

# The Blueprint

**NAWIC | FORT WORTH CHAPTER #1 | SOUTH CENTRAL REGION**

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## **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 strengthen and amplify the success of women  
in the construction industry.

## **NAWIC Core Values**

Women focused, Courageous leadership,  
Commitment to inclusion and growth, Anticipate  
change.

## **Calendar of Events**

**Business Meeting – May 20**

**Board of Directors Meeting – June 8**

**Business Meeting – June 17**

## *President's Message*

*May 2021*

Hello Everyone,

As I am writing this, I am spending my first day at the South Central Region Forum at The Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino in Biloxi, Mississippi. I have already met up with some wonderful NAWIC ladies on this trip and am excited to see the sights and see some of my NAWIC friends from the region.

Our 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament was a few weeks ago and although we haven't been able to see the final earnings from it, I can tell it was a success. Almost every year since I have been in this organization, the earnings from our Golf Tournament has grown. Once again, Shelie Murphy and the Ways and Means Committee has done an amazing job. I would like to thank everyone who played a part in planning and everyone who participated. It was so nice to see everyone and talk face to face.

Our first in-person meeting is this week and I hope everyone has a chance to come to Pappasito's Cantina in Fort Worth. We have a great speaker lined up and we all get to see each other in person. This will be the first time this year I will address everyone in person. Although I have done this before, I find myself a little anxious.

We are on the lookout for a temporary home for our monthly meetings for the remainder of the year. Sadly, Diamond Oaks will not be available. The repairs from the freeze in February are taking longer than anticipated. If any of you have any ideas or locations you would like to try out, please let me know. I appreciate Megan Shaw for taking on the task of searching for us. Any help is welcome.

Next month we will be having our 2021- 2022 Board of Director's elections. We will be announcing our slate of candidates at this month's meeting. If you haven't added your name, it's not too late. We will also take nominations from the floor. It's a great opportunity to work with some amazing women. Every day I spend with these ladies is a treasure. Please contact our nominating committee, Cally Smoke, Julia Campbell, and Catherine Moye, if you have any questions, or would like to throw your name in.

Well ladies, I have a forum to enjoy. Hope to see you all Thursday.

Stay safe out there,  
Sharon Murphy  
President

# May Business Meeting



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**Fort Worth, TX**

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**May 20, 2021**



**Matt Beard**

**Downtown Fort Worth, Inc.**

Matt Beard was born in Fort Worth, and grew up attending Fort Worth public schools. He attended The University of Texas at Arlington, graduating in 2007 with his Bachelor of Science in Architecture.

Since joining DFWI in January of 2015, Matt has managed the two Public Improvement Districts located Downtown, PID #1 and PID #14. Beginning in October of 2015, Matt took on the role of TIF Administrator for the Downtown Tax Increment Financing District TIF 3.

In addition to his responsibilities with DFWI, Matt is the President of the Fort Worth Police Bike Support Group and serves on the Keep Fort Worth Beautiful Board, Operation Partnership Emergency Network (OPEN), and Downtown Fort Worth's Downtown Security Group.

Matt has been married for 10 years to his wife Laura who is a teacher with the Fort Worth Independent School District. Their first child, a daughter named Collins was born in 2014. They welcomed their second, a son named Mason in 2016.

## **The Menu**

**Famous Fajitas**

Sizzling Family-Style Platters include rice & frijoles a la charra, guacamole, pico de gallo, sour cream, cheddar cheese & fresh flour tortillas.

## **Pappasito's Cantina**

2704 W. Frwy

Fort Worth, TX 76102

NETWORKING 5:30 PM – DINNER 6:00 PM

PLEASE R.S.V.P. NO LATER THAN NOON MAY 16, 2021

Shelie Gaffron 817-343-9669 or via email [reservations@nawic-fw.org](mailto:reservations@nawic-fw.org)

*(Anyone who fails to follow through with their reservations will still be charged for the \$35 dinner.)*

# Membership & Friendship

Jennifer Mack & Catherine Moyer



Kathy Hergesell 2<sup>nd</sup>

Kendra James 24<sup>th</sup>



Lori Donnell 7 yrs.

# Committee Reports

## 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 Tracey Hart at [thart@tsbyrne.com](mailto:thart@tsbyrne.com) or Tammy Crooks at [tcrooks@tsbyrne.com](mailto:tcrooks@tsbyrne.com).

## PR Marketing

Please send meeting and event pictures to [prmarketing@nawic-fw.org](mailto:prmarketing@nawic-fw.org). Galleries are being prepared and will be posted to the chapter web site soon.



Congratulations, Alejandra Gonzales! Alejandra's entry won second place in the regional competition. She is a senior at Flower Mound High School. After graduation, Alejandra plans to attend Texas A&M and pursue a degree in Architectural Engineering.

## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has met to review all received nominations. We are calling all nominees to confirm nomination acceptance this week and solicit any additions. The slate will be presented at the May Business Meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the May and June meetings. Elections will be held at the June Business Meeting.

## New Member Committee

Please join in welcoming out newest NAWIC Fort Worth Chapter #1 Members!

Alicia Walker – HASEN Design Build & Development, Inc.  
Rosy Allen – McKinstry  
Tammy Blake – Nexgen Lighting Solutions

If you have any co-workers, friends or business associates interested in joining, share the following link for the online application! <https://www.nawic.org/assnfe/enrollme.asp>



The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Ways and Means Golf  
Tournament



This year's tournament was a huge success! We had a fantastic turnout! Thank you to all the members that showed up to help out and have a great time! Looking

## SAVE THE DATE

The National Association of Women in Construction  
Fort Worth Chapter's  
38<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament



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Fort Worth, TX

**April 25, 2022**

To be held at Diamond Oaks Country Club

# Coming Soon...



## June Business Meeting

NEF History and Update  
Tammy Crooks, President-Elect

June 17, 2021  
Location – To Be Determined



West Fort Worth



Weatherford

Building North Texas and Careers NOW are job training programs designed to help individuals gain valuable knowledge of the construction industry. These classes feature a five-week training period that includes:

- Career Character Clusters
  - Career enhancing soft skills
  - Building strong character
  - Growing exemplary work ethic
  - Becoming a valued employee
- Construction Highlights
  - Overview of construction industry
  - Introduction to "The Trades"
  - Basic construction concepts
  - Finding the right career fit
- OSHA 10 Safety
  - Course 10 hr Construction Safety Award
  - Importance of workplace safety
- Hands-on Workshops
  - Supervised Let's Build It Workshops
  - Building a prototype bathroom
  - Framing, plumbing, & electrical tasks
- Getting ready to fly into a career!
  - Finalize Resumes & Interview Prep
  - Mock Interviews & Career Coaching
  - Connecting Career Opportunities

Students can choose from a variety of trades and career paths within the industry and will be connected to employers ready to hire. New classes are beginning soon.

NAWIC members are invited during the last week of class to talk to the students. If you are interested in sharing your experience and expertise with these students, contact Lori Donnell at [lorid.nawic@gmail.com](mailto:lorid.nawic@gmail.com)

# NAWIC Ranger's Night



NAWIC DALLAS & FORT WORTH NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021

GAME TIME: 1:35PM



## OUTFIELD PAVILION PICNIC AREA

**LOCATION:** Left field behind Sections 240-244, Outfield Pavilion

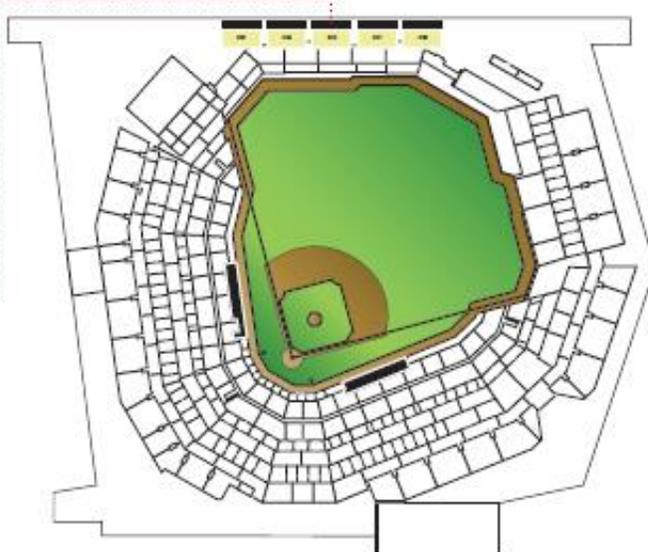
**CAPACITY:** 50-900+

**PRICE:** Picnic options start at \$40/person (includes group ticket)

**INCLUDES:** 1 1/2 hours of food and beverage service and access to group picnic area (BALLPARK FAVORITES)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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Please e-mail completed registration form to: [megan.shaw@tkelevator.com](mailto:megan.shaw@tkelevator.com)

# Member Spotlight



## Tracey Hart



Tracey is a native Texan. She was born in Houston, grew up in Magnolia and then started her family in Katy, TX. She has lived in North Fort Worth since 2003. She says, "I love Fort Worth." She has been happily married to Russell Hart for 18 years. She has three grown children which are her pride and joy; son Daniel Rayne, Former US Army Ranger; daughter Lauren Schulze married and just had first baby, and daughter Rachel Rayne, Northwest Houston Firefighter. Rachel is paving the way for women in her industry just like her mother.

Tracey does miss her old Family and friends. Once she arrived in Fort Worth, she was not sure about the move due to leaving family and friends. Once she joined Byrne and NAWIC, she made strong friendships and she knew she was in the right place. Tracey does not miss Houston.

Tracey has achieved her NAWIC-CIT certification for Human Resources education. She started at Byrne 18 years ago as the owner, John Avila's Executive Assistant. Working with John, she was able to work with all departments and learn about the construction industry. John was a big supporter of pushing her outside her comfort zone. She was working with some aspects of human resources while working in this executive assistant role.

In May of 2014, she was promoted to Director of Human Resources. Some of her duties are new hire orientation and training, employee training and development, all recruiting, human resources management and compliance, employee benefits and office management, to name a few. She is quoted, "I absolutely love my job here at Byrne."

When asked if she is obsessed with anything, she said, "I am obsessed with my 6-week-old grandson, Barrett! As well as my two small dogs, Laynie and Bennie. I would also have to say I am obsessed with gardening and being outside as much as possible. And of course, the Dallas Cowboys! I am enjoying learning to golf."

We asked Tracey if she had any bad habits. She plead the fifth. 😊

In five years, she sees herself at Byrne as Director of Human Resources working to improve all aspects of their HR department. During this time, she hopes to begin building a house on their property in Blanco in the beautiful Texas hill country. In ten years, she hopes to be retired and moving to their place in Blanco on the Blanco River.

When asked, what brought Tracey into NAWIC, "Karolene Pittman and I worked together at Byrne. She invited me to attend a NAWIC meeting with her and I was hooked! I was looking for knowledge of the construction industry as I came from the Oil & Gas industry before moving to Fort Worth. I found it in the support of the women within NAWIC and our Fort Worth Chapter. My first visit to a NAWIC meeting, I felt welcomed and supported and knew this was the right place for me to be. I believe I expected to receive support and education through NAWIC and its members, but I have received so much more. I will say, the more active you are within NAWIC, the more you will receive from NAWIC."

Tracey believes the members impacted her with their hospitality, support, and encouragement. She was also impacted by past and current members, Julia Campbell, Pat Meadors, Gracie Narey, Pat Briggs and so many other awesome members who "voluntold" her to join the Block Kids committee. Block Kids affected her heart and soul. Going into these schools educating these young students about construction made her heart happy.

She has received construction education; leadership skills, community involvement and made lifelong friendships within NAWIC. She is currently serving on the NAWIC Fort Worth Chapter 1 Board of Directors, is chairing the Professional Education & Development committee, and chairing the NAWIC National HR/Legal Industry Council, as well as the TEXO Human Resources Forum. The Fort Worth Chapter is blessed to have such an amazing member as part of our team.

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2020-2021

## Sponsorship Opportunities

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These new sponsorship opportunities are geared toward events on the calendar between now and the end of our fiscal year of September 30, 2021.

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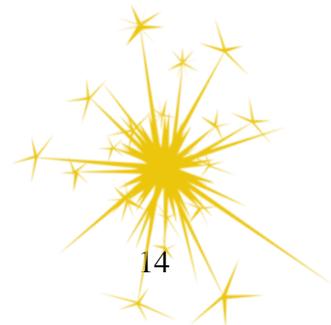
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# 2020 – 2021

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