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San Antonio
Region 7 Chapter 11
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President's Message

As this NAWIC year draws to a close, I am absolutely blown away by the achievements of our chapter. This time last year I was an overzealous incoming President, and I set what were considered unachievable goals for the year. I aimed high, but I was prepared to give the "close enough" speech at the end of the year. However, each of you accepted those goals and worked extra hard to not just achieve them but EXCEED them! Your enthusiasm for the betterment of the Chapter was so inspiring, that when the nominating committee asked if I would be willing to serve a second year as President, I couldn't help but excitedly answer, "Heck Yes!"

I am positively honored to be the President of our Chapter for a second year. I truly hope that each of you understand how important you are to this organization, and that we would be incomplete without you. In my installation speech I equated NAWIC to a giant puzzle, and explained that if just one piece of that puzzle is missing, then it is considered incomplete and unfinished. Likewise, each of you is an essential piece of the NAWIC puzzle, and when one of you is missing, we are incomplete. This year I hope to focus on doing whatever I can to ensure that each of you feels important and valuable to our chapter, because you ARE!

As the committees are forming, I hope that each of you will volunteer for the committee that you are passionate about, and that you feel you could make a difference in. Our chapter is growing, and with that growth comes new input and fresh ideas. I want you to be proud to be a member of this organization, and I ask that you continue to work hard to make us even better!

As an overzealous second-term President, I have once again set my goals high. I am aiming for 80% retention this year (so please rejoin!); I hope to have 125 members by September 2010 (so bring a friend!); I've asked the membership committee to produce THREE Red Rose Recruiters to be awarded at National Convention this year; I would like 15% of our membership to be "CIT" certified (currently we have 6 members who are); and I want NAWIC to have increased industry recognition. Normally I would be a bit concerned with "biting off more than we can chew." However, one thing that I learned last year was to NEVER underestimate the power of a NAWIC woman, especially if they are from SAN ANTONIO! Therefore, it is with great confidence that I tell you I have total faith in each of you, and I KNOW we will have another successful year thanks to YOUR undying efforts.

Continue to have fun and enjoy this group! Because, if you love it, they will come!

Jennifer M. Swinney, CIT

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MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

OFFICERS / DIRECTORS/ COMMITTEES

President:	Jennifer Swinney
Vice President:	Kari Wirth
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	Becky Wynne
	Sandee Morgan
	Patty Wylie
	Jan Meuth

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Construction

Industry Service Dawn Revell

Ways & Means

Golf Tournament Kim Miller
Jennifer Swinney

Membership

Sandee Morgan

WIC Week

Dawn Holmes

Education

NEF Martha Simpson

Block Kids Patty Wylie
Christi Marsh
LeAnn Gonzalez

NEF Monitor Celeste Estep

Badges & Friendship

Alice Dolle

Bylaws

Judy DeWeese

Christmas Meeting

Dawn Holmes

Community Service

Xmas Gala Sandee Morgan

Wounded Warriors Terri Pasley

Industry Appreciation

Kim Miller

Installation

Esther Wong

Publicity

Becky Wynne

Safety & Health

Jennifer Swinney

Scholarship

Robbie Nelson

Becky Wynne

Greetings,

Where does the time go? Seems as though we just attended Forum and now here it is time for Annual Planning Conference. If you are like me, you look forward to the opportunity to come together as a region where we enjoy the networking, friendships, education, and the food and fun. So, please accept this as your personal invitation to join us in Waco, Texas for the Region 7 Annual Planning Conference.

This year we are offering two meetings for the price of one. We will begin on Friday, October 16, 2009, with Leadership Training. This will be held at the Central Texas AGC office in Waco from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. At 5:00 pm there will be a Chapter Presidents' meeting at the Clarion Hotel followed by a Region 7 Committee Chair meeting at 5:45 pm. If you are attending APC for the first time ("first timer"), there will be an opportunity for you to meet together at 6:30 pm at the hotel. And, of course, it would not be a NAWIC meeting without the hospitality suite where you can relax, enjoy the company of members from all over the region and guests as you enjoy refreshments.

The conference Saturday will be filled with NAWIC business and information which will help equip us to make our chapters all that they can be. Don't be the one that misses out by not attending this year's APC.

There will be space provided for chapter sales and raffles which are always successful and fun.

NAWIC President Robin Fulton-Meyer has chosen "NAWIC Past, Present and Future" for her theme this year. So, let's remember the NAWIC past while guiding the present and mentor and educate for the future.

Sandy Field
Region 7 Director

(See the Registration Form on the following page)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION REGION 7, ANNUAL PLANNING CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 17, 2009

PLACE: Clarion Hotel Waco
ADDRESS: 801 S. 4th St., Waco, Texas 76706
PHONE: 254/757-2000 or 1/800-ask-waco www.clarionwaco.com
COST: \$89.00 Plus Tax

(Make your room reservations directly with Clarion Hotel Waco **no later than September 21, 2009.**)
 Identify yourself with the National Association of Women in Construction, Annual Planning Conference.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION:

Name for Badge: _____

Chapter: _____ No. _____ Region: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Office Phone: () _____ Email Address: _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Home Phone: () _____

Current Chapter Office: (if any) _____

Please Check Membership Status: Active/Corporate _____ Associate/Retired/Student _____ Member at Large _____

Is this your first Annual Planning Conference? () Yes () No

Total Amount Enclosed _____ Guest Name _____



APC Registration Deadline: Thursday, October 1, 2009	Leadership Training: Friday, October 16th
Registration Fee: \$50.00	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM at the Central Texas
Late Registration Fee: \$60.00	Chapter AGC, 4500 West Waco Dr, Waco
Guest Fee: \$50.00	Cost: None () Yes I will attend training.

**Your Registration Fee includes a Continental Breakfast, Lunch & Breaks.



Make checks payable to: Waco Chapter APC
 Mail Registration Form & Fee to:
 Melody Grigsby
 Mazanec Construction Company, Inc.
 P.O. Box 154400
 Waco, Texas 76715-4400
 254/799-0291 Fax 254/799-0295
 Email: melody@mazanecconstruction.com

It's **TIME** to renew your **NAWIC** membership!

We have a fabulous contest for you this month. Any current member who renews their membership before September 25th will be eligible for a drawing to win this beautiful Invicta Women's Classique Fantasy Garden Watch.



Retail Value
\$495.00

The round case has been composed of 316L stainless steel which has been plated with genuine 18K gold. You'll have to pause to take in the piece's softly beaded bezel, implemented with 20 white diamond accents. The round sunray dial reveals a butterfly and tiger lily design with blue, white pink and green Austrian crystal accents. The bracelet wraps around your wrist with a convenient dual deployant clasp.

Bracelet Measurements: 8" L x 16mm W

Case Measurements: 33mm

Water Resistance: 10 ATM - 100m - 330ft

Warranty: One year limited warranty by Invicta with the option to extend warranty to a total of five years by Invicta.



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Women in Construction



NAWIC Community Service Event Ft. Sam Houston Fisher House "Thank You" BBQ

Honoring: Zachery Fisher (Founder), workers for BAMC and Center for the Intrepid, and supporters of the Fisher House.

Let's show our support and appreciation to those that take care of our injured soldiers GO USA!

When: September 25th ~ 11-2 pm

Where: Fisher House, Ft. Sam Houston

Assisting In : set-up, take down, serving food and doing cleanup ~ approx. 1500 individuals

Note ~ all attendees will enter the post at the Binz-Engleman gate. Will need a valid driver's license, current cars registrations and safety stickers. Will be checked by gate security.

Invite friends\family\co-workers to participate. If you are interested in volunteering for this NAWIC event, please email Terri Pasley at tpasley@orionpartnersinc.com

Committee Members:

Terri Pasley – Committee Chair

Yvette Reyes



September Membership Corner

Growing Membership...

There are currently 81 members in the San Antonio Chapter of NAWIC with several applications still pending. We exceeded our goal by 6 members this year. Please help us continue to grow by bringing a guest to the next meeting. We have set the bar VERY high this year and are trying to increase our membership to 125 members!

Welcome New Members!

Sunny Bailey – Gillette Air Conditioning

Isabel Contreras – Kegley, Inc.

Shauna Weaver – Pape Dawson Engineers, Inc.

Andrea Wurzbach – Freund Enterprises



Membership Contest

Congratulations to Jennifer Swinney for winning the grand prize for year's membership contest! She won a fabulous margarita machine and gift basket

If you missed out on our membership contest you can still win an incredible Invicta watch (retail value \$495) in our **TIME to Renew** contest by renewing before Sept 25th

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON

If you haven't attended a New Member Luncheon, and you'd like to, please be sure to email Sandee Morgan to receive information for the next fabulous get together!



We will be announcing our new membership contest at the October Meeting.

The San Antonio Chapter of NAWIC is Affiliated with Virtual Builders Exchange!

Virtual Builders Exchange, LLC (VBX) is Texas' premier construction news provider. Builders Exchange has built a reputation for quality, timely information. We take pride in the fact that we invented the first on-line planroom in 1997 and that for the past decade we have built a solid network of actively bidding contractors and suppliers throughout Texas and beyond.

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- Timely, online access
- Searchable Database
- One click to plans and specs



Congratulations to Daniel Wilson NAWIC - San Antonio Chapter Fall Semester Scholarship Winner

by Penny McDonald, CIT

Daniel Wilson is our current scholarship winner. Becky Wynne and I recently had the pleasure of meeting Daniel and his parents when we presented him with his scholarship award. He struck me as being highly motivated, with a good

head on his shoulders. He sounds like he has set himself up for success. He was very appreciative of the scholarship. He has great family support for all that does.

Daniel is a graduate of La Vernia High school. This fall, he began his freshman year at Texas A&M University Kingsville, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He enjoys math and science and building things with his hands. One of his high school counselors says, "He is a very diligent, hard working and conscientious student who is always willing to strive for the best in all of his academics and extracurricular activities. Daniel does not shy away from challenges; he attempts and achieves success in all areas."

While in high school, he consistently achieved honor roll status. He also received the school's distinguished "L" award, which is given to each student with the highest grade in that course for the entire grade level for the year. Daniel does not shy away from hard work and also has interests in art, music and ministry. He has won a number of awards for his artwork, including several regional and state medals in the Visual Arts Scholastic Event. He has advanced to state and received a state medal for the last three years. His Visual Arts Teacher says that he is the only student she has seen in 18 years who has displayed the academic maturity of a college student since he was a freshman in high school. He is dedicated to whatever he attempts to do in and out of school. He goes above and beyond what he needs to do to complete his school work, which is reflected in his high GPA.

An email I received from Daniel after the dinner with us:

Dear Mrs. McDonald,

I want to thank you again for awarding me with the San Antonio NAWIC Scholarship Award. Sorry that I was slow to email you back after our dinner. I left for college the day after our dinner, and since then, college has kept me quite busy, but I really do enjoy it. I have made a lot of friends down there and I feel all settled in; its almost like home. I am already taking some engineering based classes which is really awesome since I am only a freshman.

*Thank You Again
Sincerely,
Daniel Wilson*

August Chapter "Birthday" Meeting

At our August General Meeting the Past Chapter Presidents hosted a FANTASTIC auction to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation in honor of our fallen NAWIC Sisters. Thanks to the membership, our chapter raised over \$2000 for the cause!



AGC SAFETY FAIR & BBQ COOK-OFF

This year we've set a goal to try to get the word out about NAWIC to the industry & other organizations. To kick off this project, we've signed up to participate in the AGC Safety Fair & BBQ Cook-Off this year! (Don't worry - we're not going to bar-b-que!) Instead, we're going to set up a booth, decorate it FABULOUSLY (there's a contest for the best booth!), and talk up NAWIC! I hope that everyone will volunteer to work the booth for at least 1 hour so we can have a great representation of our chapter and show strength in numbers. I believe that with everyone's enthusiasm we will prove ourselves to be a force to be reckoned with, and no longer will the San Antonio construction industry question, "What's NAWIC?"

(Please let me know if you plan to attend & would be willing to work the booth.)

AGC Safety Fair & BBQ Cook-Off Helotes Fairgrounds Saturday, September 12, 2009 10:00am - 4:00pm

The AGC is celebrating their 16th annual Safety Fair & BBQ Cookoff. This event is a fun, family affair which will feature the YCF dunking booth, clowns, petting zoo, face painting, inflatable obstacle course, a moon bounce and much more! There will be soft drinks and snacks and, as always, free popcorn and samples of barbecue. We will also present the safety awards for Safe Contractors of the Year and Safe Superintendent of the Year!

Tickets now on sale

Adults: \$7.00

Kids 12 and under: FREE

Picnic Packs of 25: \$150.00

Safety Fair Tshirts: \$12 each

Call to get your tickets today!

Don't miss out on the fun!!

210-349-4921



Who Is That?

With the ever growing membership, are you having a hard time putting names with faces?! Well, never fear! We are in the process of creating a membership directory to include **photos** of the members. So, if you don't want us to use the candid shot of you with asparagus in your teeth, please email (to Sandee Morgan or Jennifer Swinney) a FABULOUS photo of yourself that has your seal of approval!

“What’s her Email Address, again?”

When was the last time that you checked out the National Website? You can find the email address or phone number of a fellow NAWIC member, find a member with a particular NAISC code that you need, check out committee handbooks, and find fantastic educational opportunities! Unsure how to do it? Follow these simple steps:

Looking for a job or know someone who is? Be sure to check out our chapter website for the latest job postings!

www.nawicsatx.org

Additionally, if you have a job you’d like to post, please email Jennifer with the info!

- 1) Go to the website at: www.nawic.org
- 2) In the top right-hand corner, enter your user name and password (unsure of this information? No problem - click the “Need Password - Click Here” link and National will send the info to you ASAP!
- 3) Once you’re logged in, maneuver freely!

(to check out our chapter directory, click “Member Directory” from the menu list on the left, select “San Antonio” from the chapter drop down list, then click “search.”

BRAG CORNER!!

Our chapter members are so fantastic that I felt we needed a separate section of our newsletter to devote to “bragging” on them! If you have special news that you’d like the membership to be aware of about yourself or a fellow NAWIC chick, please email me and let me know so that I can post it in the next newsletter!



Holy smokes! Check out our very own **Jessica Melendez** who is building quite a name for herself, and constructing a fabulous career in the modeling world!

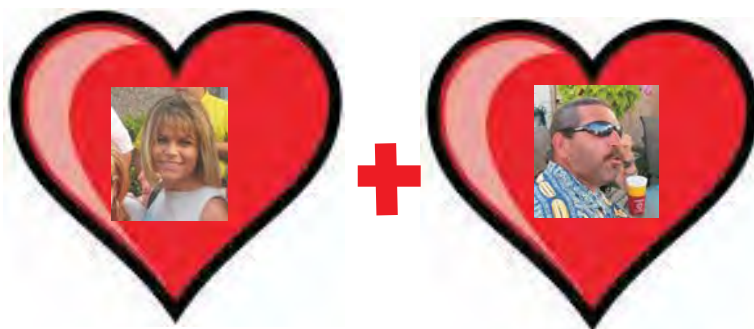


WONDERFUL NEWS:

Andrea Lopez was hired by Orion Partners! She has already started work and “loves it!”



CONGRATS to **Kim Cuccaro** who was recently engaged to her true love Bubba! (Wedding date has not yet been set.)



Want to find your “place” in this organization and utilize your talents? See the list of Committees and volunteers, and contact Jennifer Swinney if you see a group (or a few) that you'd like to join!

Badges *Maintains and keeps members' and guests' name badges; distributes them to members/guests at each meeting.
Alice Dolle*

Block Kids *Organizes and conducts annual Block Kids contest at selected grade school
Patty Wylie, Pat Villarreal, Jamie Blakeslee, Christi Marsh, Terry Urbanczyk*

Bylaws *Keep members informed on proposed changes to NAWIC Chapter and National Bylaws.
Judy DeWeese, Martha Simpson*

Inspiration *Responsible for giving inspirations at meetings as directed by the President.
Kelli Hardge*

Christmas Meeting *Responsible for planning December Holiday meeting.
Dawn Holmes, Terri Pasley, Jessica Melendez, Susan Burrier, Terry Urbanczyk*

Community Service *Responsible for choosing and supervising any activity held as a benefit to the general community.*

Construct-A-Kids Gala *Sandee Morgan, Terry Urbanczyk, Jennifer Swinney, Andrea Lopez, Jan Meuth, Pat Villarreal, Erin Stansell, Dolores Murry, Tricia Navarro*

Military Event *Terri Pasley, Charlotte Forsyth, Yvette Reyes, Gala Burns*

Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure *Dana Calonge, Pat Villarreal, Jan Meuth*

Construction Industry Service *Responsible for choosing and supervising any activity held as a benefit to the construction industry or its employees.
Belinda Graham, Tricia Navarro*

Education *Monthly Speakers – responsible for obtaining speakers at monthly meetings
Sandee Morgan, Bridget Booth*

Seminars/Workshops *research, organize, and supervise any seminars/workshops that may be held
Terri Pasley*

Friendship *Sends greeting cards to members for birthdays or other occasions.
Alice Dolle, Mary Fletcher*

Industry Appreciation Night *Responsible for planning annual Industry Appreciation Night Dinner.
Jennifer Swinney, Sandee Morgan, Leslye Hernandez, Jocelyn Poloskey*

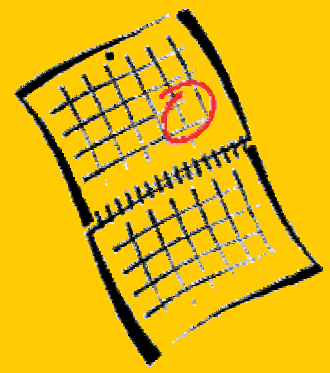
Industry Liaison *Establishes and maintains good relationship with other professional associations; represents the SA NAWIC chapter at other associations meetings and functions and shares knowledge of other associations with the SA NAWIC chapter.
Jamie Blakeslee*

Legislative Awareness *Advises the membership on legislative issues that affect the construction industry.
Gala Burns*

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- Membership** *Sandee Morgan, Jennifer Swinney, Bridgett Booth, Mary Fletcher, Lori Green, Susan Burrier, Cara Garrett, Andrea Lopez*
Recruit – promotes, recruits, and solicits new chapter members. Introduces new members at meetings; holds new member orientation luncheons (or other functions) as needed. Responsible for planning and conducting membership drives (2 per year maximum).
Retention – encourages chapter participation of current members by maintaining contact when meetings missed, etc.; encourages renewals.
- Block Kids** *Organizes and conducts annual Block Kids contest at selected grade school*
Patty Wylie, Pat Villarreal, Jamie Blakeslee, Christi Marsh, Terry Urbanczyk
- Publicity** *Sends meeting notices, announcements, etc. to area publications.*
Gala Burns, Leslye Hernandez
- Safety & Health** *Distributes safety & health awareness issues throughout the membership*
Jennifer Swinney, Kim Cuccaro
- Scholarship** *Solicits and reviews applications for chapter scholarship and awards scholarships as available.*
Becky Wynne, Robbie Nelson, Penny McDonald
- Ways & Means** ***Friends of NAWIC*** – solicits corporate/individual sponsors of the chapter
Dana Calonge, Terri Pasley, Sandee Morgan
Golf Tournament – organizes and supervises annual golf tournament
Jennifer Swinney, Sandee Morgan, Lori Green, Terry Urbanczyk, Kim Cuccaro, Jamie Blakeslee, Belinda Graham, Jan Meuth, Dolores Murray
Other – selects, organizes, and supervises any other fundraiser at the direction of the chapter
- Website** *Maintains SA NAWIC website*
Jennifer Swinney, Kim Cuccaro
- WIC Week** *Plans fun activities and events to bring awareness of our organization during the first week of March*
Dawn Holmes, Jennifer Swinney, Sandee Morgan, Kim Cuccaro, Becky Wynne

Save the Date!



Wednesday, September 2nd - General Meeting

The Petroleum Club of San Antonio 8620 North New Braunfels
\$25 for members and \$30 for non-members
Networking begins at 5:45pm & Dinner is at 6pm
Program: Installation of New Officers & Board of Directors



Saturday, September 12th - AGC BBQ

10am - 4pm
Helotes Fairground
\$7 for Adults & Kids under 12 are FREE
Dunking booth, clowns, petting zoo, face painting, inflatable obstacle course, moon bounce, and most importantly, A NAWIC BOOTH!



Wednesday, September 16th - Joint Board Meeting

A meeting of the minds & a passing of the torch. The outgoing board & officers welcome the incoming board & officers, and the new NAWIC year will be officially underway!



Friday, September 25th - Fisher House Feeding

The San Antonio Chapter of NAWIC will be serving lunch at the Fisher House!
When: September 25th ~ 11 - 2 pm
Where: Fisher House, Ft. Sam Houston
Assisting In : set-up, take down, serving food and doing cleanup ~ approx. 1500 individuals
Note ~ all attendees will enter the post at the Binz-Engleman gate. Will need a valid driver's license, current cars registrations and safety stickers. Will be checked by gate security.



Honoring Zachery Fisher, Founder, workers for BAMC and Center for the Intrepid, and supporters of the Fisher House. This will be an afternoon you won't forget. It's a small sacrifice to give up a few hours of our day to serve those that give up their days to serve our military men & women.

Wednesday, October 14th - General Meeting

The Petroleum Club of San Antonio 8620 North New Braunfels
\$27 for members and \$32 for non-members
Networking begins at 5:45pm & Dinner is at 6pm
Program: Loretta Chapa, Paramount Receivables



September 2009

		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 1 Judy DeWeese's Birthday	2 General Meeting Installation of New Board 5:45pm Patty Wylie's Birthday 	3	4	5
Sunday	Monday					
 6 Debbie George's Birthday	7	8	 9 Gala Burns' & Kelly Rae Garrahy's Birthdays	10	11	 12 AGC BBQ Cook-Off 10am - 4pm
13	14	 15 Last Day to Register for the NEF testing in November	 16 Joint Board Meeting 5:30pm	17	18	19
20	21	22	 23 Kelli Hardge's Birthday	24	25 Fisher House Feeding 11am - 2pm 	 26 Penny McDonald's Birthday
27	28	29	30			

Calendar of Events...

September

- 2 - General Meeting, Petroleum Club 5:45pm
- 12 - AGC BBQ, Helotes Fairground, 10am-4pm
- 15 - Last Day to register for NEF Testing in Nov
- 16 - Joint Board Meeting, 5:30pm
- 25 - Fisher House Feeding

October

- 7 - ABC's Excellence in Construction Awards
- 8 - Xmas Gala Committee Meeting, 11am
- 14 - General Meeting, Petroleum Club 5:45pm
- 16-17 - APC in Waco
- 21 - Board Meeting, Office of Keller Martin, 5:30pm