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General Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month. Unless otherwise announced, meetings are held at:

Radisson Hotel (Riverfront)
270 Ann Street, NW
(just off US131)
Grand Rapids, Michigan

For additional information, contact Char Terpsma CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT at 616-243-6374 ext. 5070.

Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. The location this year is Pleune Service Co.

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General Meeting
Wednesday, April 13, 2011

“Construction Appreciation Night”
with “New Construction Jeopardy”
by Aileen Leipprandt, Stephen Hilger, Ben Hammond
From Hilger Hammond Law Firm

Social Hour 5:30 pm - Dinner 6:00 pm program to follow

Stonewater Country Club
7111 Kalamazoo Avenue SE, Caledonia, MI

Dinner cost is \$30.00/person
Checks payable to NAWIC #194

Invite your boss, co-worker, and/or a colleague to this dynamic evening!
Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid.

We will be collecting cans of food for God's Kitchen. Donations are appreciated.

RSVP: Rachel Heyboer
Email: heyboerr@gmail.com or phone: 616-454-5400
before noon on Friday, April 1, 2011

President's Message

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – April 2011

SPRING! It's finally arrived. More sunshine, warmer temperatures, birds chirping and bulbs pushing their stems up through the ground are clear signs of our new spring season! Traditionally, it's also been the beginning of increased construction work and road repairs...a good thing for our industry. Spring just seems to bring with it a renewed energy and excitement.



Congratulations to Jane Thelen, chosen as our Chapter 194 New Leader and to Bonnie Jangda, chosen as our Chapter 194 4-Most Leader. Thank you both for your contributions to our Chapter this year. I wish you well as you represent our Chapter in the Region 4 competition for these awards. Again, congratulations ladies!

Our next meeting, April 13, 2011, will be our annual Construction Appreciation Night at the Stonewater Country Club. This is a great opportunity to encourage your boss, co-workers and other contacts in the construction industry to join us for an educational and entertaining evening with the Hilger Hammond Law Firm hosting “Construction Jeopardy”.

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President's Message - continued

If you haven't attended a NAWIC Forum yet, you won't want to miss out this year! It will be held in Lansing May 13-15, 2011. In addition to various seminars, you'll have an opportunity to meet many other women from our Region! Please watch the newsletter and eminders for more information.

As always, my door and email are both always open should you have a need to contact me.

Char Terpsma, CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT
President

MEETING MINUTES

Chapter 194 Meeting Minutes are located next to the newsletters on our website:

<http://www.nawic194.org/newsletters.htm>

NEW - MEMBERSHIP NOTICES

Check out the New Membership Notices page on Chapter 194 website. This page is just for the membership. It has information and forms for upcoming events.

http://www.nawic194.org/index_files/Page482.htm

From Community Giving:

We are looking for volunteers to help with cleaning out the closet at the Women's Resource Center. We will be changing out the winter clothing with new and exciting Spring clothing that has been in storage. **This event will take place on Tuesday, April 5 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.** We need approximately 7 helpers. Women's Resource Center is also looking for someone with a truck to transport between the storage and WRC during the late afternoon on the 5th. Please contact Judy Van Dyken, CIT with questions at vandyken.judy@gmail.com

KUDOS!!



Congratulations to Rockford Construction and Pleune Service Company for winning our Chapter Safety Competition. They will now be submitted for the Region 4 competition.

Try a smile - It's
contagious

SAVE THE DATE

When: May 5, 2011
What: Make sandwiches at
Kids Food Basket

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NEF – Education Insider
<http://www.nawiceducation.org>

Region 4
www.nawic4.org

AIA Grand Valley Chapter
<http://www.aiaqv.net/documents/261.html>

Construction Specifications Institute
Michigan Chapter
<http://www.csigrandrapids.org>

See NAWIC194 website for more links
www.nawic194.org/links.htm

March Membership Meeting



At the March membership meeting everyone looked AWESOME in their red outfits or NAWIC apparel for WIC WEEK!!!



Doug Lameyer from Lameyer Plumbing Inc. showed us how to take bathroom faucets apart to replace the cartridge when the faucet is leaking and also how to remove and clean clogged drains. Many members asked questions and found this demonstration to be informative.



Congratulations to Bonnie Jangda as Chapter 194 4 - Most Leader and Jane Thelen as Chapter 194 New Leader for this year.

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Faye Staskewicz and Julie Smigiel announce Jane Thelen as our New Chapter Leader.



Was Doug Lameyer telling Bonnie Jangda some good plumbing stories?



Rachel Heyboer is hard at work and Barb Silvis takes notes on the meeting with Char Terpsma, CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT and Faye Staskewicz giving her tips.

**2010-2011
GENERAL MEETINGS**

May 11, 2011

RCCI - Jobsite Tour
The Spartan YMCA

June 8, 2011

Election of 2011-2012
Officers & Directors

July 13, 2011

TBD

August 10, 2011

Joint NAWIC Statewide Meeting

September 7, 2011

Installation of 2011-2012
Officers & Directors
WIC of the Year Announcement

Membership Directory/Competition

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The committee is sending a questionnaire by email to you that will help build the "Who's Who in NAWIC" membership directory. This directory will be available on the website and password protected. Please take a moment and complete the questionnaire. Share with us so we are able to learn more about YOU!

Consider sending at least one new prospective member along with your questionnaire information. The membership competition ends in July and we need to hear from each of you. Start getting those points!

**Membership Recruitment Competition!
November 2010 ~ July 2011**

Update:

One response prompted an evaluation of the point system initially presented for the competition. The points for bringing a guest and recruiting a new member have increased. Curious? Send new prospect names and e-mail information to Faye Staskewicz at wicfaye@aol.com to learn more about the enhanced point system. Special prizes will be awarded in September so start earning points now. Your involvement in helping Chapter #194 grow is imperative to our overall success. Make a serious commitment to increase our membership – YOU are the one who can make it happen!



THINK SPRING!!!

WIC WEEK 2011
MARCH 6-12

WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION WEEK
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2011

Char Terpsma, President Grand Rapids Chapter 194
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Hope you were able to visit our billboard during WIC Week— it was AWESOME!

Believe in ourselves
Persevere with the strength of our convictions
Dare to move into new horizons

2011 West Michigan Design and Construction Expo - April 21, 2011

Save the Date!

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April 21, 2011 2pm-8pm
Davenport Student Center
Caledonia, MI



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Upcoming Events

THE NAWIC PLEDGE

As material for the construction of our building, I pledge the agility of my hands, the ability of my mind, and the integrity of my heart.

NAWIC'S CORE PURPOSE

To enhance the success of women in the construction industry.



NAWIC BUILDS:

- ◆ LIVES
- ◆ CAREERS
- ◆ FUTURES

Region 4 Forum – “Turning the Leaf” A Green Forum Lansing, MI May 13–15, 2011 Hosted by Lansing Chapter #177

“GO GREEN”

Lansing Chapter #177 is proud to present NAWIC Region 4 Forum in East Lansing, MI at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center on the beautiful campus of Michigan State University. We are going GREEN, not only for MSU but for a Green Forum. Many of the ideas/workshops of the event will be centered around green ideas, and limiting the earth's natural resources. There are many great workshops and speakers that await you Spring of 2011! Lansing Chapter #177 is looking forward to seeing you!

Lansing Chapter #177 is also celebrating their 40th Anniversary, and will have a fun 70's party planned for Friday Night, we encourage you to dress up, so break out your favorite 70's gear and bring it along!

As part of the theme we are asking if anyone has new or like new NAWIC bags that they would like to donate. If so please contact Heidi Hitz hhitz@clarkcc.com.

Registration is open and if you sign up prior to April 12, 2011 registration is \$155.00, after the deadline it is \$175.00

Information on Forum can also be found on our chapter's website at www.lansingnawic.com.



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Hotel reservations are made directly to Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center using National Association of Women in Construction as the code.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For April



Kim Maul - 3
Cathy Pisciotta - 4
Barb MacWilliams, CBT, CIT - 13
Rachel Snyder - 21
Tammy Sweeris, CCA, CDS, CIT - 21

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

For April



Tammy Sweeris, CCA, CDS, CIT -
1992

REGION 4 FORUM

May 13-15
Lansing, MI

Registration Rates: \$155, \$170 after April 12 (no registration after April 29)

Hotel: Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center

Hotel Rates: \$96 single/double, \$209 suite

Seminars: Hands-on BIM workshop, New EPA Lead Renovators Requirements, Construction Equipment, 401K and Roth Planning

Speakers: Michael Bloomfield, NASA Astronaut

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Patron Ads

Golf - Scholarship Fund Raiser

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Barbara Nugent CDS, CIT (Poinsettia)
Katy Kurkiewicz (Bulb Gardens)
Katy Kurkiewicz (Hanging Baskets)

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NAWIC Core Values: Believe, Preserve, Dare

NAWIC Core Purpose: To enhance the success of women in the construction industry.

NAWIC EXPLANATIONS

NAWIC: National Association of Women In Construction

Region 4: 1: NAWIC is divided into 14 regions 2: Region 4 represents Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia 3: Currently has 21 chapters 4: Currently there are no chapters located in West Virginia 5: Region 4 is the largest region in respect to the number of members.

Regional Director: 1: Each Region is represented by a director that serves on the National Board. 2: The director is elected by the members of their region and their term is for two years. 3: Even numbered regions expire on even years; odd numbered regions expire on odd years, allowing for a 1 year overlap. 4: Region 4's next director will be elected at Spring Forum 2012 5: Presides over all regional events/activities and attends to needs of the chapters.

National Convention: 1: The coming together of NAWIC members from the United States and Canada, international affiliates and event sponsors, typically in September of every year 2: Keynote speakers, professional workshops and association workshops are offered during this three-four day event 3: Business requiring member voting is conducted 4: Installation of National Officers and Directors.

Forum: Forum \ 'For-em \ noun – 1: The coming together of NAWIC chapters (i.e. Region 4 = Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky), typically in the Spring of every year 2: Three day event, full of educational and networking opportunities via keynote speakers and workshops 3: Core purpose is to enhance the opportunities of women in the construction industry.

APC: Annual Planning Conference – 1: This regional one day event is typically held in October or November on a Saturday. 2: Workshops focus on officers' job descriptions and committee functions.

NEF: NAWIC Education Foundation – 1. Provides certification programs related to the construction industry 2: Provides K-12 programs that promote the construction industry 3: Provides online Health & Safety programs 4: Provides additional construction related educational opportunities.

NSF: NAWIC Founders Scholarship Foundation – Administered by past NAWIC National Presidents, 2: Provides scholarships to individuals pursuing a college degree based on specific criteria, 3: Applications are due in February of every year.

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The newsletter is published the last week of the month for the upcoming month. A new layout for NAWIC Ink brings about some changes in the advertising format.

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“NAWIC Construction Appreciation Night”
by Hilger Hammond Law Firm

April 13, 2011

5:30 pm networking - 6:00 pm dinner

See Page 1 for complete meeting details

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