

On The Level

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION
BLUEGRASS CHAPTER #367, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

Thursday, June 18th - Marriott

June, 2009

Shades of Green

Chapter member Boo Blakey retired from teaching this school year to work full time with her husband. They own WreckCREATIONS, a remodeling and handy-man service company. Boo has just launched her own eco-friendly product and décor consultation company named Environmental Décor and will give us the definition of green, ways to make our lives a little greener, and tell us how to recognize green when you see it.

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R.S.V.P. INFORMATION

Where: Marriott Griffin Gate, 1800 Newtown Pike, Lexington

When: Thursday, June 18, 2009

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Networking & Registration

6:00 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. Program

7:00 p.m. Business Meeting & Elections

7:30 p.m. Board Meeting

Cost: \$20.00 (First time guests are free)

Reservations required. Contact Susan Cox, scox@messer.com by June 16th @ noon!

Remember, A Reservation Made Is A Reservation Paid.

Letter from the President

****VOTE**VOTE**VOTE****



Is there anyone who didn't receive a national ballot? Let me know. PLEASE continue to make the Bluegrass Chapter and Region 4 shine by sending your ballot back in. On one of the following pages you will read notes taken at Forum on the two individuals running for Vice- President. Even though this is the only office that has two candidates please mark your ballot for the rest of the individuals, that is if you want to see them take that office. And in regards to elections and officers the nominee committee submitted a well qualified slate for the Bluegrass Chapter for 2009 – 2010. There is still time to throw your hat into the ring. We will take nominations from the floor at our June meeting and will follow with a vote. If you are not ready or able to take a board position will you please consider one of the following committees that need a chair or co-chair person?

Audit - Volunteer to audit the books in September for the NAWIC fiscal year.

Budget – Responsible for assisting in setting up the budget for the upcoming year.

Company and/or Member Spotlight - Set up a company and/or member for the monthly meetings to be "spotlighted".

Construction Professional Education – This person or persons will set up speakers, tours, or other events for our chapter's monthly meeting and/or additional community projects if desire.

Nominating– Starting in March or April recruiting board members to be on the slate of officers for the next year. The slate is presented in May and June with voting to take place in June.

PR/Marketing – Getting the word out that NAWIC is a very valuable and worthwhile organization. There are many ladies in the construction industry who still don't know about us.

Ways & Means - Plan fundraising events

Women In Construction Week – Plan activities and projects for the week in March that is dedicated to unify and raise awareness of the

opportunities the construction industry holds for women.

Every month is a big event for us but there is another even bigger event coming up in August. I've heard 4 or 5 people say they are interested and since it will be FUN, educational, and uplifting it would be great if we had 20 – 30 members go to the National NAWIC convention in Phoenix, AZ August 26th thru the 29th. We have in the chapter's budget the registration fee of \$595.00 to be paid for 3 maybe 4 members. We will take names and then a vote at the June meeting who will represent our chapter.

Remember "an organization is like a bank; the more you put into it, the more interest you have in it".

Attached are several additional e-mails for everyone to read at their leisure instead of overloading the newsletter. Attached will be:

1. Member's forum meeting reports
2. Notes on National officer candidates
3. Something from Laura Lynch
4. May's monthly meeting minutes (needing approved)

Thanks all! Elaine



Thank you to Mike & Christine Huskisson for opening their home for our May meeting! Chris has requested that anyone who took pictures, please share them with her. You can either email them to Stacia or put them on a cd and bring to Stacia at our June meeting. Chris wants to see the house from *your* perspective!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Thursday, July 16, 2009 – Showroom Tour



What's new in Kitchen & Bath design? What products will we be seeing more of in the future? Join us for a tour of Creative Kitchen & Bath. Their spacious showrooms feature a variety of products partnering with only the finest cabinet makers and plumbing manufactures. The company provides the latest in design for the kitchen and bath and also professional installation of cabinets. Chapter member Melani Fosson is the showroom manager.

Thursday, August 20, 2009 – Strategic Planning

It's an all NAWIC night as we make plans for the coming year. We are a member driven association so be sure to participate and make your voice heard! Do you have requests for meeting topics or speakers? Would you like to be part of a study group for a NAWIC Education Foundation certification? Would you like to see joint meetings with other construction industry groups? Ms. Fix-It has been successful in the past as a community service / fundraising project as we offer home repair classes to women in our community. Do we want to plan an event for 2010? How can we enhance YOUR success?



Thursday, September 17, 2009 – American Arbitration Association



Guest speaker Chauncey Davis, Vice-President of the AAA will share information about the Association, explain Arbitration Dispute Resolution options for the construction industry, show the benefits of arbitration versus litigation for construction disputes, and address the key changes with the AIA/Consensus docs. Bring your employer and/or associates to this informative meeting!

Other Dates to Remember:

- Ø Ballots are due by June 20th to the National Office. VOTE!!
- Ø Chapter Elections will be held at our June meeting. The slate of officers is:
 President: Elaine Boyd
 V-P: Stacia Chenoweth
 Treasurer: Cindy Hiens
 Corresponding Secretary: Mary Gail Engle
 Recording Secretary: Grace Northcutt
 Directors (3): Faye Miller, Susan Cox & Joan Markwell.
 Additional nominations will be taken before the chapter votes.
- Ø National Convention is August 26-29th in Phoenix, AZ.
- Ø 6/29/09 Final day for early registration for National Convention



SAFETY ZONE

Messer Construction Co. Named One of Nation's Safest Construction Companies

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"There's no better measure of the strength of a company than its ability to keep its workers safe and healthy," said Doug Pruitt, incoming president of AGC. "Safety is much more than a series of requirements; it is a way of operating that drives every decision on every project, every time."

"Safety4Site dramatically illustrates Messer's ability to inspire and foster leadership, influence and accountability that can transform our company - and our industry," said Tom Keckeis, president of Messer. "Safety4Site has transcended typical safety programs and has become ingrained in our corporate culture."

The 2009 Construction Safety and Excellence Awards were announced during the AGC's 90th annual convention on March 6, in San Diego, Calif. The awards are designed to recognize companies who have developed and implemented excellent safety and loss prevention programs through management commitment, employee involvement, and program innovation. Hundreds of construction companies from across the country submit entries each year to showcase their programs alongside their peers. Comprehensive written entries require safety statistics, program timelines and implementation results as well as examples of employee engagement.

Earlier this year, Messer received AGC's statewide award for Ohio, which qualified Safety4Site for national consideration. National finalists were invited to make presentations to a panel of distinguished construction safety professionals during the AGC annual convention, where the winners were announced.

"We are especially proud of this award because it reflects the cooperation and commitment of employees in every part of our company," added Keckeis. "To be recognized on a national level demonstrates both the impact of the program and the quality of our people."

FORUM RECAP



Congratulations **Christine Parsons** and **Stacia Chenoweth** who were selected as **4-most leader** and **New Leader** respectively for the Bluegrass Chapter. Thank you both for all you have done in the past, are currently doing, and I know in the future will do.

Congratulations **Susan Cox** for passing the fourth (4th) test in the Certified Construction Associate (CCA). Very impressive! Two more tests and our chapter will be one of the few that has a member with those initials following her name on the roster.

Forum has come and gone but it took months to prepare for, so let me have a couple weeks to continue to brag on our chapter's collective effort to host a event that would need at least a 1,000 adjectives with the same meaning of admiration, applause, appreciate, cheer, clap, compliment, excellent, fine, glory, kudos, marvelous, praiseworthy, respect, superior, and wonderful job to describe. A few special thank you's:

- Christine – Coordinating, planning, and for being our very detail-oriented lady in charge always with a smile and true enthusiasm.
- Anna – Behind the scenes expertly putting together a Program and Forum Reports book which included letters and summaries from all the national officers, regional committee chairs, and chapters. Very professional and well done.
- Barb – Setting up the horse farm tour, our Sunday morning service speaker and always with a calm grace.
- Cindy – Keeping track of the treasurer's duties as well as being thoughtful to have food and beverage available in her hotel room for us to nourish and fortify our minds and bodies. Also for getting the portfolios that the attendees received at registration and loved.
- Kim – Another quiet behind the scenes individual that with her organizational skills and efficiency we had an easy and accurate reservation check in. The two times the attendance was announced there were no corrections. I've been told that isn't usually the case at events.
- Mary Gail – Working one on one with the Marriott personal to successfully arrange every delicious meal, meeting rooms and hotel rooms for our guests.
- Stacia – Securing the jazz music for Friday night and the comedian for Saturday night. Both were totally awesome and so were the goodie bags she put together as favors.
- Susan – Creating the games that were so fun at the Welcome party. We really got the networking going which is what it is all about.
- Teri and Faye – Committee members who always said "I can help with that" or "I can take care of that". Teri you will be missed but we all wish you well in this next chapter of your life!!
- Laura Lynch, Joan Markwell, and Medearis Robertson – A big thank you to these ladies for being speakers and workshop presenters. A special thank you to Joan for stepping in to fill in for a last minute cancellation. All three of these ladies did an outstanding job and were given high marks from the attendees in their classes.

If I have missed someone I am truly sorry because it was a team effort and the support and encouragement we received from members who couldn't attend but "had our back" are appreciated!

Also a HUGE thank you to the Marriott staff for their professional and personal touch they gave to each and every one of us. They were the icing on the cake.

About Our Organization...

Bluegrass Chapter #367
www.bgnawic.org

Region 4 – NAWIC's Core
www.nawic4.org

NAWIC National
www.nawic.org

**NAWIC Education
Foundation (NEF)**
www.nawiceducation.org

**The Bluegrass
Chapter is on
Facebook!
Join our group!**

Since its founding, NAWIC, an international non-profit organization, has grown to a membership of 5,500 women with more than 179 chapters. In its 51 years of service to its members, NAWIC has advanced the causes of all women in construction whose careers range from business ownership to the skilled trades. With almost 900,000 women working in construction today, the industry is becoming more accepting of their non-traditional roles

NAWIC's objectives are:

- To unite for the mutual benefit of the women who are actively engaged in the various phases of the construction industry.
- To promote cooperation, fellowship and a better understanding among members of the Association.
- To promote education and contribute to the betterment of the construction industry.
- To encourage women to pursue and establish careers in the construction industry.
- To provide members an awareness of the legislative process and legislation as it relates to the construction industry.

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