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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, March 9, 2011

PLUMBING DEMONSTRATION

by Lamayer Plumbing

5:30 pm networking - 6:00 pm dinner

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

Menu: Meat Lasagna or Ginger Teriyaki Chicken Breast for \$17
Apple Pie Dessert for \$5

Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid.

RSVP: Rachel Heyboer at heyboerr@gmail.com
before noon on Wednesday, March 2, 2011

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President's Message

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – March 2011

Ladies, if you missed our February meeting, you missed a great tour and delicious dinner! Bonnie Jangda arranged all the details for our jobsite tour of the Gerald R. Ford Job Corp Center. We were able to hold our meeting in their auditorium before touring the building to see how the remodeling was done. The culinary students prepared and served a fabulous dinner. Jeff Jablonski, Center Director, gave a presentation during dinner explaining all about the Job Corp Center and its purpose.



As I write this article, the fragrance of the hyacinth in my bulb garden is permeating the air. The daffodils, tulips and crocuses are all in full bloom making my office look like Spring! Thank you to all the members who sold bulb gardens this year. You did a great job! Katy reports that we sold 105! Katy's wonderful job in organizing this fundraiser was really appreciated.

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President's Message - continued

Have you told someone about NAWIC lately? We have a membership recruitment competition going on and you won't want to miss out! We will be hosting our annual Construction Appreciation Night at the Stonewater Country Club on April 13. 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.

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

Your Help Is Needed!!!

Faye Staskewicz is looking for a couple members to help her with the Membership Committee. This is a "Standing" Committee, therefore, required for every chapter. This Committee works to increase and maintain membership, and handles new member installation. It also assigns a mentor to new members. This is a great way to get to know and meet all the current and new members.

Rachel Heyboer is looking for a couple members to help her with the Social and Hospitality Committee. This Committee makes all arrangements for the membership meetings regarding place, time, date, reservations, and table decorations. Also collects the money for the dinners, coordinates with the CPE Committee and sends cards/flowers for members who experience illness, a special event, or death of an immediate family member. This is a great way to get any creative juices going.

Kudos to everyone on a great Bulb Garden sale this year. There were 105 gardens sold. We have had several compliments on how beautiful they were and looking forward to next years bulb gardens!



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The Connection
https://www.nawic.org/nawic/Announcements_Oct07.asp

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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

February Membership Meeting



Our tour guides for the February meeting at the Gerald R. Ford Job Corp were Jeff L. Jablonski, Gerald R. Ford Job Corp Director, Jolanta Stecka, R.A., MC Smith Associates & Architectural Group, Doug Hodson and Russ Barnes both from Nevilles Electric Service (the General Contractor on this project).



NAWIC members learn about the on-going construction at the Gerald R. Ford Job Corp.



The Culinary Students at the Gerald R Ford Job Corp made us a **fabulous** dinner buffet!!

2010-2011
GENERAL MEETINGS

April 13, 2011
Construction Appreciation Night
Hilger Hammond
Stonewater Country Club

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

Award Contests

NAWIC's Annual Safety Excellence Award contest has officially begun.

The purpose of the Safety Excellence Award is to recognize those companies who excel at safety performance. Each candidate will be examined for their commitment to safety, occupational health management and risk control. Judges will look for evidence of company management commitment, active employee participation, safety training, work site hazard identification and control, and safety program innovation.

Participants will be required to complete an application form
www.nawic.org/images/nawic/committees/safety/Safety_Excellence_Award.pdf

To qualify for Chapter #194, please fill out the application form completely and send to Bonnie Jangda, email: bonnie_jangda@yahoo.com no later than **March 1, 2011.**

If there are portions of the form that do not apply, mark an N/A response. Chapters will select three finalists and submit those recommendations to your Regional Safety Chair no later than March 20, 2011.

CAROL A. KUEKER CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION VISIONARY AWARD

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.

Postmark deadline by **March 15** of the award year.
NAWIC Education Foundation, PO Box 549, Clemson, SC 29633



THINK SPRING!!!



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.



WIC Week

WIC WEEK MARCH 6-12, 2011

Are you planning on helping our chapter represent NAWIC? I hope your answer is YES!!!

Regional WIC Week Challenge: Rachel is challenging everyone to wear some sort of NAWIC apparel, bling or signage at the March 9 membership meeting. If you don't have NAWIC apparel, wear something **Red**. We will be taking a group picture and some individual pictures to send to Region 4 Director, Melanie Meyers. She will be putting together a collage from the entire region to share at Forum.



CHECK IT OUT!!!

Checkout our billboard located on 32nd Street east of Madison, facing west for eastbound traffic. It will be up from February 28 until March 7.



PROMOTE WIC WEEK

- ◆ Wear your NAWIC/WIC Week attire, pens or buttons
- ◆ Send out NAWIC trivia to your fellow employees,
- ◆ Send thank you letters to your employers for their support of NAWIC
- ◆ Let your coworkers know what an important organization you are involved in and the importance of women in construction

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!

Upcoming Events

NAWIC CONSTRUCTION APPRECIATION NIGHT Featuring Construction Jeopardy Hosted by Hilger Hammond Law Firm Stephen Hilger, Ben Hammond and Aileen Leipprandt

Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2011

Time: Social Hour 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:00 pm Program to follow

Cost: \$30

Location: Stonewater Country Club, 7111 Kalamazoo Avenue, SE

Invite your boss, co-worker, and/or a colleague to this dynamic evening!

Look in next month's newsletter and/or website: www.nawic194.org for more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For March



Barb Silvis - 4

Char Terpsma CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT - 21

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

For March



Karen Staniulis - 2008

Judy Van Dyken - 2008

SAVE THE DATE!

2011 West Michigan Design & Construction
Expo

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

Presented by the Builders Exchange of Michigan
and the Construction Specification Institute

For more information please contact Elizabeth at
616-949-8650 or Elizabeth@grbx.com



SAVE THE DATE

When: May 5, 2011

What: Make sandwiches at
Kids Food Basket

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

For information: Contact: Heidi Hitz (517) 230-2183 ext. 108,

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Believe in ourselves

Persevere with the strength of our convictions

Dare to move into new horizons

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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, 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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 2" x 3½" (approximate) \$30.00
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Plumbing Demonstration by Lamayer Plumbing

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