

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION
CLEVELAND CHAPTER #156**



THE HARD HAT

FEBRUARY 2011

Embrace the Unexpected

**"Many people look forward to the New Year
for a new start on old habits."**

~ Anonymous

...and as long as the Cleveland Chapter's "old habits" consist of recruiting new members and throwing amazing events such as the Holiday Social- I say keep those old habits going!

With 2011 well on its way, the Cleveland Chapter still has Block Kids, Industry Appreciation, WIC Week, lots of Networking, new members to get to know, as well as what will be a memorable first MAGIC Camp left to come! For details on all of the above, plus MORE, do make sure to keep checking our website - www.NawicCleveland.org which President-Elect Rachel Moviel has done an outstanding job on keeping current. Need to register your child for the 2011 Block Kids, which is to be held Sunday, February 13th at the Embassy Suites?...or wish to sign up as a Judge for the event? Log on and check the Calendar of Events page. Want to find out some GREAT information on Safety that you can share with your family & co-workers? Take a look under the Committees Tab for the Safety Newsletters that NAWIC Region 4 Chair Kathy Dobson kindly provides each month. Also, while you're under the Committees Tab, why not take a peek at all of the job postings that Shirley Calvey has been collecting for "Heard it on The Street" - maybe you know someone who's looking for a job and you could pass the information on to them. There's definitely loads of information available.

On another note, I wanted to send a shout-out to NAWIC member Jennifer Lockmiller who for work purposes had to recently relocate to Houston, Texas . Jen, the Cleveland Chapter will certainly miss you, but we wish you well with all of your future endeavors and may you continue to Embrace the Unexpected!

...Have fun getting to know those
Houston NAWIC Ladies!

~Amy

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

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FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26 Focus of Industry Submission Deadline	27 WIC Week Planning Meeting	28	29 Community Service Lake County Humane Society
30	31 Membership Meeting Registration Deadline	1	2	3 Membership Meeting (Beachwood Hilton)	4 Happy Birthday Denise Cole 	5 NEF Testing CVCC Career Fair
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Block Kids Embassy Suites	14 Happy Valentine's Day Happy Birthday Karen Torrence 	15	16 Happy Birthday Vicki Anderson 	17 Board Meeting (BX)	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Membership Meeting Registration Deadline					

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Lottery Fund-raiser Begins	2	3 Membership Meeting	4 Happy Birthday Mari Beth Gaviak & Carol Kempton 	5 Happy Birthday Bonnie Felice
6	7 WIC WEEK Food Bank	8 WIC WEEK	9 WIC WEEK CES Design & Construction Conference	10 WIC WEEK	11 WIC WEEK CAD Scholarship Submission Deadline	12
13	14	15 Cons Ed Visionary Award Nomination Deadline Happy Birthday Theresa Miller 	16	17 	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Board Meeting, ax Happy Birthday Colleen Porche 	25 Membership Winter Social (Bahama Breeze)	26
27 Happy Birthday Carol Doskocil 	28	29	30 Happy Birthday Kathleen Rolland 	31 Lottery Fundraiser Ends	 Planning Ahead	

MARCH 2011

Ohio Lottery Ticket Fundraiser, all month
 3—Membership Meeting, Location TBA
 7-11—WIC Week
 7—Foodbank
 15—Construction Education Visionary Award Nomination Deadline
 24—Board Meeting, BX

APRIL 2011

7—Membership Meeting, Hilton (Beachwood)

21—Board Mtg, BX

MAY 2011

5—Membership Meeting, Industry Appreciation Dinner
 7—NEF Certification Testing
 13 & 14—Forum (Lansing, MI)
 26—Board Mtg, BX

June 2011

2—Membership Meeting, Hilton (Beachwood)

July 2011

7—Membership Meeting, TBA
 TBD—MAGIC Camp

NAWIC

The National Association of Women in Construction



Invites you to learn about **"The Full Circle: The Cleveland Women,"** presented by Katherine Kohl at the February Membership Meeting.

The program will focus on the fascinating lives of women involved in making history in the Cleveland area, as well as in our nation. It will focus on the determination & devotion that these woman showed while juggling their many roles.

February 3rd 2011

5:30 PM, Networking, **6:00 PM** Dinner, **6:45 PM**, The Full Circle Presentation, **7:30 PM**, Meeting
Beachwood Hilton, 3663 Park East Dr., Beachwood, OH 44122 (216)-464-5950

Member & Guest Cost: \$23.00

Make Checks payable to NAWIC Cleveland Chapter #156

Reservation & Deadline Cancellation: **Monday, January 31st, 2011**

R.S.V.P. to Mary Carrossellia at (440) 783-0300, Fax: (440) 783-0302
Mcarrossellia@simplexgrinnell.com

COMMITTEE NEWS

Block Kids

February 13, 2011
Embassy Suites, Independence
Volunteers Report: 10:00
Registration Begins: Noon
Program Begins: 1:00
Volunteers Needed!!!
Contact Lynn: Lynn7866@msn.com

CAD Scholarship

Volunteers are needed to judge the **CAD Scholarship Competition** student entries. The students must submit their projects by March 11, 2011. So, that means that the judging will take place the third week of March. Only a few hours of dedicated time will be necessary. Judging will include the evaluation of the quality of each student's project submission in comparison to the project submission requirements. Non-NAWIC members are also welcome to judge. No experience with producing or reviewing architectural drawings is required, but will be helpful. Please contact Michelle Tomei at m.podsiadlo@hotmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

Michelle A. Tomei
Burgess & Niple, Inc.

Community Service

Volunteers Lend Many Hands

Saturday January 29th @ 9 AM –
Lake Humane Adoption Center
Paint 3 Offices & 1 Conference Room

Saturday February TBD @ 9 AM –
Work Crew's 5th Project

Monday March 7th @ 6 PM –
Volunteer at the
Cleveland Foodbank

We could always use good help.
Interested?

Please contact Monica Bruaw
(bruawm@regencycsi.com)
to sign up!



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FUNDRAISING

Do you have toys, jewelry and trinkets you would like to "unclutter"?

Well here's your chance to help us out. Donate your item to our Chapter and we will sell it on **E-bay** with the proceeds (minus shipping costs) going to our general fund. Just give your item to Joni Hamon, Amy Hewis, or Colleen Porche with a little blurb about it (ie. good condition, still in original box, etc.) and let us do the rest. Or feel free to check out an item for sale on E-bay that you may want!! You can reach Joni at jhamon@infinityconstruction.com or Colleen at colleen@gfi-wbe.com for more information



The bus was filled to capacity for the **casino trip** - it was a huge success and everyone had a great time. Thank you to everyone who donated door prizes, made preparations and went on the trip. The **Scholarship Committee** says a huge "Thank you!"

The **Scholarship Committee** is rolling out a new exciting fund raiser for the month of March 2011. It is called **Pick 3 Evening Lottery** and we need your help!

How it works:

Pick 3 Evening Drawing

- 1). Pick a 3 digit number (\$5.00/per chance)
- 2). Watch the Ohio Lottery evening drawing (during the month of March)
- 3). Winning tickets are based on the Evening Lottery pick 3 number-all numbers must come in **STRAIGHT**
- 4). Winning ticket will receive \$100.00 (checks mailed in 2 weeks)

Got questions?

Contact: Lynn Skowronski

216-206-2717/work

E-Mail: L_skowronski@doughertylumber.com



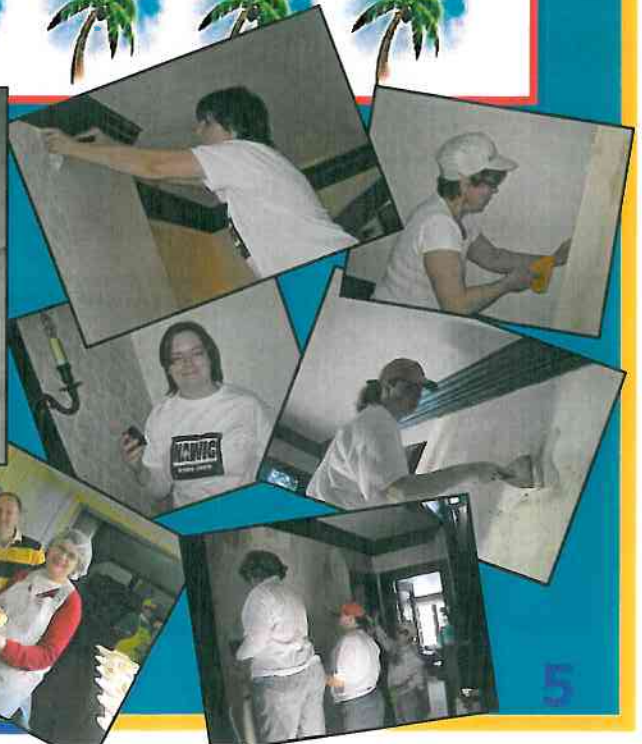
Come in Out of the Cold
and
Kick those Winter Blues
at the

NAWIC Membership Winter Social

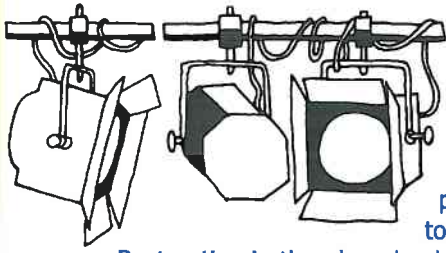
Bring a friend and meet us at:

Bahama Breeze
3900 Orange Pl
Beachwood, OH 44122
Friday, February 25th
5:30 p.m.

We provide the meeting place.
You provide your food and beverages.



Member Spotlight—Liz Crooks . . .



Elizabeth Crooks (Liz), always had a passion for art and architecture, and developed a strong interest in architectural history while earning a BS in Art History at Wittenberg University. After spending a semester in Florence, Italy at Syracuse University's architecture program, she turned her focus towards historic preservation. After her first year at graduate school in Columbia University's Historic Preservation program, while searching for a summer internship, she found VIP

Restoration in the phonebook. Not only did VIP provide her with the internship she needed to complete the requirements for her master's degree, but they hired her right after she graduated. As their Staff Preservationist she enjoyed 10 years of helping to restore local historic structures and troubleshoot building envelope issues with VIP.

Last year she joined Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates as a consultant. At WJE, Liz continues to preserve history and investigate exteriors of all types, and enjoys numerous opportunities to advance her skills and knowledge.

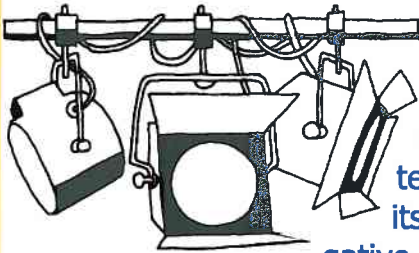
While Liz was at VIP, she learned about NAWIC through Bethany Criscione and was encouraged by both Bethany and employer, Vince Piscitello, to join NAWIC. She has enjoyed participating in Block Kids, the Applewood Christmas Party, and various other activities. Early in her membership she was in charge of lining up meeting venues and arranging for speakers and project tours for the monthly meetings. "I have NAWIC to thank, not only for the wonderful friendships and the personal growth I've experienced as a member, but also for supporting me through some tough times in my life."

Liz believes that "NAWIC members truly care about each other, and share a common goal to help each other to be successful". She has grown in her career, and probably more than some of us, has witnessed changes in the industry first hand with "the increasing interest in sustainability, and the growing recognition of the natural partnership between historic preservation and the green building movement".

When not working, she enjoys time playing with and teaching her 5 year old daughter, reading about and viewing art and architecture, and skiing. Something unexpected in her career, "Early on, I discovered my love of heights, and all the amazing views and architectural detail that can be seen at the top of a building. I can't imagine how I could do my job, if I couldn't be comfortable working on swing stages, scaffolding, and lifts."



Company Spotlight—Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.



Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. (WJE) is a nationwide consulting firm of structural engineers, architects, and materials scientists, dedicated to providing practical, innovative, and technically sound solutions to problems in existing structures. Since its establishment in 1956, WJE has successfully completed investigative, testing, and design projects involving virtually every type of construction material, structural system, and architectural component. Thousands of clients, from individuals to large corporations and government agencies, rely on WJE professionals to deliver better solutions to their construction-related problems. WJE's Cleveland office, with 17 interdisciplinary professional and support staff, can provide insight into a wide range of construction problems. The Cleveland office is fortunate to also have one of the firm's two satellite laboratories to meet our clients' material testing and evaluation needs.

WJE's services include:

- ◆ Façade Assessment
- ◆ Structural Evaluation
- ◆ Roofing & Waterproofing
- ◆ Historic Preservation
- ◆ Repair & Rehabilitation Design
- ◆ New Construction Services
- ◆ Material Testing & Evaluation
- ◆ Litigation Consulting

Taking Care of Business . . .

Heard it on the Street

Position Wanted:

A NAWIC member will be laid off at the end of January & is looking for a new position as an intern architect or construction project engineer in the Cleveland or Akron/Canton areas. Her experience includes working closely with project architects and engineers to produce architectural construction drawings and specifications. She also performs construction administration tasks where she works closely with the construction project manager and the design project manager to resolve design issues during construction, reviews and processes construction submittals, makes site visits to oversee the construction process, and conducts punch lists upon construction completion. If you would like to contact this individual, please email scalvey@calveyconsulting.com for her contact info.



Job Opportunities:

Secretary, Part Time

The City of Broadview Heights is accepting applications for a part time secretary in the Building Department. The applicant must have excellent computer skills and experience in public relations. A minimum three (3) years experience in a building, zoning, or planning department is preferred. Position is for an average 32 hours/ week. Wages range from \$9.00-\$16.38/ hour commensurate with skills and experience. Obtain application at the Mayor's Office. Deadline 1/18/2011.

Part-Time Administrative Assistant

The YWCA is looking for a qualified candidate who will have a proven track record providing administrative support to senior or executive level staff with excellence in written and spoken communication skills and the ability to work positively and productively with all levels of staff, community representatives and donors. Please send your letter of interest and resume to Sheryl Sereda at ssereda@ywcaofcleveland.org.

Junior Accountant

The Garland Company Inc. is looking for a junior accountant. Please contact Jay Herbert for more information at jhebert@garlanind.com.

Part-Time Administrative Assistant

Part-time administrative assistant for Director of Business Operations



needed in small Chesterland, Ohio consulting firm. Must be detail oriented, have good Microsoft Excel and Word skills, experience in QuickBooks and willing to learn. Flexible schedule available. Salary range: \$10- \$12/hr. Please forward resume to: Diana Chalmers at chalmers@vn-services.com or fax it to (440) 729 -0804.

Administrative Assistant

Gardiner Trane, located in Solon, is looking for an administrative assistant. If you are interested, please email your résumé to Kristie Bender at KBender@whgardiner.com

To post to this column, contact Shirley Calvey, CIT, scalvey@calveyconsulting.com, or call 440-740-1132. More detailed job descriptions are listed on our Website under Committees - check it out www.nawiccleveland.org/committees.html

I need your help with the "**Faces of the Industry**" article for the upcoming issue of the NAWIC IMAGE. Faces of the Industry is a one-page article that features quotes and pictures from three or more NAWIC members. The quote is in response to a question we ask. Please forward this information on to your chapter presidents/members.

This issue's theme is Safety and Health. This issue's question is:

"What "green" programs, policies or practices does your employer have in place?"

Please send quote (max. 125 words) to michellem@nawic.org by Jan. 26. If your quote is selected a hi-resolution (300 dpi) picture will be needed for the article.

Thank you!
Michelle Milner
NAWIC Communications Designer

CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION THROUGH NEF CERTIFICATIONS

You must register by **March 15th** in order to take the certification test on the first Saturday in May 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 for more detailed information regarding each certification at www.nawiceducation.org.

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@gilbaneco.com

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS . . . PART II

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For the latest updates

Newsletter Attachment Listing

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| A-1 | Properties Magazine articles & Applewood's AppleSource Article |
| A-2 | Constructor for a Day Thankyou |

Changed Jobs? Recently Married?

Or maybe you've just misplaced your **NAWIC name badge** & need to replace it. Contact Carol Kempton at 216-529-1188 or Email: kemp-tonc@regencycsi.com to order a new one.

NOTE: There is a \$6.50 cost for a replacement badge.



Limited Quantities Available!

NAWIC T-Shirt

Look stunning in this Red Ladies Golf Shirt with White NAWIC Embroidered on Front.

Sizes M, L and XL only.

\$12 EACH

Contact Denise Simerale
To get **YOURS** today!

dsim@cranecertification.com



NAWIC PINS

NAWIC Pins are available for \$21.00. Proceeds for the pins benefit our Chapter's general fund. Please contact me by phone or e-mail if you wish to purchase a pin.

Debbie Mazzola, CDS, CIT
dmazzola@gilbaneco.com



Our Thoughts & Prayers are with . . .

- ◆ Peggy Vera's daughter-in-law who has been diagnosed with skin cancer
- ◆ Wishing Shirley Calvey's mother a speedy recovery
- ◆ Wishing Michelle Sevchek's husband, Bill, a speedy recovery from his surgery
- ◆ Wishing Carol Duskocil a speedy recovery from her hamstring injury

Our Congratulations to . . .

- ◆ Rachel Moviel on her new position RIOT at ARC
- ◆ Dunlop & Johnston for celebrating their centennial anniversary

Our THANKS to . . .

- ◆ Rachel Ambs, Michelle Sevchek's assistant at Satellite Shelters, for her support with the Block Kids registration process

Did you see . . .

- ◆ Block Kids announcement in Properties, January 2011 edition
- ◆ NAWIC Holiday Social announcement in Properties, December 2010 & January 2011 editions
- ◆ Applewood Party News in Applewood's publication

AppleSource, Vol 14, Issue 7

February Anniversaries



- ◆ Courtney Behm
- ◆ Gail Grueser
- ◆ Colleen Porche
- ◆ Jennifer Richardson

NAWIC

Foster Care and Adoption News and Views

Heidi Samuto

Holiday party was a hit!

The Foster Care & Adoption Department had its annual Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec. 4. The party was a huge success, with a total of 29 foster parents and 55 children in attendance, in addition to the 30 volunteers.

The children were able to participate in several crafts, face painting and games. Many of the children learned how to play holiday songs on the drums. We were also visited by Santa Claus, who posed for pictures with the parents and children.

A special thank you to...

Jim Pieknik of Quality Trees, who donated a Christmas tree which we displayed in the Atrium, Aico Watanabe, DDS, of Aico's Dental Group who donated funds and David Lewis of Santa and Sons who reduced his Santa fee.

TLC committee member Staci Buck (and husband Ambrose) who volunteered by processing the Santa Claus pictures; and Marianne Compton who took pictures with Santa, donated candy canes and items for the foster parent gift baskets.

And last but not least, Vicky Weber and the women of the National Association of Women in Construction who sponsored the party, brought all of the crafts, donated a cake, and volunteered during the party. 🍎

event for 2011. Block Kids is an award-winning program intended to introduce grade-school aged children, grades one through six, to the construction industry. Participants compete for prizes by designing and building structures using interlocking blocks and other components. Structures are judged by a panel of local construction professionals. Prizes are awarded in three age categories. A grand prize winner is selected and photos of the winning structure are submitted to a regional competition. Winners from the regional competition go on to participate in a national competition.

Block Kids 2011 will be held Sunday, February 13

from noon until 4 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in Independence. Registration begins at 11 am.

Registration forms can be obtained by contacting Stacey Lawler at Lawler Construction (440-646-1900).



- 1 Ed Valentine (Gilbane Company), Eric Wilson, Rick Smersky (VIP Restoration) and Blake Kreur (Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.).
- 2 Jing Liu-Krych and Ken Krych (Properties)
- 3 Cindy Miniello, Karen Kenninger, Doreen Jakob and Jacquelyn Tesar (Dunlop & Johnston, Inc.)

Annual Joint Association Holiday Social

Cleveland Chapter #156 National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) recently welcomed 12 construction associations and their members for the Annual Joint Association Holiday Social, held at the Embassy Suites Hotel – Rockside. The event included dinner and a live steel drum band, as well as gifts, prizes and a 50/50 raffle with half of the proceeds to be donated to NAWIC's Education Foundation and The Gathering Place. 📄

Properties
REALTY, CONSTRUCTION & ARCHITECTURE MAGAZINE

NAWIC Announces Block Kids 2011 Details

Cleveland Chapter #156 of the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) recently announced details of its Block Kids 2011

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December 17, 2010

Ms. Amy Hewis
NAWIC – Chapter #156
P.O. Box 31911
Independence, Ohio 44131

Dear Amy:

The 25th annual College “Rich DiGeronimo Constructor For A Day” program for 2010 was a truly special event for all that participated.

We commemorated the 25th Anniversary milestone by first recognizing that the OCA Board of Directors adopted a resolution which proclaimed that from here forward, the program is to be named in honor of its founder, Rich DiGeronimo.

During breakfast, Nick DiGeronimo gave a presentation highlighting the 25-year history of the program that was supported by a wonderful video pictorial of past CFAD events.

Following the days’ job touring activities, a networking event and dinner was held once again at the Embassy Suites in Independence. Former Browns Coach, Sam Rutigliano, was the keynote speaker at dinner. Coach Sam shared his own memories and insightful, thought-provoking view of life that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On behalf of the entire Cleveland Chapter College Rich DiGeronimo CFAD committee, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous contributions to this very important program and wish you and yours a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

Ann M. Nerone

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College “Rich DiGeronimo Constructor For A Day”
Cleveland Chapter Program Chair