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*Milwaukee Chapter #105*

*Year in Review*

# Nuts & Bolts

NAWIC Chapter 105, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

## Letter from the President

Technically our membership year is not over, but since we break for the Summer months and have 99.9% of our meetings and events behind us, it seems like the end of one era and the beginning of another.

I thank you for entrusting me once again with being our Chapter's president for the 2012-2013 year. We have our Board of Directors in place and we are already working on developing our committees. I want to thank all of those members that have made commitments to being on the board and/or a committee. In the following pages I have listed who we have in what position so far, but there are many more spots on our committees left to fill.

I appreciate all of the hard work that our members put forth this past year with regards to our Membership Event, the annual Christmas Party, Block Kids WIC Week and, of course, our Casino Night Fundraiser not to mention our monthly meetings. Everybody came together to make it all happen and that is why I chose to do a year in review to reiterate how important it is for us to become involved through the various committees and leadership roles.

NAWIC as a whole is implementing a mentoring program which I see as a wonderful tool. In the past year I have learned a lot about the chapter and myself and I am ready to pass that knowledge on to our next group of leaders. It is critical that we continue to educate our new members and not just by of saying "This is what we've done so this is what you are expected to do." But, to rather give our members guidelines to go by and let new ideas roll in. It is important to reinvent ourselves once in a while ☺

I also understand that all of us lead very busy lives and time can definitely be a restriction. Therefore, we do work hard to make our monthly meetings as time-effective and educational as possible, and you do not have to be on a committee to provide input and ideas as to what we might be able to do at those meetings. Please do not hesitate to submit your ideas. We have such a variety of ladies in different fields out there and there is plenty to learn.

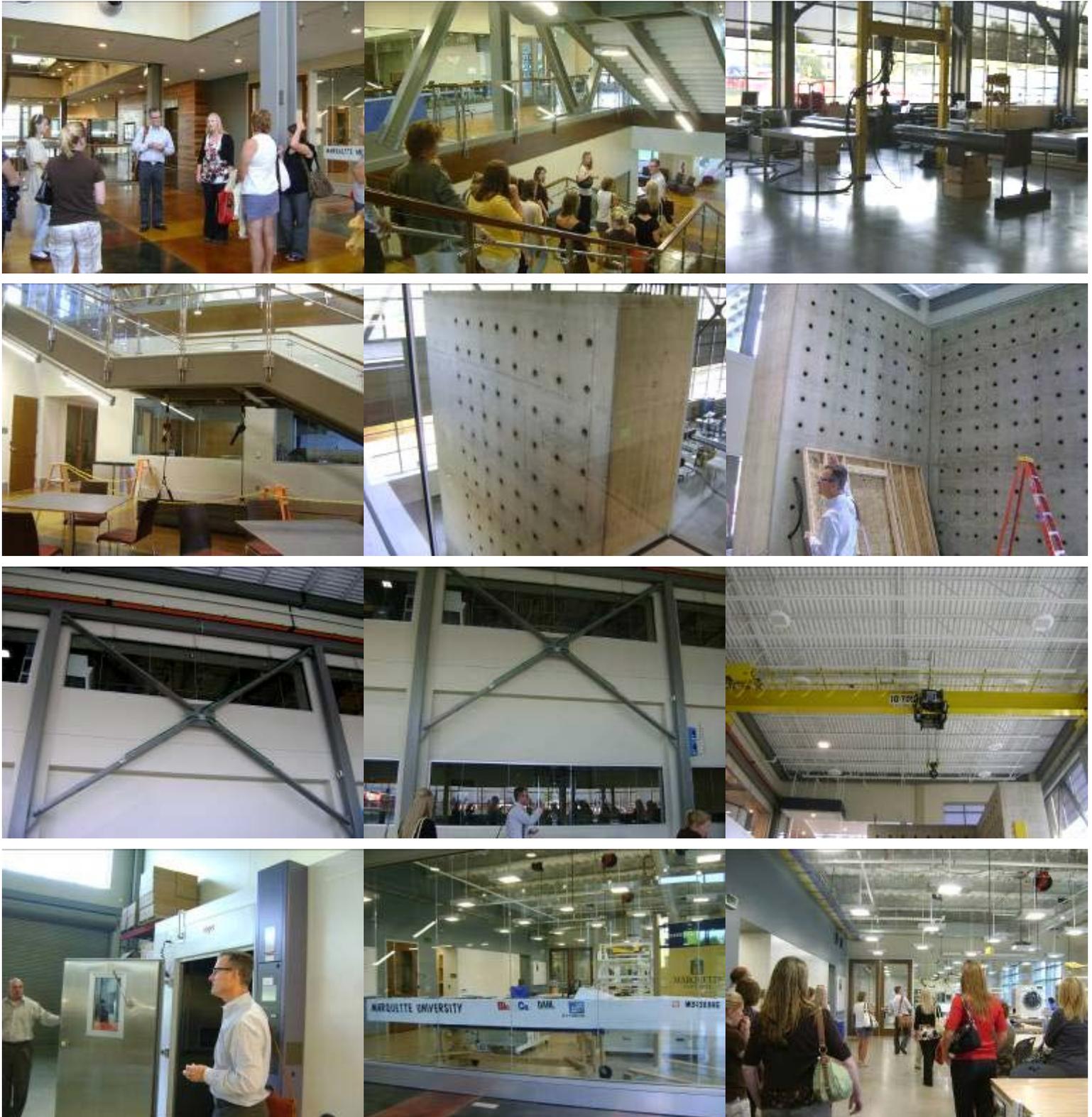
So please take a look at what we have accomplished this past year and I look forward to working with everybody in the upcoming months to create another year of success for our Chapter. Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. Please have a happy and safe Summer and I will see you in September!

*Helena Johnson*  
*President*



## September – Marquette University Tour

Our September meeting consisted of an excellent tour of Marquette University's College of Engineering building. This new facility is just opening to students and faculty in the Fall of 2011 while upper levels were still under construction. The tour included the new construction materials and engineering labs where they conduct material testing and research. All 3 of our scholarship winners were in attendance and after the tour we held our general meeting where we presented them with their scholarship checks totaling \$5,000.



## October – I-94/Mitchell Interchange Construction Tour

In October we revisited the Mitchell Interchange reconstruction project. This project started in February of 2010 and was just past the halfway mark to completion. We toured the tunnels and saw all aspects of the construction project up close! Thank you to our member, Amber Thomas of Collins Engineers for coordinating this tour for us.



## November - Membership Event

In November we held our annual Membership Event. We held it at Vino 100 in Wauwatosa and had a great turnout. This event is a great opportunity to learn what NAWIC is all about and to network with women throughout the industry. This year's event will be held in August at Trostel Square in downtown Milwaukee.



## December – Supportive Care Christmas Party

In December we hold an annual Christmas party with the residents of Supportive Care, LLC.

DeLois Johnson and her team work tirelessly to support adults with developmental and physical disabilities that don't have family of their own able to help. The residents submit a Christmas wish list and the NAWIC members purchase and wrap the gifts which are opened at the party. We have a great time every year singing carols and spreading Christmas cheer.





## January – Electrical Safety In The Home

In January we met at Lemberg Electric for a presentation by Tim Scheid on basic homeowner electrical knowledge. We learned how to recognize common problems related to the electrical system in our home. Many issues were discussed such as circuit breakers that continuously trip, why and where ground fault circuit interrupters are required and the dangers of working on live electrical circuits.

## February – Networking Your Way To The Corner Office



In February we met at Mount Mary College for a presentation by Tracy Milkowski on Networking Your Way to the Corner Office. In today's job market with the unemployment rate currently at 8.5 percent, it has become increasingly difficult to find a job that does not have a hundred or more resumes being submitted for any one position. This is forcing employers to randomly select resumes, using unscientific methods for choosing one resume to review over another. As such, experts agree that networking is worth your time and energy and can help you get ahead in the professional world, furthering your chances to finding yourself working in that corner office.

Tracy is the director of the Women's Leadership Institute at Mount Mary College. Before joining Mount Mary College, she was employed by the Medical College of Wisconsin for nearly 13 years, with her primary concentration in program development and improvement.

Tracy currently serves on the Wauwatosa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. She previously served on the Friends of the Medical College of Wisconsin Board of Directors for the National Association for Surgical Education (ASE). Tracy is a member of several professional organizations and committees within greater Milwaukee.

## March – Women In Construction Week Industry Appreciation Dinner



In March we held our Industry Appreciation Dinner in Celebration of WIC Week and International Women’s Day. Again, we had a great turn out with wonderful guest speakers.

Our first speaker, Suzanne Carlson, a representative from Junior Achievement informed us about the wonderful programs JA offers for all ages. There is a BizTown program in which they learn how a real city is run. There are shops, manufacturers, a newspaper and they even elect a mayor. There is also Finance Park where high school students are put into real life situations, are given a salary and have to figure out how to manage their expenses

Our second speaker , Lisa Ferlita, co-founder and CEO of The Camber Group, spoke about how they provide the complete package from developing to managing to building a project. And what makes it even more intriguing is that it is all overseas. She has been to a number of countries in Africa and the Middle East and was most recently in Kurdistan (what they call the ‘other’ Iraq) and has been working with China and has worked on huge housing projects in Mexico. Lisa is such a dynamic person and provided such a great presentation on the fact that we build for the end product, for the homes that people will live in, the buildings they will work in and the hospitals that they may be treated in. She also gave us an insight of what it is like to be a woman not only in a business that is male-dominated, but also in countries where women are barely considered human.

# April – Scholarship Fundraiser Casino Night

Well, we did it! Our fundraiser was a great success and we were able to raise \$18,150. After expenses we are left with \$9,200 to support our chapter and provide scholarships in the upcoming year. I want to extend my thanks and gratitude to the members that participated on the various committees and the long nights and weekends they put into our meetings preparing for this event. Thank you as well to all of the members that volunteered the night of, as well as those that came and brought co-workers, friends and family.



## May – GE Healthcare Women’s Network



In May we had the pleasure of having a speaker from GE Healthcare, Sherri Mowery, do a presentation on GE Healthcare Women’s Network. GE’s Women’s Network was created to accelerate the advancement of women working at GE. By sharing information, best practices, education and experience we help one another develop the leadership skills and career advancing opportunities needed to drive GE’s success. It exists for the more than 100,000 women working at GE to cultivate their leadership skills, business practices, personal contacts and career opportunities. By engaging and developing our membership in areas such as technology and sales, we are working to provide the growth leaders who will ensure GE’s success going forward.

Sherri is the General Manager of Installation Services leading an approximately 170 person organization in the siting, design and installation of diagnostic imaging and medical device equipment for hospitals, physician offices and out patient centers across the United States. Her business converts sales into revenue through customer involvement and project management of over 4000 installations per year.

Sherri was a Co-Leader for GE’s Milwaukee Hub Woman’s Network from 2008-2009. She is now a Women’s Network National Leader for a \$50M dollar 3 year Developing Health Program to increase access to primary care for underserved communities across the United States.

## June – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Riverboat Cruise



In June we held our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Margarita Monday Riverboat Cruise. This fun, social evening is a great opportunity to network and get to know our members a little more personally. After all, our members are our greatest asset! Along the way, we enjoy the Milwaukee skyline and appreciate the ongoing development of the Milwaukee downtown, river walk, and harbor. We had another great turnout this year and after a year of hard work were ready to take it easy prior to our Summer break. Thank you to everybody and see you again next year!

## Thank You to the 2011 – 2012 Board of Directors

<b>Immediate Past President:</b>	Jackie Eicher – Member since 2004
<b>President:</b>	Helena Johnson – Member since 2007
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Amber Thomas – Member since 2004
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Michelle O'Rourke – Member since 2004
<b>Secretary:</b>	Kassy Coen – Member since 2010
<b>Director:</b>	Brenda Graat – Member since 2007
<b>Director:</b>	Julie Raymond – Member since 2010
<b>Director:</b>	Stevie Mistele-Wildt – Member since 2010



## Welcome 2012 -2013 Board of Directors

<b>President:</b>	Helena Johnson – Member since 2007
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Susan Jaske – Member since 2002
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Julie Raymond – Member since 2010
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<b>Director:</b>	Theresa Weinert – Member since 2010
<b>Director:</b>	Dawn Filtz – Member since 2011
<b>Director:</b>	Nancy Hall – Member since 2011

## Thank You to the 2011 – 2012 Committee Members

<b>Block Kids:</b>	Michelle O'Rourke, Julie Raymond & Nancy Hall
<b>Community Service:</b>	Jackie Eicher
<b>Membership:</b>	Helena Johnson
<b>NEF:</b>	Amber Thomas
<b>Newsletter Editor:</b>	Michelle Hetzel
<b>CP &amp; E:</b>	Theresa Weinert & Nancy Hall
<b>PR/Marketing:</b>	Kassy Coen
<b>Scholarship:</b>	Amber Thomas, Shauna Boyer, Julie Raymond
<b>Strategic Planning:</b>	April Weatherston, Helena Johnson
<b>Sunshine:</b>	Michelle O'Rourke
<b>Ways &amp; Means:</b>	Karen Hetzel, Debbie Pronschinske, Stevie Mistele-Wildt, Julie Raymond, Susan Jaske, Shauna Boyer, Michelle O'Rourke
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Please see the following page regarding the committee descriptions and please do not hesitate to join any one of these, even if it looks as though the position is filled. We can always use the extra help ☺

**Block Kids** — Block Kids is part of our NAWIC Education Foundation program where we have a challenge every year where kids from grades 1 to 6 compete in a LEGO building competition. This committee organizes the event, creates the flyers, keeps track of RSVP's, etc.

**Community Service** — Our chapter is always looking for opportunities to give back to the community. This chairperson is responsible for reaching out to the chapter to see what we might be able to participate in and then organize that event.

**Membership/Roster** — The Membership Chair is the go-to person for potential members to get their information from and to mentor the new members as well. As membership chair you keep a roster of the current members and a list of potential members.

**NEF Committee** — NEF stands for NAWIC Education Foundation. This chairperson is responsible for holding a \$1 raffle at each general meeting to generate funds for NEF. A small gift is the prize to the raffle winner and this chairperson is responsible for obtaining that gift as well. These monies are then donated on behalf of the chapter to NEF which helps keep the costs down for the programs offered to our members.

**Newsletter Editor** — Nuts and Bolts is our monthly newsletter and the editor is responsible for gathering information both on her own and from other members to include and then distributes it to both current and potential members. The editor should be in contact with the membership chair to keep the distribution list up to date.

**Construction Profession & Education** — This is an integral committee to the chapter because they coordinate and organize each of our monthly general meetings. Members get together over the Summer and brainstorm about potential tours, speakers, etc. that would be of interest to the membership. They work in coordination with the president to get a schedule in place for the next membership year.

**Public Relations/Marketing/Website** — This chairperson is responsible for finding opportunities to promote and market our chapter and NAWIC as a whole. We do have a website administrator and this person would help to coordinate the upkeep of our website to keep it up to date.

**Scholarship** — This committee is responsible for promoting the scholarship opportunities offered by our chapter by attending career fairs at local colleges and for getting out the scholarship forms. The forms are then submitted and reviewed by NFSF (NAWIC Founders Scholarship Foundation) to determine the scholarship winners.

**Strategic Planning** — Our chapter is working on creating a strategic plan with the focus being on educating young ladies from grade school through high school on job opportunities available in the construction industry. This committee would work on creating connections and partnerships throughout the community to help spread the word that women can have viable careers in many aspects of construction.

**Sunshine** — This is a one-person type committee and this person is responsible for sending out cards, flowers, etc. to those members that may be ill or deserve congratulations.

**Ways and Means/Scholarship Fundraiser** — Each year we hold an annual event as our fundraiser. The money raised is where all of our scholarship money comes from in addition to providing funds for the operation of our chapter. We have utilized a couple of formats, i.e. Live Auction and Casino Night. This committee is responsible for organizing this very important event.

**Women In Construction (WIC) Week** — Women In Construction Week is the first full week in March. Every NAWIC chapter is encouraged to hold an event (s) that promotes WIC week and women in construction. Typically we hold an Industry Appreciation Dinner, but new ideas are always encouraged.

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION

*Milwaukee Chapter*  
**Membership Event**  
Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012



### *What is the Value of a NAWIC Membership?*

*Please come and join us for an informal evening with our female peers and colleagues to learn what NAWIC is all about.*

*The purpose of this event is to inform our guests about our organization and to share with you the many benefits that a NAWIC membership has to offer.*

*This event is open to any interested woman in a construction or construction-related profession.*



*Thursday, August 16, 2012 from 5:30pm – 8:00pm*  
*Trostel Square Apartments – Community Room*  
*1818 North Commerce Street, Milwaukee, WI*  
*(Free street parking is available)*  
*Appetizers and beverages will be served*  
*There is no charge to attend*

*Please RSVP to Helena Johnson by Friday,*  
*August 10, 2012*  
*[helena.johnson@cgschmidt.com](mailto:helena.johnson@cgschmidt.com)*