



# ON THE LEVEL

NAWIC, Greater Wichita, KS Chapter #120 Newsletter

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## Prose from the Pres, Bev Sauerwein

*The 3 C's of life: Choices, Chances and Changes. You must make a Choice to take a Chance or your life will never Change!!!!*

By the time you read this Sue Gleason and I will most likely be on our way to Branson for Region 6 Forum. We are both looking forward to this event and to *Relax, Rejuvenate, and Reaffirm*. Our full report will be in the June ON THE LEVEL.

Don't forget about the ticket sales for the NEF Raffle for cash prizes. The drawing will be done at National Convention in St. Louis and you do **not** need to be present to win. We have a challenge before us to raise \$290.00 in Raffle ticket sales and \$75.00 in Ladder Club donations. It is a great cause, and I hope you will consider purchasing tickets. I will be getting extra tickets at Forum, so I will not run out. Thank you for your participation.

Last fall our Chapter's Finance Committee set our budget. At that time, I mentioned to the membership of the need for additional funds being raised beginning next year. Currently, when you pay dues to National each year, \$55 comes back to our Chapter. The amount of chapter dues varies from chapter to chapter, but \$55 is about the norm for our Region. Ladies, I regret in making this decision, but due to a decrease in fund raising efforts we will need to raise our dues quite a bit for next year.

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, however, this past year only \$1,170 was earned. I am disappointed in that we only had 9% participation from our members. Can you imagine how much more could be raised if everyone in the



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## Upcoming Events

### CHAPTER EVENTS:

#### Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 14, 2011

5:00 p.m.

Sauerwein Construction, 2055 S. Edwards

#### Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

12:00 Noon

Tour of Downing Children's Garden at  
Botanica

701 Amidon Street, Wichita, Kansas

Tuesday, June 21, 2011

11:30 a.m.

Julie Kauffman / Kennedy & Coe

#### Scholarship Foundation Golf Tournament

Monday, August 22, 2011

Crestview Country Club South Course

### REGIONAL EVENTS:

#### Region 6 Spring Forum

May 20-21, 2010

Branson, 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

# May Meeting



## Tour of Downing Children's Garden At Botanica

### WHERE:

Botanica

701 Amidon Street  
Wichita, Kansas

### DATE:

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

12:00 p.m.

### RSVP:

dvtucker@keyconstruction.com  
or 263-9515

before Friday, May 20th, 12:00 p.m.

### PLEASE NOTE:

#### **No lunch provided.**

No Membership Meeting will be held.  
If road paving is complete by then, we  
will meet at the Cowtown Parking Lot.  
A notice will be sent Monday, May 23rd  
to verify parking location.

Hard hats are not necessary but wear  
walking shoes!

## Pros from the Pres

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Chapter participated? We will be doing the wreath sales again in late October to ensure delivery before the holidays. Hopefully, with more participation from our chapter members another increase in chapter dues for the next year will not be necessary.

It's hard to believe but election of officers for the upcoming year is just around the corner! The proposed slate of officers from the nominating committee is listed in the next column. It's not too late to run for office — nominations will be taken from the floor before elections at the June membership meeting. Officers for the Wichita NAWIC Scholarship Foundation are also needed. If you are interested in serving on the Foundation, please contact Sue Gleason at [sgleason@comfort.waldinger.com](mailto:sgleason@comfort.waldinger.com).

Speaking of the Scholarship Foundation—the Annual NAWIC Scholarship Golf Classic will be August 22nd at Crestview Country Club. The committee is working hard on making this the best tournament ever. Be sure to distribute the attached information to all prospective sponsors and golfers!

Catch the Spirit! You should all have received the flyer for National Convention in your mail. There is a great list of speakers and seminars lined up—all for your taking! Attending Convention is a great opportunity for you to advance with the three C's in your life and career. I have asked the Board to consider a plan that will allow everyone wanting to attend convention to benefit in some way from the funds of the Chapter.



*~Bev Sauerwein, President*

## 2011-2012 Officers

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.

## NAWIC Wichita Scholarship Foundation Awards Scholarships

The Scholarship Foundation is pleased to announce that scholarships were recently awarded to the following individuals:

- Angel Roselee Alvarado .. Kansas State Univ.
- Derek Jackson.....Pittsburg State University
- Lindsey Kramer ..... Kansas State University
- Ryan Lund ..... Kansas State University
- Shelley Schlagel...Pittsburg State University
- Stephanie Showers ..... Pittsburg State Univ.
- Joshua Wetzig ..... Kansas State University

These scholarships bring the total amount awarded by the Foundation to over \$170,000!



*congratulations!*

## 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](mailto: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 56<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.nawicconvention.org)

## Thank You from Scholarship Applicant

206 State Street  
P.O. Box 304  
Westmoreland, KS 66549

05/09/2011

Re: Wichita Chapter of NAWIC Scholarship

Dear Ms. Awtrey

I am writing to thank you for the scholarship I will be receiving from you. Without scholarships and federal aid, school might not be a possibility for me as I cannot afford the costs associated with higher education.

I am from Wichita, Kansas and previously worked for the Kansas Department of Transportation. I decided to go back to school while working there beside Civil Engineers and heavy construction. I really love the environment. I decided to pursue a dual degree in architectural engineering and construction science along with a minor in business and a minor in Spanish. I am drawn to buildings more than highways I guess. I am a non-traditional student, married and have four children. Needless to say, my unordinary circumstances makes returning to school a little more complicated than for the traditional student. I currently have a GPA of 3.33 on a four point scale and anticipate graduation to be in December of 2015. I have not yet decided what my career goals are. I thought about building houses when I came here to K-State, but since my arrival I have seen many more possibilities. As of now I want to see where this will take me and be open to any opportunities that may present themselves. The only thing that I am sure of is that I want whatever career I choose to have aspects of both designing and construction. This is why I am after the dual degree.

I am not currently associated with any extra-curricular activities but plan to join an organization in the fall. I am still looking into which ones would be of the greatest interest to me. There are many to choose from here at K-State, all of which have great possibilities.

Once again, thank you for the scholarship and know that I am a good investment. My interest will not change from this field. With your contribution, I can better focus my attention to my studies. It is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Angel Alvarado

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MAY 11 2011  
Martin K. Eby Construction

## Thank You from Scholarship Applicant

18353 West 161 Terrace  
Olathe, KS 66062

May 7, 2011

Re: Wichita Chapter of NAWIC Scholarship

Dear Ms. Marjorie Awtrey:

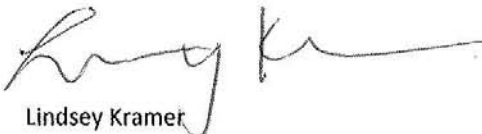
My name is Lindsey Kramer. I am a recipient of the Wichita Chapter of NAWIC Scholarship for the 2011-2012 school year. Your contribution to my college experience is greatly appreciated, more than a letter can ever tell you. This scholarship not only alleviates financial strain but also forces me to strive to do my best because of the investment that you and many others have made in my education. For that, I cannot thank you enough.

I am from Olathe, KS and went to Olathe South High School where I graduated third in my class. Thus far in college, I have continued a high level of academic achievement by maintaining a 3.864 GPA which I hope to raise with a 4.0 for the semester. I am currently a sophomore and plan on going into MEP and lighting system design, graduating in May of 2014.

This year at K-State, I played French horn in the marching band, orchestra, Cat band, and brass ensemble. As a member of these groups, especially marching band, I have met people who I hope to know for the rest of my life. Building these kinds of relationships is an integral part of the college experience. I also joined the honorary band sorority, Tau Beta Sigma, where I was elected treasurer for the coming year and Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honorary.

Thank you again for your support of K-State and of my education.

Sincerely,



Lindsey Kramer

## Thank You from Scholarship Applicant

219 Goodnow Hall  
Manhattan, KS 665506

May 10, 2011

Re: Wichita Chapter of NAWIC Scholarship

Dear Marjorie:

I just wanted to write you a thank you for being so willing to support me through providing this scholarship. This is actually the second year I've been blessed to be a recipient of this scholarship and it was such a welcome surprise. I genuinely appreciate your organization's support as it makes it much easier to focus on my schoolwork during the year without as much of a need to try to work a part-time job as well. So once again, thank you so much for helping me out in this way.

Just to share a little bit about myself, I grew up on my family's farm outside of Randolph, Kansas. I've been able to work for a residential housing contractor for two summers before coming to college. Because of that experience, it's my current goal to graduate from K-State, start working for a construction company to get my feet under me, and then hopefully start to do residential contracting around the Manhattan, Kansas area. But to do that, I have to graduate first, which will take me three more years from this spring, so it'll be in May 2014. I'm currently a sophomore this year, and am getting a business minor as well as my degree in construction science and management. I've been taking my semesters at a lighter load because I'm a resident assistant in one of the dorms and like to do well in my classes, which has allowed me to keep my GPA up at about 3.91 through the first three semesters.

In my time at college I've been involved in a several different organizations, but I've tried to focus my time to a few specific ones. They've included Christian Challenge and my floor that I'm an RA for. As a part of Christian Challenge I've been operating the lights for our Thursday group meetings and been on stage set-up crew for this entire year and next year I plan to lead a freshman men's bible study. I've also invested a good deal of time in my floor this year in building relationships with my residents, encouraging them in their schoolwork and social life, and helping them solve some of the problems that freshman year can throw at them. It's been really cool to be involved in people's lives through those two organizations.

Well, once again, thank you so much for supporting me with this scholarship. It's a really incredible blessing for me.

Sincerely,

  
Ryan Lund

## 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!



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To enhance the success of women  
in the construction industry.

**CORE VALUES:**  
Believe. Persevere. Dare.