

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION

## Happy 43rd Anniversary Cleveland Chapter #156 !!!



## THE HARD HAT AUGUST 2011

### CORE PURPOSE:

To enhance the success of women in the construction industry

### OBJECTIVES:

- To unite for their mutual benefit, women who are actively employed in various phases of the construction industry
- To promote cooperation, fellowship & a better understanding among members of the association
- To promote education & contribute to the betterment of the construction industry
- To provide members an awareness of the legislative process & legislation as it relates to the construction industry

### NAWIC PLEDGE:

As material for the construction of our building, I pledge the agility of my hands, the ability of my mind & the integrity of my heart

### Embrace the Unexpected

To the Ladies of Cleveland Chapter 156,

I want to sincerely thank each and every one of you for a truly successful year. I feel that you have each embraced the unexpected in an abundance of ways, and for that, I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve as President of our Chapter. I am also thrilled to say that we even ended the year with a brand new event for our chapter! MAGIC Camp took place the week of July 18-22<sup>nd</sup> at Cuyahoga Community College and throughout the five day span, we had approximately 45 volunteers both NAWIC members and non-NAWIC members who helped to make our very first MAGIC Camp, well...MAGICAL! With eight girls in attendance, it turned out to be a perfect amount to start with and between everything they learned and the amount of publicity it gained (Fox 8, Channel 5, Channel 19 as well as an article in the Plain Dealer), it was a busy week! Cleveland – you should be proud!

MAGIC Camp would not have happened without the leadership of six very hardworking ladies. My most sincere and heartfelt thanks to Bonnie Felice, Pia Foss, Joni Hamon, Pat Patraroia, Colleen Porche, and Patty Walker. Ladies, I cannot thank you enough for putting all the effort you put into what ended up being a two year process to get MAGIC Camp off the ground. You should be proud as it was definitely worth all that hard work!

Also, as this is my last Hard Hat letter as your President, I want to thank ALL of the committee chairs this year for the time and detail you put into NAWIC. From Installation to Applewood to the Holiday Social, to Block Kids to Work Crew, to WIC Week with the Girl Scouts, following with Industry Appreciation and our Golf Outing; as well as everything in-between – I thank you.

I hope you have each have had an enjoyable year and I thank you for always embracing the unexpected.

~Amy

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NAWIC

Embrace the Unexpected

**AUGUST 2011**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4 <b>NO Membership Meeting</b>	5	6 <b>Region 4 Leadership Workshop</b> <b>NEF Testing</b> Happy Birthday Kristen Schrader
7 Happy Birthday Nancy Janke 	8	9	10 <b>Chapter Outing Natural History Museum</b> <b>Tour Smart Home</b>	11	12	13
14	15	16 Happy Birthday Denise Simerale 	17 Happy Birthday Lynn Gaukin 	18	19	20 <b>2011/2012 Strategic Planning Meeting, 8:30am</b> Happy Birthday Jennifer Lockmiller
21 Happy Birthday Bethany Criscione 	22	23	24	25 Happy Birthday Lisa Taucher 	26	27
28 Happy Birthday Toni Walker 	29	30 Happy Birthday Kelly Campbell 	31 <b>National Convention</b>			

**SEPTEMBER 2011**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <b>National Convention</b>	2 <b>National Convention</b>	3 <b>National Convention</b>
4 Happy Birthday Arlene Anderson, Mary Carrossellia, & Terri Sandu 	5 Happy Birthday Kay Neubert 	6	7	8	9	10 Happy Birthday Sharon Tesar 
11	12	13	14 Happy Birthday Vicki Ruple 	15 <b>2011/2012 Officer Installation</b> Happy Birthday Marsha Collett	16	17 Happy Birthday Cindy Marizette
18	19 Happy Birthday Mary Sharp 	20 Happy Birthday Judy Masa & Marie Schenkel 	21	22 <b>Joint Board Meeting</b> Happy Birthday MaryAnn Andrews	23	24
25	26	27 Happy Birthday Lisa Rosenthal 	28	29 Happy Birthday Betty Kearney & Casey Steen 	30	1

**August 2011**

No August Membership Meeting  
**October 2011**

1-Membership Renewal Deadline



**November 2011**

NEF Testing

**Planning Way Ahead**

2012 APC—Terre Haute, IN, June 4 thru 7

2012 Forum—Toledo, OH

National Convention—Denver, CO, August 29 thru September 1

June 2, 2012—Tentative Date 2012 Golf Outing

# Tour the Cleveland Museum of Natural History SmartHome

1 Wade Oval Drive, Cleveland

Wednesday, August 10 at 5:30 and 6:00 PM

Cost \$11.00

See the home that could represent the future  
of energy-efficient housing!



If you wish to car pool, meet at I-77 & Rockside in the southwest corner of the Holiday Inn parking lot no later than 5:30 and email [scalvey@calveyconsulting.com](mailto:scalvey@calveyconsulting.com) so we'll wait for you. If you do not wish to car pool and can drive directly to the museum, the first tour will begin at 5:30 and the second at 6:00 as there is a limit of 13 people per tour. Park in the Museum's lot off of Wade Oval Drive where the cost is \$2.00 per hour. Enter at the museum and pay at the door. The cost includes the museum admission and the house tour. The tour reservation is under the name of Calvey. Meet in the main lobby by the sign for the SmartHome tour.

After the house tour you are free to view the museum which is open until 10:00 PM on Wednesdays.

The museum café won't be open in the evening and since finish times will vary, a group dinner is hard to plan. You might want to hang around Wade Oval where they have free concerts every Wednesday evenings with street food vendors. The entertainment on August 10th is Mo' Mojo (Zydeco Jam Band).

We had 20 people express an interest in the tour at last week's meeting. If you want to attend and did not sign up then, please email [scalvey@calveyconsulting.com](mailto:scalvey@calveyconsulting.com) so we have a general idea of how many will be there.

# COMMITTEE NEWS

## Thank yous . . .

- ◆ All of the 2010/2011 Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairs Job well done!!!

## Congratulations

- ◆ Everyone involved in MAGIC Camp for making it a truly memorable experience for the girls who participated. Please read the daily newsletters for a recap of each days' activities, see attached
  - ◆ Doreen Jakab on celebrating her 25th anniversary as a member of NAWIC



- ◆ Courtney Behm for being awarded the Gilbane Company's Greg Honzo Core Values Award

## Get Well Soon . . .

- ◆ Wishing Toni Walker a continued recovery

## August Anniversaries

- ◆ Monica Brauw



Visit

[www.NAWICCLEVELAND.ORG](http://www.NAWICCLEVELAND.ORG)

For the latest updates

## Work Crew

A **Work Crew** project is in development. Interested in helping?

Please contact Monica [bruawm@regencycsi.com](mailto:bruawm@regencycsi.com)

Also, we hope to aid Carol Dorskocil move to a new apartment sometime in the near future. Please watch for an announcement with details as well as information about household item donations



## YOGA

We are looking at having Christine Ruffier do 4 Wednesday Yoga in your Chair sessions on 4 of the 5 weeks in August.

In order to determine if there is enough interest to move forward, please e-mail Amy Hewis at [ahewis@bxohio.com](mailto:ahewis@bxohio.com) by Friday the 29th if you would like to participate. Each session would be approximately an hour long from 6-7 and would probably cost around \$10.00/session.

Thanks in advance!

# COMMITTEE NEWS

## MAGIC CAMP

**MAGIC (Mentoring A Girl In Construction) Camp** took place the week of July 18-22nd and as the inaugural year for the Cleveland Chapter, it was an exciting week filled with education, hands-on activities, and of course lots of excitement! With 8 girls from 7 different schools, it was the perfect number of girls to kick off Camp for our Chapter. The gals were filled with energy, despite having to get up a little early each day and they truly embraced the unexpected by getting out of their comfort zones and trying many new things throughout the week such as working with tools, learning about electricity, and soldering a pipe. They also had to play the "Autograph" game throughout the week, similar to the First Timer's game NAWIC does at Forum where they had to answer questions about our Volunteers in order to Network with them better. By the end of the week, besides taking home an entire set of tools – they also ended up making many new friends; both with the volunteers and with each other.

Apart from the variety of educational activities, the week was also filled with some fabulous publicity that included an interview on Fox 8 news, Channel 5 news, an article in the Plain Dealer as well as being shown on Channel 19 news and for more details as well as lots of pictures, make sure to take a look at the attached MAGIC newsletters, compliments of Denise Lewis which should have been included along with this e-mail. For Cleveland's first MAGIC Camp, it was an amazing time which would not have been possible without all of the help from a variety of people & companies.



### A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:

#### NAWIC Members

- ◆ National NAWIC President Deb Gregoire
- ◆ Region 4 Director Melanie Meyers
  - ◆ Lisa Alexander
  - ◆ Courtney Behm
  - ◆ Monica Bruaw
  - ◆ Marsha Collett
  - ◆ Kelley Campbell
  - ◆ Mary Carrossellia
  - ◆ Amy Cheverine
  - ◆ Bethany Criscione
    - ◆ Liz Crooks
    - ◆ Bonnie Felice
    - ◆ Pia Foss
    - ◆ Joni Hamon
    - ◆ Crissa Hanson
    - ◆ Betty Kearney
    - ◆ Stacey Lawler
    - ◆ Barb Lessman
    - ◆ Debbie Mazzola
    - ◆ Colleen Porche'
      - ◆ Pat Patraroaia
      - ◆ Kathy Rolland
    - ◆ Michele Sevchek
      - ◆ Sue Sutkus
      - ◆ Karen Torrence

- ◆ Patty Walker
- ◆ Mirol Wells

#### Additional Volunteers

- ◆ Chara Barton
- ◆ Lorraine Bertosa
- ◆ Erica Brindley
- ◆ Shelly Dooley
- ◆ Jennifer Eaton
- ◆ Ruth Gross
- ◆ Andrea Hare
- ◆ Karen Kenninger
- ◆ Vince Notarberardino
  - ◆ Kevin Ode'
  - ◆ Tony Payne
  - ◆ Kreigh Spahr
- ◆ Eugene Stepanik
  - ◆ Rick Subby
  - ◆ Mark Vega
  - ◆ Courtnei Watts
- ◆ The fabulous staff at the Manor
- ◆ A Special Thank you to the following companies...
  - ◆ Builders Exchange Inc. for sponsoring lunch on Wednesday.
  - ◆ Carl Walker, Inc. for giving a presentation on Historical Preservation.
  - ◆ Cuyahoga Community College for providing the 2011 location & the

knowledge from their Instructors.

- ◆ Dunlop & Johnston, Inc. for giving a presentation on General Contracting.
- ◆ Foundation Software for donating frames and for putting together the upcoming Video of the week's events.
- ◆ Global Furnishings, Inc. for "hunting" down all of the tools!
- ◆ Infinity Construction Co. for providing Friday's Job Site tour as well as the Hard Hats & safety glasses.
- ◆ SimplexGrinnell for providing all paint & stain materials for the toolboxes, as well as the snack on Thursday.
- ◆ Oswald Companies for printing ALL of the T-shirt Transfers & paperwork.
- ◆ T.H. Martin Co. for sponsoring part of Friday's Graduation Ceremony.
- ◆ VIP Restoration for letting us borrow their infrared camera

# Taking Care of Business . . .

## CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION THROUGH NEF CERTIFICATIONS

Does your employer require you to further your education each year? NEF Certifications are an excellent way to fulfill this obligation to your company.



You must register by September 15th in order to take the certification test on the first Saturday in November 2011. Study Groups

can be formed to assist you with making a passing grade of 75 out of the 100 questions per test.

Certifications are available for:

CIT, Construction Industry Technician (1 test)  
CDS, Construction Document Specialist (2 tests)  
CCA, Certified Construction Associate (6 tests)  
CBT, Construction Bookkeeping 101 (1 test)

Visit the NEF Website at [www.nawiceducation.org](http://www.nawiceducation.org) for more detailed information regarding each certification.

Reach out for knowledge. This knowledge will help further your career and will make you more valuable to your company. Take the first step now. Make a commitment to yourself and your organization to become certified within the construction industry.

Debbie Mazzola, CDS, CIT  
NEF Certification Chairperson  
[dmazzola@tcco.com](mailto:dmazzola@tcco.com)

## A message from Toni Walker . . .

My dear wonderful NAWIC sisters. It has been a tough road for me but I am finally seeing improvement and most of all my strength and endurance is coming back. I owe all of this to each of you and our Lord...the power of prayer from my NAWIC sisters, family and friends from various sectors of my life has even given me some joy..The doctor said today I am coming along nicely and wants to see me in three weeks when I come back from a cruise, planned since June of last year and a visit with my sister in Alaska. Of course, we will use a wheel chair for those long journeys though I have been walking about 1500 feet daily at home. Please keep sending prayers my way...many saints are interceding on my behalf as well.

All my love to you.  
-Toni

Happy moments, praise God.  
Difficult moments, seek God.

Quiet moments, worship God.

Painful moments, trust God.

Every moment, thank God.

# NAWIC

## Heard it on the Street

Send your info to Shirley Calvey, CIT, [scalvey@calveyconsulting.com](mailto:scalvey@calveyconsulting.com), or call me at 440-740-1132. More detailed job descriptions are listed on our Website under Committees – check it out at [www.nawicleveland.org/committees.html](http://www.nawicleveland.org/committees.html)

### Position Wanted:

If you are looking for a new position, send me a little blurb about yourself and the type of position you are looking for and I'll include a confidential ad in the Hard Hat.

### Job Opportunities:

If your company is looking for help, send me the job posting for the Hard Hat and our website.



**The 18th Annual Komen Northeast Ohio Race for the Cure®** will be held at the Wolstein Center, Cleveland State University, 2000 Prospect Ave E., Cleveland on Saturday, September 10, 2011.

Invite your family and friends to join us for a nice 3-mile walk/ run or 1-mile walk for a good cause. You can register by visiting their website at: <http://www.komenneohio.org/> Click on "Komen Race for the Cure" then from the drop down box select "register"

We have a team called "Friends of 156" so look for that when you register.

Race day schedule:

6 am - 8:30 am - Registration

7 am - Sponsor Tents Open

8 am - Survivor Ceremony

(participants line up near Gate C starting at 7:30 am)

9 am - Fitness Warm-Up

9:15 am - 5k Run

9:30 am - 5k Walk

9:45 am - 1-Mile Walk

10:30 am - Awards Ceremony

10:30 am - Dominion® Kids' Dash

Noon - Wrap Up

Or contact Shirley Calvey at 440-740-1132

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**NAWIC Cleveland Chapter 156**  
**Thursday, July 7, 2011**  
**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:** President Hewis called the meeting to order at 6:13 pm at the Hilton Cleveland East in Beachwood.

**Guest Introductions:** The following guests were introduced:

Diane Seskar of Builders Exchange, Inc.  
Charita Lackey of Key General Contractors, Inc.  
Tammy Figueroa of Konica Minolta Business Solutions  
Jennifer Luca of Simplex Grinnell LP  
Sarah Soltes of VIP Restoration, Inc.

**Inspiration:** Given by Kathy Rolland of Mechanical and Plumbing Industry Council.

Meeting recessed for dinner at 6:14 pm.

Meeting reconvened at 7:01 pm.

**Company Spotlight:** Michele Sevchek of Satellite Shelters, Inc.

President Hewis introduced this evening's speaker Christine Ruffier presenting "Yoga in Your Chair".

**Quorum Established:** 36 Members; 6 Guests.

**Officer Reports:**

▪ **President Elect – Rachel Moviel**

**2011 / 12 Committee Chairs:** Still looking for volunteers for PR/Marketing, Chaplin and WIC Week.

**Leadership Workshop:** Leadership Saturday will be held on Saturday, August 6 in Cincinnati. Flyers were placed on the tables. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Rachel. Carpooling will be arranged.

**2011 / 12 Installation:** Installation will be held on Thursday, September 15 at 100<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group in Cleveland. Invitations will be sent in early August.

**Website:** Our website domain has been renewed for five (5) more years (until July 2016).

▪ **Vice President – Colleen Porche**

**Golf Outing:** The golf outing was held on Saturday, June 4 at Pleasant Hills Golf Course and was a huge success. The proceeds will be split 50/50 between the General Fund and MAGIC Camp. MAGIC Camp's half of the proceeds will cover the full amount of funds their Committee borrowed from the General Fund.

▪ **Recording Secretary – Denise Lewis, CIT**

**Meeting Minutes:** Auditors for this evening's meeting are Barb Lessman and Judy Masa. Meeting minutes from June's meeting have been reviewed by Shirley Calvey, CIT, Carol Kempton and Colleen Porche, approved and filed. The minutes are available on our website if anyone would like to review them.

▪ **Treasurer – Joni Hamon**

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's reports are up to date and available upon request.

▪ **Corresponding Secretary – Lynn Galardini**

**Correspondence:** We received a congratulations card from National on celebrating our 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. We also received thank you notes from Laurel Sreptock and Gregg Mazurek of Builders Exchange, Inc. for the flowers sent to them thanking them for providing the Board Meeting dinners and from Toni Walker thanking everyone for all of the get well wishes.

### **Board of Director Reports:**

- **Shirley Calvey, CIT**  
**SmartHome:** A SmartHome was constructed on the grounds of The Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Tours will be given until the end of September. Shirley is organizing a tour for Wednesday, August 10 at 6 pm. Cost for each person would be \$11 plus parking. This cost also includes admission into the museum. Carpooling will be arranged. A sign up sheet was passed around.
- **Stacey Lawler**  
**Golf Photo Contest:** Photos of each team from the golf outing were published in the Hard Hat. Members voted for their favorite photo. The winning photo was Team 7 (Amy Cheverine's team). The winning photo will be featured on the home page of our website.
- **Patty Walker**  
**MAGIC Camp:** Nine (9) girls are signed up. National President Debbie Gregoire, CIT will welcome the girls on Monday, July 18. President Gregoire and Region 4 Director Melanie Myers will be attending the banquet on Friday, July 22. Foundation Software has arranged for a videographer to videotape the camp on three (3) days. The video will be posted on our website and will be given to the girls on CDs. All members are encouraged to stop by the camp and to attend the banquet. Please let Bonnie Felice know if you are attending the banquet no later than Wednesday, July 13. Flyers for the banquet were placed on the tables. The Committee is also selling t-shirts. If you would like to order a t-shirt, please see Patty after the meeting.

### **Old Business:**

- **Chapter Taxes:** Our Chapter taxes are now complete thanks to Bethany Criscione, CIT. President Hewis reviewed, signed and placed them in the mail.
- **Update on Carol Doscocil and Toni Walker:** Carol will soon be able to move into an assisted living facility. When this occurs, Carol will need our help. Monica Bruaw, CIT will be organizing the move so please contact her if you wish to help. Carol will also need furniture and other household items. An email will be sent out to see what Members can help with. President Hewis visited Toni a few weeks ago. She is doing better and she appreciates all the cards and well wishes she has received.

### **New Business:**

- **Scrapbook Page:** A scrapbook page was passed around for Members to sign during the meeting for Incoming National President Judy DeWeese, CBT, CIT. A group photo will be taken after the meeting to attach to the page. This page will go into her scrapbook.
- **NEF Tickets:** Debbie Mazzola, CIT, CDS is selling NEF tickets. Those who purchased a ticket tonight or at the June Membership Meeting will be entered into a special raffle to receive a special prize. The drawing was held and Marsha Collett was the winner.
- **Strategic Meeting:** The Strategic Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 20 at 8:30 am at VIP Restoration, Inc. More information will be in the Hard Hat.
- **Voicemail Line:** The Board discussed whether or not we really need to keep our AT&T voicemail line due to the fact that our website shows up to date contact information for all committee chairs and events. To date, we have received four (4) voicemails this year and they have all been "junk". The Members were asked if they had any comments or concerns. Hearing none, our AT&T voicemail line will be disconnected.
- **25 Year Membership Pin:** President Hewis presented Doreen Jakab with her 25 Year Membership Pin.

### **Announcements:**

- **July Board Meeting:** The July Board Meeting will be held on Friday, July 15 at Squire's Castle in Willoughby Hills at 5:30 pm.
- **MAGIC Camp:** MAGIC Camp will be held from Monday, July 18 through Friday, July 22 at Heritage Business Park in Euclid. Camp will run from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm daily.
- **August Membership Meeting:** No meeting in August!
- **Region 4 Leadership Workshop:** Leadership Saturday will be held on Saturday, August 6 at Messer Construction in Cincinnati from 10 am to 3:30 pm.
- **Strategic Meeting:** The Strategic Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 20 at VIP Restoration, Inc. at 8:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.



**Contractor Success Series 2011**

*Executive briefings (Lunch & Learn sessions) with subject-matter professionals are suitable for owners, management and staff. Sessions designed to expand the awareness of construction management principles important in the successful operation of a construction business.*

**August 9** – (12:00 – 2:30 pm, location at CEA) – **BIM Panel**

Discussion on methodology, process, practices, importance of collaboration with the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and Cuyahoga Community College project teams, including architects, engineers, contractors and subcontractors.

**October 5** – (12:00 – 2:30 pm, location TBD) - **Project Documentation**

Strategies and techniques for managing construction projects and minimizing risk of loss. Discussion of risk allocation, preservation of project profitability, avoiding inadvertent waiver of rights and claims- **Andy Natale, Frantz Ward LLP**

**November 2** – (12:00 – 2:30 pm, location TBD) – **Tax Law updates and planning strategies for contractors** – **Roger Gingerich and Dave Walter, Skoda Minotti**

**Success Series Partners** – Cleveland State University, Contractors Assistance Association, Cuyahoga Small Business Development Center, Hard Hatted Women, Minority Business Solutions, Northeast Ohio Hispanic Center for Economic Development, Ohio Skills Bank- Ohio Board of Regents, and the Ohio Minority Business Assistance Center

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**Use this form to register for the Success Series session/s you would like to attend**  
Return registration with payment of **\$10 per person** made payable to: Construction Industry Service Program, 950 Keynote Circle, Suite 10, Cleveland, OH 44131.

**Deadline is (3) three days prior for each specific session.**

Date / Name of Session: \_\_\_\_\_  
Attendee Name/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Date / Name of Session: \_\_\_\_\_  
Attendee Name/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

**AGC of America BIM Process, Adoption, and Integration course – August 16, 2011**

Course will provide a foundation to establish and execute the BIM process, facilitate its adoption, and achieve integration on a single project and at a company level to execute multiple BIM projects simultaneously. Course relies on case studies, class discussion and on a highly participatory.

**Registration cost \$149 for members and \$199 for non members.**

**For more information and registration materials go to [www.ceacisp.org](http://www.ceacisp.org)**