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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

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General Meeting
Wednesday, June 8, 2011

Election of 2011 –2012 Officers and Directors

5:30 pm networking - 6:00 pm dinner

Radisson Hotel
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Menu: Ham & Swiss or Turkey & Cheddar Croissants
includes potato salad for \$13
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Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid.

RSVP: Rachel Heyboer at heyboerr@gmail.com
before noon on Wednesday, June 1, 2011

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President's Message

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – June 2011

Can you believe it's already time for election of Officers and Directors! It's also time for election of our National Board and as a member you have a voice in the direction of our association. Although Associate, Retired and Student members cannot vote, you can still voice your opinion to our Active and Corporate members so they can consider who to vote for.



I would encourage you to talk to the candidates running for office, whether in our Chapter or for the National Board. Ask them about their thoughts and goals for NAWIC. Your ballot for voting for our National Board candidates will be emailed to you, so please make sure your profile containing your email address is correct on the national website. Don't hesitate.....check it now....be prepared....and VOTE!

Have you told someone about NAWIC or invited them to a meeting? At the Region 4 Forum we had the privilege to hear NAWIC National President, Deb Gregoire, CIT give us

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President's Message - continued

an update on issues the national Board is concentrating on. She said there was 100% participation in WIC Week with chapters promoting women in construction during that week. She suggested our members do something every week all year long to promote women in construction. To encourage this, she said she would have something "special" at convention for chapters that did a special promotion of women in construction prior to the start of convention.

I'd like to thank Jane Thelen and Rockford Construction for arranging the tour of the Spartan YMCA. Thank you to Jenny for bringing the hardhats! Pete Mitchell led a very informative tour. The building will not only be the typical exercise facility, but will also be home to a large day care center.

Thank you to those of you who turned in surveys. It is so important to have feedback from our members so the Board can plan for next year. What value do you receive for your membership? Do you have a suggestion for making it be better? We are here to represent you!

Our committees will be forming soon. Please consider helping on one or more committee. If you have any question regarding committee duties, don't hesitate to ask me.

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

Congratulations!!

Julie Smigiel has been appointed by the Board to fill the Director vacancy on the 2010-2011 Board.

Congratulations to Lansing Chapter #177 for hosting an **AWESOME** Region 4 Forum!!

Kudos to everyone on a great Hanging Basket sale this year. There were 29 baskets sold.

Kayla Davis was awarded the NAWIC scholarship. She is currently a student at ITT Technical and is studying for her construction management degree.

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http://www.nawic.org/nawic/Announcements_Oct07.asp?SnID=11715986

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

May 11– Spartan YMCA Tour

Our May membership meeting was a jobsite tour at the Spartan YMCA on Metro Way in Wyoming, courtesy of Rockford Construction. Our tour guide was Pete Michell, Project Manager. Some facts we learned about this facility: it is part of a campus wide (Metro Hospital) LEED initiative (all projects on campus are LEED); it is a concrete, masonry, precast structure approximately 98,000 square footage; women and minority participation in construction, and has a partnership with Metro Hospital for patient therapy. The facility also includes a separate area for a day care facility, which has it's own entrance (including a pint size door for little kids). There is a track wrapped around the outside of the workout area on the second floor. After our tour we all enjoyed dinner and a meeting at Monelli's.



Everyone poses in front of the YMCA facility.



Pete Michell, Project Manager for Rockford Construction explains the details of the project to Char Terpsma, CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT, Kimberly Maul, Jenny Waugh and below Tanya Fredricks and Barb Silvis are thinking about what Pete is saying..



Jane Hoffmeyer, Tiffany Stuart, Barb Silvis and Jane Thelen listen intently.



Thank you for Volunteering!!

On May 5th, Judy Van Dyken, CIT, Cheri Rysko, Nikki Mollien, Char Terpsma, CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT, Barb MacWilliams, CBT, CIT, Betty Veldhouse, CIT, Pam Jones (Betty's daughter), Caleb Lardie and Bradley Lardie (Judy's grandsons) volunteered at Kid's Food Basket helping to make sandwiches.



NAWIC #194 participated in the 2011 West Michigan Design & Construction Expo held on April 21, 2011. Melanie Myers, Region 4 Director, attended and helped us out in our booth. Thank you to all the volunteers: Bonnie Jangda, Char Terpsma, CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT, Katy Kurkiewicz, Joy Folkersma, Barbara Nugent, CDS, CIT, Cathy Pisciotto and Faye Staskewicz.

GOOD JOB LADIES!!!

CONGRATULATIONS KAYLA!!!

The West Michigan Design and Construction Expo winner was our very own scholarship winner, Kayla Davis. She won a flat screen TV and a Harley Davidson hard hat.



WECAN Build Michigan contest was held at the 2011 West Michigan Design & Construction Expo and the winner was the Engineering Students at Ferris State University team. Over 2,000 non-perishable items went to Mel Trotter, Baxter Community Center and God's Kitchen along with Ferris State's first place prize money.



NAWIC'S CORE PURPOSE

To enhance the success of women in the construction industry.

NAWIC Chapter #194 Regional Forum Attendees: Julie Smigiel, Cheri Rysko, Betty Veldhouse, CIT, Char Terpsma, CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT and Barb MacWilliams, CBT, CIT. Read about Regional Forum 2010-2011 on the next page.

Region 4 Forum 2010-2011 Report



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Regional Forum, Lansing, MI 2010-2011

I would like to thank the Chapter for making the funds available to send me to the Regional Forum.

The Forum was awesome! It was great to renew previous acquaintances and meet new friends. Barb MacWilliams, CBT, CIT, Cheri Rysko, Julie Smigiel, Betty Veldhouse, CIT and I represented our chapter this year.

The general session included the bid for Forum 2013 by the Louisville Chapter. Since that chapter was the only one to bid for Forum, the Forum 2013 will be held in Louisville, KY. Our keynote speaker for this session was Suzy Merchant, head coach of Michigan State University's women's basketball program. She encouraged us to keep striving for our goals and not quit. As in sports, a person can really excel with constant practice. Her presentation, which was filled with personal examples, was a great inspiration to all.

It was announced as of April 2011, we have 545 members in Region 4. Our Chapter received a certificate for participation in the Construction Profession and Education competition. We entered the Safety Competition however, Clark Construction from Lansing, MI won that competition. Grace Northcut from the Bluegrass chapter won the New Leader award and Gloria Littwiler from the Akron chapter won the 4-Most Leader award.

The report from the National NAWIC Board stated that they have eliminated 2 jobs in the NAWIC office. We had 100% national participation in WIC Week with 94% sending their recaps back. National dues will be increasing 4% for 2011-2012. The Board approved Nashville, Tennessee (Omni Hotel) as the site of the 2015 national convention. National NAWIC President, Deb Gregoire, asked members to do something to promote NAWIC prior to convention. She also stressed the importance of voting for our national leaders. Last year only 27.06% of the NAWIC members voted in the election of national officers, Region 4 had 33.53% votes. She would like our region to have 100% vote this year. This is your voice! Please take time to learn about the candidates who are running for office this year and be sure to vote!

Director Meyers said the Mid-Year Board meeting inspired her to develop a Strategic Plan for Region 4 since there is none currently. If anyone would like to be part of these discussions or a member of the committee, please contact her at mameyers@oaklandcc.edu.

There were several interesting workshops. I learned how to operate a crane in a simulator. I also attended seminars on the bonding process and 401K and Roth planning. The NAWIC Education Foundation raised \$1600 through their fundraiser and donations at this year's Forum.

Both the Friday night 70's theme welcome party and the Saturday night banquet with entertainment by Cool 2 Duel were awesome! Everyone had a great time!

Forum wrapped up with a brunch Sunday morning and presentation of the "First Timer's" award which went to Pam McKinney. If you haven't attended a Regional or National event, please consider it for next year. It is a great opportunity to experience NAWIC on another level and meet some awesome women in NAWIC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Char Terpsma, CCA, CDS, CIT

**2010-2011
GENERAL MEETINGS**

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

NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS FOR BOARD

Officers and Directors needed for the NAWIC Chapter #194 Board.
Contact Rachel Heyboer heyboerr@gmail.com, Cheri Rysko
cheri@vanderhyde.com or Julie Smigiel jsmigiel@rivercitymech.com



Be the kind of woman that
when your feet hit the ground
each morning the devil
says, "**OH CRAP, SHE'S UP!**"

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
For June

Barbara Nugent, CDS, CIT - 2000
Barb Gavinski - 2000



Believe

Persevere

Dare

Who's Who in NAWIC Chapter #194?

Send your questionnaire to Faye Staskewicz, wicfaye@aol.com or to Julie Smigiel,
jsmigiel@rivercitymech.com as soon as possible (before June 1). Help us achieve our
goal and have all members in the Membership Notices section of our website!!!

NAWIC Housekeeping



I thought you could
use a HUG.

It's time for NAWIC #194 to get its house in order by doing a complete inventory before the next Board takes over the reins. So, we need everyone who has anything that truly belongs to NAWIC to let us know what you have, how many you have, (whether it be merchandise or craft items) and what kind of documentation you have. We are not looking to collect these things at this time, but would like to know what we have available. We are doing this also to adhere to the organization's retention schedule with all our documentation. Please submit your information by June 1 to Barbara Nugent, CDS, CIT. Just send her an e-mail at bjnugent@ftch.com.

Thank you!



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Ways & Means

Patron Ads

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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NAWIC Core Values: Believe, Persevere, 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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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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