

## National Association of Women in Construction Maine Chapter 276

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President's Message



### **MEMBER(S):**

I'm happy to report we have another new member! Welcome to Lindsey Reynolds. She works for Consigli Construction and was recruited by Kyla Sarnowski. To learn more about Lindsey watch for your January newsletter as she has already agreed to be our spotlight member! Thanks!

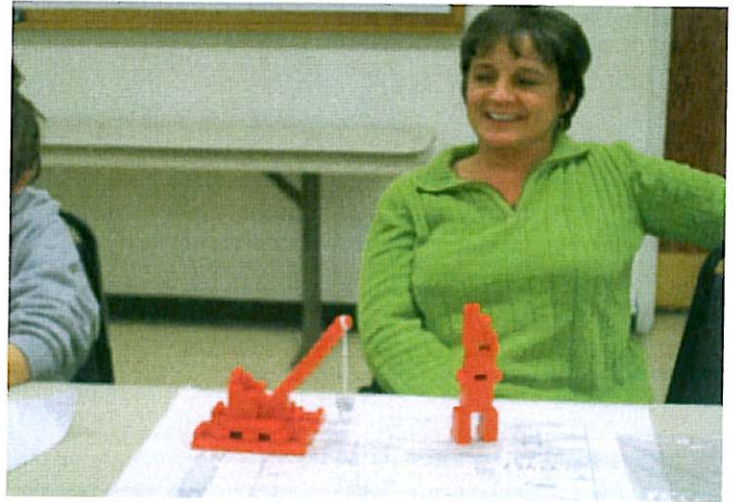
### **LAST MONTHS MEETING:**

For our November meeting we had a mock Block Kids competition. First, I want to thank the eight members that took the time to attend the meeting. Attendance was disappointing, but I think all of us that were there would agree we had a great time. Block Kids is a fantastic program to get elementary school aged children thinking about construction. If you have an opportunity to participate in one of our

chapters hosted competitions please do so. It is worth the time!



Guest Valerie Paquin-Gould with her winning wind turbine.





## “SPOTLIGHT”:

For our third spotlight installment we have the pleasure of featuring a member that is not new to NAWIC, but is still a relatively new face to most of us. The next time you “spot” her please say hi and introduce yourself!

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Kyla Sarnowski

### **KYLA SARNOWSKI**

“I work at Consigli Construction Co. as an Estimator and have worked there for three and half years. I started in their Milford, MA office and transferred to the Portland office in February of this year. I typically handle the estimates, take-off, and subcontractor management during the preconstruction phase of projects Consigli has or is bidding. Upon my transfer up to Maine, my boyfriend and I bought a 2 bedroom condo in South Portland. When I’m not working, visiting my family in New Jersey, or doing odds and ends around the house, I enjoy golf, Pilates, and cooking.

Although I was somewhat involved in the NAWIC Boston Chapter when I was in Milford, I didn’t

decide to become a member until I moved to Maine. I felt NAWIC would be a great place for me to start building my Maine network. I’m looking forward to getting to know all the members as well as expanding my exposure to the different aspects of construction.”

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:**

- December 16<sup>th</sup> is our annual Christmas party complete with a visit from Santa and his helper. Dinner is potluck. Please let Joyce know if you will be attending and what you can contribute. We also have a yankee gift swap. The limit is \$10 and you need to bring a gift in order to participate. Our Christmas committee also prepares a little something for all our members. Hope to see many of you there!
- December 9<sup>th</sup> is the All Industry meeting. This is taking place at the Augusta Civic Center. NAWIC and many other organizations will be coming together for this event. If you are interested in more details please let me know.
- January 20<sup>th</sup> we’ll be welcoming Home Depot to our meeting for a hands-on activity. Meeting location needed, suggestions?



As in years past, we've decided to choose a family to help during this holiday season. While there are many families in need and deserving of help this time of year, we've chosen a family that has hit a string of hard luck and could really use the extra helping hand.

Here's some background information on this family:

Jim and Jessica have three children. Brittany, age 11; Destiny, age 7; and Seth, age 5. They recently experienced a devastating fire that left them homeless. Along with the loss of their home, they lost all of their belongings. To make matters worse, Jim will soon be laid off for the winter and each of their children also have underlying health issues. Just days before the fire they found out one of their children would need extensive surgery on their back. While Red Cross has helped them find an apartment (\$850/month not including utilities), this family has little else. Here are some things that may help in determining the needs of this family:

Brittany – Pants = Size 12 teen; Shirts = Med/Lg; Shoes = Size 6 ½

Destiny – Pants = Size 7 slim; Shirts = Size 7; Shoes = Size 13

Seth – Pants = Size 5; Shirts = Size 5-6; Shoes = Size 12

Jessica = Kitchen items (steak knives, pots & pans, dishware, glasses, silverware)

Jim – Tools (cordless drill)

Gift cards are also a welcomed option as is bedding (as they only have a single set per bed at this time).

This family isn't used to receiving help so they were reluctant to provide much detail in regards to what they would like; however, they did mention

that the children do still believe in Santa so it would be nice to let them think Santa has arrived.

Any help our chapter members can provide is much appreciated. Please let me know if you are able to contribute in any way to this family. The items should be wrapped and brought to the December meeting.

If you have any questions please let me know!



#### AS A REMINDER:

- NAWIC items are on sale and available at every chapter meeting. Lacey Barcelou is our Sales Items committee chair. If you would like additional information please let her know. Lacey would also like to work on getting some new polo styled NAWIC clothing. If you are interested in this type of garment please let her know.
- All members are invited and encouraged to attend the Board meetings so they can contribute their thoughts and opinions.
- If you have information or pictures you'd like put into the newsletter please let me know. Suggestions are also always welcomed.
- Annual Planning Conference reports are due on December 8<sup>th</sup>. This is 45 days from the conference as outlined in our chapter Policies and Procedures.
- NEF fundraising tickets are on sale at each meeting from now until Convention. These tickets are \$10/each or \$25/3 tickets. There are cash prizes and the winning tickets will be drawn at Convention 2010. You do not need to be present to win.

## COMMITTEES:

\*\*\* The Christmas committee is hard at work preparing for our holiday meeting. They are getting together on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are interested in being added to this committee please let Joyce Newman know.

\*\*\* Construction expo committee will be meeting December 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 at Joyce's house. Please contact Joyce for additional information or if you are able to attend.

\*\*\* The Friendship committee sent two birthday cards in October, three birthday cards in November and one sympathy card to Past National President Joan Mehos on the loss of her husband. A huge thank you goes out to Marion for taking over this committee!

\*\*\* The Marketing/PR committee will be sending out public service or meeting announcements on a monthly basis. A copy of these notices will be provided to members.

\*\*\* WIC Week is the March 7-13 2010. Our chapters commitment form has been submitted.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

Christmas is forever, not for just one day, for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf. The good you do for others is good you do yourself...

—Norman Wesley Brooks, "Let Every Day Be Christmas," 1976

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## SURVEY SAYS:

Thank you to all the members that have participated in our monthly surveys. I was impressed with the number of surveys taken for November. We're taking December off for the holidays, but will pick right back up in January. If you have suggestions for future surveys please let me know!



## ATTACHMENTS:

- Current Chapter Member Contact Information
- Sharon Martel Annual Planning Conference Report
- Lacey Barcelou Annual Planning Conference Report
- Marion Thomas Annual Planning Conference Report

**NEXT MEETING:** December 16, 2009



Back Left to Right: Shelly Chipman, Crystal Manzer, Tracie Travers.  
Front Left to Right: Trisha Mosher, Joyce Newman, Heidi Rodzen, Lacey Barcelou. Absent: Robin Wood.

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