



The National Association of Women in Construction
[Los Angeles](#) Chapter 42

Cordially invites you to Dinner and a Presentation on

“WHAT'S NEW IN TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FOR LA COUNTY”

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Tuesday, October 20., 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, Beef Bourguignon
(Tender pieces of beef simmered in Burgundy wine and mushroom),
fresh vegetables, and Dessert
Vegetarian Pasta available upon request

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

Reservations: Heather Badgett
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If you have any questions, please contact:
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oct. 17 – Annual Planning Conference, San Diego
Nov. 17 - General Meeting, Elizabeth Ewing, In My Own House, Universal Living
Dec. 15 – Holiday Party, Member Craft Talks, Ornament Exchange, Women Shelter Gift Bags Assembly

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RESIDENT'S MESSAGE SEPTEMBER 2009

2009 CONVENTION

This year NAWIC's 54th Convention was held in Phoenix, Arizona at the beautiful JW Marriott Desert Ridge. It was a monster of a complex with great big rooms that had fantastic insulation and heavy doors. Neighbors were out of sight and mind. The convention facilities were so vast that they actually had several organizations meeting there at the same time! Remember the Peabody Hotel with their resident ducks? Well Desert Ridge not only has resident Mallard Ducks in the pools by the bar but lots of Jack Rabbits with fluffy cotton tails in the garden that actually pose for guests. I know that we Angelenos live in a desert, but temperatures in Los Angeles don't reach those in Phoenix – thank God! One evening a group of us went out to dinner at 6 pm – the temperature was 113°! Amazing! Although it was too hot to do much, Ann and I along with Darlene from Honolulu took the Frank Lloyd Wright's tour at Taliesin West in Scottsdale. This brought me full circle from the tour we took at the Chicago Convention of Wright's studio and the neighborhood homes he designed.

With all of the beauty surrounding the convention facilities, it was rather sad that the attendees only numbered 400. Many friends across the country mentioned problems with jobs, loss of jobs or slow business. The issue of the membership classifications was brought up in session. It brought back memories, not necessarily good memories, of the past when changes to the bylaws were discussed on the convention floor. But it was also proven that our region has a better distribution of information than other regions. After clarification of the motion, all of Region 12 knew that the changes were based on IRS views of our organization and any opposition was defeated. President Pat McDonald did an excellent job of keeping the convention in order. Region 12 was very proud to see our fourth Region 12 President installed when Robin Fulton Meyer was wheeled to the stage (Robin just had a small accident on the previous Friday). Another Region 12 moment.

Among the numerous informative seminars presented at convention, my two favorites were done by Carol Hagen of the Phoenix Chapter who is an Information Consultant. Her first seminar was on 'Records Retention and Destruction in Construction' and her second seminar was 'The Paperless Construction Office.' She taught us that with the proper equipment like the 'rdx' system by HP, an office can scan all of their paperwork using a Fujitsu scanner and file all of the documents. Carol stated that the documents can be retrieved quicker than 7 mins., while the old fashioned method can take months, especially when the paper is misfiled. In order to cut down on misfiling with the scanning methods, specific filing parameters are programmed in the scanner so that it quickly files the documents in the correct files. Having been in many accounting departments in my life, organizing the storage room full of file boxes has been one of my many assignments. Carol's system would be a lot better.

PRESIDENTIAL FAREWELL AND THANKS

My two-year term as President has come to an end. As many of you know this is my second chapter, having been raised in the Greater Santa Monica Chapter before its closure. But the Los Angeles Chapter has been the greatest to achieve great things and I believe the ISEE Program of LAUSD will be one of the best partnerships NAWIC LA will be part of. We will take part in the solution to bring more young ladies into the construction industry. One endeavor NAWIC LA can truly be proud of. I have grown to know and love all of my NAWIC LA Members. I am proud to be part of the Board who has worked so hard and long to make our Chapter work so well. I look forward to getting to know our new Members too and hope those that have not come to a meeting, comes to know us soon. Again I thank everyone for allowing me to be your leader for the past two years. You have become my sisters in more ways than one.