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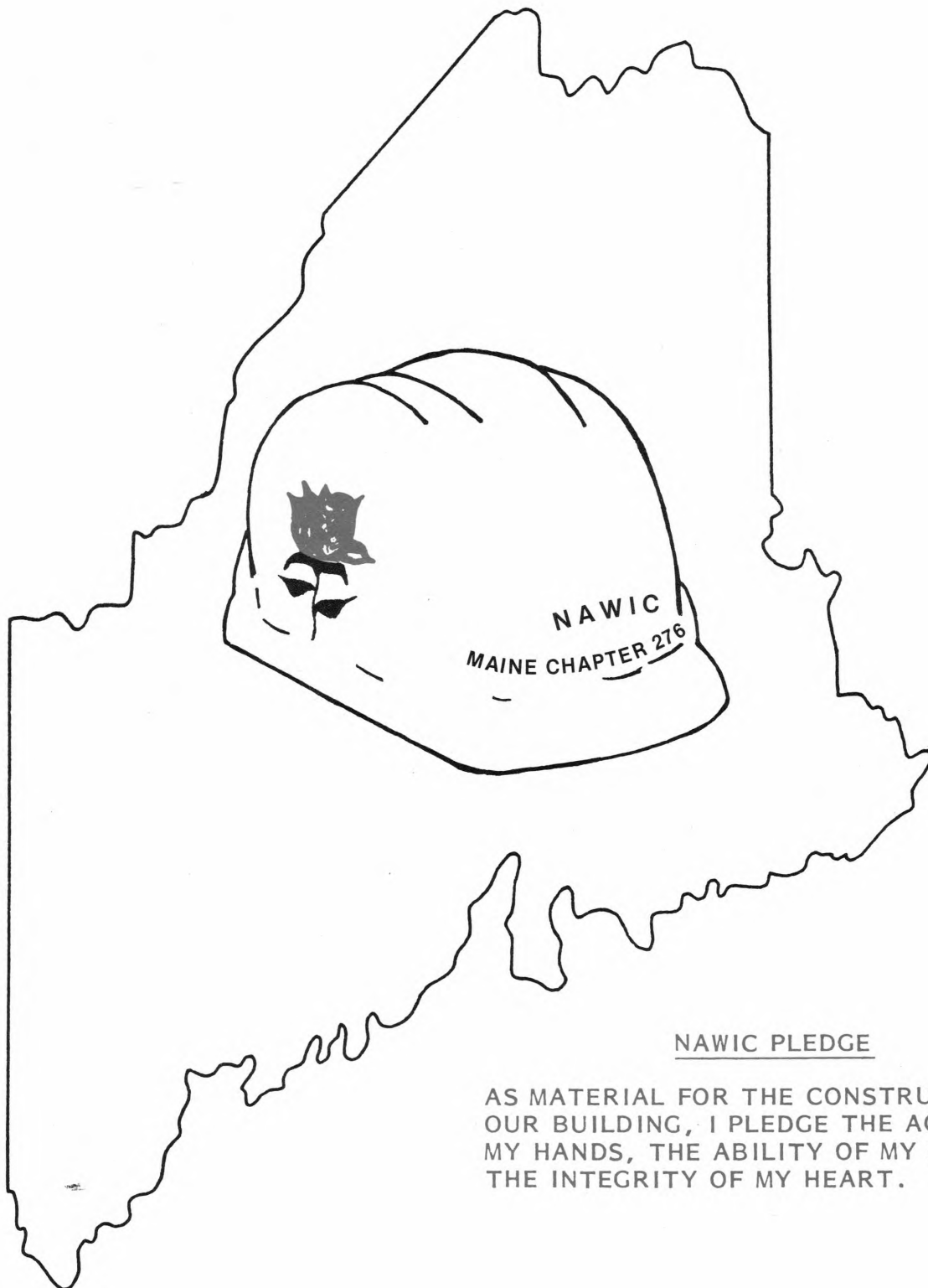
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#### NAWIC PLEDGE

AS MATERIAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF  
OUR BUILDING, I PLEDGE THE AGILITY OF  
MY HANDS, THE ABILITY OF MY MIND, AND  
THE INTEGRITY OF MY HEART.

# Maine Chapter No. 276

## 2000-2001 Officers

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Jeanne Letourneau  
Lucinda Long  
Julia McBrine  
Judith Purington  
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**Make up the rest of the  
Maine Chapter!!!!**

## 2000-2001 Committees

Annual Meeting  
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Penny Plourde  
Nancy Bailey Farrar

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Val Harmon

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Julie McBrine

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Joyce Newman

Tickets

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Ruth Gallagher

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Ellie Richards Dumond

## Friendship Committee

Marion Thomas  
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Telephone  
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Ways & Means  
Jane Henry, Chair  
Jeanne Letourneau  
Ellie Richards Dumond

## **President's Message**

This will be my last message as 2000-2001 Chapter President. Due to the fact 1/3 of our members are attending the NAWIC Annual Meeting in Anchorage, we will not have a membership meeting in September. Typically our installation of Officers and Directors are installed at our September meeting, but it was voted to do this at our Annual Meeting, which should add a nice touch to the evening.

### **Member of the Month**

Several members have been listed in this column throughout the year, and for those who have not been singled out, please be sure that we truly appreciate your efforts and dedication as a member.

This month, we would like to thank all of the employers and supporters of our Chapter members: Cianbro Corp., Newman Concrete Services, Nancy's Welding, Maine Better Transportation Association, The Pineland Lumber Co., Hammond Lumber Co., Bachmann Industries, Inc., Morse Payson & Noyes, The Jay-Kay Sales Co., Inc., Maine Drilling & Blasting, Skillings Shaw & Associates, Maine Dept. of Transportation, Women Unlimited, Mitchell's Metal and Sheet Roofing, Everett J. Prescott, Inc., and Williams Construction. Some of these companies have remained supporters since our chapter was chartered in 1979, and we are extremely grateful for that. We dedicate our 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting to you the employer!! Thank you.

### **July Meeting Well attended**

Over twenty members and guests attended our annual cookout, hosted once again by Marion and Bob Thomas. Rich Vasoll arrived with his cooking utensils and helped Bob do the cooking. Great job, guys, it's very enjoyable to have you do the cooking!!!

### **Call for Committee Chairmen and Members**

Enclosed in this newsletter is a form listing all the committees that need chairmen and helpers. Please give this serious thought..... How would you really like to help the Chapter? What are your primary interests and goals? Think about where our weaknesses are and where you can help improve on them. As you think about this, if you have any questions as to what is involved, please call me. I

would like to see every member of the Board (officers included) Chair or Co-chair a committee with a newer member. We are a very ambitious group, and we need YOUR help. Please VOLUNTEER when you get this form (which will save me some phone calls).

### **National Tradeswomen Conference Update**

Utilizing the funds voted on by members of the Maine Chapter, and excess funds from last year's Women in Construction Week, which was raised jointly by the three Maine NAWIC Chapters, we will be well represented in Denver. In addition to sponsoring the Welcome Reception, the Board voted to invite the Eastern Maine and Southern Maine Chapters to send their President and a tradeswoman to this conference, in addition to the Maine Chapter's two tradeswomen and President. Airfares are unbelievably low and five reservations have been booked for the Maine and Southern Maine chapter participants. A positive response from the Eastern Maine Chapter is anticipated momentarily confirming their participation. Maine Chapter Member Penny Plourde, who started this all in motion, will also be there, of course. Part of your President's expenses will be compensated for by assisting in one of the programs. All in all, a great deal, and a wonderful opportunity for NAWIC in Maine!!!!

### **On a personal note.....**

Congratulations to Marion Thomas on her REAL retirement from Williams Construction. We know it was a great career for you these last ten years, and we wish you the very best! We hope you will stay in close touch with the folks at Williams, so they might continue to join us on various occasions.

Congratulations also to Judy and Ted Purington on their 35<sup>th</sup> year celebration of Maine Drilling and Blasting. Please note, there is no mention of your retirement <grin> as I know you are both still a presence at MD&B, and probably always will be. You developed a great company and should be very proud of this accomplishment, as I'm sure you are.

Get well wishes for Ellie Richards Dumond who is recuperating from major surgery. We hope to see Ellie up and around soon!

Have a great summer,



# Purington Surprise Bash Draws 500 Well-Wishers

## GALA EVENT CELEBRATES MAINE DRILLING'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY

More than 500 guests gathered for a grand event on Friday, June 15, to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of Maine Drilling & Blasting (MD&B) and to honor founders Ted and Judy Purington.

The party was the result of the hard work and devotion of Ted and Judy's five children — Ted, Jr.; Jim; Bill; Tom and Theresa — who literally transformed the Augusta Civic Center into an elegant dinner-theatre for the evening.

In the 35 years since Ted and Judy Purington borrowed \$2,000 with three co-signers to form MD&B, the Gardiner-based business has grown into one of the largest and most respected drilling and blasting companies in the country.

"My parents founded the company based on the principles of hard work, honesty and quality services," said **Maine Drilling & Blasting President and CEO Bill Purington**, who served as the evening's emcee.

From the start, MD&B has been a family-centered business. In the early days, Ted and Judy — with a few close friends — shared most of the responsibilities.

Behind the confidence of Ted and Judy, the leadership of four brothers, a management team second to none and outstanding employees, the firm has continued to grow and establish itself as an industry leader into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

While the MD&B party was accented with old pictures, nice music and fine dining, the highlight of the evening was a video presentation nested within some great personal tributes.

Addressing the accomplishments of Ted and Judy were **Associated Constructors of Maine President Herb Sargent**; long-time Key Bank executive and current **Delorme Map President Gordon Pow**; 27-year



Ted Purington — backed by his family — addresses the crowd at Maine Drilling & Blasting's 35th Anniversary celebration.

employee and company **Divisional Manager Wayne Flagg**; and the eldest and youngest family members, son Ted, Jr. and daughter Theresa Freeman.

Ted and Judy — and more than 500 friends, family and colleagues — listened as the guest speakers presented a mix of humorous and serious stories from their many years in business.

Such as the way their bank's employees fondly referred to them as, "Mr. & Mrs. Boom." Or how, as their son Ted, Jr., noted, Judy threatened to leave Ted, Sr. if he ever bought another drill rig. "Well, she must have left him many times, because we have over 50 drill rigs today," he said.

During remarks that made note of Ted's karaoke prowess and "hot corner" skills, Herb Sargent also presented a plaque from ACM, which read:

*On Maine Drilling & Blasting's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
Associated Constructors of Maine recognizes  
Ted & Judy Purington  
For exemplifying the principles of  
Skill, Integrity & Responsibility  
And for their lifelong dedication to  
Building A Better Maine  
June 15, 2001*

Addressing his many current and retired employees in attendance, Ted, Sr. said, "To see what we together have accomplished is beyond my wildest dreams; thanks for allowing me to be a part of it".

A fitting tribute to a pair of true construction pioneers. Congratulations, Ted and Judy, on guiding Maine Drilling & Blasting to 35 successful years in business!

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cindy J.  
Crawley, CIT

## FINAL COLUMN

**H**ello everyone! This is my last article to you in the *Connection*. I almost missed the deadline to have this in to Leona at the NAWIC Office. She asked me if I wanted to skip it — but noooooo, I wanted one final last word with all of you.

"Take the Challenge" has truly been my theme, my focus this year. I would hope that for some of you, as you came to some difficult decisions to make, decided to take your challenges and took those tough decisions that have helped move you forward and made you a stronger person. This could even have been present in projects that your chapter might have taken.

I was so excited at the beginning of my term, so much to do, so much to share and just welcoming the opportunity to "talk" and meet as many of our members as I could. I still have the same enthusiasm but now it is focused on assisting our incoming president, Marcia Rackley, and her Board, as we continue to focus on NAWIC's future.

NAWIC continues to gain admiration and recognition among our peer associations. Many volunteers have attended meetings or functions in my place this year, proving again the abilities of our members and their willingness to step in as needed: AGC, ABC, ACCE, AIC, APE, ASHRAE, NCCER, and National Construction Image Steering Committee to name a few.

We still have a few challenges left this year of which you are all aware. On the table for discussion are our proposed name change, opening our membership to men and the subject of apprentices

and where they fit into the membership. Your comments, emails and letters have been greatly appreciated and noted, and I've got them in a folder to take with me to the next Board meeting.

Whatever the outcome, the decisions will be made in the best interest of the association.

Here's to NAWIC and you the members for a successful year once again and to many more. It has been my pleasure to serve you this past year.

— cjc

## ► Thank You, Sponsors

As of July 15, the following companies are sponsoring NAWIC's 2001 convention in Anchorage, Alaska. Thank you for your support!

- Alaska Dept. of Transportation
- BE&K
- CFJ (in-kind)
- Data-Maxx Software Systems
- IronCLAD gloves (in-kind)
- Siemens Building Technologies, Inc.
- Whirlpool Corporation
- LEADS CLUB (in-kind)
- The American Contractor
- Turner Construction

CFJ will be donating free tote bags to this year's attendees. Ironclad Gloves will be donating some gloves that will be distributed randomly at convention to lucky registrants.

## ► Not Too Late to Register

It's still not too late to register for convention. Of course our early bird special registration rate is no longer effective, but you can register on site at

convention.

The registration fees are as follows:

- \$495 for members
- \$595 for nonmembers

NAWIC accepts checks, Mastercard and VISA only.

If you are a delegate to convention, then we must receive your registration prior to convention so that we may process it before processing your credentials. All delegates must be registered for convention.

Remember: the cut-off date to make your hotel reservations at the Hilton Anchorage is Aug. 24. Please note that the hotel is sold out of rooms for Sat., Sept. 22 and Sun., Sept. 23 (the weekend prior to convention).

To make hotel reservations at the Hilton, please call (907) 265-7152 (M-F) or (800) 445-8667 (on the weekends and after hours).

## ► Convention Winners

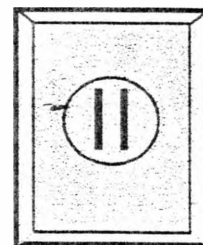
Congratulations to these members who won free registrations to this year's convention in Anchorage, Alaska!

- **Linda Kofford**  
*Salt Lake City, Utah, Chapter*  
Winner of the annual drawing for a free registration
- **Tracy Maler, CIT**  
*Memphis, Tenn., Chapter*  
Winner of the 2000 convention raffle
- **Angie McNair**  
*Knoxville, Tenn., Chapter*  
Winner of the High Stakes Poker Game at the Reno Convention

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# THE CONNECTION



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## ► Houston Chapter Supports Flood Victims

The Houston Chapter of NAWIC is rallying around two of their members who lost all of their possessions in the recent flooding that has taken a devastating toll on the largest city in Texas. Rubie A. Chavez, project manager with Fisk Technologies, and Deborah Healon of Deborah Healon Interiors, are the two NAWIC members trying to rebuild their lives after this massive flood.

Debbie Drifka, chapter president, is coordinating a collection for the two members. Debbie says that at this time the chapter is accepting only monetary donations for the women. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to "NAWIC" and write "Flood Relief" in the memo portion of the check. Send your check to the Houston Chapter treasurer care of:

**Terry Grant**  
Office Manager  
Silverwood Builders Inc.  
1022 Wirt Road #300  
Houston, Texas 77055

Debbie also requests that NAWIC members keep these two ladies and their families in their thoughts and prayers.

## ► Meet Your New Officers

About 49 percent of the NAWIC membership participated in the first-ever mail ballot where each member got one vote. Previously, NAWIC members elected delegates to convention where voting would take place. The following officers and directors-elect will assume their responsibilities at the conclusion of the 2001 convention in Anchorage.

Here are this year's results:

**President-Elect:** Linda Little

**Vice President:** Luci Roberts, CCA, CIT

**Secretary:** Chris Wigginton, CIT

**Treasurer (re-elected):** Nancy Eaton, CCA, CIT

The newly-elected directors-elect of the odd-numbered regions are:

**Region 1:** Kathleen A. Weigand

**Region 3:** Patricia Walker

**Region 5:** Phyllis Chapman, CIT

**Region 7:** Karolene Pitman

**Region 9:** Tamie K. Wieggers, CIT

**Region 11:** Carol L. Chapman, CIT

**Region 13:** Amy Berg

## ► Save on Travel Needs

Travelocity.com, one of the Internet's most popular destinations for travel planning, has become NAWIC's newest member service! What that means to you is that you can receive discounts on all your travel needs, including airfares, car rentals and hotel stays to name a few.

To get your discounts, just visit Travelocity.com's specially designed web site for NAWIC. Go to [www.nawic.org](http://www.nawic.org) and click on the Travelocity.com link to enter the NAWIC Travel Page. You're just clicks away from getting great discounts on travel to NAWIC meetings, convention, business travel or vacations. Be sure to visit the site today and see what kinds of money you can save. Members and nonmembers can take

advantage of this great new benefit.

Remember: As a NAWIC member service, Travelocity.com has agreed to give a portion of their income back to NAWIC to help fund our programs and services. Non-dues income through our affinity programs helps keep membership dues down. So it's a win-win situation for all — you and NAWIC!

Visit [nawic.org/travel](http://nawic.org/travel) today!

## ► Credentials Deadline

Voting credentials for convention are due to the NAWIC Office by Aug. 1. Please send them to Kerri Crawford's attention.

## ► Renewals to be Mailed in August

NAWIC will be sending membership renewal statements to current members by late August. If your employer pays your dues, please submit your request for payment immediately as processing takes some time. The NAWIC Office requests that you return your renewals by October 1, which is the first day of NAWIC's fiscal year. However, members have up until the October 31 postmark deadline to send in their renewals. After that deadline, a \$15 late fee is assessed.

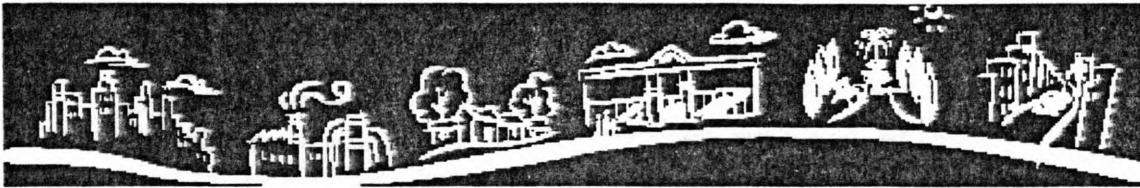
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# REGIONAL ROUNDUP



## ► REGION 1

**Mary Ann Scott**

A lot of conversation has been taking place recently concerning the value of the chapter and enhancing the success of women in construction. A strong chapter unit is inherent to enhancing a woman's success in our industry. A strong chapter provides value to its members, but it also provides a platform for nonmembers within the industry to broaden their horizons.

The educational programs, networking and interaction assists not only the members, but for the guests as well. We must not ignore the value of our chapters.

When I attended the Norwich-New London chapter's 20th anniversary program, I was pleased to note the strength of their chapter. Although their chapter is small in numbers, their contribution to our industry definitely enhances the success of women in construction. Many thanks to the women of this chapter for bringing this truth back into the limelight!

## ► REGION 3

**Mary Anne Upham**

Ingrid Verwey, founder of SAWiC (South African Women in Construction), has completed her visit to Region 3.

Ingrid, her husband Tobias and three of her five children left South Africa on June 15 to begin their Research and Marketing visit to the United States. On June 28, Ingrid was the honored guest of President Diana Preston and the members of the Gr. Ft. Lauderdale Chapter. Then it was on to the Tampa Bay area. Six members of the Tampa Chapter met with Ingrid and Tobias at the Pinellas County Public Access TV station for an interview with Pinellas County Commissioner Calvin Hayes

and Cynthia Spearman with the Pinellas County Economic Development Agency.

With the assistance of NAWIC and SAWiC, they feel that many doors will be opened in the future between the two countries. After an extensive tour of four job sites on the campus of the University of South Florida, about 40 NAWIC members from Tampa, Orlando, Gainesville and Space Coast had the opportunity to hear Ingrid speak on the development of SAWiC and the progress they have made over the past two years.

## ► REGION 5

**Sherry Jagers**

As I write this, it will be my last as your Region 5 Director. I look forward to our Region's future under the leadership of Phyllis Chapman. She will serve the Region well.

As we close this year, there have been many issues brought before you to discuss, and you have done your job. You have advised this Director, without hesitation, where you stand on the issues presented in the proposed bylaw changes. I would like to thank you for your responses. Please remember that these are only proposed changes. As a Board, sometimes it's best to just throw it out there and see where the chips fall to find out how the membership feels. I will represent this Region on your views at Pre-Con Board in Anchorage. I have always known, when asked, all members would respond either jointly through their chapter president or personally. Thank you again and much success to Phyllis Chapman.

## ► REGION 7

**Barbara Burleson**

The Fort Worth Chapter hosted a luncheon on July 7 for Ingrid Verwey, founder of SAWiC, at

the Cattlemen's Restaurant. The luncheon was attended by many members of the Region. It was a pleasure to meet with Ingrid, her husband and three children. Ingrid gave a lovely talk about SAWiC, her company and construction in South Africa. Her young son's birthday was on Sunday, and so the restaurant brought out cake with a candle, and we sang "Happy Birthday" to him. He was really surprised and grinning ear to ear.

Congratulations to all the new officers and directors, and especially Luci Roberts, newly elected vice president and Karolene Pittman, Region 7 director-elect. What a wonderful way to start the new year!

## ► REGION 9

**Chris Wigginton, CIT**

Lights, Camera, Action! On July 15 Anne Wagner, several Portland members, Connie Ashbrook, executive director, Oregon Tradeswomen (2000 Crystal Vision recipient) and Candice Phillips, Salem member (2001 Crystal Vision recipient) will be featured on a local TV show called Dream Builders TV. The program is titled "Women in Trades" and will be geared toward sharing experiences, wisdom, and industry knowledge. I am sure we can persuade the Portland chapter to share their tape with us at Planning or Forum.

## ► REGION 11

**Sue Cline**

As my two-year term as Region 11 director draws closer, I wanted to reflect on a few things. In my bid for this office, I had promised to keep each of you updated on all regional and national information. I feel I have done this and will pass

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## ► Scholarship Task Force

By Helen Adams - Chairperson

This task force was formed under the direction of Past President Denise Norberg-Johnson and continued under President Cindy Crawley this year. The purpose was to tabulate the amount of funds being distributed in scholarships on a local level since these programs first began. We wanted to share with other trade associations and the entire industry what an important role NAWIC plays in the promotion of education. After nearly 30 years of researching and developing our educational programs, we stand together with monetary assistance for both women and men who have chosen construction as their career.

This has far exceeded our expectations! Here are some interesting statistics:

- One chapter has been giving scholarships for over 38 years!
- Two chapters' total contributions are in excess of \$650,000!
- Nearly 60 percent of our chapters have responded and do give scholarships ranging from \$500 to over \$10,000 annually.
- Funds are raised from raffles, golf tournaments, bake sales, and fashion shows to name a few of the methods.
- Some chapters coordinate the scholarship with universities and industry trade groups.

As of our last total, \$2.75 million has been given by individual chapters plus \$1.2 million by the National Founders' Scholarship Foundation. This is certainly a record to be proud of ... just a little bit short of the \$4 million mark!

This is an outstanding contribution for our Association and for the construction industry. Congratulations, NAWIC members!

If you have any further information to add to this Task Force, please pass it along. We welcome the good news!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve NAWIC.

## ► My Visit to the U.S.

By Ingrid Verwey - SAWiC Founder

**Editor's Note:** This is an edited version of Ingrid's report on her travels to the U.S. You can read the full article online at [www.nawic.org](http://www.nawic.org) under "Association News."

Does anyone remember my "Is there anyone out there?" address to the Anaheim Convention September 1999 at the affiliation of SAWiC with NAWIC? Well I am back here in the USA for the purpose of reporting progress and to share information and experiences, as well as to obtain guidance in setting up chapters in South Africa.

NAWIC President Cindy Crawley, Executive Vice President Dede Hughes, NAWIC Executive Committee and NAWIC Board, thank you for inviting me to visit and train with your head office. I am also blessed to have my husband Tobias and three children accompany me on this trip ...

The visit started in Buffalo, N.Y., with Chapter President Annette Fisher, Vice President Jan Melling, President-Elect Terri Piasecki, Deb Naybor and chapter members celebrating Deb's birthday. This chapter had gathered tools and equipment for SAWiC members, as well as gathered funds to sponsor membership to those prospective members who are unable to afford membership fees. Deb Naybor will return to SAIM October 2001 to hand over some surveying equipment and present training to SAWiC members.

The next stop was Washington, D.C., where I met with Chapter President Connie Kyle and the Executive Director of the American Association of Engineering Societies, Tom Price. This chapter is interested in job exchanges and to possibly become involved in projects with SAWiC. Tom Price promised to link SAWiC to some of the major construction companies of the U.S. that work in South Africa, with a view of obtaining sponsorships and giving training.

Then followed Region 11 with the Wilmington and Myrtle Beach, N.C., Chapters, organized by Barbara Moore. Sue Cline and Carrie Herrington. Barbara made sure that my family and I got the

most out of business and social events and contacts in Wilmington. Josiah Cantwell, business editor of the *Wilmington Star News Inc.* interviewed me, asking about the construction industry in South Africa, SAWiC and the relationship with NAWIC and the organization that I work for. The Wilmington Chapter donated \$500 for SAWiC membership fees to sponsor those women who are unable to afford it.

Chapter President Diana Preston welcomed me to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where Lisa Heffner's mother had baked a Sea World cake to welcome our family. At the chapter meeting, we shared experiences and information and found that Kathleen's work as an engineer in transportation projects would interest SAWiC members who happen to work on transportation projects as well.

In Tampa, the visit started off with a TV interview at the Pinellas County Public and Government Access TV studios, arranged by Kathy Evans. The interview was conducted by Lori Hudson and Cynthia Spearman with a panel consisting of me, the county commissioner, various Florida chapter presidents and the Region 3 director. The discussion centered around the state of the economy and construction in SA, empowerment of women and the relationship between SAWiC and NAWIC.

The last stop was Fort Worth Texas, where I spent 10 days, most of them working with the Executive Vice President and her team at the NAWIC Office. Along with the chapters of Fort Worth, Dallas, Houston and Austin, my family and I were welcomed at a luncheon at the Cattlemen restaurant in the historic Fort Worth Texas Stockyards. Ever experienced a Texas welcome? It's not to be missed, I assure you!

Thank you NAWIC for sending me home, with the assurance that there is someone out there. The wealth of knowledge, professionalism, commitment, care and hospitality will carry SAWiC and me through the challenges of setting up chapters. We shall keep you posted. Take care.

— Ingrid Verwey, Founder and Secretariat

this information onto our director-elect and help her to continue this practice. It has been my pleasure to serve each of you during my term, lending support and advice when you needed it.

I will certainly cherish all the friendships I have developed with you and want to thank all the presidents for their support. It has been a roller coaster ride, but we have all prevailed and will continue to do so in the future.

#### ► REGION 13

##### Jean McAdam

What will you do when you encounter a problem, an obstacle blocking the path you've chosen? Will you turn and run, or forge ahead to clear the way?

Picture this, if you will.

When flowing water meets with obstacles on its path, a blockage in its journey, it pauses. It increases in volume and strength, filling up in front of the obstacle and eventually spilling past it.

Do not turn and run, for there is nowhere worthwhile for you to go.

Do not attempt to push ahead into the danger.

Emulate the example of the water:

Pause and build up your strength until the obstacle no longer represents a blockage.

***There will be no  
Connection for September  
due to convention.  
The newsletter will  
resume in October.***

#### ► Table Top Display

The NAWIC Store has a table top display available to use at trade shows and other events. The cost for renting the display and its accompanying literature is \$60. Requests for using the display must be sent to the NAWIC Office at least 30 days before the show.

For a complete list of guidelines for using the Table Top Display, please refer to page F-67 of your Operations Manual. If you have additional questions, please contact Melinda at the NAWIC Office at (800) 552-3506 or [nawic@nawic.org](mailto:nawic@nawic.org).

# NAWIC CALENDAR

#### August 1

- Voting credentials due to NAWIC Office.

#### August 17

- Board reports due to Dede Hughes at the NAWIC Office. Email: [dedeh@nawic.org](mailto:dedeh@nawic.org).

#### August 24

- Cut-off date for special NAWIC rate at the Hilton Anchorage.

#### Late August

- Membership renewals for the 2001-2002 NAWIC year will be mailed individually to current members.

#### September 10

- Deadline for October Connection.

#### Sept. 26-29

- NAWIC's 46th Annual Meeting & Convention.

#### Sept. 24-Oct. 1

- NAWIC Office closed for convention.

#### October 1

- Beginning of NAWIC's 2001-2002 fiscal year.

#### October 31

- Postmark deadline for membership renewals. If renewals are postmarked after this date, then a \$15 late fee must be submitted with membership dues.



#### *Core Purpose*

To enhance the success of women in the construction industry.

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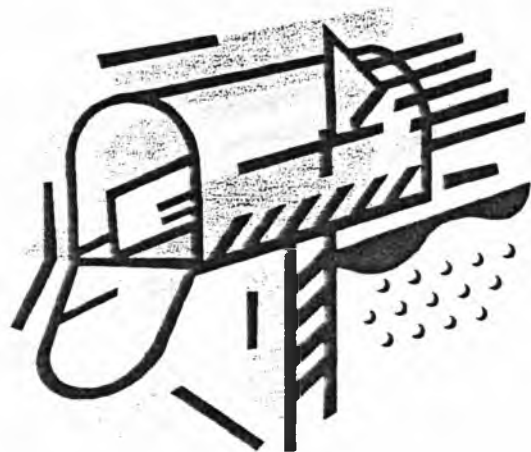
Send submissions to the NAWIC Office by the 10th of every month.

## Renewals are coming, renewals are coming!

*It's time to renew your membership in NAWIC.*

### **Why? There are a host of great reasons:**

- Access to online Career Center and Job Bank
  - Chapter Involvement
  - Leadership opportunities
  - Networking
- Discounts on travel, office supplies, car rentals, subscriptions and more
  - Subscription to *The NAWIC IMAGE*
- Discounts to NAWIC convention and regional meetings



**Coming  
Soon  
To A  
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It's NAWIC renewal time.  
Look for them in you mailbox by  
the end of August. .

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION

REGION 14 NEWSLETTER      AUGUST 2001

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### ON THE NATIONAL SCENE

#### Election Results:

President-elect Linda A. Little

Treasurer Nancy A. Eaton CCA, CIT

Vice President Luci H. Roberts CCA, CIT

Secretary Christie L. Wigginton CIT

Congratulations to these very capable and dedicated women.

New Member Service - Nawic members can receive discounted travel costs by using the newest member service, Travelocity.com. A special link to the site can be found on NAWIC's home page.

### NAWIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

NEF will again be holding a fund raising auction at Convention this year. Anyone who would like to donate items to the "Gold Rush Auction" is asked to ship them to NEF President Evie Clark, Coffman Engineers, Inc., 800 F Street, Anchorage, AK, 99501. If you have any questions, you can contact Evie at 907/257-9242 or epcnawic@acalaska.net.

There will be a NEF reception at Convention for all members who have completed the CCA, CIT or CDT courses. If you do not receive your invitation by the end of the month, contact NEF Executive Director Tanya Copple at 866/277-2883, toll free.

Tanya asks that chapters place their order for Block Kids supplies early so they can be processed and sent in time for it's event.

### AROUND THE REGION

Eleventh Annual Planning Conference will be held November 3, 2001 in The Margate hotel, Meredith, NH. This APC will be like no other APC you have ever attended. There will be one hour of General Session (that's right, just one hour), the rest of the day will be filled with workshops and seminars that will be of interest to everyone. Fifteen, in all, from which to choose. This APC is a must for every chapter president, treasurer and secretary, and is highly recommended for all other board members. That is not to say we won't have seminars of interest to all NAWIC members. We have worked hard to make this APC a day of education and information that could be used in your personal life, business life and association life

APC Highlights - just some of the seminars/workshops.

NAWIC Past President Denise Norberg- Johnson will conduct leadership seminars, one designed especially for chapter presidents, presidents-elect and vice presidents.

NAWIC Executive Vice President Dede Hughes will be on hand to give chapters pointers on how to develop a strategic plan and to teach chapter boards how to govern.

NAWIC Past Director Peggy DeWever and Muriel Schadee CPA, will conduct workshops for chapter secretaries and treasurers, respectively.

Connie Snair, Granite State, has a terrific presentation about all the facets of NAWIC that will be of great help not only to newer members, but for "seasoned" members as well.

Attendees will be able to learn the ins and outs of project management, how to write an employee handbook or "tour" a local preservation project.

Registration and information packets will be sent to each chapter by the end of the month. Mark your calendars now, in ink!

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Boston #15 - Kelley C. Race, Carol DiNardi

Capital District #261 - Anne V. Montuori

Vermont #262 - Renee D. Vincent

Maine #276 - Anna E. Demers

Syracuse #328 - Bobbi J. Townsend

Eastern Maine #329 - Jessica M. Oakman

#### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Below are two contrasting forms of communication, discussion and dialog. Which do you use?

##### DISCUSSION

My side is right and the others are wrong  
Different views are presented and defended  
Not listening, but preparing to present own  
point of view, cutting others off  
Purpose - is for one side to have views

##### DIALOG

All opinions are honored and respected  
Different views are presented and examined  
Active listening; asking questions for  
clarification, reflection and feedback  
Purpose - is to gain greater mutual  
understanding accepted by the group

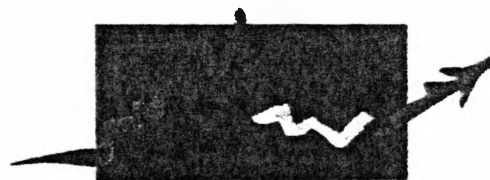
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Travelocity.com has become NAWIC's newest member service! As the leading online travel website and the third largest e-commerce site, Travelocity.com provides reservations capabilities for 95 percent of all airline seats sold, more than 49,000 hotels, more than 50 car rental companies and more than 5,000 vacation and cruise packages. In addition, Travelocity's "GoodBuy" offers are exclusive deals on airfares and hotel room reservations. Combined with a vast database of destination and interest information, travel planning has never been easier.

What this means to you is that you can now access all of these benefits and services to make your travel plans directly and easily from the NAWIC website.

**PLUS...** As a NAWIC member service, Travelocity.com has agreed to give a portion of their income back to NAWIC to help fund our programs and services. Non-dues income through our affinity programs helps to keep membership dues down. So it's a win-win situation for all - you and NAWIC!

To get your own special deals and rewards for your business travel, and for your personal travel and vacations, simply visit Travelocity's complete travel website by clicking on the link at the bottom of our NAWIC Home Page.

Watch for special fares in the future offered to NAWIC members on our Upcoming Events pages for travel to our meetings and conventions.

Visit our website today. See what kind of money you can save. Members and nonmembers can take advantage of this great new benefit.



July 20, 2001

# NAWIC STORE SUMMER SALE

**2oz Shot Glass: \$4.00**

2oz Tall Shot Glass with National Association of Women In Construction and Rose imprint.

**Automatic Tape Measure 10': \$4.00**

10' Automatic Tape Measure. White with NAWIC in red imprint.

**Woven Neck Cords: \$4.00**

Red name badge neck cords with NAWIC woven in. Buy prior to convention and save.

**Hammertime Mugs: \$7.00**

Clear plastic mug, with "Hammertime" in red on one side and the NAWIC logo in red on the other. Miniature construction related items loosely placed in a false bottom.

**Pen: \$2.00**

Burgundy retractable pin with NAWIC imprint in gold. Black ink.

**Commuter Mug: \$7.00**

White heavy-duty plastic mug with red NAWIC logo on one side, and red "NAWIC" lettering and rose on the other includes lid.

**Business Card Case: \$6.50**

Black vinyl business card holder with NAWIC logo in red.

**Executive Tire Gauge: \$8.00**

White tire gauge with NAWIC letters in red.

**Red Rose Pin: \$14.00**

Gold plated 3" Red Rose Pin with clear stones on the leaves. Comes with Burgundy velvet bag.

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STORE  
ORDERS  
ARE  
SHIPPED  
UPS  
GROUND



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The following methods of payment are accepted for all NAWIC Store mail in orders:

- ♦ Cash
- ♦ VISA
- ♦ Check
- ♦ MasterCard

The following methods of payment are accepted for all Online Store orders:

- ♦ VISA
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SALE ENDS 8/31/01

No orders will be filled or processed without payment being received.

When entering credit card information online please enter your Visa or MasterCard account number without spaces or hyphens. This will ensure the whole account number comes through with order, and that your order will be processed without delay.