



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.

Christine

Chapter News

AKRON – The Akron Chapter started the New Year off with a tour of the new Tallmadge High School. The tour was arranged by NAWIC member Charlotte Bower, and our guide was Project Manager Jerry Moore, both of Moser Construction. Moser Construction is the concrete and masonry contractor for the project. Tallmadge High School is currently mid-way through completion, and we were able to see many different phases of construction ranging from roofing, masonry, concrete, mechanicals, iron erections, glazing and the beginning of painting. We had the chance to meet the School Board Representative, who invited us back next year to see the finish product. After the tour, we had dinner at Rico's with 16 members and 4 guests present.

BLUEGRASS – Joan E. Markwell was our speaker for October's general membership meeting. Joni is an entrepreneur who describes herself as a professional risk taker. She was the first women in the state to get her professional plumbers license. She has held a wide variety of jobs including everything from waitress to real estate developer. She was very inspiring, encouraging us all to pursue our goals and to take a chance on ourselves. Even if we fail, we can learn a lot from failure and strengthen ourselves for the next opportunity. She was funny and insightful and we are pleased to welcome her as a new member of our chapter.

We also have two other new members to welcome. Judy Taylor is a professional lobbyist for Keeneland Race Course. She was instrumental in passing the new "Fairness in Construction Act" during the last session of the Kentucky Legislature. We look forward to her contributions to our Legislative Committee. We also welcome Kim Conley Perry who is currently the Assistant Director with the Kentucky Department of Labor, Division of Education and Training with the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet. Kim is also active with the Kentucky Safety and Health Network. We are very fortunate to have two such accomplished women join our chapter.

The Bluegrass Chapter is pleased to announce that we will be selling raffle tickets for one registration to next year's convention in Las Vegas at APC and Forum this year! We will be sharing the proceeds with NEF.

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

Annual Planning Conference
November 3, 2007
The Galt House
Louisville, Kentucky

Forum 2008
April 11 – 13, 2008
Marriott Ren-Cen
Detroit, Michigan

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

So start gambling early and buy a chance to win a 2008 NAWIC National Convention registration, a \$550.00 value, at APC in Louisville. Raffle tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. Why not get five of your chapter members to go in for \$5.00 each and try to win the registration for your chapter? What a great thank you gift to give a hardworking member of your chapter. Remember half of the proceeds will benefit NEF. See you in Louisville at APC!

BOWLING GREEN – SOUTH CENTRAL KENTUCKY – Last month we had a Job Site Walk Thru at Western Kentucky University, it was FANTASTIC!!! Jim LaGrange and Randy Calk of Abel Construction Company, Inc. hosted a tour of the WKU Football Stadium work under construction. We toured the new areas for the locker rooms, elevated seating and club areas. Concrete formwork for elevated concrete slab pours, post-tensioning for concrete and duct work systems were some of the tour high-lights.



CINCINNATI – The Cincinnati Chapter ended September with a successful Career Days Event at the Butler County Fairgrounds in Hamilton, Ohio. NAWIC's booth consisted of the hands-on puzzle of building a house. The students had to read a blueprint and put the model house together. They were all very successful.



Our October meeting started with Stephanie Kirschner, SDA/C of McGill Smith Pushon talking about the upcoming "Cincinnati Construction". This is a great benefit to both our organization and the free store food bank. Our second speaker was Scott Jones, Director, Human Resources of Al. Neyer, Inc. His topic was "Employee Relations – Humor and Fun in the Workplace". He talked about ways to motivate employees and how to keep them.

On October 16 our chapter held another Ms. Fix It Badge Class for the Great Rivers Council, Inc. Girl Scouts. This is always a fun and rewarding event.



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CLEVELAND – Responsible? Idealistic? Conservative? Happy? Go ahead - pick one that best describes you. This was just one of the many questions we answered at our October Annual Membership Drive meeting to determine our leadership style.

The meeting was a huge success, thanks in large part to those who brought a prospective member or guest - we had twenty of them! The dynamic presentation by Past National NAWIC President Denise Norberg-Johnson really demonstrated that understanding your core motive, which drives your relationships, and learning to identify the driver in others can help you build better business and personal relationships. It completely makes sense that NAWIC's color is red (power) as we have so many "red" members. No matter what word you selected to describe you - it is safe to say that we need everyone of every type in order to make our chapter run smoothly and successfully.

We are beginning our 2nd year of the Habitat for Humanity – Women Build project and are looking forward to completing this home on time and under budget.

COLUMBUS – Members met their scholarship winners and heard from Dean Bortz from Columbus State Community College.

DAYTON – The Dayton Chapter had their first Board Meeting with our officers for the 2007 – 2008 year. Our big discussion was the upcoming CSI Trade Show. We raffle off a "Booze Basket", which is always a hit at the show.

Our General Meeting was filled with discussion of our Block Kids Event which is scheduled for January 26th. Rhonda Cox (Block Kids Committee Chair) is already hard at work so we can have another successful event. The same Girls Scout Troup we had last year is very excited to be involved again this year.

DETROIT – Nola Lee has been recognized for an 'Ability is Ageless' Award, which recognizes the valuable contributions made by older workers. Cathy DeDecker of Spalding DeDecker has been named Marketing Manager. Congratulations ladies!

We are in the midst of planning for the Region 4 Forum. Look for more information in upcoming letters.

Our October general membership meeting was held at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak, Michigan. Darin Murphy of DeMaria provided insight into the challenges involved with constructing the new Giraffe Feeding Experience project. Our members were allowed to feed the giraffes – the exhibit had not yet been debuted to the general public. Right: Laura Jannetta of Expert Underwriters feeds the baby giraffe:



Following the Giraffe Encounter, we were treated to a presentation from Mac Remain and Andrew Park of SCAN, Inc. and Jason Slocum of Pixel-Velocity. Their companies are on the cutting edge of integrated high-

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technology security and communications developments, providing services for Homeland Security, Municipalities, Law Enforcement, Hospital, and Industrial industries.

FORT WAYNE - At the October meeting our program was on women's safety. We learned to be more aware of our surroundings and what to do and not to do to protect ourselves from theft. Members were encouraged to contact fellow members on renewing their membership. Two members from the Fort Wayne Chapter will be attending Annual Planning Conference in Louisville.

GRAND RAPIDS – Members toured Lamar Construction's new state of the art office facility.

INDIANAPOLIS – The NAWIC Indianapolis Chapter has chosen to adopt the "MAGIC" (Mentor a Girl in Construction) program for the 2007-2008 year. President, Lori Beauchamp, Concrete Connection, Inc. played the slide show and discussed the program as it was presented at the workshop at the National Convention in Orlando, FL this past September. We will implement this program under the direction of Chairpersons - Bobbi Van Howe, Wurster Construction and Michelle Meshanko, Paragon Construction. These two ladies will be assembling their committees and report back at the November Membership Meeting. This is a wonderful program that our chapter is excited to get behind.

KALAMAZOO/BATTLE CREEK – A joint meeting was held with AIA for a forum about universal design.

LANSING - The Lansing Chapter members met at PF Chang's China Bistro on October 10, 2007. Our own member, Kathy Harkness, recently took a photo shooting trip to Africa, so we thought it would be interesting for her to show us some pictures of her fantastic trip. Many interesting and beautiful photos were shown to the group in a Power-Point presentation, and Kathy narrated the program. All of our members really enjoyed seeing her photographs, and also some of the interesting items she brought back with her. The Lansing Chapter members are busy getting ready to host our 10th Annual Holiday Auction and Luncheon on November 11th, which is our big fundraiser for the year.

LIMA OHIO AREA - We have had such a wonderful past couple of months. In August we were wowed by a tour of an all new State of the Art PK-12 campus, Allen East School, East of Lima. September; only one word to describe...WHEW!

I represented our chapter at National Convention. It was my first and an amazing experience. Just days after my return, we had our Installation Dinner, installing 4 members to new positions, including myself as President and the addition of 2 new members to the board. The very next night our chapter served as host for a Benefit Concert by famed New Orleans Musician Chucky C and his band Clearly Blue. Chucky is an amazing performer and the concert raised generous funds for Katrina and Ohio Flood Relief. October has been just as busy thus far, with very productive kick off

Block Kids' committee meeting, board meeting, tour of the Greater Ohio Ethanol Plant and general meeting. Did I mention Whew!

LORAIN COUNTY – Our chapter had a great tour of the 'green house' built by RJ Perritt in October. RJ Perritt is part of the Northeast Ohio Green Building Initiative. This initiative promotes energy efficient and environmentally friendly building solutions for today's residential

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construction.

LOUISVILLE – Can you say Annual Planning Conference?

NORTHWEST INDIANA – The NWI Chapter toured the Lincoln Office showroom located in Crown Point, Indiana. Lincoln Office which is an office furniture dealership, primarily for Steelcase but represents over 200 other manufactures. Our very own chapter member Lisa Szirovecz was our presenter and tour guide. Accompanying Lisa was a Steelcase representative, along with Lincoln Office's Regional Manager and Territory Manager. Each person explained a part of the history of Steelcase and of Lincoln Office. Chapter members were invited to tour the showroom and learn about different types of office furniture and there uses in residential, commercial, healthcare and educational environments. Following the chapter dinner and meeting the remaining new officers were installed.

TERRE HAUTE – Members met to discuss plans for their new year.

Welcome New Members!

Akron

Melissa Kendall, Precision Excavating & Grading Co.
Delores Speicher, Northland Construction Corp.

Cincinnati

J.J. Johnson-JioDucci, Middleton JioDucci Holdings, LLC
Michelle Paraniuk, M.A.C. Paran Consulting Services, Inc.

Cleveland

Mary Brenner, Althans Insurance Agency
Donna Hickman, Hilliard Electric
Heather Rillahan, Mr. Excavator, Inc.
Verdell Thompson, Perk Company, Inc.

Columbus

Patricia Dews, American Family Insurance

Detroit

Wanda Hewlett Brown, Pioneer Contracting Services
Patricia Deere, Pictures In Glass

Indianapolis

JoAnne Ehr Gott, Pillar Group Risk Management, Inc
Kim Glass, M.G. Scheutz Agency
Megan Gossett, ERMCO, Inc.
Julie Parker Rienecker, Lauth Property Group

Toledo

Brenda Cole, Decorative Flooring Services

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