



NAWIC Los Angeles Chapter 42

The National Association of Women in Construction

MARCH 2009 NEWSLETTER

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Cordially invites you to Dinner and a Presentation on

"FINANCIAL PLANNING TODAY"

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Tuesday, March 17, 2009

Networking and Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.
Dinner & Presentation at 6:30 p.m.

TAIX French Restaurant

1911 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026
(213) 484-1265

Dinner will be Rolls, Salad, Soup, Short Ribs Provençal (braised short ribs with carrots, tomatoes and celery) and Dessert
Halibut Fish available upon request at the time of their reservation

\$30 includes dinner and program (NAWIC Members)
\$35 (NAWIC Non-Members)

✦ Reservations: Deirdre Margolias
DeirdreM7@sbcglobal.net (714) 745-5690 **Pay by credit card.**

If you have any questions, please contact:
[Melanie Lee](#), Chapter President, 310-430-0303 or nawic188@earthlink.net

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ March 7 – Celebration of Women's Festival, Jim Gilliam Recreation Center, LA
- ❖ March 14 – Day at the Races, Santa Anita Racetrack, Scholarship Fundraiser, see Ann Lowden
- ❖ April 3 – Career Fair, Southern California Cement Masons, Arcadia
- ❖ April 21 – General Meeting, Speaker (TBA)
- ❖ April 25 – Region 12 Forum, Hampton Inn, Las Vegas, NV
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Karen's Farewell Message



New Member Marilyn Klingler



New Member Hazel Esquerra



President's Message March 2009

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LOS ANGELES MEMBERS

The Los Angeles Chapter celebrates its 48th Birthday on March 26th! Best wishes to all of the Los Angeles Members! Please come and join us at our birthday celebration at the March 17th Meeting!

WIC WEEK

Women in Construction (WIC) Week is March 1 to March 7. To celebrate the Los Angeles Chapter is wearing NAWIC gear on Wednesday, March 4th. Help us celebrate by promoting NAWIC to all the women in construction you know. NAWIC should not be the best kept secret in the construction industry. I will be promoting NAWIC at the Celebrate of Women Festival at the Jim Gilliam Recreation Center, Los Angeles. I love spreading the word of NAWIC!

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

This month our chapter is holding several events to fund our Scholarship Fund for this year. On March 14th, we will be holding our annual Day at the Races at Santa Anita Racetracks. Chairperson Ann Lowden reports that ticket sales have been great. We hope to have a very successful day. Ann will make sure that winners and losers will have fun too. Unfortunately the seminar we scheduled "A New Era in Standard Form Construction Documents: AIA v. ConsensusDOCS" to further our fundraising efforts on March 7th in today's economy did not produce the results of our other event and we are forced to cancel. The Chapter thanks Sedgwick, Detert, Moran and Arnold for all their efforts on behalf of the Chapter and especially Marilyn Klinger and Karen Shanbrom for volunteering to hold the seminar.

CHAPTER CHANGES

Our chapter is constantly changing! I am happy to report that as of this printing, our chapter count is up to 25! And I hope all of the Chapter members are distributing our referral cards so that we can continue to increase our membership! If you are new member and do not know what I am referring to, I hope you will come to one of our general meetings to find out! Sadly, I have to report that Karen Shanbrom, our Chapter Vice President, has left Sedgwick, Detert, Moran and Arnold, who is our Corporate Sponsor. She will be writing a book on the murder of her brother and hopes to get a job with the District Attorney. Karen did promise (with several chapter members as witnesses) to return to visit us at future meetings. Marilyn Klinger, Karen's former Supervisor, will be taking Karen's place as a member of our chapter. Marilyn has appeared at several conferences and as our August speaker last year. The Chapter welcomes Marilyn as our newest corporate member! At our Board meeting last month, Jane Templin was approved to change from Director to Vice President for the remainder of the year. We will fill our vacated Director position soon.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominating Committee was filled also at our last meeting. From the Board is Jane Templin and our non-Board Members are Anne Lowden and Marilyn Klinger. They will prepare the slate for the 2009-2010 Year and present it at the May Meeting for the Election at the June Meeting. Good luck, Ladies!



NAWIC MEMBERSHIP CORNER

New Member Dawn Rusgrove

In this month's newsletter we have the pleasure of telling you more about Ms. Dawn Rusgrove. Dawn is a new chapter member who recently became a chapter board member. In February Lupe Morales, chair of NAWIC 42 membership committee, took time to interview Dawn. The following is a summary of their conversation. Enjoy!

Could you briefly tell me about yourself?

I was born and raised along with my sister and brother by my parents in Connecticut. I had lived there most of my life graduating from Hamden High School. In 1999 I moved to California for a second time to again explore the west coast and see what opportunities sunny California had in store for me.

I lived in Fremont for a year then moved to Los Angeles. I started working at a firewood company. It was at that company where I met the daughter-in-law of the owner. She worked in the construction industry and she referred me to my current job as a field office engineer with TBI Associates. TBI is a construction and project management firm specializing in public works projects like schools, colleges, etc. I have been working with TBI since 2002. At the moment, my job has me working very closely with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). The work requires me to be very familiar with policies and procedures as it pertains to the building of new schools.

What does it take to be good at what you do?

Well, it's a constantly changing environment. Every day is different and may have different challenges. Unpredictable is the word that best described it. To be successful you have to:

- Adapt well to constant change;
- Be extremely flexible;
- Be detailed oriented;
- Be familiar with all the paperwork ;
- Know the documents necessary for the work to occur; and
- Manage Multi-tasking at a high level; and
- Work in a fast passed environment.

Anything else you would like to share?

I am single and live in a condo in North Hollywood. Eight months ago I added to my California family by adopting Isabella. Isabella is a 16 month old cocker spaniel mix puppy who I adopted from my local chapter. She is so cute and has lots of energy. We enjoy spending time walking and playing around my condo complex.



Chapter Officers 2008 – 2009

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