



February 2019 Newsletter

Thank you for being a subscriber to NAWIC Chapter #96's newsletter! We hope you find our monthly information interesting & helpful. For more, you can always visit our website.

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### Upcoming Board Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, March 6, 2019\*  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m.  
**Location:** M. Davis & Sons, 9 Tyler Way, Newark, DE 19713



Board meetings are typically held the first Tuesday of every month, unless otherwise specified. Members are welcome to attend.

*\*This meeting will take place before our WIC Week event tour at M. Davis. Details below.*

### Upcoming Events - WIC WEEK!

**What:** Wear Red to Work Day  
**Date:** Monday, March 4  
**Info:** To kick off Women in Construction Week, please wear something red to support our organization. If you post your picture on social media and tag our page or use hashtag #NAWICDE, you will be entered into a raffle to win a \$50 gift card sponsored by J&G Building Group.



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**What:** M. Davis Tour & Networking  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 6  
**Time:** 5 p.m.  
**Location:** M. Davis & Sons, Inc., 9 Tyler Way, Newark, DE 19713  
**Cost:** \$25/person  
**RSVP:** [mail@nawicde.org](mailto:mail@nawicde.org) by March 1

**Info:** Our chapter has partnered with M. Davis & Sons, Inc. to take a tour of their Modular Construction Facility. Afterward, we will head to Finn McCools Gastropub for a networking happy hour. Space is limited so please register today!

*Women in Construction Week takes place March 4-8. The above is only two of the fun events/activities we'll be doing throughout the week. Check our website as we get closer to WIC Week for more information.*

### Chapter Committee Reports

#### Block Kids

The 25th anniversary of our Block Kids Competition was a major success! We had



almost 100 kids in attendance, about 40 volunteer judges, dozens of vo-tech students as volunteers, local construction companies that set up vendor booths/activities, and many members who dedicated their Saturday morning to this event. Plus, we couldn't have done it without our 25 sponsors! We'd like to wish congratulations to our first place winner Noah Weston, a fourth grader from Cedar Lane Elementary, who built a flying solar-powered aircraft that cleans polluted air as it flies. He also constructed a solar-powered storage shed to house the aircraft. To celebrate the occasion, we also welcomed a visit from Governor John Carney who presented us with an official proclamation. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success. We look forward to seeing you all next year on Saturday, February 1, 2020.

### **Emerging Professionals - Leah Curran**

*Tip Time! TAKE A BREAK!*

Did you know that taking breaks is one of the key ways to increase productivity? Find out more [here](#) with this quick read.

#### *Facebook*

NAWIC's Emerging Professionals Committee Facebook page is growing! Be sure to like the page [here](#). If you have any ideas or suggestions for content, please share with our chapter's committee chair, [Leah Curran](#).

### **PD&E - Leah Curran**

*Emotional Intelligence Webinar*

Presented by: Leasa Geerlings

Leasa will discuss the four major components of emotional intelligence - self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, and relationship management. In this webinar, learn about these and how building emotional intelligence helps build careers.

When: Monday, February 18, 1 p.m.

Where: [Click here](#) for online meeting info, dial-in number, and access code

#### *Book Club Update*

Rachel Sykes from Service Unlimited and I are both participating and have discussed the first three chapters of Lean In by Sheryl Sandberg with the group. Sheryl has made it a point to highlight struggles that women face quietly and seemingly alone in such a male-dominated field. Rachel's takeaway, and I think we can all relate to is that "women are more likely to focus on what we are doing while a man focuses on what he is doing." What does Sheryl have to say from "Chapter 2: Sit at The Table"? - "These experiences taught me that I needed to make an intellectual and an emotional adjustment. I learned over time that while it was hard to shake feelings of self doubt I could understand there was a distortion. I would never have my brother's effortless confidence, but I could challenge the notion that I was constantly headed for failure. When I felt like I was not capable of doing something, I would remind myself that I did not fail all my exams in college. Or even one. I learned to undistort the distortion."

### **PR/Marketing - Laura Massimini**

Have you seen our new website? Chapter #96 recently revamped its website for a more modern look and increased usability. You can still find all pertinent chapter, regional, and national NAWIC information you may need. [Click here](#) to check it out.

### **Scholarship - Alexis King**

Our 2019 scholarship application process is officially open! Please visit our Scholarship Page to download the documents. Deadline to apply is Friday, April 26. Instructions and the mailing address are outlined in the application.



*Fourth-grader Noah Weston poses with his winning project at our 25th Anniversary*



*Governor John Carney, pictured with NAWIC Chapter #96 President Cheryl Fearn, presented*

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## Cheers

- Judy Pieper of M. Davis & Sons, Inc. is celebrating 2 years as a NAWIC member this month
- Marla DiSalvo is celebrating 38 years of service at Delaware Contractors Association
- Cheryl Fearn is celebrating 19 years of service at Bancroft Construction Company
- Laura Massimini is celebrating 6 years of service at Nickle Electrical Companies



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## Local / Industry News

[Equal Rights Amendment approved](#) *Delaware State News*

[5 Ways Women in Construction Can Pave the Way in their Male-Dominated Field](#) *Entrepreneur*

[Delaware woman wins \\$1.5 million breastfeeding discrimination case against KFC franchise](#) *The News Journal*



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## Announcements

### **NAWIC Northeast Region Spring Forum**

Join the northeast chapters for a day and a half of content meant to ignite the spark in your career, your life, and your industry. Spring forum takes place in Philadelphia, PA on April 26-27. [Click here](#) for more details. You can also download a [PDF version](#) of the Spring Forum guide, which includes info for all forums across the country.



### **Discounted CDT Course**

Purchase NEF's Construction Document Technician textbook and exam before April 1 and you can take your exam at NAWIC's 2019 Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA on August 21-24! NEF is offering their CDT program and exam for just \$199 and free shipping - a savings of more than \$50. Included in your purchase is a webinar and prep session prior to the exam. To order your textbook and exam, email [nawicedu@gmail.com](mailto:nawicedu@gmail.com).

### **Daylight Savings Time**

Don't forget to "spring forward" one hour on Sunday, March 10 for Daylight Savings Time.



