



## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION Maine Chapter No. 276 October 2011 Newsletter

It's barely still October, and I'm just doing the October Newsletter. I haven't really known where to start. As I said in September, following the Installation of the 2011-12 Officers and Board, I am really excited to start another term as Chapter President. I was installed as President the first time, thirty years ago, and I think I have more enthusiasm now than I did then! I was thrilled to have so many members volunteer for committees, a sure sign that we are off to a great start. I'm looking forward to working with all of you.

I will be contacting each committee in the next few days to make sure everyone knows what their tasks are and in some cases, help set up your first meeting. My goal is to stay in touch with all of the committees and include your progress in the monthly newsletters. This will keep every member aware of what is being planned and how you can support each committee. This will also eliminate the need for committees to report at meetings except when necessary.

Congratulations to our 2011-12 Officers and Board members. Thanks, also to Marion Thomas for conducting the installation, and for agreeing to serve as Chapter Parliamentarian this year.



Pictured are Joyce Newman, President, Trisha Mosher, Vice President, Mary Matthews, Secretary, Donna Castaldi, Treasurer, Robin Wood, Shelly Chipman, Angela LeVasseur and Kyla Sarnowski, Directors.

Heidi Rodzen, Out-going President was absent in September, but passed the gavel at the October meeting.



Heidi, "passing the gavel" to Joyce, while holding her roses, a token "thank you" for her two years as Chapter President.

Nineteen of our renewing 26 members were signed up for the **October meeting**. With more focus on industry speakers/topics at our meetings, we are hoping that we continue to have such a large percentage of members attending.



Christine Grubb, (center) Maine Drilling & Blasting, Inc. was initiated as our newest member by Joyce Newman, assisted by Trisha Mosher, Membership Chair at the October meeting. Welcome, Christine! Thanks, Judy Purington, for recruiting her.

**Region 14 Annual Planning Conference (APC)** is coming right up this weekend. As far as I know, Heidi is the only member attending the Leadership Training on Friday, but will be joined by Robin Wood, Mary Matthews, Marion Thomas, Jane Henry, Jeanne Letourneau, Judy Purington, Marion Thomas and I on Saturday for the actual APC Meeting.



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The **Construction Profession and Education Committee** is working hard to accommodate the suggestions made by member during our strategic planning session in September. Carolyn Bird, founder and owner of Casco Bay Engineers was our speaker in October. She presented a very interesting slide show highlighting the various phases of her career that started in state of Washington and how she succeeded in starting her business in Maine.

**November Membership Meeting:** Plans are in the works to have a job site tour of the new Maine General Hospital in North Augusta in November, and a speaker from the design team for the project at our dinner meeting, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Kyle Sarnowski, Lindsey Dumais and Maureen Murray for serving on this committee.

**December Membership Meeting:** Our annual Christmas meeting is only about 7 weeks away! The committee will be meeting soon to plan something special for the event. This is one of our two “networking” meetings, a chance to get to know other members better and have some Christmas Cheer. Mark your calendar now for December 21<sup>st</sup>.

[www.NAWICMaine.org](http://www.NAWICMaine.org) is the link to our Chapter website. I plan to post as much information as possible on a regular basis, so please plan to check it frequently. The logo on the first page has disappeared, and I’m in the process of correcting that. I will be posting the newsletter each month, the Region 14 Director’s Newsletter, a chapter roster of members with names and companies, only, as well as other timely information and reports. If I can come up with a “members only” link, we can add phone numbers and email addresses, etc., to the roster, but otherwise, I don’t think we should publicize that information.

Be sure to visit our chapter page on **FaceBook!** Lacey started this for us last year and I will try to keep it updated, until someone else volunteers. Every member is welcome, and encouraged, to post pictures or any committee news on the page, which will show up on everyone’s page who has click on the “Like” button! There are hundreds of NAWIC members all over the country on FaceBook so it’s a great way to promote our Chapter.

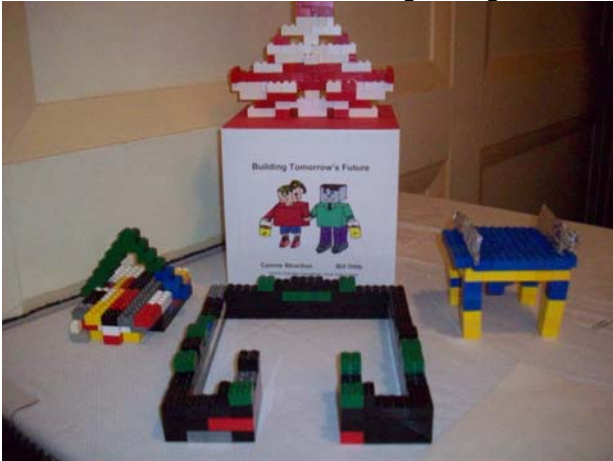
I’ve pretty much run out of news and “nagging” for this newsletter, so I’m going to share some of the pictures from our July Outing that I don’t think got published anywhere but FaceBook. Here they are...





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And more from our Annual Meeting in August...



Block Kids Theme Centerpieces



Hey, Blondie!



Pretty serious and attentive!



Karen Morgan was a great entertainer!



Okay, so that was pretty funny!



President Heidi thanking Karen Morgan.