



NAWIC NETWORK

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**Charlotte Chapter #121
Region 11**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's a new year and a new day! What will you do to improve your lot in life this year? I hope you will allow NAWIC to influence some of your decisions. There is an old saying that goes something like this "You get out of something just about what you put into it." We have a lot of plans for the New Year, and for some effort, we think you can benefit professionally and personally.

There is an opportunity to help with the Goodwill/Habitat Re-House project this weekend. The house is at 2420 Barry Street and is approximately 1104 square feet. They need help in the area of prepping the walls and ceiling for paint and the actual priming and painting. Help is needed starting January 12 and through the weekend possibly extending into the week of the 16th. Please contact Charleen Goolsby if you would like to be part of this community project.

The next thing we have planned is the Block Kids competition. It will be at Discovery Place on February 18, 2012. Registration starts at 12:30 and the competition begins at 1:00. This is a great day for NAWIC members, the judges and the kids. Each child gets a "Goody Bag" and we are looking for donations for that. Crayons, coloring books, pencils, notepads and anything a child would like would be good for that. We provide food (finger food) for the judges and volunteers so we need some help with that also. Volunteer duties include manning the registration table, setting up the tables with the blocks, showing the kids to their seats, mingling with judges, chatting with the parents and picking things up when the competition is over. Alyssa Cehok will have sign up sheets at the meeting Tuesday.

WIC Week is coming up March 4-10, 2012. We are working on plans for that week; right now we are talking about a membership drive during the week, a possible job site tour and an excursion to a winery. Sounds like fun! If you have ideas for any of the above or other ideas, please talk to Dee Keziah.

Our annual Golf Tournament is coming up on April 18. This is our largest fund raiser. We need help getting golfers, hole sponsors, items for goody bags, door prizes and working the event on tournament day. It is a great networking event as most players come from the construction industry. Patsy Bidy is chairing this and would love to talk to you about helping out.

Next on the calendar is Forum. This year it is in High Point, NC on April 27-29. It is a short drive and the hotel rates are good. In a show of hands, it looks like most of the Board of Directors will be attending and I hope you will too! Dove Sifers-Putman is coordinating our travel and rooming plans so be sure and get your name on the list. Look for more information on this soon.

I hope you have gotten out your planner, Blackberry, iPhone or Smartphone and saved the dates for these events. Pick and choose the ones that are a good fit for you, or if you can't decide, I'll see you at all of them! Please remember to RSVP for the meeting this Tuesday and I'll see you there!!

Carol

MEETING NOTICE

January 17, 2012
Sales and Use Tax for Contractors
Timothy Theesfeld, CPA
5624 Westpark Drive
Charlotte, NC
\$25.00 per person
Social 5:30 PM
Dinner following

*Call Anne Cook at 704-333-7624
no later than 12 Noon on Friday
before to add or cancel reservations.*

*If Anne cannot be reached, call
Carol Purser at 704-376-3613*

CALENDAR

CHAPTER

January 17, 2012—General Meeting
February 14, 2012—Board Meeting
February 21, 2012—General Meeting

REGIONAL

2012 Forum: April 27-29 Highpoint, NC
2012 APC Nov. 9-10—Asheville, NC
2013 Forum—April 19-21—Columbia, SC

NATIONAL

August 29—Sept. 1, 2012 Denver, CO

BIRTHDAYS

January

Anne Cook.....Jan. 12
Macy XieJan. 23

February

Carson Grief.....Feb. 11
Monica Wilson.....Feb. 13
Jann Rademacher.....Feb. 15
Betty Sosta.....Feb. 22

ANNIVERSARIES

We need new members so that they can celebrate their anniversary in 2013. Recruit. Recruit!

2011-2012 CHAPTER OFFICERS

President
Carol Chapman, CIT

Vice President
Dove Sifers-Putman

Recording Secretary
Dee Keziah

Corresponding Secretary
Alyssa Chehok

Treasurer
Myra Carson

Directors
Carol Purser
Jann Rademacher
Monica Wilson

NAWIC PLEDGE:

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

NAWIC CORE PURPOSE:

To enhance the success of women in the construction industry

www.nawic.org
www.nawiccharlotte.com
www.nawicregion11.org



CONSTRUCTION PROFESSION & EDUCATION

Chair: Macy Xie

Phone: 704-353-8268 or mxie@gwllp.com

January 17- Tim Theesfeld—Greer & Walker—Sales & Use Taxes for Contractors

February 21—Cathy Graham—The Employers Association - Controlling Healthcare Costs

March 20— Emily Elder—Balfour Beatty Construction—Subcontractors Insurance

April 17—Donna Rassile—Greer & Walker—Wealth Management for Women

Please contact Macy with any ideas or guest speakers that you may want to share with the chapter.

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

Chair: Dove Sifers-Putman

Phone: 704-376-3613 or dsifers@environamics-inc.com

The Charlotte chapter will be working with various groups this year as part of our community benefit. We will be collecting items for these charities through the year.

In Partnership with the Salvation Army's Center of Hope, the Dale Earnhardt Foundation is collecting books, magazines, children's books and games.

Used and new print cartridges and used cells phones are being collected for Cabarrus Meals on Wheels program. We have raised over \$1,500.00 this year.

We will be collecting items for the USO at the January and February meeting. See the attached Wish List in the newsletter.

GOODWILL/HABITAT HOUSE

The home is located at 2420 Barry Street, Charlotte, NC. They are needing volunteers to assist with painting this weekend. If you are interested in helping, please contact Charleen Goolsby or myself by 5:00 PM on Thursday, 1/12/12.

These are organizations that NAWIC has partnering agreements with to promote various objectives having to do with NAWIC's core purpose of enhancing the success of women in the construction industry.

Please visit the NAWIC website at www.nawic.org to learn more about our partners

ACE Mentor Program of America

American Institute of Constructors (AIC)

American Road and Transportation Builders Association

(ARTBA)

American Society of Professional Estimators (ASPE)

American Subcontractors Association (ASA)

Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)

Associated General Contractors of America (AGC)

Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA)

Construction Specifications Institute (CSI)

Construction Software Advice

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

FMI Corporation

International Code Council (ICC) .

National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER)

National Society of Professional Engineers

NAWIC Education Foundation (NEF)

Paxton/Patterson Building Skills

Society for Marketing Professional Services (SMPS)

Surety & Fidelity Association of America

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

U.S. Department of Labor, Women's Bureau

Women Build of Habitat for Humanity International

Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC)

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION
CHARLOTTE CHAPTER NO. 121
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
November 15, 2011**

The December meeting of the Charlotte Chapter NAWIC general membership was held at the Hilton Executive Park Hotel. Out of a membership of 33 we had 22 in attendance and 7 guests. Our Chapter had a wonderful Holiday Social in lieu of a formal meeting. Social time began at 5:30. At 6:40 pm President Chapman welcomed everyone and introduced Monica Wilson to present our invocation.

We enjoyed a wonderful dinner while enjoying festive Christmas music. Following dinner we were honored to have Glen Putman DJ while we danced the night (and dinner) away.

While all were enjoying the festivities a special visitor from the North Pole arrived and wished all a very Merry Christmas.

All in attendance appeared to enjoy themselves and have a fun time visiting with each other.

Carol Chapman, President

Dee Keziah, Recording Secretary

NAWIC GENERAL DINNER MEETINGS

From Charlotte Chapter Procedures

Attendance

- If a member has made a reservation and fails to cancel prior to designate time, said member shall be responsible for dinner fee and the Treasurer may bill member for same after each meeting.
- In the event a member makes a reservation for any event which financially obligates the Chapter and fails to cancel by the designated time, the Treasurer may bill the member for the appropriate expense amount.

Just a reminder that when you make a reservation to attend the meeting and you are unable to attend, please notify Carol Purs-er at 704-376-3613 or Anne Cook 704-333-7624 before 12 noon on the Friday before our meeting.

INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

Chairman—Monica Wilson

Contact— 704-338-6030 or email mwilson@babco.com

As we begin a new year in the construction industry, we can't help but wonder what challenges and successes 2012 will bring. A majority of contractors in an ENR Southeast survey expect construction opportunities in 2012 to remain the same or even increase slightly. 46% of respondents expect to see flat market conditions in 2012, and 28% of respondents expect a slight increase. (*Source: ENR Southeast, January 3, 2012.*) In the Carolinas, the Raleigh News & Observer reports that the N.C. economic index has risen based on the last few months of data in 2011. The index is based on five measures: building permits, unemployment benefits, manufacturing wages, manufacturing hours logged and an index of the national economy. Its rise may indicate a statewide economic recovery. (*Source: Raleigh News & Observer, January 3, 2012.*)

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

**National Association of Women in Construction
Charlotte Chapter #121
Correspondence Report
JANUARY 2012**

INCOMING

NATIONAL

Dec/Jan IMAGE Magazine – Faces of the Industry

REGIONAL

Debbie Knight – Death of Debra Gregoire' s mother and Robin Myer's father

LOCAL

NEWSLETTERS

Dove Sifers-Putman – Charlotte #121 Newsletter
NAWIC Chapter #113 Columbia
NAWIC Chapter #141 Richmond
NAWIC Chapter #226 Roanoke Valley
NAWIC Chapter #109 Piedmont

OUTGOING

CHARLOTTE, NC #121 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Standing Committees

Finance—Myra Carson
Membership—Carol Purser
CP & E—Professional Education—Cindy Sims, CIT & Macy Mie
Construction Industry—Dove Sifers-Putman

Special Committees

Badges - Myra Carson
Block Kids—Alyssa Cehok
Bylaws and Policies—Phyllis Beachum
Contact and Friendship—Lezonias Jones
Devotions—Monica Wilson
Industry-Association Liaison—Monica Wilson
NEF—Peggy Love
Newsletter—Jann Rademacher
Website—Dove Sifers-Putman
Roster—Cindy Sims
Scholarship—Gloria Shaw-Bruce
Social—Carol Purser
Teammates—Charleen Goolsby
Ways & Means—Patsy Biddy....and she is looking for Co-Chair
WIC Week—Dee Keziah

Please contact a chairman of the committee to volunteer. It takes all members to make the chapter a great chapter. Thank you.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH IMPORTANT DATES—2012

Block Kids—February 18th Discovery Place

WIC Week—March 4-10th

Annual Golf Tournament—April 18th—Pine Island Country Club

Region 11 Forum—Highpoint, NC—April 27-29th



National Association of Women in Construction WIC Week March 4-10, 2012

Wicweek2012@yahoo.com



Events are being planned for WIC. Dee is looking for a possible jobsite tour that we could do during the week. If your company has a location under construction, please contact Dee at dkeziah@rodgersbuilders.com.

We will be doing a winery tour at Raffaladini Vineyards, 450 Groce Road, Ronda, NC 28670 on Saturday, March 10. Visit their website at www.raffaldini.com for more information. Details to follow.



North Carolina

USO of NC, Charlotte Center Wish List

Food Items and Food Prep (Constant Need) Non-perishable

Soda Pop (Cans only please.)
Zip Lock Bags – Sandwich size
Country Time Lemonade (Large Canister)
Clorox Wipes
Bottled Water (Sam's Club is currently cheapest with Nestle Water 32 pack for \$3.98.)
Hard Candy really any candy works as long as its individually wrapped pieces
Microwave Popcorn
Drink Sticks (powered soft drink mix for bottles)
Children's Juice Boxes
Toothbrushes (individually wrapped)

Grocery Store Gift Cards to purchase perishable items

Gas Gift Cards

Personal Care Items – (We are currently overstocked on these items.)

Tylenol/Advil (travel Size)
Sinus Medication
Toothpaste (individual size)
Cough Drops
Chewing Gum
Deodorant (individual size)
Razors
Shaving Cream (individual size)
Kleenex (individual size)
Dental Floss (individual size)
Chapstick

Monetary donations can be made locally to the USO of NC, Charlotte Center:

USO of NC, Charlotte Center
5501 Josh Birmingham Pkwy
PO Box 21
Charlotte, NC 28208

The USO of North Carolina's vision ... leading the way to enrich the lives of America's military in the Carolinas. The mission of the USO of North Carolina is to serve and support America's military and their families. For more than 67 years, the USO (United Service Organizations) of NC has been providing morale, welfare and recreational services to U.S. military personnel and their families. The USO of NC is a nonprofit, charitable organization, relying on the generosity of North Carolinians to support its programs and services.

45th Annual Spring Forum



Back to Basics April 27-29, 2012

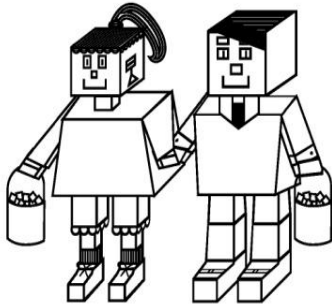
Start making plans to attend Region 11's 45th Annual Spring Forum April 27 – 29, 2012 in High Point, NC. Attending Forum is an excellent way to invest in yourself. You will meet women who share a common vision for their careers and women in construction. The networking, education and inspirational speakers will benefit you, both professionally and personally, Don't miss out on this opportunity to get "Back to Basics" !

Save the Date

Best Western Plus
135 South Main Street
High Point, NC 27260
(336) 889-8888
\$89 Double or King
by March 27, 2012

Hosted by
Piedmont Chapter #109

Calling all Kids Grades 1 - 6!



2012 Block Kids Event

When: **Saturday February 18, 2012**

12:30pm Registration

1:00pm Competition Begins

Where: ***Discovery Place***

301 N. Tryon Street - 3rd FLOOR

Charlotte, NC 28202

100 interlocking blocks + a piece of string + aluminum foil
+ cardboard + 1 hour to build something

**First, Second and Third Place prizes given to winners, along
with surprises for all event participants!:**

What is BLOCK KIDS? The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) through the NAWIC Education Foundation an IRS 501 (c)3 non-profit promotes careers in the construction industry by introducing children, at the elementary level to new ideas and experiences. The Block Kids Building Program is a nationwide competition, free of charge and open to all elementary level students grades one through six.

Program Guidelines: Kids are given 1 hour to use their blocks and selected items to build a project that is in some way related to the Construction Industry.

Judging: Once completed a judges will ask participants about their projects. Why did they choose to build this project? What do you like about it? Is there anything you would change? How will it be used?

****PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY FEBUARY 10TH****

FOR INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER CONTACT:

Alyssa Cehok
COED Electrical Services, Inc.
704-395-4758/fax 704-395-4778
email: alyssa.cehok@coedelectrical.com



**NAWIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION
BLOCK KIDS BUILDING PROGRAM**

Official Registration/Entry Form

Please fill out all information requested. Please print legibly.

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

STUDENT'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER*: ****SEE BELOW**** _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, PROVINCE, ZIP: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER: _____

SCHOOL: _____ GRADE: _____

SCHOOL STREET ADDRESS: _____

TEACHER: _____

CITY, STATE, PROVINCE, ZIP: _____

***Required for U.S. Savings Bond (must be included on Regional and National Entries. Only required of winners and for Savings Bonds Awards.)**

Please select one:

- ___ Black or African American
- ___ Hispanic or Latino
- ___ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ___ White
- ___ Asian
- ___ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

SPONSOR

NAWIC CHARLOTTE CHAPTER #121
3325-C Carolina Ave
Charlotte, NC 28208

Signature of Representative

RELEASE

I hereby consent to the use of my child's name, photography, entry, interview in promoting or publishing this program or the NAWIC Education Foundation, now or at a future date. Further, I understand that this entry shall become the sole property of the NAWIC Education Foundation.

Must be received by February 10, 2012

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

Submit Completed Registration Forms to:
Alyssa Cehok/COED Electrical Services
3325 Carolina Ave Charlotte, NC 28277
Fax: 704-395-4778 Email: Alyssa.cehok@coedelectrical.com
Questions: Call Alyssa @ 704-395-4758

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS/CONTEST RULES

ELIGIBILITY

This contest is open to **ALL** children, currently enrolled in grades one (1) through six (6), except **PREVIOUS NATIONAL WINNERS**.

RULES

1. All building projects must be completed where and when designated by Sponsor.
2. All building projects must be completed within the allotted time.
3. All building projects must be completed using approved materials only.
4. All building projects must be relevant to the construction industry. Projects which depict people or animals will not be allowed.
5. All building projects must be completed by entrant, with no outside assistance from parents, teachers, etc.
6. Every participant must submit the Official Registration/Entry Form, signed by a parent or Guardian.

PRIZES

1. Each of these fourteen regional semi-finalists winning regional entries will be submitted for consideration in the National finals, becoming eligible for one of three National prizes.
2. There will be a First Place, Second Place and Third Place National prize award.
3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of local Sponsors.

PRIZE AWARD

1. Regional semi-finalists will be announced by **March 30th**. All winners will be notified and prizes will be distributed by the local Sponsor.
2. National winners will be announced by **April 16th**. All winners will be notified and prizes will be distributed by the local Sponsor.