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

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

For additional information, contact Faye Staskewicz at 616-532-8191.

Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. The location for October is at Beckering Advisor.

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General Meeting
Wednesday, October 12, 2011

THE UPSIDE OF PREVAILING WAGE

Presentation by Rachel Snyder from BCT Benefits

5:30 pm networking - 6:00 pm dinner

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

Menu: Chicken Parmesan or Salmon Beurre Blanc
Cost is \$17
Dessert is Lemon Berry Bistro for additional \$5

Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid.

RSVP: Julie Smigiel at jsmigiel@rivercitymech.com
before noon on Wednesday, October 5, 2011

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President's Message

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – October 2011

Greetings NAWIC members! The September membership meeting was very special with the installation of our new Board. Betty Veldhouse, CIT did an awesome job of preparing for the ceremony and her plans came together for a memorable installation. Indeed, every member is a shining star with unique talents and knowledge to share that enhance and promote the success of our Chapter.



I would like to thank the incoming Board for their commitment and desire to be a part of the process as we move forward. The outgoing Board was very concerned about making the right decisions for the benefit of the Chapter and we shall continue in that spirit. Char Terpsma, CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT gave two years of her devotion to our Chapter as President and I have a great role model in that regard (and BIG shoes to fill).

We had the pleasure of installing a new member, Leslie Nelson, P.E. from GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. Please welcome her and take every opportunity to share what you know about NAWIC and Grand Rapids 194.

2011-2012
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The Region 4 Annual Planning Conference (APC) is October 7-8 in Terre Haute, Indiana. Please let me know if you are planning to attend. These events solidify our involvement and it is always great to see our NAWIC sisters from Region 4. Melanie Myers will lead with her special manner and I'm confident it will be a beneficial event for all.

The October membership meeting will include a presentation by our member, Rachel Snyder from BCT Benefits LLC. She will tell us how firms like BCT Benefits LLC educate on how there can be an upside to Prevailing Wage. I look forward to seeing you there!

Many things have continued to change and improve since I served as President from 2004~2006. The NAWIC INK continues evolving as the top-notch, award winning newsletter that it is. The INK set the bar for the region and every chapter was hungry to produce a newsletter that would stand up to ours in the yearly competitions. The method of communication has improved by utilizing the internet to the fullest, allowing the creation of the website with all the pertinent information about Grand Rapids 194.

We have also been recognized by our peers for the professional events we have offered and the community goals we have achieved. The Construction and Professional Education Committee along with the Social and Hospitality Committee have firmed up the calendar of events for this year and it will not disappoint. Our Community Giving/Benefit Committee is always planning how we can be helpful, so get involved and make a difference! Make a point to be active on at least one committee. Through participation you will find that Grand Rapids 194 is a great Chapter to belong to.

The melding of professional enhancement and the priority of community efforts truly make it a place where I want to belong. Without a doubt, the very best part about our Chapter is the membership. Plan to join us each month as we make a difference for each other and our community!

If you are a woman in any facet of the construction industry- YOU BELONG HERE.

With my regards,
Faye Staskewicz, President

MEETING MINUTES

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

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

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/Page1469.htm

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
Kids Food Basket

We are collecting decorated bags for Kids Food Basket. The bags need to be brown or white X-Large or 8 pound bags. You can purchase the bags at your local grocery or warehouse store. Betty Veldhouse does have extra bags. If you would like some, please contact her at bettyv39@gmail.com. Betty Veldhouse will collect the decorated bags at our October monthly meeting and has volunteered to drop the bags off at Kids Food Basket.

2010-2012 REGION 4

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September 14 - Installation of Officers & WIC Award



Betty Veldhouse, CIT narrated our Installation of Officers for 2011-2012 with a wonderful PowerPoint presentation titled "STAR POWER". Each officer was given a specific star color with a brief meaning of their star color. The Officers for 2011-2012 are **Past President (White Star)**: Char Terpsma, CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT; **President (Purple Star)**: Faye Staskewicz; **Treasurer (Blue Star)**: Jane Thelen; **Secretary (Yellow Star)**: Barb Silvis and **Directors (Red Stars)**: Tanya Fredericks, Julie Smigiel, Aileen Leipprandt. The Vice President position is unoccupied at this time (if interested, please contact Faye Staskewicz).

LINKS

NAWIC International
<http://www.nawic.org/nawic/Default.asp>

The Connection
https://www.nawic.org/nawic/Connection_Archive.asp?SnID=1580083221

Announcements
<http://www.nawic.org/nawic/Announcements1.asp?SnID=896399412>

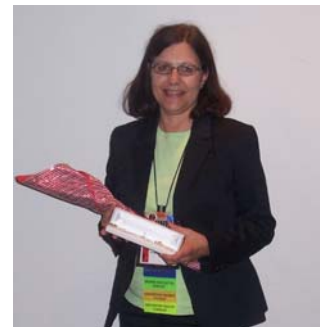
NEF – Education Insider
<http://www.nawiceducation.org>

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



This year's WIC of the Year competition had several great candidates. The candidates were: Judy Van Dyken, CIT, Char Terpsma, CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT, Jane Thelen and Bonnie Jangda (not pictured). And the Winner is Char Terpsma, CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT!

The outgoing President, Char Terpsma, CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT turns over the gavel and NEF pin to the incoming President, Faye Staskewicz.



Barbara Nugent, CDS, CIT presents a gift to the outgoing President Char Terpsma, CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT. Thanks Char for your leadership in the past year!

2011-2012
GENERAL MEETINGS

November 9, 2011
Jobsite Tour

December 14, 2011
Holiday Party

January 11, 2012
Home Depot Demonstration

February 8, 2012
Keep the HVAC Tech Away and
Learn about Electric

March 14, 2012
Preconstruction Requirements

April 11, 2012
Construction Appreciation Night

May 9, 2012
Jobsite Tour

June 13, 2012
Election of Officers

July 11, 2012
TBD Fun or Meeting

August 8, 2012
Joint NAWIC Statewide Meeting

September 12, 2012
Installation of 2012-2013
Officers & Directors
WIC of the Year Announcement

Membership Meeting cont'd



Faye Staskewicz, Julie Smigiel and Char Terpsma, CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT welcome our newest member, Leslie Nelson from GZA Geo Environmental.

WELCOME LESLIE!!



Barb MacWilliams, CBT, CIT and Betty Veldhouse, CIT attended the 56th Annual Convention held August 31, 2011 - September 3, 2011 in St. Louis, Missouri. Here they are at the Installation Luncheon. They also got their pictures taken after huffing to the Gateway Arch in 101 degrees! Way to go Ladies!



CONGRATULATION LADIES!

Barb MacWilliams, CBT, CIT, Katy Kurkiewicz, Betty Veldhouse, CIT and Char Terpsma, CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT are the Membership Recruitment Competition Winners!!

NAWIC BUILDS:

- ♦ LIVES
- ♦ CAREERS
- ♦ FUTURES

Newsletter Advertisement Information



Grand Rapids Chapter #194 is excited to offer advertisement in our monthly publication the

NAWIC Ink

The NAWIC Ink is read and distributed throughout many West Michigan companies and Associations in the construction industry. The rates for this exposure are very reasonable and promote networking opportunities. When your company advertises with our organization you help support our mission to enhance the success of women in the construction industry.

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.

Advertising Information

Rates are for one full year (12 issues)

Blocks are available in two sizes

2" x 3½" \$30.00 – approximately a business card size

4" x 3½" \$50.00 – approximately 2 business cards high

Ad copy can be e-mailed in JPEG or PDF type file

Send ad copy and payment to: "NAWIC 194"
Barbara Nugent, CDS, CIT
Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc.
1515 Arboretum Drive, SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
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Visit Grand Rapids Chapter #194 at www.nawic194.org

Contact Barbara if your company would like to advertise on the web (link to your website).

National Association of Women In Construction
Chapter #194 Grand Rapids MI
Chartered: 1973

2011-2012 CHAPTER 194 COMMITTEES

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Installation of Officers

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WIC of the Year

Ways & Means

Patron Ads

Golf - Scholarship Fund Raiser

Barb MacWilliams CBT, CIT*
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Jane Anstett

Flower Sales

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

Monthly Raffle

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Spartan UPC

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Monday Reminder

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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.

NSFS: 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.

NAWIC'S CORE PURPOSE

To enhance the success of women in the construction industry.

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.

Believe

Persevere

Dare

HAPPY BIRTHDAY For October



Jane Anstett - 28

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY For October



Char Terpsma - 2005
 Rachel Synder - 2009
 Tanya Fredricks - 2010
 Jane Hofmeyer - 2010
 Barb Silvis - 2010
 Julie Smigiel - 2010



**JOINT ASSOCIATION MEETING
 SERF AND LEED CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS**

**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION
 November 10th, 2011**

3:00pm – 3:30 pm Registration
 3:30pm – 5:30 pm Discussion

City of Grand Rapids, Commission Chambers - 9th floor, 300 Monroe Ave, Grand Rapids, MI
 (Free parking passes will be given out at the registration table)

Please join us for a roundtable discussion with experts of both the SERF and LEED certification processes to learn about the differences of these two types of sustainable construction and the benefits of both. Our panelists include:

- Joe Maguire, President of SERF, Wolverine Development Corporation
- Rick DeKam, Midwest Realty Group
- Mike Corby, FAIA, LEED[®] AP, Integrated Architecture
- Pat Drueke, LEED[®] AP, Rhoades McKee
- Keith Winn, LEED[®] AP BD+C ID+C, Catalyst Partners
- Sam Pobst, USGBC LEED[®] AP BO+M BD+C ID+C, ecometrics, LLC
- Renaë Hesselink, CPIM, LEED[®] AP, Nichols & SustainAble Solutions
- Facilitator: Greg Metz, AIA, LEED[®] AP, Lott3 Metz Architecture

Please complete and email this Registration Form to elizabeth@grbx.com or fax to 616-949-6831. Deadline to submit registration for this FREE Event is Nov 7, 2011. Space is limited.

Company Name _____
 Contact person _____ Email address _____
 Attendees _____

 Association Affiliation _____ Please contact your association for CEU Information.

"Nobody gets to live life backward. Look ahead, that is where your future lies." Ann Landers

"If you want anything said, ask a man; if you want anything done, ask a woman." Margaret Thatcher

**Try a smile
 It's contagious**

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