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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 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, September 14, 2011**

## INSTALLATION OF 2011-2012 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS WIC OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCEMENT

5:30 pm networking - 6:00 pm dinner

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

**Menu: Fettucini Alfredo with Grilled Chicken or  
Whitefish with Rice Pilaf**  
**Cost is \$17**

**Cheesecake for Dessert no additional charge**

Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid.

**RSVP: Rachel Heyboer at [heyboerr@gmail.com](mailto:heyboerr@gmail.com)  
before noon on Wednesday, September 7, 2011**

## President's Message

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – September 2011

I would like to take a moment to reflect on our NAWIC year, and to thank those who served on the 2010-2011 Chapter Board. Thank you for volunteering your time, talent and ideas. Your knowledge, insight and enthusiasm have guided NAWIC Grand Rapids Chapter 194 to another successful year. I would also like to thank our members who volunteered their time and talents to chair or participate on committees. Thank you.



Thank you President-Elect, Faye Staskewicz, and the 2011-2012 Board for committing your time to direct our Chapter this coming year! Through your new ideas and suggestions, our Chapter looks to you for leadership. Members, please support your new Board with their challenge to abide by the requirements of the NAWIC National and IRS standards for non-profit corporations. Your encouragement will be greatly appreciated by the Board throughout the year as they make decisions for our Chapter.

2010-2011  
GRAND RAPIDS  
OFFICERS

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2010-2011  
GENERAL MEETINGS

September 7, 2011  
Installation of 2011-2012  
Officers & Directors  
WIC of the Year Announcement

**NAWIC Ink - Grand Rapids Chapter 194 - September 2011**  
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Membership renewals have been emailed. You can renew online or by mail; however, the renewal must be received by the National office by October 1, 2011. Please let Jane Thelen know when you have renewed your membership.

The NAWIC National Convention will be held August 31-September 3, 2011, in St. Louis, Missouri. Barb MacWilliams, CBT, CIT and Betty Veldhouse, CIT will be attending. I look forward to hearing about their experience.

Our Statewide meeting was held August 10, 2011. Nine members from our Chapter traveled to Battle Creek for the meeting and had a great time seeing the other Michigan Chapter members. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner and heard about the Midlink Business Center renovation project. Each chapter also shared their 2010-2011 highlights.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your Chapter President for the past two years.

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>

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](http://www.nawic194.org/index_files/Page1469.htm)

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

The Women Resource Center has asked us to come in and help prepare the Clothes Closet for the upcoming Fall & Winter seasons. The date is **Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm - 7pm**. They are looking for a small group (4-5) to help prepare the Clothes Closet. Please RSVP Judy Van Dyken, CIT [vandyken.judy@gmail.com](mailto:vandyken.judy@gmail.com).

**Believe**

**Persevere**

**Dare**

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

"All great achievements require time." Maya Angelou

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[https://www.nawic.org/nawic/Announcements\\_Oct07.asp](https://www.nawic.org/nawic/Announcements_Oct07.asp)

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)

August Annual Michigan Joint Chapter Meeting



Members of our Chapter enjoyed the Annual Joint Chapters Meeting held at Clara's on the River in Battle Creek. Our hosts, Kalamazoo/Battle Creek Chapter #302, put together an awesome event for all of the chapters that attended!



The president from each chapter did a presentation of events and programs their chapter did during the past year. Our own Char Terpsma, CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT represented the Grand Rapids Chapter 194.



Region 4 Director Melanie A. Myers talked about Region 4's events throughout the year and several upcoming events.



Juliana Garner from Kalamazoo/Battle Creek Chapter #302 gave a nice presentation on the "The Little Chapter that DID!"



Guest Speaker David Smith, Executive Vice President, from Asset Management of Hackman Capital gave a informative presentation on the Midlink Business Park located in Battle Creek.

Announcements

**2011-2012 Committees**

Huge thanks to those who have confirmed their committee involvement. For the committees that still need some help, members will be contacted to see if we can fill those areas. Contact Faye Staskewicz at [fas@beckerling.com](mailto:fas@beckerling.com) if you are interested in volunteering for any of the committees.

**You are the one, joined with us all, that builds our success!**

**NAWIC'S CORE PURPOSE**

*To enhance the success of women in the construction industry.*

**2011 - 2012 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL UPDATE**

As of this publication deadline Grand Rapids Chapter 194 has ten (10) confirmed memberships at the National office. That is pretty good for mid-August! We are one-third of the way to the anticipated retention level. Those of you planning to be included in the chapter membership next year are encouraged to take this nudge and get official. Please renew promptly, renewals are due to the National office by October 1, 2011. When you renew, please pass your renewal information on to our Treasurer, Jane Thelen, [jthelen@rockfordconstruction.com](mailto:jthelen@rockfordconstruction.com).

**We sincerely welcome you and are proud to have you with the Grand Rapids Chapter 194!**

Warm regards,  
Faye Staskewicz,  
President Elect



**Save the Date**  
Joint Association Meeting



**Date:** November 10, 2011

**Time:** 3:30 – 4:00 – registration / networking  
4:00 – 6:00 – meeting

**Topic:** Round table discussion on SERF and LEED certification similarities/differences

Watch for more information on location and registration fee.



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**  
For September

Lisa Wisniewski - 2004

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
For September

Aileen Leipprandt - 8  
Tiffany Stuart - 22  
Joy Folkersma - 29  
Jane Hofmeyer - 30



# back to basics

nawic region 4  
annual planning conference  
terre haute, in  
october 7-8, 2011

- FRIDAY            Registration  
                    NAWIC Store  
                    "Come As You Are" WELCOME PARTY
- SATURDAY        BREAKFAST  
                    NAWIC Store  
                    First Timer's Meeting  
                    General Session  
                    Workshops
- Chapter President's/Leadership
  - You're a Chapter Director - Now What?
  - The Value of Your NAWIC Membership
  - NAWIC & Your Employer
  - Membership - Priority # 1
  - Getting the Most Out of Your NAWIC Dollars
- LUNCH
- More Workshops
- Are You a Mentor?
  - But...I am Only a Volunteer!
  - Getting the Most Out of Your C P & E Programs
  - Toxic Members
  - How to 'Right' a Derailed Chapter/Board Meeting
- Wrap Up - Announcements, Closing, Raffles!!!

Don't miss all the valuable NAWIC information that will be presented at this year's Annual Planning Conference!!!!

# back to basics

NAWIC Region 4 Annual Planning Conference cont'd



Region 4 Annual Planning Conference  
OCTOBER 7-8, 2011  
Terre Haute, Indiana

Registration & Payment Due - September 23, 2011  
No Refunds after September 30, 2011

Registrant Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Box Below for Membership Status.

Active Member  Corporate Member  Retired Member  Student Member   
Associated Member  Member At Large  1st Time Regional Attendee   
Guest

Conference Registration:	Early Registration Through Sept 17	\$75	\$ _____
	Late Resistration Sept 18 - Sept 23	\$85	\$ _____
	Friday Night Welcome Party Guests	\$25	\$ _____
	Saturday Luncheon Guests	\$25	\$ _____
	NAWIC Store Table Rental _____ x \$15		\$ _____
	<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>		\$ _____

Vegetarian Lunch Request \_\_\_\_\_ Food Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a check made payable to: **NAWIC Terre Haute #303**  
Attn: Jan Sullivan  
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Terre Haute, IN 47805

E-Mail Confirmation Requested

Questions? Contact: Amy Lohman @ 812-243-2102 or akk11978@aol.com  
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Cost \$ 89.00 Per Night + Plus Applicable Taxes if reserved by 9/23/11

Kent County Sheriff's Dept Residential Security & Safety Checklist



KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT  
Lawrence A. Stelma - Sheriff

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**KENT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
RESIDENTIAL SECURITY AND SAFETY CHECK LIST**

Answer all questions by checking the appropriate answer. A scale to determine how vulnerable your home is to burglary is at the end of this questionnaire.

YES NO

- 1. Is your house number visible from the street so a law enforcement or an emergency service could easily find your home if you call for help?
- 2. Are your bushes, trees, and shrubbery cut back so that cover is not afforded to a burglar who is attempting to break into your home?
- 3. Do you have a fence around your property?
- 4. Are your outside utility buildings kept locked?
- 5. Is your garage kept locked?
- 6. Is the outside of your home kept clear of boxes, ladders, etc., so burglars cannot use them to climb to your roof?
- 7. Do you have and use adequate outdoor lights?
- 8. Do you have solid core doors on all entrances to your home?
- 9. Do all your doors to the outside have dead bolt locks?
- 10. When you moved in, did you have all the locks changed?
- 11. Are your door hinges installed inside where they cannot be removed?
- 12. Do you have a small peep hole installed in your front door?
- 13. Do all your windows have adequate locks?
- 14. Do you have locks on sliding glass doors?
- 15. Do you have residential burglar alarm; do you and your family know how to use it correctly?
- 16. Do you have a smoke alarm in your home?
- 17. Have you attended a Community Child watch or Neighborhood Watch Training Program?

Kent County Sheriff's Dept Residential Security & Safety Checklist cont'd



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- 18. Are your valuables locked in a safe place?
- 19. Have you inventoried and marked your valuables with your driver's license number with the electronic engraver available at the Sheriff's department?
- 20. Do you have a trusted neighbor or relative pick up your mail when you are away?
- 21. Do you have your newspaper or other deliveries stopped or picked up by a friend or relative when you are away?
- 22. Do you arrange to have your lawn mowed while you are away?
- 23. Do you turn your bell tone down on your telephone when you are away?
- 24. Do you have a neighbor / relative park a car in your driveway or make your home appear lived in when you are away?
- 25. Do you have automatic timers on your lights?
- 26. Do you leave a light on in the house when you will be gone at night, even just for a short time?
- 27. Do you report strangers or suspicious activity in your neighborhood?
- 28. Instead of hiding an extra door key under the mat, mailbox, or flower pot, do you leave one with a trusted friend or neighbor?
- 29. Are telephone numbers for emergency services displayed near your phone for easy access in an emergency?
- 30. Are you careful not to discuss travel plans in public places with strangers?

**COUNT UP THE NUMBER OF NO'S**

21-30=Your home is very vulnerable to burglary and / or other criminal activity.  
11-20=Your home could be made less vulnerable, but you are on the right track.  
1-10 =GOOD, but remember your awareness and community involvement are necessary factors in our efforts to crime prevention.

You may request a residential Property Check of your home during your vacation. Call the Kent County Sheriff Department at (616) 632-6220. You make it easy for a burglar if you do not prepare. The more "NO" checks you have, the easier it is for the burglar. Any questions concerning your home.

INSPECTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

2010-2011 CHAPTER 194 COMMITTEES

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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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**Bus Trip**

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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.

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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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