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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 February is at River City Mechanical.

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Please mention "NAWIC" in the subject line.

General Meeting Wednesday, February 8, 2012

Keep the HVAC Tech away and learn about Electric
Presented by River City Mechanical

5:30 pm networking - 6:00 pm dinner

Location: River City Mechanical, 5325 Six Mile Ct NW, Comstock Park

Menu: Host's Choice, cost will be \$17

Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid.

**RSVP: Julie Smigiel at jsmigiel@rivercitymech.com
before noon on Wednesday, February 1, 2012**

Checks Payable to: NAWIC #194 Grand Rapids

President's Message

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – February 2012

INSPIRATION

Promise Yourself

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
To forget the mistakes of the past and press onto greater achievements of the future.
To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living thing creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

-Christian Dwight Larson



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NAWIC 2012 EVENTS

March 4-10: Women in Construction (WIC) Week
April 20-22: Region 4 Forum 2012
August 29-Sept 1: NAWIC National 57th Annual Convention held in Denver, CO
November 2-3: Annual Planning Conference (APC) in Lima, OH



EACH ONE - RECRUIT ONE

This is our National theme for Membership this year. Members are encouraged to recruit at least one new member this year. So, Ladies please mention NAWIC to any women you meet in your daily adventures.

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

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
For February**



Katy Kurkiewicz - 1973
Sandra Stock - 1973

**NAWIC'S CORE
PURPOSE**

To enhance the success of women in the construction industry.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
For February**



Barbara Nugent, CDS, CIT - 2
Julie Smigiel - 12
Jenny Waugh - 12
Lisa Wisniewski - 19

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.

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January Membership Meeting



The guest speaker for January's membership meeting was Kathy Forzly from Habitat for Humanity. Kathy educated everyone about Habitat for Humanity and the WIC Week "Women Build" project. We will be participating in this project on March 9, 2012 during WIC Week (see page 4 for more details). Everyone who attended including several guests enjoyed the presentation.

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/>



2011-2012
GENERAL MEETINGS

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

WIC WEEK MARCH 4 - 10, 2012

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY "WOMEN BUILD"

Friday, March 9, 2012 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Habitat House TBD

TIME TO GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY!

The Grand Rapids Chapter of the National Association of **Women in Construction** (NAWIC) is celebrating women in the construction industry! WIC week is the first week in March and is designed to recognize and salute women in the industry, along with encouraging future generations into construction.

Please help us celebrate and honor women in construction! Habitat for Humanity has designated a **WOMEN BUILD** home in the Grand Rapids area this spring.

Women Build brings together women from all walks of life to address the housing crisis facing millions of women and children worldwide. Women Build events have helped to construct more than 1,900 houses.

No experience necessary! If you don't have any construction skills, don't worry! Many women come to Women Build sites with no construction skills at all and still make a great impact. Training is provided.

I'll let you know later the address of the house and what construction tasks we'll be performing.

WE NEED A TEAM OF 15 VOLUNTEERS!

Contact Jenny Waugh at jwaugh@rockfordconstruction.com



THINK SPRING!

Past member, Kortney Lull, asked if we could pass this [job opportunity](#) along to the members.

Description : Michigan green energy company seeking experienced office person. Responsible for weekly payrolls and managing accounts payable, basic HR items and receptionist duties for three jointly-owned companies. Salary commensurate with experience.

Please respond with current resume (with references) and cover letter stating your salary expectations. Either e-mail your resume (craig@mwgeothermal.com) or fax ([616-514-1125](tel:616-514-1125)).

Requirements:
Quickbooks savvy
Organized and energetic
Construction background needed
Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office software
Experience with certified payroll a plus



SHEET METAL

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MEET OUR MEMBERS

Have you seen the Girl Scout Troop Leader in our midst? Yes, ladies, our own NAWIC member, Tanya Fredricks also leads a Girl Scout troop! Their core purpose (theme) for this year is “It’s our planet---love it”. With such an emphasis on LEED in the construction industry, Tanya says it is so encouraging to be able to spend time with today’s youth and see their passion for making the world a better place and exposing them to more than just saving energy in a residential setting! Tanya has used her NAWIC networking connections to arrange a tour at Grand Valley State University for the Girl Scouts to see their LEED certified buildings and hear how they are creating sustainable sites, water efficiency, re-using materials and resources and using energy more efficiently.

Tanya has been in the construction industry almost 10 years working for the Builders Exchange of Michigan. The Builders Exchange is a construction plan room which provides news on construction activity in the State of Michigan. Tanya’s primary responsibility is to assist and oversee the departments of Prebid, Active bidding and Apparent lows. She really enjoys seeing projects go from an idea to being built and occupied.

In 2010, a co-worker told Tanya about NAWIC and asked if she would be interested in joining. She checked it out and, after the first meeting, instantly knew NAWIC was something special. Tanya joined the Grand Rapids Chapter of NAWIC in October, 2010 and says “NAWIC has the total package of giving support, friendship, networking and a place to get involved in the community.” Her favorite things about NAWIC are the community involvement and learning about different areas of the construction industry. She enjoys the variety of meeting topics and/or tours. Tanya has eagerly offered her leadership skills to our Chapter too! She is heading up the CAD/Design/Drafting Competition and is also a Director on the Board of Directors.

Tanya manages to balance all of the above and family time as well. She enjoys spending time with her husband and loves doing crafts with her daughter Marissa, age 10 and Lego building with her son Levi, age 3.

Our Chapter appreciates Tanya’s participation and leadership!



Builders Exchange



*Written by
Char Terspma, CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT*

For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others. For beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness. And for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone. ~ Audrey Hepburn

One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: To rise above the little things. John Burroughs

Carol A. Kueker Construction Education Visionary Award Guidelines



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 15th** 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



**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:

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Tammy Sweeris CCA, CDS, CIT*
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WIC of the Year

Ways & Means

Patron Ads

Flower Sales

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

Monthly Raffle

Spartan UPC

Betty Veldhouse CIT*
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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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