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NAWIC, Greater Wichita, KS Chapter #120 Newsletter

June 2011

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Prose from the Pres, Bev Sauerwein

CATCH THE SPIRIT OF ST LOUIS!

Let NAWIC **Mentor** You,
Educate You and
allow you to **Network!!!**

Another great line-up for our Membership meeting this month! A big thanks goes out to Kennedy & Coe for bringing us this program. Be sure to email Susan Lentz (slentz@kcoe.com) with topics you would be interested in hearing more about.

This month is election of officers—both for the National offices and for our Chapter. Your vote does count! To vote for the National offices follow the directions which were emailed by the National office. Make your voice heard! If you did not receive the email or a ballot in the mail, please contact the National office. If you have any questions regarding the candidates, please feel free to ask question either on the National Chat Room or from any local members that have met Cyndi Johnsen and Rikki Lovejoy. **National voting deadline is June 30.** Our chapter officers will be elected at the June membership meeting.

Don't forget about the NEF Raffle tickets being sold for cash prizes. The drawing will happen at National Convention in St. Louis, but you do **not** need to be present to win. It is a great cause and I hope you will consider purchasing tickets. Thank you.

Our Chapter's Board of Directors met and an increase in our dues will go into effect this October 1. When you pay dues to National each year, currently \$55 comes back to our Chapter. The new amount for our Chapter will be \$80.00.

Our Chapter has held a wreath fund raiser the past two years and it has done very well. The first year a total of \$1,600 was raised, and this



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Upcoming Events

CHAPTER EVENTS:

Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

5:00 p.m.

Sauerwein Construction, 2055 S. Edwards

Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 21, 2011

11:30 a.m.

Ask the Experts—Kennedy & Coe
Key Construction, 741 East Second

Scholarship Foundation Golf Tournament

Monday, August 22, 2011

Crestview Country Club South Course

KC³ Kansas Learning Center

September 9-18, 2011

Kansas State Fair

REGIONAL EVENTS:

2012 Spring Forum

April 20-22, 2012

St. Louis, MO

NATIONAL EVENTS:

2011 National Convention

St. Louis, MO — Aug 31-Sept 3, 2011

Renaissance St. Louis Grand Hotel

2012 National Convention

Denver, CO — Aug 29-Sept 1, 2012

Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel

2013 National Convention

Bellevue, WA — August 28-31, 2013

Hyatt Regency Bellevue

June Meeting

Ask the Experts:



KENNEDY AND COE, LLC

TOPICS:

Human Resource Dilemmas

401(k)/Retirement Plans

Investments

Financial Health

Bonding

Job Costing

Benchmarking

WHERE:

Key Construction

741 East Second

Wichita, Kansas

DATE:

Tuesday, June 28, 2011

11:30 a.m.

COST:

\$10.00

RSVP:

dvtucker@keyconstruction.com

or 263-9515

before Friday, June 24, 12:00 p.m.

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past year only \$1,170.00 was earned. I am disappointed in that we only have 9% participation from our members. Can you imagine how much more could be raised if everyone in the Chapter participated? We will be doing the wreath sales again this year and, if more participation occurs, there should not be another increase in our chapter dues. Look for the packets to be distributed in late September or early October. We will receive shipment by Thanksgiving.

Are you familiar with the term "Elevator Speech"? Region 6 Chapters have now been challenged to formulate their own Elevator Speech. How would you respond to someone that asks "What is NAWIC?" Send me your answer! Could you possibly have the best Elevator Speech!

~Bev Sauerwein, President



2011-2012 Officers

Next year's officers will be elected at the June 28th meeting. The Nominating Committee has presented their slate. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. At the April 26th membership meeting, the Nominating Committee presented the following slate for 2011-2012 Officers:

- Sue Gleason President
- Linda Geesaman Vice President
- Christine Francis Secretary
- Yvonne Wetta Treasurer
- Edi Clark Director
- Tara Jost Director
- Lori Payne Director

Elections will be held at the June Membership Meeting. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor before voting occurs.

Women Build 2011 will be part of the "Battle of the Sexes" Build

Habitat for Humanity

July 26 – August 20

Tuesday – Saturday

8:30 – Noon or 1:00 – 4:30

4426 S. Ellis

Please join us as we have a friendly competition with the "men build" right next door. Open to all ladies ages 16 and older. Sign up by going to our website www.wichitahabitat.org and clicking on the Volunteer logo on the left side. For more information, email Glenda (glenda@wichitahabitat.org), or call 316-269-0755.




NAWIC Wichita Scholarship Foundation

The Chapter Membership will be electing the officers/directors for the Wichita NAWIC Scholarship Foundation. If you are interested in serving on the Foundation for the 2011-2012 NAWIC year, please contact Sue Gleason at sgleason@comfort.waldinger.com.

Positions to be filled are:
 President, Secretary, Treasurer,
 and two Directors.

It's time for the ...

24th Annual NAWIC Scholarship Golf Classic

WHEN: Monday, August 22nd

WHERE: Crestview Country Club

Please distribute the attached flyers/forms to your co-workers, friends and family!

All proceeds benefit the NAWIC Wichita Scholarship Foundation.



NAWIC's 56th Annual Convention St. Louis, Missouri August 31-September 3, 2011



Registration by July 5, 2011
 Members - \$615, Nonmembers - \$715

Registration after July 5, 2011:
 Members - \$715, Nonmembers - \$815

Hotel:

Renaissance St. Louis Grand Hotel
 For more information, visit
www.renaissancestlouisgrand.com

Keynote Address:

"FUNDamentals of Success"
 Louis G. Joseph, President/CEO,
 The Brewer-Garrett Company

Hotel Reservations:

(800)397-1282 or (314)621-9600
 Be sure to identify yourself as being with NAWIC.
 Group reservations can be made online with your unique
 group ID: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/nawic56>

"Room Rates:

\$139 Single, Double, Triple or Quad • \$199 Executive Suites

All Rooms are equipped with: alarm clock, dual-line phone, bottled water (for a fee), coffee maker/tea service, individual climate control, Internet browser/Web TV, high-speed Internet access - \$14.95 per day, iron and ironing board, luxurious bedding (down comforters, custom duvets, cotton-rich linens), mini fridge, pillows (down/feather, foam), hair dryer.

** Special rates are guaranteed through August 5, 2011.

LOOK FOR MORE DETAILS IN THE MAY PROMO OR VISIT

www.nawicconvention.org

2011 Spring Forum Report

By Bev Sauerwein, CIT, President

I attended the President's Meeting:

- ◆ Annual Planning Conference will be in Lake Ozark, MO again—date is not set yet.
- ◆ Region 6 Director's Fund updated budget

Attendance for 2011 Forum was very low. There were 32 members and 3 out-of-region guests present.

The first speaker Director Connie Leipard had for us was Kirk Elmquist of Morelock-Ross Companies, which is a general contractor in the Springfield area. He was a delightful speaker—so full of life and energy. His topic was "Women & Men Working Together in Construction". However, his talk mainly consisted of the differences between men and women. He definitely leaned toward the fact that women are smarter than men! He also gave us a lot of points to ponder about life:

- ◆ "Fake it till you make it."
- ◆ "You will have no wealth in your pocket until you're wealthy in your mind."
- ◆ "We have two ears and one mouth for a reason. Less talking and more listening."
- ◆ "Face your fears: False Evidence Appearing Real."

Kirk told us that for better communication with a man asking good questions was imperative! Examples:

- ◆ Don't ask "what do you want to do?" Ask "do you want to do "a" or "b"?"
- ◆ Don't ask "what do you want for dinner?" Ask "do you want "a" or "b" for dinner?"

He was so entertaining that I really found it hard to make myself take notes.

Cindy Johnsen, CDS, CIT, CBT, (current NAWIC Vice President and President Elect

Candidate) led us in a "Tallest Tower" team build. This wasn't as involved as the "Egg Drop" team build from APC, but fun none-the-less. A key point to this team build was to "collaborate", which no one did. Cindy seemed a bit disappointed that no one picked up on that and stated that we were all just a bit too competitive!

Cindy Johnsen next led us in a simple strategic planning session for our Region. The results of this session are attached to this report.

Saturday morning brought us Kari Steward with The Highpoint People Co. Kari did a working presentation on "The Cost of Conflict". In managing a conflict one must be open-minded and ask open-ended questions. Questions starting with "what" and "how" are most beneficial in a discussion. We were asked to practice asking these types of questions about a specific conflict with a person next to us. It was a very informative session—especially for someone that doesn't like conflict.

The Regional caucus was next. The out-of-region guests were escorted from the meeting room so that we could discuss freely the candidates running for office. Director Leipard and two prior directors gave us their impressions and opinions of each candidate's strengths for the two women running for President Elect.

Faux painting and drywall patching were the two hands-on sessions right before lunch. A lot of good information was given. Mike Leipard was a very energized drywaller! You could tell he has a passion for his work. A representative from Home Depot gave a short demonstration on faux painting.

Region business was conducted during early afternoon. The Forum Site for 2013 was selected, and it's official! Gr. Wichita Chapter

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2011 Spring Forum Report By Sue Gleason, Vice President

I attended the Annual Forum Conference in Branson, MO. May 20-21, 2011. Bev and I traveled to Branson on Thursday, May 19th. We had a good nights sleep, registered the next morning and were ready for the opening General Session at 1:00 p.m..

We were welcomed to Branson by Mayor Raenne Presley and enjoyed a fantastic Keynote Address from Kirk Elmquist of Morelock-Ross Companies entitled "Women and Men Working Together in Construction".

The first credentials report was given with 32 Region 6 members, 2 NAWIC National Board Members, and 1 Out of Region Guest for a total of 35 in attendance.

We broke into 6 groups and participated in a team building exercise.

NAWIC Vice President Cindy Johnson led a strategic planning session for Region 6. We broke into 3 groups and discussed areas of membership. Following a group discussion, we agreed upon 4 goals:

1. Each Chapter will create an elevator speech or unique personal statement on what NAWIC is for use by their members – target date: APC, 2011
2. The Region will increase membership retention to 75% - target date: Forum, 2014
3. The Region will increase membership by 20% - target date: Forum, 2014
4. The Region will increase regional meeting participation to 60 members – target date: Forum, 2014

After all that, it was time for "FUN" We went to Stone Hill Winery for a tour and of course tasting of wines made at Branson. Following the tour Bev and I joined members from other

Chapters for dinner at Outback Steakhouse. The food was good and the company fabulous. The weather was not co-operating, so rather than fight the storms, we returned to the Hotel and spent the evening in the Hospitality Room enjoying the company of other NAWIC members.

Saturday morning, the general session was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The final credentials report showed 33 Region 6 members, 2 NAWIC National Board members, and 3 out of region members for a total of 39.

Director Connie Leipard introduced guest speaker Kari Stewart who spoke on the topic of "The Cost of Conflict".

We were privileged to have 3 members running for National Office in attendance: Cindy Johnson (Current National Vice President) and Riki Lovejoy (current National Secretary) who are running for President Elect, and Sandy Field (Region 7 Director) who is running uncontested for Treasurer. Each candidate spoke to us encouraging us to vote and of course to vote for them. The candidates were dismissed and we held a Regional Caucus. Questions on the candidates were answered by Director Connie Leipard and everyone was encouraged to vote.

We then attended work shops on Faux Painting presented by Home Depot and Drywall Repair presented by Mike Leipard (Director Connie's Husband). I personally repaired a hole made by a door knob and have since tried it at home – hey you never know when you may need a second career!!!

Following lunch, we made a bid on Forum for 2013 and guess what?? Forum 2013 will be held in Wichita, KS.

Cindy Johnson presented the NAWIC President's Report and director Connie

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2011 Spring Forum Report By Bev Sauerwein, CIT, President

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#120 will host Spring Forum in April 2013. I am excited to have it back in Wichita!

During remainder of the day, three different breakout sessions were offered:

“Toot Toot Toot Your Horn—Developing Your Personal Success Inventory” by Riki Lovejoy. Very enjoyable!

“Super Safety Sleuth” presented by Jennifer Swinney, National Safety Chair. Jennifer wrote her own investigation into a work comp claim where the employee had amnesia and teams had to help her get her memory back. A lot of safety issues were broken as teams tried to determine the exact chain of events.

“Circle of Loyalty” was presented by Director Leopard. I was so disappointed that I had to choose between sessions and wasn’t able to attend this one. Hopefully, I will have another opportunity to hear this presentation.

The St. Louis Chapter officially welcomed us to next year’s Forum. Mark your calendars now—it will be April 20-22, 2012.

2011 Spring Forum Report By Sue Gleason, Vice President

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presented a Mid Year Board and Directors Report. Most notable information is that the National Dues will be increased by 4%.

The afternoon was full of fun and information with seminars on “Super Sleuth”, Toot, Toot, Toot Your Horn” and “Circle of Friendship”. These work shops were put on by NAWIC members who all did a great job.

The Saturday night banquet was a great success. We enjoyed a great dinner and were honored to receive an award for Wic Week - CONGRATULATIONS RHONDA AND HER COMMITTEE!!!

The evening was capped off with Karaoke. We discovered that some of our members, including Director Connie Leopard, have fantastic voices. Of course Bev and I were wonderful – well any way we had a great time.

I would like to thank Chapter #120 for sending me as one of their representatives. It was very exciting and I encourage each of you to plan to attend forum at St. Louis, Mo. Next year. You will learn a lot, make new contacts, give your spirit a lift, and have a lot of fun with some very terrific ladies.

2011 NATIONAL OFFICER ELECTIONS

DEADLINE: JUNE 30



Link to vote: <https://eBallot4.votenet.com/nawic>

If you did not receive instructions from the national office on how to vote, please call them at 1-800-552-3506 or email laurim@nawic.org.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

2010-2011 Committee Chairs

Block Kids

Sue Gleason, Co-Chair
Teresa Deering, Co-Chair

CAD Competition

Need volunteer for chair

Construction Industry

Need volunteer for chair

Golf Tournament

Lori Payne, Co-Chair
Tama Womacks, Co-Chair

MAGIC Camp

Linda Geesaman

Membership

Linda Walton

Motivational

Yvonne Wetta

Newsletter

Linda Walton

Professional Education

Susan Lentz, Co-Chair
Vicki Tucker, Co-Chair

Ways & Means

Need volunteer for chair

WIC Week

Rhonda Richardson

Website

Catherine Deal

Mentoring a **GIRL** in Construction

If you would like to help with
MAGIC Camp, contact
Linda Geesaman



WIC Week
March 6-12, 2011

Rhonda Richardson
Committee Chair

Bring a guest to the next



membership

meeting and be

eligible for a prize!



CORE PURPOSE:
To enhance the success of women
in the construction industry.

CORE VALUES:
Believe. Persevere. Dare.



Take a Break and Cool Off With Us!

Pool Party and Cookout Sunday June 26th (From 3 pm to Whenever....) At the Davis Spa

TIME: 3:00 pm Arrive, Swim and Visit
5:00 pm **EAT!!!**
Bring a side dish to share and **BYOB**. SWE will provide the meat and tea and lemonade.

LOCATION: 3346 S. Handley, Wichita



RSVP: by 5 pm Friday, June 24th
to barbara.davis@swe.org
or 316-641-7497

Guests are welcome, so bring spouses, kids, friends, or significant others!





Kansas Construction Careers Coalition

AGC
of KANSAS



July 2011

Dear Construction Professional,

I would like to encourage your support of the KC³ Construction Learning Center at the 2011 Kansas State Fair. Last year, 49 AGC of Kansas and KCA member companies contributed more than \$18,000 to promote the rewarding career opportunities available in the construction industry. This will be our 5th consecutive year for the KC³ Construction Learning Center. Each year our exhibit grows and each year we hear from families who are glad to see us return to the fair. They tell us their children love the hands-on exhibits, the teens like to try their skills at backhoe golf and the excavator simulator. These comments help us realize the impact we have on more than 2,000 children and youth each year as we promote careers in the construction industry.

The sluggish economy has hit the construction industry especially hard and I know times are tough for everyone right now. I know you have to be selective regarding which causes are worthy of your support. I also know your future workforce is an investment you can't afford to ignore. **I hope that you will strongly consider supporting the 2011 Construction Learning Center through a sponsorship of \$250, \$500 or \$1,000.**

With your donation, your company will be recognized on signage at the outdoor exhibit and on literature handed out to fair patrons. As a sponsor you may distribute marketing materials with your company logo to visitors and clients at the exhibit. Additionally, we will recognize your support to KCA and AGC of Kansas members through publications and e-mails.

In addition to sponsorship opportunities, volunteers will be needed to staff the exhibit for the 10 days of the state fair. This year our organization will be the sponsor of the first Saturday of the fair, September 10. This means we will need industry volunteers at every gate as well as at the exhibit. Volunteers will also staff the exhibit where we will offer excavator golf, build a playhouse and build with bricks and mortar. These are among the activities that helped make last year a great success.

A sponsorship and volunteer registration form have been included. As always, thank you for your commitment to our association and please support the future of the construction industry by returning your volunteer and sponsorship reply forms.

Sincerely,



Dan Welch,
KC3 Delegate for KCA



AGC
of KANSAS





2011 State Fair Contribution Fax Back Form

To: NAWIC Members and Friends of the Construction Industry

Fax: 785-266-6191 (**Fax back by July 15, 2011**)

Company _____

Name of Contact _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

FAX (____) _____

Email _____

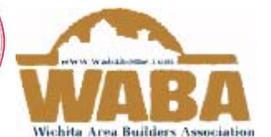
Construction Learning Center Contribution

_____ My company would like to contribute \$1,000

_____ My company would like to contribute \$500

_____ My company would like to contribute \$250

We support the efforts of KC³ at the Kansas State Fair as we introduce children and youth to careers in the construction industry. Please accept this pledge as an investment in our industry.



Kansas Contractors Association
 PO Box 5061
 Topeka, KS 66605

Questions?
 Call KCA at 785-266-4152



**Each company is encouraged to fill two shifts during the 2011 Kansas State Fair.
Be sure to wear company apparel!**

To: NAWIC Members and Friends of the Construction Industry

Fax: 785-266-6191 (**Fax back by August 1, 2011**)

Name and Cell Phone of Volunteer(s)	Volunteer for these September Dates (X)										AM	PM
	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	9:30 am-2:30 pm	2:30 pm-7:30 pm
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
1.												
2.												
3.												
4.												
5.												

We would like to provide _____ dozen items for the prize wheel. Please list item(s) below.

We would like to make a cash donation to purchase Prize Wheel Items. \$ _____
Please make checks payable to Kansas Contractors Association-State Fair.

Company _____

Name of Contact _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-Mail _____

FAX (____) _____

Kansas Contractors Association
PO Box 5061
Topeka, KS 66605

Questions?
Call KCA at 785-266-4152