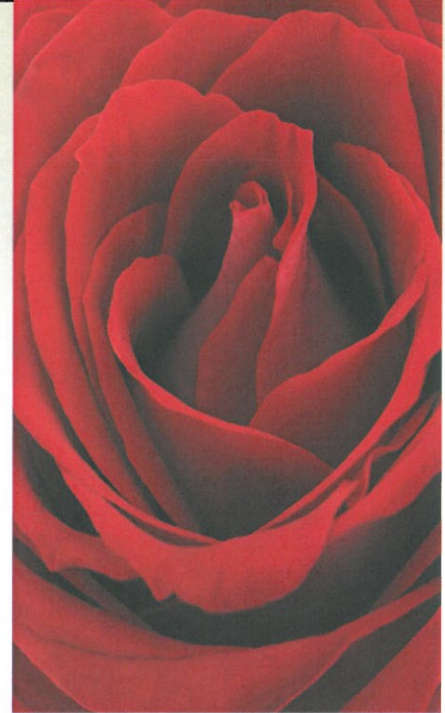


The Red Rose of Houston



President's Letter

There are so many things to be excited about this year! The NAWIC Houston Chapter #3 has been hard at work setting up educational programs for this year, increasing our community involvement and building a network of strong women in the Houston construction market. It is our focus to continually support the ultimate goal of NAWIC and become THE resource for the construction industry.

Each month of this year is dedicated to increasing our member's knowledge of all aspects of the construction process. This month Denise Nestel of Porter & Hedges discussed with us the new changes to lien laws and insurance regulations as they apply to our industry. If you missed it I would recommend finding another member's notes because it affects every construction company in the state of Texas.

We are reaching into our communities to help the people around us and educate them about NAWIC as well. The Houston Chapter donated 501 pounds of food to the Houston Food Bank, enough presents to guarantee more than 45 kids received Christmas presents and we are now looking forward to the Women Build for Habitat for Humanity in March. The ladies of the Houston chapter are truly amazing. Each of you encompasses what is important and what the core values of NAWIC are.

Ladies, do not forget to visit the Houston Build Expo on February 1-2, 2012. NAWIC is booth number 114 and the EXPO will be open 10am-3pm. Please take advantage of this opportunity to network and learn from others.

Beckye Manzel
Houston Chapter #3 President

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MEMBERSHIP CORNER Welcome New Members

Since the beginning of our fiscal year 2011-2012 in October, we have had seven ladies join our Chapter as new members. They are:

Lisa Burkholder, with Energy Waterproofing & Roofing Systems
 Kaleigh Clunn with Enviro-San dba Clunn Acoustical Systems
 Sandra Clunn with Enviro-San dba Clunn Acoustical Systems
 Ashley Emmel with Waste Management
 Stacey Lindsey with Electrical Tech Services
 Catherine Mallory with Western States Fire Protection
 Victoria Zellers with Marek Brothers Systems

When you meet these ladies, please let them know how excited we are that they have joined such a great organization of the Houston Chapter #3 of the National Association. **Cont'd Page 4**

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CALENDAR

January 10th Houston Chapter Membership Meeting – Denise Nestel, Speaker

January 24th – Board of Directors Meeting

February 14th – Houston Chapter Membership Meeting –

February 28th – Board of Directors Meeting

April 13th & April 14th Houston is hosting FORUM at the Sheraton Brookhollow



NAWIC FOOD DRIVE

Submitted to Construction News

Moving ahead

The National Association of Women in Construction Houston Chapter (NAWIC) installed its 2011-2012 officers and board of directors at The HESS Club Nov. 8.
 L-R: (front row) **Cathy McDow**, vice president; **Cheryl Colson**, director; **Deborah Martin**, director; **Sharon Whitley**, director and (back row) **Sandy Field**, parliamentarian; **Rose Dailing**, corresponding secretary; **Laurie Jimenez**, treasurer; **Becky Manzel**, president; **Linda Schneider**, director; **Norma Lacey**, recording secretary and **Jody Richwine**, IPP –ab

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OUR SPONSORS



NAWIC was invited to participate in the HUB Roundtable hosted by the University of Houston. Beckye Manzel, CBT, Houston Chapter President, and Sandy Field, CBT, CIT, NAWIC Treasurer accepted the invitation and represented NAWIC. In addition to UH staff, in attendance were representatives from the City of Houston, Tellepsen, Turner Construction, Spaw Glass, WCA (Women Contractors Association), The Principle Partnering Group and others. The focus was on what the University could do to help promote HUB participation on construction projects. The discussion also covered the new State HUB Rules and Forms. The new forms as well as the HSP Quick Check List was made available to the attendees. It was a very good exchange of concerns, challenges and experiences relating to HUB goals and participation on construction projects on the University Campus and in the Houston area in general. – Sandy Field

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NAWIC Christmas Party 2011



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Fellow NAWIC ladies, let's remember that with new members comes new ideas, new energy, and new creativity. It is up to each of us to recruit new members so that our Chapter will become stronger and more visible. At any opportunity, invite other ladies to attend our business meetings and explain the advantages to becoming a NAWIC member.

DON'T FORGET THE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Ladies, it has been decided to hold TWO contests to encourage our members to 1) bring at least one guest to each general meeting and 2) recruit new members for our Chapter during the 2011-2012 term.

First, we will award a prize to the member that brings the most guests to the October 2011 through February 2012 general meetings. The prize will be given at the March 2012 Industry Appreciation dinner.

Second, we will also award a separate prize to the member that recruits the most new members during the present term of 10/1/2011 through 09/30/11. This prize will be given at the October 2012 meeting.

The Board of Directors has not made a final decision as to what the prizes will be, but do not let that stop you from getting started and targeting ladies in the construction and/or construction-related industries to invite to our monthly dinner meetings. Our goal Houston Chapter #3 is 75 new members. **Good Luck To All!!! -Cathy McDow**