



On The Level

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

Thursday, January 21st – Showroom Tour,
Perspectives Painting

January,
2010



NAWIC member, Melanie Roederer, will provide us with a tour of the showroom and talk about the different products that Perspectives carries. Melanie will also give a demonstration to show how they can design window treatments for customers online. Come & celebrate Perspectives Painting 30th Anniversary!!

Perspectives is located at 352 Longview Plaza in Southland Shopping area. (Longview runs behind Sloans Supermarket & Goodyear on Southland Drive.)

Thank you Perspectives Painting & Melanie Roederer for hosting the Bluegrass Chapter!

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R.S.V.P. INFORMATION

Where: Perspectives Painting, 352 Longview Plaza, Lexington (Southland Shopping Area)
When: Thursday, January 21, 2010
5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Networking & Registration
6:00 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. – Business Meeting
7:30 p.m. – Board Meeting
Cost: Meal & Drinks to be provided by Perspectives

Reservations required. Contact Susan Cox, scox@messer.com by Jan. 18th

Remember, A Reservation Made Is A Reservation Paid.

Letter from the President



2010 is here! Saying the numbers 20-10 out loud has such a nice flow and symmetry to it. It gives a feeling that everything will fall into place this year. My wish for each and every one of us is that whatever is needed to put you in line with the universe and fit perfectly together happens. But if it doesn't there is always Plan B. My dad teased me at Christmas and asked if I ever had to go to Plan C. My husband replied I was usually on Plan G or H. At least I persevere until something works out was my final retort. "Persevere with the strength of our convictions" is one of the core values for NAWIC!

Our strength and perseverance as members is going to be called upon this spring of 2010. First Susan Cox is finalizing plans for Bluegrass Chapter's first ever Block Kids competition. The event

is scheduled for 1/30/10. Another nice symmetrical number! She needs us to help with putting together goodie bags before hand, volunteering the day of to be of assistance where needed, and even a couple more judges if someone would like to step forward to help pick the winner. See Susan for details and to sign up.

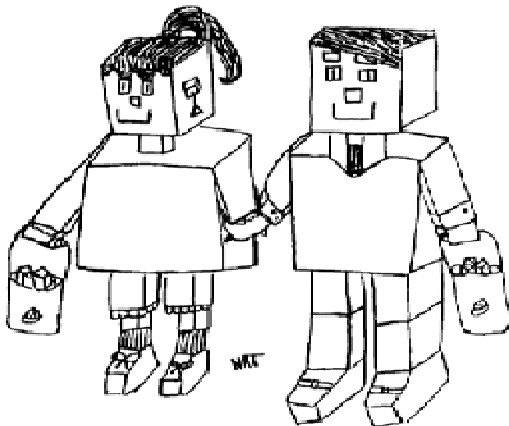
Laura Lynch will continue with the "Girls Can Too" program on the second Saturday in February. She is asking for some members to come tell your story on how you ended up in construction and speak to the girls about career choices in the industry. Call Laura and be a part of encouraging the next generation to "dare to move into new horizons" which is another NAWIC core value.

In March is our self indulgent big event. W.I.C. week is March 8th thru the 13th. There is no doubt Chairperson Grace Northcutt is going to make it AMAZING and FUN. Her e-mail this week shows she is pumped and ready to rock! The only commitment required of

us as members is to join in her excitement and participate in whatever enjoyment she has lined up. It is going to be a time to give ourselves the recognition we desire for all we do as employees, mothers, daughters, friends, partners, cooks, housekeepers, etc.

THEN Ms. Fix-It 4 has been scheduled for Saturday April 24th. Co-Chairs Stacia Sharff (congratulations to our newlywed) and Mary Gail Engle have scheduled the first committee meeting for January 12th at Mason Structure at 5:30. If you are not able to come to this meeting please be thinking of suggestions or ideas for a workshop, someone to teach the class, and/or a display to have in the foyer. We learn from each year and try to improve this event for our participants. What we have learned thru surveys is they like the hands on displays and not someone trying to sell a service or product. Also we strive to keep it strictly construction related. Share those ideas with Mary Gail, Stacia, or myself.

THANKS to all members for being a part of NAWIC in 2010!!! Elaine



The Bluegrass Chapter is planning to hold our 1st annual Block Kids event on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at the Midway Women's Club from 1-3pm. So far we have had tremendous success in sponsorships – thank you to all who have donated so far!! Block Kids chair is Susan Cox; with a committee of Elaine Boyd, Kim Hellmueller & Stacia Sharff. We will need lots of helping hands during the event, so please consider volunteering when the time comes.

HAPPY NAWIC ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating their involvement in NAWIC!

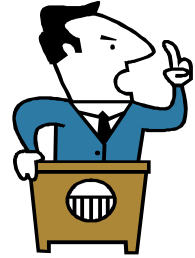
Laura Bennett 1 year

Stacia Sharff 2 years

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Thursday, February 18, 2010

Region 4 Director candidates – Melanie Myers & Candy Riley – will be visiting our chapter meeting and will discuss their future plans and goals for our chapter. Be sure to attend and become as informed as possible as our chapter decides which of these outstanding ladies can lead our region.



Thursday, March 18, 2010



Mr. Chauncy Davis, American Arbitrators Association. Specific topic still to be determined.

Thursday, April 15, 2010

Tour of Arlington School project. NAWIC will spotlight WS Construction.



Other Dates to Remember:

- Ø Saturday, January 30, 2010 at Midway Women's Club, Midway, KY
- Ø 3/8/10 WIC WEEK & Spring Social
- Ø April 9-11th – Forum 2010 Akron, OH
- Ø 4/24/09 – Miss Fix-it #4 (aka MF14)
- Ø JUNE 2010 – Summer Social (Date & location TBD)
- Ø Sept. 1st-4th – 55th National Convention, Louisville, KY



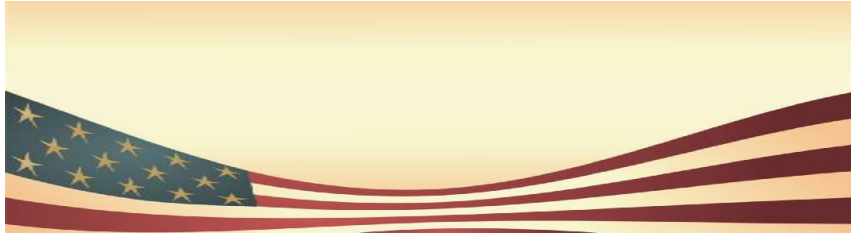
Girls Can Too!

Helping girls explore and experience careers in construction is the goal of the “Girls Can Too”. Created through a partnership of our NAWIC chapter #367 and Bluegrass Community & Technical College (BCTC) the program is targeted at middle and high school girls. The program is free and open to the public will take place on BCTC Leestown Campus, 164 Opportunity Way in Lexington on the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Projects and take home kits are made available to the girls through a grant from the American Association of University Women. **Calling all NAWIC volunteers!!** Please let Laura Lynch know if you are able to participate in this Spring's Girls Can Too project. Her schedule will fill up fast; now is the time to share your knowledge with girls in the community so they can choose a career in construction! You can contact Laura at laura.lynch@kctcs.edu

LEGISLATIVE

One of NAWIC's Objectives is to provide members an awareness of the legislative process and legislation as it relates to the construction industry. The current health care legislation under consideration will affect everyone. Are you informed about how it might make a difference in your life? And do you know how to contact your Congressman and Senator? Check out these websites:

www.congress.org
www.votesmart.org
www.opencongress.org
www.house.gov
www.senate.gov
www.politics1.com



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Last month's Guess Who member was Susan Bachner. Congratulations Susan Cox for being the first person to answer. And no she didn't cheat and answer before the newsletter came out to the rest of us. It was actually a day or two after it was sent out. Try to be the first member to answer this month and receive a free raffle ticket at the meeting.

GUESS WHO THIS MEMBER IS:

She has been in the construction industry approximately 25 years.

She joined NAWIC in 2006

Her hobbies include gardening, over the top decorating at Halloween and taking care of her five (5) cats.

A little known fact about her is she is the past- president of another women's association (and hopefully a NAWIC president in the future!)

E-mail eboyd@clayingels.com with your guess and you could win 1 free raffle ticket at January's meeting!!



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The Home Builders Association of Lexington's Associates Council presents Table Top Night 2010. This Annual event will be held **Thursday, January 28, 2010 at Heritage Hall**. The event begins at **5:00 pm** and continues until **8:00 pm**.

Christine Parsons has volunteered to work a NAWIC booth at this years Table Top Night – but she needs someone to keep her company!! We are allowed 2 people per booth. If you would like to attend, please let Susan Cox or Christine Parsons know.

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COMMITTEE NOTES

Membership: Chair – Christine Parsons. Goals – triple the membership over the next five years!! That means we ALL need to recruit, recruit, recruit!! Invite women you work with to the next meeting!! Membership is currently at 29.

**You can invite potential member guests to attend our meetings at no cost again this year, so invite those women not yet involved in NAWIC and we'll enhance their success too. The more members we have, the more opportunity there is to learn from each other.

PR/Marketing: Chair – Susan Cox. Goals – get our name out there as much as possible!! Do you belong to another organization that we could trade a newsletter page with? Do you have marketing ideas? Send them to Susan right away!!

Construction Profession & Education: Chair – Stacia Sharff. Goals – provide educational & entertaining speakers/joint meetings/tours for our members every month. Send speaker ideas to Stacia & the CP&E committee right away!!

Ways & Means (aka MF14): Chairs – Mary Gail Engle & Stacia Sharff. Goals – FUNDRAISING Miss Fix-It #4 will be held April 24, 2010. If you are interested in helping the committee, please let Stacia or Mary Gail know.

Have you thought about pursuing a certification via NEF (NAWIC Education Foundation)? Below is information regarding all three certifications currently offered by NEF.



NAWIC Education Foundation



Educating the Construction Industry Today . . . and Tomorrow.



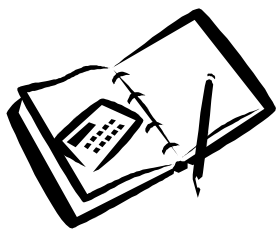
The **Construction Industry Technician (CIT)** is a self-paced, home study program. Passing an examination at the end of the course establishes mastery of the material and upon successful completion of the program, the participant will receive the **Construction Industry Technician Certifications**. This certification acknowledges the accomplishment of attaining a higher professional level in the construction industry.



The **Certified Construction Associate (CCA)** Program is an advanced, six-part, self study course in construction terminology, procedures and processes. NAWIC Education Foundation (NEF) requires the program be completed in three (3) years. Participants study at their own pace but must pass all six parts within three (3) years with 2 possible one year extensions. Extensions must be approved by the NEF Executive Committee. After successfully passing certification exams in all six parts, participants receive Certified Construction Associate certificates, pins and are entitled to use the letters, CCA after their names.



Construction Document Specialist (CDS). This book deals with interpreting information conveyed from the architect/engineer to the contractor by way of a legal document and with implementing that fundamental understanding. It discusses the many components of the legal agreement that binds the parties in a construction project: working drawings, specifications, and contract requirements of the Project Manual. A comprehensive understanding of the project's construction documents is necessary to prepare an estimate for submitting a bid and to prepare a project schedule for controlling costs after the contract is awarded.



CERTIFIED CONSTRUCTION BOOKKEEPER (CCB) This certification course will teach participants how to set up and operate a simple bookkeeping system for a construction company and work in both simple and complex bookkeeping systems as either a bookkeeper or under a bookkeeper in one part of the system. Whether you aspire to be an accounts payable clerk or a full charge bookkeeper, you will understand how to perform your job by learning about the whole system of bookkeeping.

Did you know that you can earn certifications from Clemson University through the NAWIC Education Foundation (NEF)? Adult education programs include Certified Construction Associate (CCA), Certified Construction Bookkeeper (CCB), Construction Document Specialist (CDS), and Construction Industry Technician (CIT). By taking these classes and passing the tests you can also earn CEU's. So how about it? Start expanding your knowledge today at www.nawiceducation.org and enhance your success!

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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