from Clemson University. Those attending the review session are encouraged to purchase their books and start to study early. This is a review to supplement personal study and they must also pre-register for the review course with the NEF office by **July 15th**. In addition, a special testing session will be offered on **Wednesday** afternoon, 1 pm – 4 pm, for all certification courses. Dr. Piper has agreed to monitor the test session. Again, test registration forms and any applicable fees must be in the NEF office by **July 15th**.

NEF is hosting a No Frills Putting Tournament on **Wednesday** afternoon, noon – 5:00 p.m. (Sorry...you can test or putt, but not both!) Everything is provided for the \$75.00 fee – transportation, equipment, prizes, and ice cream! This is a fun event even if you have never held a golf club. Attached is a registration form which needs to be completed and returned to Nancy Eaton by **July 31st**.

The deadline for nominations for the Carol Kueker Construction Education Visionary Award is fast approaching – **May 15th**.

Welcome New Members!



Akron

Diane Burrowbridge, Cleveland State University

Bluegrass

Kimberly Erskine, Senninger Plumbing

Bowling Green – South Central Kentucky

Ronda Miller, M&L Electrical, Inc.

Cincinnati

Anne Lehmeyer, Allied Construction Industries

Cleveland

Brenda Cunningham, Cuyahoga Community College

Catherine Hattenbach, The Hattenbach Co.

Susanne Mayer, Array Healthcare Facilities Solutions

Deborah McNeeley

Andrea Montowski, American Piping & Mechanical

Libby Wires, D.C. Meyer Masonry

Columbus

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Jamie Srbjlan, Corna Kokosing Const.

Dayton

Karen Mathis, Architectural Maintenance Services

Denise Prikkel, Patriot Engineering & Environmental

Detroit

Akia Brown

Marilyn Lane, Roncelli, Inc.

Angelina Sacco, Roncelli, Inc.

Grand Rapids

Judy Van Dyken, Triangle Assoc.

Indianapolis

Deborah Oatts, Nubian Transport Management

Toledo

Julie Garand, Allied Waste Services

Northwest Indiana

Courtney Carstens, SBD Reprographics

Correction – Cleveland new member Jill Keppler is with Precision Environmental.



Bits & Pieces

National Officer Elections – Ballots will be mailed to all NAWIC members soon. Is your contact information correct in the national database? If not, you may not receive your ballot and thus miss the opportunity to help choose the leaders of our Association. To check your information visit www.nawic.org >Member Log In >Member Center >Update Your Info. While you're there, check to be sure all of your info is correct. Have you filled in the Company Trade, Occupation, and NAICS Code? This information helps other members find you! If you do not know your user name or password, email membership@nawic.org for assistance.



Candidates for the 2008-2009 NAWIC Officers are:

Robin Fulton Meyer, CIT – President-Elect

Debra M. Gregoire, CIT – Vice President (Region 4)

Judy DeWeese, CIT – Secretary

Cindy Johnsen, CDS, CIT – Treasurer

Christine Parsons, CDS, CIT – Treasurer (Region 4)

Online Bulletin Board – Have you taken a look at the bulletin board lately? You could be missing out! The national officer candidates are currently taking questions and other topics for discussion include convention and safety. Do you have a question or thought you'd like to post? Don't be shy, participate!

NEW

NAWIC Professional Book Club

AT CONVENTION

Saturday, September 6, 2008

10:45 am—12:00 pm

Order online at
www.injoy.com
or
A bookstore
near you



The Difference Maker By John C Maxwell

“The promise that attitude is everything is hollow. In fact, if you believe that attitude is everything, it may actually hurt you more than help you.”

John C Maxwell

Come join in a discussion of this eye opening book about something that can become your greatest asset in business and life. The NAWIC Professional Book Club is an opportunity to discuss with other members your thoughts and ideas about what this book says to you. It is not necessary to agree with everything in the book or everything that someone says about the book. You only have to respect everyone's opinion and their right to have that opinion.

“Attitude isn't everything, but it is one thing that can make a difference in your life.”

John C. Maxwell

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