

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION

# BRIDGES

QUAD CITY CHAPTER 50

March 2009

## OFFICERS

### PRESIDENT:

- ◆ Jennifer Walker, Missman Stanley & Associates

### PAST PRESIDENT:

- ◆ Mary Oetzmann, Gierke-Robinson

### PRESIDENT ELECT:

- ◆ Marilyn Burke-Knutsen, Seiffert Lumber

### VICE PRESIDENT:

- ◆ Joyce Marinaccio, KJWW Engineering

### SECRETARY:

- ◆ Kendra Marinaccio, Landmark Engineering Group

### TREASURER:

- ◆ Sherri Fleming, Hawkeye Paving

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- ◆ Gina Jackson, Builders Sales & Supply
- ◆ Rhonda Osbourne, Scholtz Gowey Gere Marolf Architects
- ◆ Deb Swift, KJWW Engineering
- ◆ Judy Thomas, Valley Construction

## CONTACT US

### E-MAIL:

NAWICQC50@hotmail.com

### WEBSITE:

WWW.NAWICQC.ORG

## **PRESIDENT'S NOTES**

Although I wasn't able to make it, I heard our Block Kids building contest was a success! "Great job" shouted out to everyone on this committee, the judges, and our other helpers. And, a big "thank you" to our sponsors who help us make this event possible each year! Mary O.'s photo was displayed at the front, and Sherri said a few words about her. I think Mary B. said it best: "I believe that Mary is looking down at us from heaven with happiness."

We've been asking for ideas of how to memorialize Mary O. for a while now, but simply have not had a conducive environment to hold a discussion. The board has decided that a list of ideas collected to date will be circulated two times at the next meeting. The first time around we are looking for you to add additional ideas or suggestions. Then, the second time around we will ask that you place a check mark next to the ideas that you like best (everyone gets 3 votes). If you will not be at the meeting but would like to make a suggestion, please contact me by Wednesday March 4th. Similarly, if you will not be at the meeting but would like to vote, please contact me by Friday March 6th. Sponsors, friends, and partnering organizations are welcome to participate!

There have been two updates to our Website that I would like to bring to everyone's attention. First, our scholarship application is now available. Although members' children are not qualified, feel free to pass it onto friends/co-workers who have children entering or in college that have a construction-related major. The deadline for the scholarship applications is May 31st. Second, the nomination form for our Construction Awards event is now available. This is largely a self nomination process. The form and information has been e-mailed or mailed to all the local general contractors, architects & engineering firms, but we hope they do not get overlooked or set aside! The forms are due back by March 30th and project photographs are due back by June 1st.

Lastly, think about inviting someone to our March meeting as part of our WIC Week celebration!

Sincerely,  
Jennifer

**NEXT MEETING**  
**March 5**  
**(details page 2)**



## MEETING INFORMATION

### **MARCH:**

**Date:** March 5, 2009

**Place:**

Program: Gere-Dismer offices (125 Arts Alley, Rock Island)

Jeff Dismer, architect, John Keener, Valley Construction, and Alan Carmen, City of Rock Island will discuss the Rock Island Armory project. They will give a history of the design and public interactive process of the demolition of the existing building and the new park structures to be constructed.

Dinner: Bennigan's Restaurant (226 17th Street, Rock Island)

Menu choice of:

**Chicken Platter:** Tossed salad, 2 fajita-marinated chicken breasts charbroiled over an open flame and served with rice pilaf and fresh steamed broccoli.

**Cajun Chicken & Shrimp Pasta:** Tossed salad, Cajun grilled chicken and shrimp over a bed of fettucini pasta tossed with smoked vegetables in a creamy sauce. Served with toasted garlic bread.

**Kilkenny's Country Chicken Salad:** Hand-breaded, crisp fried chicken generously sliced and placed over garden greens, diced eggs, shredded Colby, tomatoes, bacon and served with Smoky Honey Dijon dressing, Roll

**Time:**

Program: 5:30 PM

Dinner: 6:30 PM

**Cost:** \$15.00

This meeting will be in celebration of WIC Week (Women in Construction Week).

For this month's meeting, we request that every member try to bring at least one guest to join us in our celebration of WIC Week. Due to our request that everyone brings a guest, for this meeting ONLY, the Board has decided that the traditional "free meal" will not be extended to the guest.

**RSVP:**

Rhonda Osbourne (rhondao@sggm.net or 788-6331) with your entrée by end of business Friday, February 27.

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3-10 Judy Thomas

3-30 Kit Vargas

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

1965 Shirley Lofgren

1993 Pam Keefe

## PLAN AHEAD

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

May 20, 2009 -- CSI Golf Outing

August 13, 2009 -- Construction Industry Award Banquet

November 6, 2009 -- Scholarship Auction

### **REMINDERS**

If you forget your name tag at a meeting, the fine is \$0.50 payable to our Chapter. If you need a replacement name tag, please contact Kit Vargas.

### **INVOCATION**

In the absence of Carol Curry and Margaret Thorpe at meetings, we are in need of someone to do invocation. If you are interested, let Jennifer know.

# COMMITTEE NEWS

## **MEMBERSHIP**

New membership rosters are ready. If you have not received one, please contact Kit Vargas.

### ANOTHER RUN FOR THE ROSES -- NewWIC for NAWIC

Here's your chance to help yourself while you help our chapter. Members will be eligible for a gift card drawing according to the number of new members they recruit! You will also receive an applique to be worn with your name tag and recognition in the newsletter!

Recruit:

- 1-3 new members for a chance to win a \$25 gift card-rose bud level
- 4-6 new members for a chance to win a \$50 gift card-open rose level
- 7+ members will give you a chance to win a \$75 gift card-bouquet level

WAIT! Rewards for your efforts don't end here! You could be eligible to win one of two \$10 gift cards!! If you are eligible for one of the three categories above, but your name isn't drawn, it will go into the \$10 gift card drawing. So you still have another chance to win!!

This opportunity starts with any new member who joins in the 2008-2009 NAWIC year thanks to your efforts! Drawings will be held in September 2009.

Also, if you bring a potential member to a regular monthly dinner meeting, her meal is FREE! (Just remember, she would have to be a potential member, not a newly recruited member.)

(Please note: this free meal is not available at the March meeting.)

## **CONSTRUCTION AWARDS**

The Construction Awards Banquet will be Thursday, August 13, 2009 at the Radisson in Davenport. More information to follow.

Contact Deb Swift if you would like to attend a planning meeting.

## **FRIENDSHIP**

Birthday cards were sent to Kathy Fourdyce, Cathy Long, Margaret Thorpe, Sharon Dietz, and Shirley Lofren, Krisan Steiger.

Anniversary cards were sent to Margaret Thorpe, Judi McDowell, Kathy Fourdyce, and Rhonda Osbourne.

Get well cards sent to Carol Uhr after her surgery and Ethel Boggness after her surgery.

A congratulations card sent to Cathy Mason on her daughters birth.

A "thinking of you" card sent to Debbie Miller on the passing of her daughter.

If anyone knows of members who are sick, please contact Debbie Miller so get-well cards can be sent.

## **NEF**

Mary Buczek has raffle tickets for the National NEF fund. Proceeds from this raffle benefit NEF. NEF is the NAWIC 501c(3) corporation for K-12 Education programs - Block Kids for Middle School Students & CAD Design Drafting for High School students. It also has adult education classes through Clemson University - Certified Construction Association (CCA), Construction Industry Technician (CIT) and Construction Document Specialist (CDS). Continuing Education Units (CEU) are given by Clemson University upon successfully passing certification tests.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the February, March, and April meetings. Raffle tickets submitted before Annual Forum will be eligible for a drawing of a prize at Region 13 Forum in August 2009. NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!!! First prize: \$2,000; second prize: \$1,000; third prize: \$500!!!

If you would like a ticket (or more than one) please contact Mary B. [marybuczek@iailti.com]

## **BLOCK KIDS**

The Block Kids event will be held on February 14, 2009. This event had 35 participants and a special guest, Bob the Builder.

First place was won by Hannah with her castle with working drawbridge.

Second place was won by Timothy with his airport complex including terminal, runways, parking lot, and sidewalks.

Third place was won by Emily with her house with a pavilion and pillars.

The Block Kids Committee would like to send out a special "thank you" to all volunteers and judges.

## **MAGIC CAMP**

New CD's have been requested and will hopefully arrive soon. If you have any ideas or suggestions for sponsors, please contact Jennifer Walker.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

The public relations chair person is now Rhonda Osbourne. If you have any press releases that need to go out, please let her know!

Thanks, Rhonda!!!

## **NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter is put together by Kendra Marinaccio. If you have any committee news, comments, or anything you would like added to the newsletter, please e-mail Kendra at k.marinaccio@landgroup.biz.

## **WEBSITE**

The new Website is up and running. If you notice any dead links or pages not directed to the correct address, please notify Jennifer Walker.

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

## IN MEMORIAM

The Board is looking for ideas in ways to memorialize Mary Oetzmann. Some suggestions they have are:

- special award at Block Kids
- name an award after Mary
- another scholarship (like Pat Puestow)
- give a family membership to the Bettendorf Family Museum
- additional savings bond at Block Kids

If you have any additional suggestions or know of ways to sustain the funding for a memorial, please come to the March meeting where we will be taking ideas and making decisions.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The scholarship committee is now taking applications for 2009 scholarships. Please visit our Website ([www.nawicqc.org](http://www.nawicqc.org)) for more information and an application form.

### CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AWARDS

The Construction Industry Award committee is accepting nominations for various awards. Please visit our Website ([www.nawicqc.org](http://www.nawicqc.org)) for more information and applications.

## 2009-2010 CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL OFFICE

The official slate of 2009-2010 candidates running for NAWIC Office is here! Look for your Voting Guidelines and Candidate Profiles in the February/March issue of The NAWIC IMAGE. The candidates are as follows:

President-Elect: Debra M. Gregoire, CIT  
Vice President: Judy DeWeese, CIT  
                                  Yasmine A. Branden, CCA  
Secretary: Shirley S. Horne, CIT  
Treasurer: Cindy Johnsen, CDS, CIT

## CONGRATULATIONS

Cathy Mason gave birth to a baby girl, Megan Ann, on February 13. Mom and Megan are doing great! Congratulations, Cathy and Doug!

Dana Wilkinson, founder and CEO of Paragon Commercial Interiors, Inc. in Davenport has been nominated to receive the Athena Award. This award goes to women showing leadership in business or profession, those that serve as a role model to other women, demonstrate creativity and innovation, and contribute time and energy to community betterment. Congratulations, Dana!

## A GREAT LOSS

Audrey Fragel of Davenport passed away on Thursday, February 12. She was a charter member of our chapter. You will be missed, Audrey.

Debbie Miller's daughter passed away on February 10. Our sincerest sympathies, Debbie.

## GET WELL SOON!!

Ethel Bogguess had surgery recently.

Carol Uhr had surgery recently.

Get better soon, so we can all see you at the meetings again!!

# SPONSORS

## GOLD SPONSORS:

Associated General Contractors of the Quad Cities  
Builders Sales & Service Company  
Crapnell Land Surveying Company  
Doors, Inc.  
Estes Construction  
Gere/Dismer Architects  
Goetz Concrete Construction Corporation  
Illowa Construction Labor and Management Council  
Iowa-Illinois Taylor Insulation  
Ken Curry Construction, Inc.  
KJWW, P.C.  
Lafarge North America  
Missman, Stanley & Associates, P.C.  
QCCIAT  
Quint Co., Inc.  
Roofing Technology  
Ryan Companies US, Inc.  
Scholtz Gowey Gere Marolf Architects  
Treiber Construction Company, Inc.  
Valley Construction  
White Roofing Company

## SILVER SPONSORS:

Civil Constructors, Inc.  
Gierke-Robinson  
H.O. Seiffert Lumber Company  
James A. Smith Painting & Decorating, Inc.  
State Street Interiors

## BRONZE SPONSORS:

E & H Restoration, LLC  
Priester Construction Company  
Sandberg Company