

The Plumbines



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Director's Message



November is known as the month to share thanks, enjoy football and vote. I am thankful to be born an American and a Buckeye; for my family and in-laws. I am thankful for the ending of all political ads. I am thankful that fate chose Kansas City as my home. Of course, I am also thankful for my NAWIC sisters.

Amazing women are all around us. Here is a few November historical moments:
1872-Susan B Anthony was among 16 women that were arrested for casting a vote.

1916-Jeannette Rankin was the first woman elected to US Congress.

1963-Maria Goeppert-Mayer won Nobel Prize for Physics - the first American woman to win that prize.

1999-Hillary Rodham Clinton announced her intention to seek a seat in the United States Senate from New York, an unprecedented move for the wife of a United States President.

This time of year is the perfect time to reflect back on your accomplishments and establish goals for the next year. What would improve your life? A new career? A new home? A new friend? A new charitable contribution? Be positive. Be brave. Don't hesitate to ask for support from your family, friends or NAWIC sisters. You deserve the best and what ever choices you make, it will be great!

~Paula Perone



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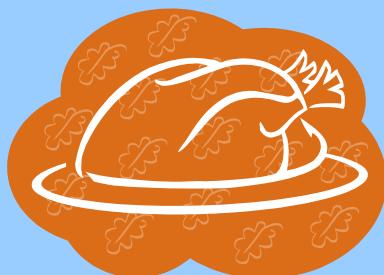
President's Link

Congratulations to all! We officially made it through our first month together. I have to tell you, how rewarding this experience has already been. Kansas City, I am here for you. If you have questions, suggestions, comments my door is ALWAYS open.

Have you been on the new website yet? Are you a fan of ours on facebook or twitter? Have you noticed the weekly email you have been getting with chapter updates? The weekly email blast has been implemented to keep you informed and remind you of what is going on without cluttering your inbox. We have been working hard to keep communication open by utilizing these tools. I want us all to be connected and efficient!

This past weekend I attended our regional annual planning conference. I feel enlightened and motivated. Connie Leipard our new regional director did a great job of putting a wonderful weekend together. Our Keynote speaker Michelle Spy gave a very inspirational speech on "Staying Positive." She shared with us a website called www.lifeoptimizer.org. It is full of tons of inspirational information to help you stay positive.

I know it is hard sometimes to look at the bright side. "My work load has increased, I don't have time for this, my boss gets on my nerves, the list could go on and on. All these comments will get you down. There are so many things for us to be thankful for. I think, as women we have the tendency to be people pleasers and care givers. We sometimes forget to put ME first. Michelle reminded me of a good quote: "If Momma ain't happy, then no one is happy." This is so true, because when you have a bad attitude you drag the people around you down. I urge you to schedule "you" time. Do something that makes you happy. Get a massage, read that book, watch that show you keep missing, go for a walk! It is important that you schedule me time. Put it on your calendar and recharge those batteries. Once you recharge it will be so much easier to stay positive and roll with the punches.



5 tips Michelle Spy left with us to stay positive:

1. Never dwell on a Mistake: Forgive yourself and learn from it. Dwelling will just add to the stress
2. Always look on the bright side of every situation
3. Today is not the end of the world: Tomorrow is a new day, there will be new hopes, new challenges that you need to conquer.
4. Surround yourself with people who encourage you
5. Convert challenges into possibilities: There is always an opportunity to learn from a problem. You may able to take an experience and help others through the same situation.

Have a Great Thanksgiving Kansas City and until next time STAY Positive!

Brooke Eimers
President

Yesterday is history, tomorrow is mystery. And today? Today is a gift.
That is why we call it the present.
—B. Olantunji

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November Membership Report

We are 52 Members Strong!

November Anniversaries

4 years * Meredith Melcher * Dylan Construction, Inc..
5 years * Debbie Hoover * Prosser Wilbert Construction Inc..
7 years * Brooke Eimers * JE Dunn Construction
20 years * Jane Weiland * Gateway Bldg Products of MO Inc.
22 years * Leigh Ann Williams * Wagner Interior Supply

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Thank you ladies!

Monthly Membership Meeting

November 8, 2010

Hereford House
Hollywood Room
20th & Main St KCMO
5:30 PM Networking
6:00 PM Dinner
6:30 PM Program

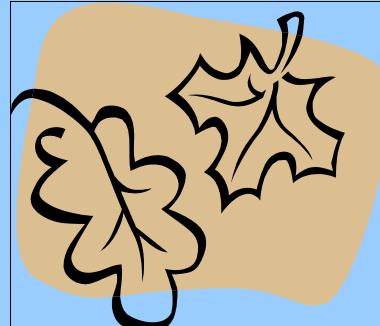
Program: 1st Ever NAWIC WWF!

Do you know who the NAWIC President is?
Do you know the definition of a blueprint?
Can you make a bulldozer out of Playdoh?
These are a few things that may come up while playing NAWIC Who, What, Form.

RSVP deadline is Thursday November 4, 2010 by 4:00 PM. RSVP to Brooke Schnurr @
bschnurr@tcco.com.

Occupational Research and Referral:

Available online at <http://www.kcnawic.org/job-bank.htm>



Don't forget —You can now find us on:

New Website www.kcnawic.org

Twitter Follow Us at <http://twitter.com/NAWICGreaterKC>

Facebook Become a Fan at <http://www.facebook.com/#/pages/NAWIC-Gr-Kansas-City-Chapter-100/122169631135586?ref=ts>

LinkedIn http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2063707&trk=myg_ugrp_ovr



NAWIC KC SPOTLIGHT: Brooke Schnurr

Name: Brooke Schnurr **Company:** Turner Construction **Title:** Estimator



Brief description of role: I assist in Preconstruction efforts ranging from document review and analysis to cost/budget development. In estimating we work hand in hand with the owners to develop budgets, as well as the subcontract community to develop those budgets based on current market pricing.

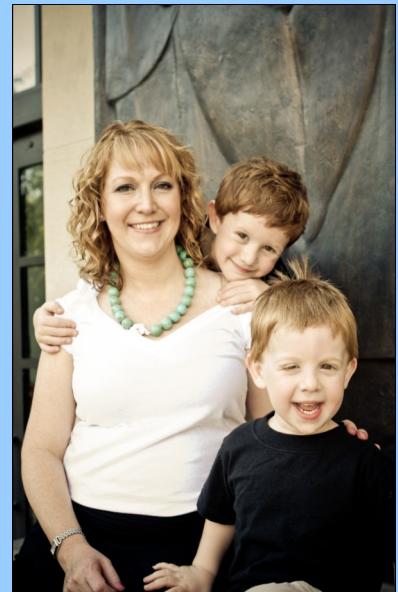
What made you chose to become a member of your organization in your current role? Turner is an impressive company that offers so much to its employees. The room for growth here is impressive, and the overall dynamic of the Kansas City Business Unit is like that of a family. It's a great place to work.

Was there any particular person or situation that inspired you to enter the construction industry? With my 1st degree being a Biology degree, my heart lies in the environment and protecting our resources. My interest in construction was realized when I originally learned of the impacts construction had on the environment and the innovative ways people were attempting to minimize them. My belief is that we can build for the future in a manner that respects both the integrity of the past and surpasses average efforts towards sustainability. Construction as a whole is moving towards protecting our resources, its exciting to be a part of the change.

What challenges do you face in the industry and what do you believe can be done to remedy them? We all know that this can be a demanding industry, its tough to balance time, family, work and life in general. Additionally as women, I think there still a few remnants of days past that can challenge us occasionally. Like a lioness, sometimes we have to roar!

What would be your "dream" job? If you take independently wealthy from the lotto out of the equation, I would really love to be a world class chef

Favorites, & Hobbies: Lots of hobbies with the biggest one being my husband and children. For myself, I enjoy anything using creativity. And shopping, I am a girls girl!!



Monthly Motivation

"You get the best effort from others not by lighting a fire underneath them, but by building a fire within them." ~Author Unknown

Share your Achievements!

Kansas City we want to know what is going on in your life: births, anniversaries, promotions, job changes, etc let us know. We would love to recognize you in the plumblines. Please send all information to Stefanie Eversgerd at seversgerd@tcco.com.



Announcements For November

New Member Meeting

Are you a newer member that is looking for an opportunity to learn more about NAWIC and meet other members? Then come to the first new member meeting of the year! We will meet at The Cashew on Wednesday, November 3rd at 5:30pm. New members include those who have been with the organization three years or less, but anyone who wants to come hang out is welcome! We will discuss some possible new member activities. If you have any questions please call Emilee Harwell at 913.240.0021. The Cashew is located at 2000 Grand Boulevard, KC, MO. See you there!

Networking Committee Presents: Happy Hour!

WHEN: November 18, 2010 5:30-7:30

WHERE: The Well in Waldo



Save The Date!

Families, friends and coworkers are invited!

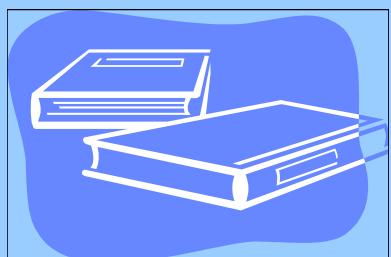
Friday January 21st, 2011

Missouri Mavericks!

Stay tuned for details

Cookbook Preorders Now Available!!

Preorder your copy of the Greater Kansas City NAWIC Chapter 100 "Secrets of the Trades Cookbook" With the Holiday's just around the corner these cookbooks will not only make a perfect gift, but will also have over 500 wonderful recipes for you to share with your family and friends. Preorders for cookbooks are \$13. Please use this preorder FORM for your pre-order! Preorder forms will also be available at the November Membership Meeting. Hurry this offer only lasts until December 1st. Please contact Brooke Schnurr or Stefanie Eversgerd if you have any questions.





DON'T FORGET the NEF FUNDRAISER



In order to have a successful event

WE NEED OUR MEMBERS HELP WITH DONATIONS

Items can be auctioned separately or be a part of a basket.

We will gladly accept an already made basket of items to auction also. Here are some donation ideas:

- ♦ **gift cards of any kind (restaurants, hotels, shopping, massage or pedicures, Home Depot, events such as sports, cultural, other)**
 - ♦ **arts & crafts items**
 - ♦ **new or unused items tucked away in a closet**
 - ♦ **interesting, creative discount or clearance items you could buy to donate**
 - ♦ **items for baskets**
 - ♦ **wines and alcohol to add to baskets or auction separately**
 - ♦ **sporting event tickets or sports items**
 - ♦ **shops in your area you could ask for donations or gift cards**
- ♦ **your employer - ask if they are willing to donate an item or provide a monetary donation**
 - ♦ **monetary donations for the committee to purchase items**

USE YOUR IMAGINATION WE WILL BE GLAD TO AUCTION IT OFF!!

Please contact Susan or Betty regarding your donation.

If needed, arrangements can be made to pick up items.

Susan Farmer 816.426.8186 or susan.farmer@jedunn.com

Betty Beard 913.244.1718 or bettyb@mokancomm.net

The committee greatly appreciates your help in making this a successful event.
Committee: Susan Farmer, Betty Beard, Racheal Roark, April Ramirez, Brooke Schnurr

