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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.

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**General Meeting**  
Wednesday, January 12, 2011

**TILE DEMONSTRATION**  
by Margie from Home Depot

5:30 pm networking - 6:00 pm dinner

**Radisson Hotel**  
270 Ann Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan  
(Ann Street exit of US131)

**Menu: Little Italy Buffet for \$17**  
**Ice Cream Dessert for \$3**

Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid.

**RSVP: Rachel Heyboer at [heyboerr@gmail.com](mailto:heyboerr@gmail.com)**  
**before noon on Wednesday, January 5, 2011**

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## President's Message

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – January 2011

Happy New Year! Can you believe it is 2011! It seems that 2010 just flew by. I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and were able to spend some extra time with family and friends. January is always the time for resolutions....whether kept or not, it seems we try to start the year with good intentions. As a chapter, our Membership Committee has already set in motion a resolution to grow our Chapter by implementing a member recruiting competition!

Members are already busy introducing others to NAWIC and trying to recruit. How many contacts have you made? Will you help our Chapter to grow? Will you be the contest winner? If you have any questions about the competition, please contact Faye Staskewicz.

Our chapter was quite busy during the month of December. Several members participated in the very rewarding experience of serving at God's Kitchen. Thank you to all who were able to help with this community service project. Thank you also to Bonnie Jangda for organizing this project. After serving at God's Kitchen, several members got together for a Christmas potluck and ornament exchange. The food and fellowship were great!



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President's Message - continued

I'd like to thank our members for their wonderful efforts in selling poinsettias. This fundraiser was a huge success. Thank you, Barbara Nugent, CDS, CIT for organizing this fundraiser. Our next fundraiser will be selling bulb gardens. Watch for more information from Katy Kurkiewicz at our January meeting.

Reserve Saturday, February 12, 2011...why? It's our Block Kids event and we need your help! Our Block Kids Committee is doing an excellent job of organizing all the details for this event. At this time, they are looking for donations of juice boxes, so if you are able to help out with this, please contact Katy at [katy@demaatbros.com](mailto:katy@demaatbros.com) or 616-785-3236. Also, if you know of any kids grades 1 to 6 who are interested in participating, please have them send their registration forms in to Katy. (The registration forms can be found on our website.)

So NAWIC Chapter #194 can assist you in providing greater service to your profession and industry, I welcome any and all ideas or suggestions for fundraisers, speakers, topics, etc. As always, my door and email are both always open should you have a need to contact me. Have a Blessed New Year!

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>

NOTE:

February's meeting will NOT be a prepaid meeting as we will be eating at a restaurant near the jobsite we are touring (The Job Corp Culinary Kitchen).

Thank you to the following members who placed orders for Poinsettias:

Nicki Eggerding  
Rhonda Huisman  
Char Terpsma, CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT  
Barb Silvis  
Jane Thelen

With their great efforts in selling Poinsettias, we made a profit of \$444

2010-2012 REGION 4

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For January

Tanya Fredricks - 18  
Christine Witt - 28

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

For January

Nicole Eggerding - 2010

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The Connection  
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Announcements  
[http://www.nawic.org/nawic/Announcements\\_Oct07.asp?SnID=11715986](http://www.nawic.org/nawic/Announcements_Oct07.asp?SnID=11715986)

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

Region 4  
[www.nawic4.org](http://www.nawic4.org)

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

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

See NAWIC194 website for more  
links  
[www.nawic194.org/links.htm](http://www.nawic194.org/links.htm)

December 8 Community Service

Thank you!

On December 8th several NAWIC members volunteered their time to help at God's Kitchen.



Waiting for customers are: Jane Thelan, Bonnie Jangda, Barbara Nugent CDS, CIT, Betty Veldhouse CIT, Barb Silvis, Julie Smigiel, Jane Hofmeyer, Cathy Pisciotta, Nicole Eggerding. Not pictured: Jenny Waugh, Aileen Leipprandt



Way to go Ladies!!!!

2010-2011  
GENERAL MEETINGS

**February 9, 2011**  
Triangle - Jobsite Tour  
The Job Corp Culinary Kitchen

**March 9, 2011**  
Plumbing Demo  
by Lamayer Plumbing

**April 13, 2011**  
Construction Appreciation Night  
Hilger Hammond

**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 2011-20112  
Officers & Directors  
WIC of the Year Announcement

Carol A. Kueker Construction Education Visionary Award



CAROL A. KUEKER CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION VISIONARY AWARD

- PURPOSE:** To provide recognition on a National level to an Educator/Advocate who has a passion for and dedication to Construction Education. This award recognizes a **nonmember** of the National Association of Women in Construction who has worked aggressively to promote Construction as a viable career path through training and education **and/or** has worked with Associations and other organizations to establish educational programs to advance and benefit employees in the Construction Industry.
- NOMINEES:** Full or part time **Educator** with an accredited institution **or** an individual who is recognized as an **Advocate** in the area of Construction Education.
- NOMINATIONS:** **Four copies** of the Nomination form, resume and letter of endorsement must be submitted to the NEF Office for review by the Selection Committee, who makes the final decision.
- CRITERIA:** Nominees to be judged in the following areas:  
 > Must demonstrate a passion and zeal for Construction Education beyond the requirements of his/her job  
 > Minimum 5 years as an **Educator** or Construction Education **Advocate**  
 > Recognition and service within the local/regional/national area  
 > Participation in Construction Associations, Foundations, others.  
 > Advocate for education within the Construction Industry.
- AWARD:** Recognition award and travel expenses for winner and guest to include one night at the Meeting Hotel, meal/event tickets and airfare for two. Award to be presented at the NAWIC Crystal Vision Awards Banquet.
- FORMS:** **Four copies** of the Nomination form, resume and letter of endorsement from nominating sponsor must be submitted to the NEF Office in a single package. See Nomination Form for specific permitted support documentation.
- DEADLINE:** Postmark deadline by **March 15<sup>th</sup>** of the award year.  
**NAWIC Education Foundation** P.O. Box 549  
 Clemson, South Carolina 29633

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CAROL A. KUEKER CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION VISIONARY AWARD  
NOMINATION FORM

Please submit four (4) copies of this form and four (4) copies of other supporting documentation:

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company/School/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit four (4) copies of this form and four (4) copies of the following:

- \_\_\_\_ Letter of endorsement from the sponsor outlining specific accomplishments and qualifications of nominee. Refer to selection criteria for this award. Limit to two pages.  
 \_\_\_\_ Brief Resume or biography outlining nominee's primary responsibilities and scope of work duties.  
 \_\_\_\_ Optional **printed** support documentation, limited to **three** pages, i.e. photo, news stories, etc.

Sponsor's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor's contact info: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSTMARK DEADLINE: March 15**  
 Please mail nominating packets to: NEF OFFICE  
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**Dare**

## 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](mailto: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!

### Region 4 Forum 2011

May 13-15, 2011

Hosted by Lansing Chapter #177

We will be celebrating the Lansing Chapter's 40th Anniversary

Location: Kellogg Center - Campus of Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

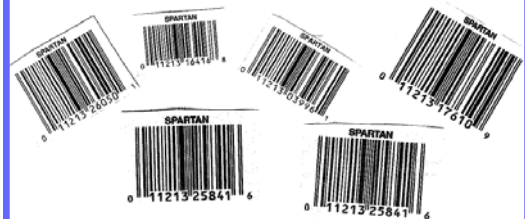
Friday Night Welcome party will be a 70's theme party - Bring your bell bottoms!

### OTHER UPCOMING DATES IN 2011:

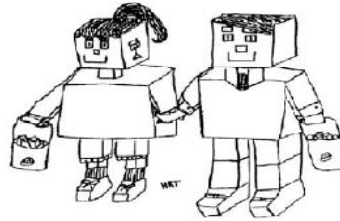
**56<sup>th</sup> National Convention on  
August 31 – September 1 in  
St. Louis, MO**

We are still collecting the travel shampoos, toiletries, etc. Save all of the items you collect during your vacations and when you go to conventions, etc., then bring them to a meeting.

PLEASE SAVE YOUR SPARTAN  
UPC'S – THEY GENERATE MONEY FOR THE CHAPTER!



Block Kids Event



NAWIC Chapter 194  
Block Kids Competition 2010

Event Information

This event is open to all children grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>.

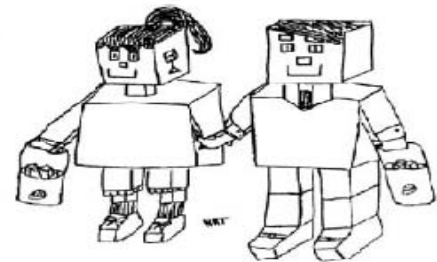
Date: Saturday, February 12, 2011  
Location: Grand Rapids Fire Department Training Center  
(NW Corner of Coldbrook and Monroe...just south of Leonard. Go through the gate on the south side of the building and the entrance is on the west side of building. Look for the GR Fire Dept Training Center sign.)  
Cost: **FREE!!!!**  
Registration: 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.  
Building: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.  
Judging: 10:15 a.m.  
Awards: 11:00 a.m.

**Pre-registration is required for this event.**

To register, or for any questions, please contact:  
Katy Kurkiewicz  
C/O DeMaat Bros. Painting Contractors  
PO Box 4  
Comstock Park, MI 49321-0004  
Phone: 616-785-3236  
Fax: 616-785-3243  
Email: [Katy@demaatbros.com](mailto:Katy@demaatbros.com)

**BLOCK KIDS EVENT**

We need everyone's help!!!  
Application, judge and sponsor forms are available online or contact [katy@demaatbros.com](mailto:katy@demaatbros.com). We will have space and goodie bags for up to 100 kids. This is a really great event for all - please volunteer.



Registration Form

Please fill out the information below to register for the 2011 Block Kids Event.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address of parent (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Katy Kurkiewicz, [katy@demaatbros.com](mailto:katy@demaatbros.com), or fax to 616-785-3243

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**Installation of Officers**

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Barb MacWilliams CBT, CIT\*

**Ways & Means**

**Patron Ads**

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**Golf - Scholarship Fund Raiser**

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**Flower Sales**

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

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Joy Folkersma  
Cheri Rysko

**Spartan UPC**

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**Monday Reminder**

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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.

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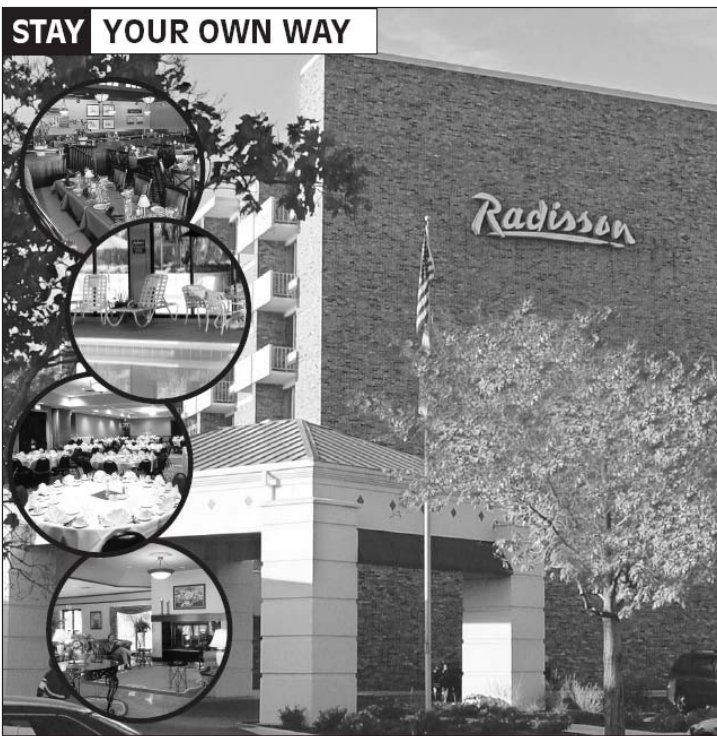
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**NAWIC - Grand Rapids Chapter 194**

**Tile Demonstration by Home Depot**

**January 12, 2011**

**5:30 pm networking - 6:00 pm dinner**

**See Page 1 for complete meeting details.**

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