



Region 4 - NAWIC's Core! News & Information

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Core Purpose: To enhance the success of women in the construction industry

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Greetings from your Director!

What a spectacular, phenomenal, energizing Forum! There isn't enough space here to express my sincere gratitude to the Cincinnati Forum Committee, the chapter volunteers, the regional committee chairs, the Forum appointees and, of course, everyone who attended our Region 4 meeting. You are strong women, you can do anything you set your mind to, and you will accomplish your dreams! Remember; don't give up five minutes before the miracle.

Christine

Forum

Talk about success! Almost 150 women attended the 2007 Region 4 Forum and will now share their new-found knowledge and enthusiasm with not only their chapter members, but with their associates in the construction industry.

Forum Awards

Construction Industry

- Industry category
- 1st place – Grand Rapids chapter
 - 2nd place – Dayton chapter
 - 3rd place – Cleveland chapter
- Community Benefit category
- 1st place – Cleveland chapter
 - 2nd place – Columbus chapter
 - 3rd place – Lima Ohio Area chapter

Block-Kids

- 1st place – Sarah Zdolshek sponsored by the Cleveland Chapter

CAD/Design/Drafting

- 1st place – CAD division – Jamie Randolf
Sponsored by the Lansing chapter
- 1st place – Drafting division – Tom Kortendorf
Sponsored by the Indianapolis chapter

**Mark your Calendar for
Region 4 Events:**

National Convention

September 5-8, 2007
Caribe Royale
Orlando, Florida

Annual Planning Conference

November 3, 2007
The Galt House
Louisville, Kentucky

Forum 2008

April 11 – 13, 2008
Marriott Renaissance
Center
Detroit, Michigan



The stately onyx eagle trophy
will reside in Columbus with
Kathy Coleman in recognition
of her Region 4
Foremost Leader Award

Newsletter competition

- 1st place – Columbus chapter, Sally Flak editor
- 2nd place – Bluegrass chapter, Toni Nunes editor
- 3rd place – Cleveland chapter, Denise Cole editor

New Leader of Region 4

Char Terpsma, CIT – Grand Rapids chapter

Nomination essay excerpts:

“Since her membership, she has been present at 95% of our membership meetings, has become a director on our board, attended Forum, APC and Convention in Kansas City. She has served on several committees, has helped with our community outreach programs, and was a great help when our chapter sponsored Forum in our town. ... She has brought two new members to our chapter in the past year and continually uses every opportunity she has to talk about NAWIC to prospective members as well as employers...”

No job is ever too small or too big for her to help out with, just let her know and she will be there to help. She is caring, kind, spirited, fun, enthusiastic about NAWIC and compassionate which makes her a perfect fit for NAWIC. Her membership in our chapter has lightened the load for the core workers of our chapter. No chapter could ask for a better, well-rounded New Leader.”

Foremost Leader of Region 4

Kathy Coleman – Columbus chapter

Nomination essay excerpts:

“Our 4-Most member is the backbone of our chapter. Since joining in 2000 she has been involved in almost every event we have had. It does not begin to convey the time commitments and work she has put into our chapter events. She has been instrumental in taking the SMART Kids program out to schools and churches, worked at golf outings and conventions to raise scholarship funds, and was a presenter at a school “Girl Power” program, doing a mini block-kids program. Our 2006 Block-Kids program, which she chaired, was so successful and well publicized by the local papers that the Girl Scouts requested our chapter do a similar program for their members. She chaired the first annual Today’s Girls Building Tomorrow’s Future event for the Girl Scouts.

She is also a member of the Associated Builders and Contractors Education Committee and Builders Exchange HR Advisory Board.

Our 4-Most member is a leader, mentor, counselor, worker and an invaluable resource.”

CONGRATULATIONS to each of our winners!

Region 4 Websites

Bluegrass

www.bgnawic.org

Cincinnati

www.nawiccincinnati.org

Cleveland

www.nawiccleland.org

Detroit

www.nawicdetroit.com

Fort Wayne

www.nawicfortwayne.org

Grand Rapids

www.nawic194.org

Kalamazoo/Battle Creek

www.nawickzoobc.com **NEW!**

Lansing

www.nawiclansing.org

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Chapter News

AKRON – Nancy Schoonover from Beaver Excavating told the Chapter about her experiences working in the excavating field. Nancy has 17 years of field work as a member of the operators union and now serves as EEO officer for her company.

The chapter held their 29th annual Style Show Luncheon with a theme of “Spring into Summer”. The event was a big success due to the support of all the members.

BLUEGRASS – These chapter members held their second successful Ms. Fix-It event. Ms. Fix-It provides hands-on workshops and classes for the women in the community to learn basic home repairs.

CINCINNATI – *Congratulations on hosting a superb Forum! Thanks for all your hard work ladies.*

CLEVELAND – This month’s speaker talked to members about Project Scheduling and Construction Claims. Plans are under way for their Golf Outing for July 27th. Plans are complete for Industry Appreciation to be held on May 10th. The Nominating Committee has just completed the slate for the 2007-2008 Officers and Board of Directors. A large group of members made the trip to Region 4 Forum in Cincinnati.

DAYTON – Chapter members heard from Chet Saunders, from the Saunders Financial Group, and left with a little more understanding of how important it is to make sure their finances have a long range plan.

DETROIT – A tour of one of Detroit’s historic sites, the Ford Piquette Plant, provided members a chance to see the home of the Model T.

FORT WAYNE – Nan DiGangi and Lynda Nicely were installed as the chapter’s two newest members at their April meeting. Following the membership meeting the members assembled pieces to the wooden tool boxes for the kids at Camp Whatcha Wanna Do in June. They will assemble the tool boxes and decorate as one of the many activities provided at the camp. Another new member, Tracey Bade, from Kreager Brothers Excavating, will be installed at the May meeting. The nominating committee will present the slate of officers at the May meeting and hold election will be held in June. Five members attended Forum.

GRAND RAPIDS – Bouma Corp. guided members on a tour of the beautiful new JW Marriot Hotel in downtown Grand Rapids. Included in the tour were a helipad and a spectacular view from the roof.

INDIANAPOLIS – Welcome to Spring in the Midwest. In the fall the frost is on the “punkins”. In the Spring it is on the tulips!

The May meeting will honor the chapter’s scholarship winners along with the Cad/Drafting winners. Members will also be celebrating their 47th birthday as a chapter.

Construction Industry Appreciation Night will be at Indiana Downs and will be an evening of appreciation and recognition as those within the construction industry are promoted.

KALAMAZOO/BATTLE CREEK – These members toured the new Gull Lake High School in April.

LANSING – The Lansing chapter held their annual “Recognition Night” event in April. The guest speaker was Brindley Byrd, Executive Director of the newly formed Capital Area Construction Council, who spoke about the council and encouraged the young students present to pursue their careers in construction. The CAD/Design Drafting student winners were present, and received their awards.

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Fort Wayne

Diana Miller

Grand Rapids

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\$3,000.00 in scholarship money was awarded to four college students, two of which were present to receive their funds. Also recognized was New Leader, Amanda Hayhoe, Foremost Leader, Karen Schulert, and lastly, their 2007 NAWIC Member of the Year—Barbara Strachan, who was presented with her crystal plaque award, the traveling plaque and red roses. This special evening is an opportunity to shine and recognize the great qualities and hard work of the members within their chapter.

LIMA OHIO AREA – Bruce Gear, President of B&T Distributors spoke to the Lima members and also provided a tour of the facility.

LORAIN COUNTY – Members of this chapter continue to Review, Rebuild, Retain and Recruit as they work on a strategic plan for the future.

LOUISVILLE – Safety Awareness was the topic presented to members by Alison Muth of Messer Construction Co.

NORTHWEST INDIANA – This chapter held its April meeting at Ferguson Plumbing Showroom located in Valparaiso, Indiana. Ferguson Plumbing is the largest dealer in the U.S. who carries the mid to upper price range of kitchen and bath, sinks, whirlpools, tubs, toilets, faucets and shower systems. The chapter was given a tour of the showroom by two of their showroom consultants (who are women!). A representative from Kohler was also in attendance to show the chapter members the newest in Kohler products. The chapter was treated to appetizers in the showroom with a meeting that followed. At the chapter meeting two new members were installed.

TERRE HAUTE – Joni Moore gave members a tour of her shop Lami-Crafts and shared information about cabinet making.

Membership

Vickie Owens

By the time you read this, Forum in Cincinnati will be over. We hope all of you, including new members, found Forum to be an exciting, worthwhile weekend. We would like to extend our thanks to the Cincinnati Chapter for a wonderful weekend.

We were all new members at one time and I, for one, can remember the first forum I attended. Our Region 4 Director was a first timer the same year I was when forum was hosted by the Lorain County Chapter in 2001. Many of you that know me will find it difficult to believe that I was shy and quiet, but I was at that time. I was very apprehensive about stepping outside of my comfort zone. I had a couple of mentors that “held my hand” and helped me to see the true value of my NAWIC membership. An important responsibility that we have as “seasoned” members is to show new members the ropes. Encourage them to step outside of the box and attend regional and national events. There is so much to learn by attending these events and meeting members from other chapters can often lead to wonderful friendships.

As chapter and national elections approach, keep in mind that this is part of your membership privileges. We all have something to contribute to help our chapters grow, so please consider running for an office on your chapter’s board. Attend the chapter meeting when officers will be elected so you have the opportunity to vote. When you receive the national ballot in the mail, take the time to cast your vote and mail your ballot. You get out of NAWIC what you put into it, so take advantage of the opportunity to vote. It does make a difference.

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Melanie Myers

CDS Knowledge Quiz

Thinking about becoming a Construction Document Specialist? Already a CDS? Test your industry knowledge by matching the definition to the correct term. Material is taken from the CDS self-study manual. For more information visit www.nawiceducation.org. (See last page for answers.)

- A. Special drawings made by specialty contractors (subcontractors) that show how specific parts are built and fabricated.
- B. A drawing that shows all of the significant changes and structural modifications that go into a building during construction.
- C. Working drawings and specifications used for the construction project.
- D. A drawing that shows the skeleton or framework of the structure.
- E. A drawing that shows overall dimensions, finished appearance, elevations and sections.
- F. Part of the drawing that identifies the type of drawing and sheet number.
- G. A drawing that shows a vertical cross-cut made through parts of a structure that show exterior or interior components as they would appear finished.
- H. A drawing that shows vertical cuts through parts of a structure that exposes parts of a building so the internal details can be seen.

Sections	_____	Structural Drawings	_____
As-Builts (record drawings)	_____	Construction Documents	_____
Floor Plans	_____	Elevations	_____
Shop Drawings	_____	Title Block	_____

Safety News

Traci Hardin, CIT

Top 4 Construction Hazards

The top four causes of construction fatalities are: Falls, Struck-By, Caught-In/Between and Electrocutions. Therefore, when OSHA performs jobsite inspections they are focusing on the following four construction hazards.

Prevention of Falls: Contractors are wearing and using personal fall arrest equipment, installation and maintenance of perimeter fall protection, floor openings have covers, secured, and labeled and safe use of ladders and scaffolds.

Prevent Struck-By: Workers have not positioned themselves between moving and/or fixed objects, and workers are wearing high visible clothes near moving equipment and vehicles.

Prevent Caught-In/Between: Contractors have not allowed entrance in to unprotected trenches or excavations 5 feet or deeper without an adequate protective system in place (some trenches under 5 feet deep may need such a system based on soil conditions), and trenches or excavations have been protected by sloping, shoring, benching or trench shield systems.

Prevent Electrocutions: Have utilities been located and identified before starting work, overhead power lines have been identified when operating any equipment, a safe distance is being maintained away from power lines (contractors must learn the safe distance requirements), workers are only operating portable electric tools that are grounded or double insulated, ground-fault circuit interrupters are in use for protection, and workers are alert to electrical hazards when working with ladders, scaffolds or other platforms.

NAWIC Core Values

Believe in ourselves

Persevere with the strength of our convictions

Dare to move into new horizons

Answers to CDS Knowledge Quiz

Sections = H

As-Builts = B

Floor Plans = E

Shop Drawings = A

Structural Drawings = D

Const. Documents = C

Elevations = G

Title Block = F

Welcome New Members!

Bluegrass

Ginny Olson, Associated General Contractors of Kentucky

Cincinnati

Rebecca Daniel, Turner Construction

Cleveland

Anjali Barnick, Talsa, Ltd.

Linda Frazier, TMG Services, Inc.

Dawn Martony, NTH Consultants Ltd.

Vicki Ruple, Chagrin Valley Steel Erectors, Inc.

Karen Salvatore, Tony Salvatore Plumbing Services

Shawnte' Thompson, Brigadier Construction Services

Dayton

Kathy Wallace, Habitat for Humanity

Detroit

Joan Siewierski, Pace Mechanical Services, Inc.

Fort Wayne

Tracey Bade, Kreager Brothers Excavating, Inc.

Mary Jo Simmons, Simmons Plumbing

Indianapolis

Sandra Feltz, Commercial Furnishings & Tomboy Tools

LaToya Foote, Safety Management Group

Jeanette Fugate, Builder's Concrete & Supply

Danni Harrison, Duke Construction

Kalamazoo/Battle Creek

Helen Davis, Prein & Newhoff

Lima Ohio Area

Amy Hafer, T&D Interiors

Bethany Kimbler, Tuttle Construction, Inc.

Bits & Pieces

National Officer Candidates -

Pat J. McDonald, CCA, CIT for President-Elect

Robin Fulton Meyer, CIT for Vice President

Judy DeWeese, CIT for Secretary

Debra M. Gregoire, CIT (and Region 4 member) for Treasurer

Francene L. Grivna for Treasurer

Look for your Voting Guidelines and Candidate Profiles in the March/April issue of *The NAWIC IMAGE*. NAWIC has a one-member, one-vote election process so it is very important that each member participate. Watch for your ballot to arrive in late May to early June.

Use the NAWIC Bulletin Board! - Read about and respond to important issues at NAWIC Online by using the NAWIC Bulletin Board. Among other topics, you will want to use the Bulletin Board to post your questions for this year's candidates for office. Here's how:

1. Go to www.nawic.org > Member Sign In, and click on the "Bulletin Board" button.
2. Click on "Register" toward the top right of the web page. You cannot use the Bulletin Board unless you register.
3. Follow the instructions on the "Register" page. The user name must be your first and last name.
4. After registering and accepting the Bulletin Board Agreement, you may begin posting or reading through other postings.
5. After you have selected a category, you may either reply to any of the subjects under that category or create a topic of your own. Click on "Check this if you wish to be notified of replies to this topic" to be notified by email when other people reply or post.

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