

The Plumblines

Greater Kansas City Chapter 100

November 2012

National Association of Women in Construction

Third Time is a Charm

There have already been a lot of changes this year already and we are just a few months in!

At the November Membership Meeting Shannon Seipel announced her resignation as President. She was presented with an opportunity to further her career with LaFarge, North America in Maryland and accepted the position. While we will surely miss



Shannon Seipel, Leigh Ann Williams and Alise Martiny

her leadership and outgoing personality, we wish her the best in all of her future endeavors!

Leigh Ann Williams was elected to become the Vice President at the November Board Meeting and will now be stepping in as President as of December 1st. We look forward to the rest of the year with Leigh Ann!

Dates to Remember:

NEF Fundraiser

December 10th

Super Bowl Sunday

January 27th

BLOCK Kids

February 9th

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Farewell from Shannon Seipel

Thank you! I owe so much to NAWIC both personally and professionally. You all are simply an amazing group of women; of leaders! Each of you inspired me to be a better person and pushed me along when I needed it most. It will be hard to fill this void in my heart as I will greatly miss you all and everything about this NAWIC Chapter; I am hoping the Baltimore Chapter will help!

I will miss each and every one of you and I wish you all the best! There is so much pride in this Chapter and you all have worked very hard to get where you are today. Stay involved and stay active! It takes each one of us to complete the puzzle! I hope to see some of your faces in Bellevue, WA at Convention and I look forward to cheering on Region 6 and Chapter #100 for many well deserved awards!



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Message from Leigh Ann Williams

I hope three is the lucky number for us! Three presidents in two months, wow. The plus, Greater Kansas City Chapter 100 is part of a great training ground. We have had many members be a part of our association and move on to bigger, better positions. We all

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wish Shannon the best as she starts a new venture of her life. Thanks Shannon for all you have done for our chapter.

We have so many new members; I

would like to introduce myself. As you know, I am Leigh Ann Williams and work at Wagner Interior Supply. I am an outside salesperson and have been there for 12+ years. Prior to Wagner, I worked with another supplier for 18 years. I have two grown boys that recently moved back to the Kansas City area. I also am known as GRE (means grandma) to two of the most precious little boys. I joined NAWIC in October of 1989.

Well..... I am President, again. I really enjoyed my presidency in 2001/02 and wasn't really planning on another term, but I look forward to helping the chapter continue its suc-

cess. I plan on following Meredyth's and Shannon's plan for the year.

Ladies, this is our chapter and we are successful because we are good. We are well organized and have members that want to succeed. I am going to urge all of you to grab one of our old folks, I guess the politically correct term would be tenured members, and have a mentor for NAWIC. Get involved, network, and make friends.

I can be reached on my cell @ 816-365-6039 or leighannw@wagnerinterior.com

- Leigh Ann Williams

Member Spotlight — Alise Martiny

Alise Martiny joined our chapter in September 1996. Several of us had been trying to entice her to join. Anyone who knows Alise knows she crams as much into one day as one human could possibly cram. This being the case it was hard to reign her in.

Fortunately, at the same time, she was donating her time to Block Kids and quickly became hooked.



Crystal Achievement Winner
Convention 2004

Her current NAWIC passion is MAGIC (Mentoring a Girl in Construction) Camp. Alise has been instrumental in getting this event off the ground for our Chapter.

Magic Camp is a free one-week summer day camp that introduces high school girls to the world of construction, aimed at diversifying and strengthening the skilled labor

work force.
Always a champion for women and particu-

larly women in construction she has attracted and helped many over the years after she first joined the industry knowing firsthand the challenges that face women in the construction industry.

Not only has she been a local and regional leader of NAWIC, she has also been the leader of her Union. She is a 30 year skilled concrete finisher and most recently she was elected Business Manager of the Greater Kansas City Building Trades Council, a huge accomplishment!

I am proud to call her my friend.

Pattie Pogue

Events Coming Up

NEF Fundraiser / Dinner Meeting

WHEN: MONDAY, DEC 10, 2012 @ 5:30pm
TRIVIA, AUCTION & DINNER @ 6pm
WHERE: BLACK ON BURLINGTON



Get some holiday shopping done early, play a little trivia, network, enjoy a great meal AND support the National Education Foundation at the same time. What could be better??

Register online @ <http://www.kcnawic.org/membership-meetings.html> or contact Brooke Schnurr for more information @ brookes@acscontracting.net

"Super Bowl" Sunday

WHEN: SUNDAY, JAN 27, 2013 @ 9:30am
BOWLING FROM 10AM — 1PM
WHERE: AARON'S FAMILY FUN CENTER

Join us for a fun Sunday of bowling, networking and showing your support for our chapter. This is our one fundraising event of the year that directly benefits our own chapter's objectives. Help us fund our events so that we can continue to promote the construction industry.

Contact Monica Hein for more information @ Monica.Hein@imacorp.com or visit the website @ <http://www.kcnawic.org/local-programs--events.html>



BLOCK Kids

WHEN: SATURDAY, FEB 9, 2013 @ 8:30am
WHERE: BUILDERS ASSOC TRAINING CENTER



Join us at this event where 1st - 6th graders can compete to win prizes and even a scholarship for using their imaginations to construct something using just a few items. Kids can also participate in hands on activities to learn about the different trades of the construction industry.

For more information or to register your child go online: <http://www.kcnawic.org/youth-education.html> or contact Jennifer Lyon @ Jennifer.lyon@jedunn.com

Always Stay Up To Date

For the latest and greatest information always refer back to our website @ www.kcnawic.org

Check out our calendar @ <http://www.kcnawic.org/calendar.html>

Welcome New Members

- Kay Workman - Mark One Electric
Recruited by April Rameriz
- Vicki Simpson - Performance Contracting
Recruited by Mickie Basile
- Elizabeth Pallett - United Heating Cooling & Plumbing
Recruited by Jane Zelazney-Belz
- Jennifer Buske - Performance Contracting
Recruited by Vicki Simpson



Monthly Coffee Break Match Up

As part of the Membership Program, a Monthly Match-Up for our members has been started. Beginning in January, members will be “matched up” with other members to give everyone an opportunity to get to know each other better.



Every month a new list will be generated. Check out the chapter website in December to see who you are matched with for the month of January. Once you see who you are matched with, figure out a date when the two of you can get together.

- **OBJECTIVE:** Get to know your resources, whom is whom
- **WHAT CAN IT BE:** Meet for Coffee, Happy hour, Shopping, Walk, Spa, Nails, Workout, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Sporting Event, Art or Pottery Project, etc.
- **PROFESSIONAL:** What does she do?
- **PERSONAL:** What does she like to do? Who is she?
- **GOALS:** What does she want to do?
- **RESOURCE:** How can you help her?

2012-2013 National Membership Contest Help Grow Our NAWIC Family Tree

The 2012-2013 National Membership Drive is called: Help Grow Our NAWIC Family Tree. The first quarter of this year will focus on retention by encouraging and helping our members renew their membership. The top 3 regions to reach the highest retention number will receive a special award at Forum. This challenge runs through December 31, 2012.

As of November 1, Region 6 was in 2nd Place!

The second challenge that runs throughout the year, from October 1st to August 1, 2013, is three-fold :

- You get a leaf for every contact you give Vickie Nickel. This can be as simple as an email address, name, phone number, etc. Vickie will then send them information and will add them to distribution list so they can receive newsletters and meeting notices.
- For each guest you bring to a general meeting you will receive 5 leaves.
- For recruiting someone to join NAWIC you will received 10 leaves.



The top 5 members with the most leaves will receive an award at next year’s national convention in Bellevue, WA. On a region level, for each member recruited, your name will go into a drawing for an I-Pad to be drawn at Region 6 Forum in April, 2013.

Contact Vickie Nickel for more information
Vickie Nickel, CIT—Membership Chair
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Gone Fish’n—What’s in Our NAWIC Tackle Box?



Recruiting new members is like fishing — you need to be sure you have the right bait in your tackle box so you can “reel the fish” into your “boat”.

So what do we have in our NAWIC tackle box?

- Professional & personal development through our monthly programs
- Connection with other women in the industry
- Offering exposure to new skills and technology
- Community outreach projects
- Liaison with other industry and professional associations
- Mentoring opportunities

Are you prepared to reel in a new member?

We have revised our chapter brochure that highlights the value of a NAWIC membership and lists our upcoming events and programs.

Download the brochure from our website [here](#)

A Special Invitation from St Joseph Chapter # 162

HOLIDAY MEET & GREET SOCIAL & DINNER @ Whiskey Mansion Bed & Breakfast ~ 1723 Francis Street, St. Joseph, MO

Tuesday, December 11, 2012 ~ Meet & Greet Social - 5:30 pm ~ Dinner - 6:30 pm ~ Cost - \$15.00 per person

Please bring a bottle of wine to share as well as a gift valued at \$15 or less for a gift exchange. They will also be collecting canned goods or other items to donate to the Salvation Army.

Please RSVP by December 5th to Vickie Nickel @ vnickel@ibgagent.com or call 816.525.3155, ext. 4017



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If you are interested in advertising opportunities, sponsoring events or making a donation, please contact Anne Ruzicka @

anne@rothwell-construction.com

Did you Know?

As a member you can view the reports that are presented at the board meetings online here:

<http://www.kcnawic.org/board-reports-2012-2013.html>

Note, this is a password protected area

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