



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scholarship - Gladys King

We are now accepting applications for our annual scholarship! You can find the rating form and application on our website [here](#). All materials are due by April 15th.

Safety & Health - Natacha Ricks

Natacha has received three safety award submissions. Since there are three awards given at the chapter level, it's safe to say all who submitted applications (Bancroft Construction Company, Hatzel & Buehler, Inc. and Wohlsen Construction) will be awarded the Chapter Safety Award. The overall winner will be chosen within the next few weeks and will be submitted for the Regional Safety Award.

February isn't just about celebrating Valentine's Day. There is also another heart that we should all be award of in the month of February - our own. February is National Heart Awareness Month. This means educating ourselves about heart disease and heart disease prevention. Did you know that women are more likely than men to have a heart attack or stroke? Did you know that a person can reduce their risk of a heart attack by almost 40% by exercising and eating a balanced diet? There are so many illnesses that cannot be prevented, however, heart disease and stroke is not one of them. Heart disease and strokes can be prevented by choosing a healthier life that is smoke-free. In recognition for Heart Disease Awareness Month, pick any day in February to wear the color red. February isn't just about celebrating the one you love, it also is about celebrating love for self, by being aware of your heart, and what to do to keep your heart as healthy as possible. [Click here](#) for more heart disease facts.

Industry Appreciation - Leah Curran

If you are interested in helping plan our prestigious Industry Appreciation Dinner please let Leah know! We will be looking to meet in the beginning of March to start planning.

CHAPTER #96 NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

February Meeting Recap - Block Kids

On Saturday, February 4 more than 100 students gathered at Hodgson Vo-Tech High School in Newark, DE to compete in our 23rd annual Block Kids competition. We also had more than 40 construction industry leaders volunteer as judges for the competition, along with a dozen other members and friends who helped with registration, concession sales, set up, clean up, and more. Our winner was Drew Smalling, a fifth-grader at Cedar Lane Elementary School. He built a road paver that would chew up asphalt, melt it, then repave and repair roads. He wants to be an

engineer when he grows up.

Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 8

4:30 p.m.

Clarion Belle Hotel, 1612 North DuPont Highway, New Castle, DE

This meeting will take place right before our Exceptional Women's Leadership Panel during WIC Week

Next Member Event

What: WIC Week

When: March 5-11

Info: All details for our WIC Week events can be found on our [website](#)



Fifth-grader Drew Smalling was our 2017 Block Kids Competition winner



Students working hard at our 23rd Annual Block Kids Competition

NY BUILD EXPO MARCH 15-16

Take a trip to NYC to experience the NY Build Expo! Support fellow NAWIC sisters as they sit on a special Panel Discussion on *Improving access for Minority and women-led construction companies*. Join us at a special Women in Construction Networking Session on March 15th at 3:15pm. Tickets are free, but you must register! Janet and Leah are registered and traveling by train for the day. If you're interested in joining let one of them know!

[NY Build Expo Registration](#)

Panelists

NAWIC | Ingrid Sletten, Chapter President

NAWIC | Doreen Bartoldus, Northeast Regional Director

Professional Women in Construction | Chelsea LeMar, Executive Director

Gilbane | Olivia Rousso, Project Manager, One Wall Street

Nontraditional Employment for Women (NEW) | Kathleen Culhane, President

NORTHEAST SPRING FORUM APRIL 28-30

Northeast Spring Forum will be held April 28-30 in Boston, MA! Join other NAWIC members from our region and across the country as we continue to encourage and grow in the "Wicked Awesome" city of Boston, building Boston Strong. In Mayor Walsh's words, "Boston Strong" is our city's resilience and spirit that carries us forward..." NAWIC members will continue to **Encourage and Grow with Resilience and Spirit**. NAWIC's very own Executive Vice-President, Dede Hughes, will be in attendance! This

will be her very LAST forum and we couldn't be more thrilled to have her with us! We will let you know just as soon as forum registration is open, but in the meantime you can book your room below!

[Hotel Registration](#)

Want to check out another region's forum? See the [2017 Spring Forum Guide!](#)

MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL OFFICE

President-Elect

Dove Sifers-Putman, CBT

Vice President

Diane I. Mike, CBT

Secretary

Jill Hanson, CIT

Ruth Fritts

Treasurer

Anne Pflieger, CIT

Get ready for AMEC as we install our very own

Catherine Schoenenberger as NAWIC President!



LOCAL & INDUSTRY NEWS

[O'Donnell builds respect in male-dominated industry](#) *Providence Business News*

[Audi Superbowl LI ad touts equal pay](#) *CNN Money*

CHEERS

- Two members are celebrating their one year NAWIC anniversaries with us - Alisha McCullough of the State of Delaware and Judy Pieper of M. Davis & Sons
- Member Marla DiSalvo is celebrating 37 years with Delaware Contractors Association this month
- Director Laura Massimini is celebrating 4 years with Nickle Electrical Companies this month
- Secretary Maria Arena of Wohlsen Construction was promoted to Project Manager

- Safety & Health Committee Chair Natacha Ricks recently became a grandmother to twins. Avry Robert and Arya Roberta were born on February 6.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

- Debbie Elasic of Heritage Concrete, LLC joined our chapter this month

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