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NAWIC | FORT WORTH CHAPTER #1 | SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

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October 2019

NAWIC Pledge

As material for the construction of our buildings,
I pledge the agility of my hands,
the ability of my mind,
and the integrity of my heart.

NAWIC Core Purpose

To enhance the success of women
in the construction industry.

NAWIC Core Values

Believe in ourselves as women
Persevere with the strength of our convictions
Dare to move into new horizons

Calendar of Events

Business Meeting – MY NAWIC!

October 17, 2019 5:30 pm
Diamond Oaks

Board of Directors Meeting

November 12, 2019; 5:30 pm
Weaver Office

Business Meeting –

November 21, 2019 5:30 pm
Diamond Oaks

President's Message

Ladies,

I want to thank all of you that attended installation, showing your support for your incoming board. I am so honored to have been elected to serve as your president for the 2019-2020 year and I appreciate the opportunity to serve you in this role.

For those of you unable to attend installation, first and foremost, we missed you! Secondly, I want to share the theme of our installation and my vision for the upcoming year.

As the Fort Worth Chapter #1 prepares to host Forum, I believe it is important that we show the region how, as the founding chapter, we honor our history.

With that said, those of you who attend regional and national conferences on a regular basis know that the other chapters look to us for the leadership, ideas, and activities that have made our chapter such a success. We need to forge the future of NAWIC and continue to evolve and adapt to what our membership wants and needs from us.

Finally, in my relative short time as a NAWIC member, it has certainly been the sisterhood and relationships with each of you that mean the most to me. I am so impressed by the caliber of women in this organization. You ladies never cease to amaze me!

During the installation ceremony, each board member honored their NAWIC mentor. Now I believe we have a responsibility to become that mentor to someone else.

In closing, I invite you to join your board this year in the vision to:

**HONOR OUR HISTORY
FORGE OUR FUTURE
STRENGTHEN OUR SISTERHOOD**

We can't do it without you!

Sincerely,
VaLissa D. Padgett
2019-2020 Chapter President

Upcoming Events

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- Oct 17 **Monthly Business Meeting, Diamond Oaks
My NAWIC!**

- Nov 8-9 **[South Central Region Fall Conference](#)
Dallas, Texas**

- Nov 12 **Board Meeting**

- Nov 21 **Monthly Business Meeting**

Membership & Friendship



October Birthdays

Corrie Hood	10/2
Sharon Murphy	10/17
Gabrielle Robbins	10/31

NAWIC Anniversaries

Kathryn	Oestricher	34 years
Karolene	Pittman	24 years
Tamara	Crooks	19 years
Sandy	Martinez	16 years
Diane	Mike	14 years
Lara	Siegel	10 years
Dena	Rowland	8 years
Karen	Weatherford	8 years
Shelie	Gaffron	7 years
Kay	Rice	3 years
Lisa	Griffith	2 years
Suzanne	Brenish	1 year
Constance	Hall	1 year

Congratulations and Thank You for your dedication!

SPOTLIGHT



Sandy Strevell

Sandy retired from IEC (Independent Electrical Contractors) this past July. Sandy worked with apprentices and the apprenticeship program for thirty-eight years. She started working for the IEC National association in 1981 and also worked for the Insurance Trust until she moved to the IEC Fort Worth office in 1983.

Her contributions to the apprenticeship program have been many. In fact, she was awarded the 2011 A & T Chairman's Award for her work with the apprenticeship program. She helped more than 1,100 apprentices over the years graduate from the program.

Sandy joined NAWIC in 2006 and has been an active member. In the past, she has served on the board as a director. Sandy has also worked on numerous committees, including Block Kids, WIC Week, and Ways and Means. Sandy will continue her membership with NAWIC Fort Worth as a Retired member.

Her retirement will give allow her to spend more time with her daughter, son-in-law, and grandsons and to go to the casinos...which we all know she loves!

Congratulations, Sandy!!!



News & Events



Fort Worth Chapter #1 Invites You To Attend

**"My NAWIC"
October 17, 2019**

Join us for an interactive and fun social activity that will give you the opportunity to voice what you want to see and get from your membership this year. Don't miss this opportunity to help forge the future of our Fort Worth Chapter and get the year off to a great start.

**Southern Comfort Buffet
Tossed Garden Salad with choice of dressings
Chicken Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Country Green Beans
Apple Pie**

**DIAMOND OAKS COUNTRY CLUB
5821 Diamond Oaks Drive N
Fort Worth, TX 76117**

NETWORKING 5:30 PM - DINNER 6:00 PM

\$30 PER PERSON (Cash, Check, CC by the Square)

PLEASE R.S.V.P NO LATER THAN NOON October 15, 2019

**Dena Rowland 817-688-2961 or via email NAWICFWRESERVATION@GMAIL.COM
(Anyone who fails to follow through with their reservations will still be charge \$30 for dinner.)**

Committee Reports

SAVE THE DATE

**Women in Construction Week March 1-7,
2020**

Mark your Calendars!

The focus of Women in Construction (WIC) Week is to highlight women as a viable component of the construction industry.

WIC Week also provides an occasion for NAWIC's thousands of members across the country to raise awareness of the opportunities available for women in the construction industry and to emphasize the growing role of women in the industry. It is also a time for local chapters to give back to their communities.



Committee Reports

**NAWIC Annual Forum
April 17 – 18, 2020
The Worthington Hotel
Fort Worth, TX**

Are you a creative person? What would you like to see at our region conferences? Do you have some marketing skills? Come share your thoughts and ideas at our next Forum Committee meeting. Date and time are pending, depending on availability of our Region Director, Jennifer VanBreda. Should it turn out that she is unable to attend, we can get some definite plans in the works. My goal is to meet with the event coordinator at the hotel to see if we could have our next meeting in one of the meeting rooms there on a Saturday...possibly a brunch?

Some food for thought:

NAWIC's 65th Anniversary is 2020. We will be presenting an invitation to Forum at Fall Conference in November. What we have done in the past includes: the hostess chapter presenting a skit utilizing the Forum theme; put together a slide presentation; provided printed fliers from the host hotel and area associations & businesses, etc.

This year's theme is "Honoring Our NAWIC History" so pretty much anything Fort Worth and NAWIC will be a plus. The staff at NAWIC Office will be attending, bringing memorabilia from the archives. They will set up their displays and items in the Chapter Sales room for all to enjoy. I thought it might be fun to ask our Past Chapter Presidents to bring their scrapbooks to share as well. It is always fun looking at the past and to see how far forward we have come!

Let me know if you are interested in serving on this committee or, at the least, share your ideas with us. More information is in the works.

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Campbell, Forum Coordinator
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julia@juliaandnolan.com

Professional Development

If you would like to speak at one of our meetings this year, or know of a speaker that everyone would enjoy, please contact Kathy Hergesell, 817-999-4336; kathy@knighterosioncontrol.com

Design Drafting – Lori Donnell

After contacting many local school districts, we have one potential participant. I have sent an email to confirm her participation. Although this will not result in a competition, we will treat it as such with full evaluation and judging. If all criteria and specifications are met, the student will receive the cash award.

If this student does not participate, we will put the competition to rest and try again next year.

PR/Marketing – Lori Donnell

I have a lot of ideas and have done extensive research for print and broadcast media. This will be my focus for special events.

I will post and update Facebook as much as possible. The page is currently set up so only Admin's can post. That is me and DeeAnn (with MagikDigital). DeeAnn makes our daily posts. I will focus on meetings, events, etc. If you have/take pictures, please send to me so I can post them to the chapter page. Also, please let me know what kind of content you want to see on FB posts...Inspiration? Recipes? Safety? (or just chapter info?)

I will not post to Instagram.

I will update and maintain the chapter web site. To accomplish this, **I need assistance from all other committee chairs.** The web site has an integration with Facebook, so events created on FB will automatically show up on the web site. However, we also have a calendar on the site. This is entered manually and includes much more. The calendar will include regional and national events, webinars, industry-related events, and community events. **I need everyone's input to cover as much of interest to our members as possible.**

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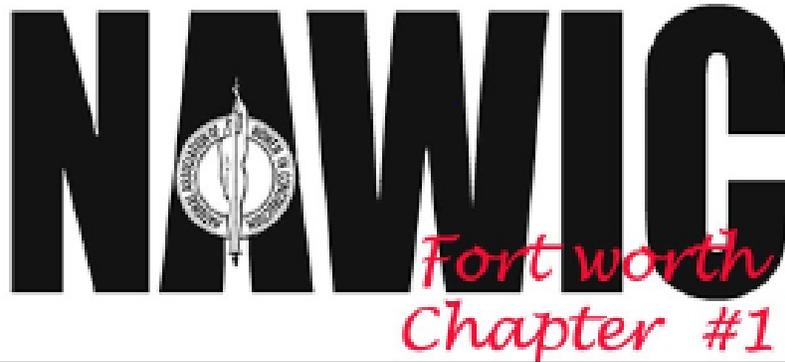
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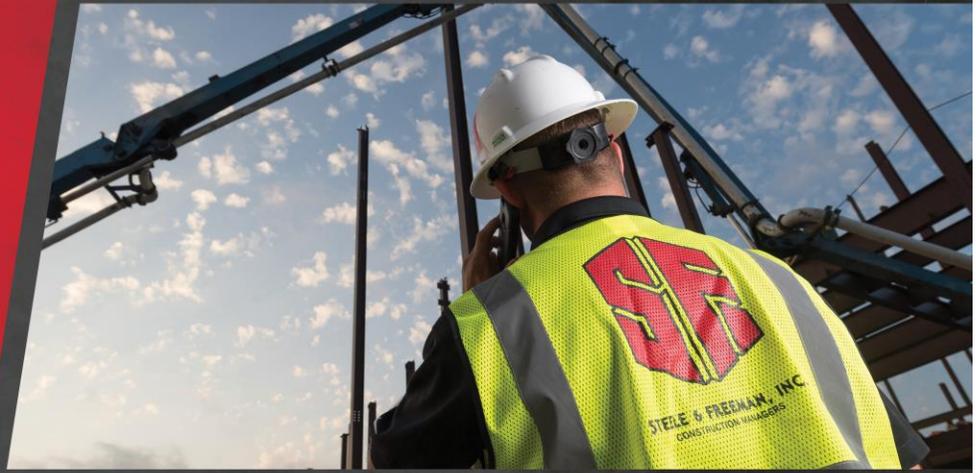
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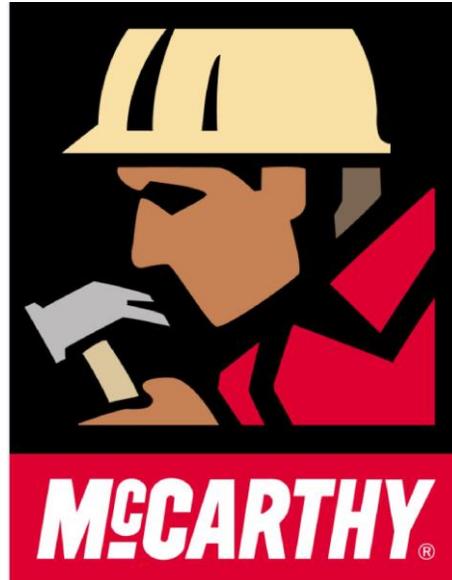
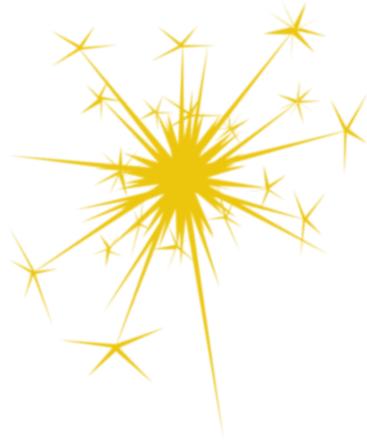
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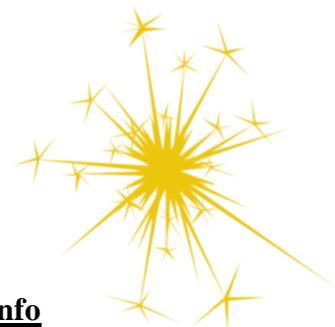
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