

**WIC Week**



**March 6 – 12, 2011**

## **RECAP**

**CHAPTER 38**

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**REGION 6**

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It is always inspiring to be among NAWIC friends. WIC Week was the epitome of that. St. Louis Chapter 38 started off the week with a networking event at a wonderful venue, J Bucks Restaurant. When we have more guest than members at an event it is always a great thing. There were a few potential members and because we held the event on a different week day than our normal meetings two of our members that have been unable to attend regular meetings were able to attend the networking event. One of them brought a potential member. Now that is inspiring!

Our next event was at the Construction Career Center High School, where we had 80 plus young women interested in the Construction Industry but unsure of what to do with their interest. It was inspiring to hear one of the young ladies say she had a good interview with a business owner (NAWIC member Patty Ahrens) and that now she knew where she wanted her education to take her. There were 98% minority women at this event. It is inspiring to know that NAWIC can change the face of the Construction Industry by getting more minority women into the industry.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of March – WIC week extended – NAWIC participated in Canstruction, a community event to collect food for the local food pantry. It is inspiring to be a part of this event where an overall 40,000 pounds of food is collected and that much food feeds about 32,000 needy families a meal. We built a Black Rhino out of approximately 1,500 cans of food but we collected enough donations to purchase 2,300. And of course we walked away with a prize for our goofy picture from the photo booth. Could you expect anything less from NAWIC ladies in Region 6?



# WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION Week March 6 -12, 2011

## WIC Week Events

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CJAP](#)

For more information -  
Call (314)963-3200 or  
email [info@mowit.org](mailto:info@mowit.org)

March 8 -  
[Happy Hour at J. Bucks](#)  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

March 11 -  
[Future Women In  
Construction  
Networking Event at  
CCC](#)  
8:30am - 10:45am

March 12 -  
[Ms Fix It Workshop at  
CJAP](#)  
9am - 12pm

The St. Louis Chapter 38 of the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) and Missouri Women in Trades (MOWIT) are teaming up to celebrate Women In Construction (WIC) Week March 6-12, 2011.

Are you a woman in construction? Share information about your career at our Future Women In Construction Networking event on March 11. Are you a girl 7-13, sign up for our Ms Fix It Workshop on March 12.

And all are welcome to join us to celebrate the week at our Networking Happy Hour on Tuesday March 8 at J. Buck's in Clayton.

Anyone interested in participating in WIC week events should contact [teresa@mowit.org](mailto:teresa@mowit.org).

## WIC Week Networking Happy Hour

Tuesday March 8, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Date: Tuesday March 8, 2011

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Location: J. Bucks Clayton

101 South Hanley  
Clayton, MO 63105

2 hour Free Parking – Bring your ticket in to get it validated.

RSVP to: Dana Horstmeier  
[danah@championprecast.com](mailto:danah@championprecast.com)

Appetizers and Soft Drinks provided  
CASH BAR

All are welcome! Invite a Friend

## Future Women In Construction Networking Event at CCC

March 11, 8:30am - 10:45am

**Are you a woman in construction? We would like to invite you to meet future women in construction and provide them with information to start their careers.** The Construction Careers Center's Future Women In Construction Networking Event will be held on Friday March 11 8:30am - 10:45am.

This event gives the girls at CCC the opportunity to learn about the various careers in construction from real women working in the industry. There will be stations representing the various careers in construction from engineers to trades and marketing to accounting. **Your participation will make this event possible.**

In addition to the opportunity to network with real women working in construction, we are so excited to offer the girls the opportunity to learn how networking can advance their careers now and in the future with a networking seminar. While some of the girls are networking the others will be attending this informative seminar.

We invite you to take a tour of the school after the closing ceremony at 10:45. **This year's event will take place on Friday March 11th from 8:30am to 10:45am at CCC.**

## Ms Fix It Workshop at CJAP

March 12, 9am - 12pm

Missouri Women In Trades offers a Ms. Fix It Workshop for girls ages 7-13. How does it work and how can I fix it? These questions and more are answered in this interactive workshop that includes several activities that introduce girls to the idea that building and fixing are "girl jobs." The highlight of the workshop is building a stool that girls get to take home.

**NAWIC and MOWIT are offering this workshop on March 12th to celebrate WIC week.** To register for this upcoming workshop hosted by the Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship Program at their training facility, 8300 Valcour St Louis, MO 63123, mail a check for \$10 to MOWIT, 8300 Manchester Rd, St. Louis, MO 63143 include the girls name who will be participating. If you are unable to pay the fee, scholarships are available, email [teresa@mowit.org](mailto:teresa@mowit.org).



**WIC Week 2011** (Women In Construction)

## Networking Happy Hour

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CASH BAR

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## WIC (Women in Construction) Week Happy Hour

What a wonderful event!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Chapter 38 Membership Committee and Missouri Women in Trades hosted a Networking Happy Hour for Women in Construction Week on Tuesday March 8, 2011 at J Bucks in Clayton Missouri. We had a huge turnout with 15 guests (Potential New Members) attending and 10 NAWIC chapter members. The event was successful - everyone enjoyed themselves.



Remember, "Membership is the job of every member"



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**National Association of Women In Construction St. Louis Chapter #38  
Missouri Women In Trades  
Construction Careers Center Women In Construction  
Women In Construction Week 2011 Committee**

We would like to invite you to **meet our future women in construction and provide them with information to start their careers. The Construction Careers Center's Future Women In Construction Networking Event will be held on Friday March 11 830am - 10:45am.** This event, sponsored by the National Association of Women In Construction, Missouri Women In Trades and the Construction Career Center's Women In Construction Student Committee, gives the girls at CCC the opportunity to learn about the various careers in construction from real women working in the industry. There will be stations representing the various careers in construction from engineers to trades and marketing to accounting. Your participation makes this event possible.

Again this year, we are giving each girl business cards and interview forms to facilitate networking. There will be attendance prizes for turning in completed interview forms and the girls can earn a dress down day for turning in 3 or more completed interview forms.

We are so excited to offer the girls the opportunity to learn how networking can advance their careers now and in the future with a networking seminar. While some of the girls are networking the others will be attending this informative seminar.

We invite you to take a tour of the school after the closing ceremony at 10:45.

This year's event will take place on **Friday March 11th from 830am to 10:45am at CCC.** Please call or email Teresa Willis to let us know if you can participate in 2011, (314)680-1973 or [teresa@mowit.org](mailto:teresa@mowit.org).

Thank you,

Women In Construction Week Student Committee  
Construction Careers Center

Friday March 11, 2011  
Construction Careers Center  
1224 Grattan  
St. Louis, MO 63104

8:30- 8:45 Opening Assembly  
8:45 - 9:30 1<sup>st</sup> Speed-Networking Session (Cafeteria)  
9:30 - 10:15 2<sup>nd</sup> Speed-Networking Session (Cafeteria)  
8:45 - 9:30 Networking Seminar (Annex)  
9:30 - 10:15 Networking Seminar (Annex)  
10:15 - 10:45 Closing Assembly  
10:45 School Tours

# FUTURE WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION

One hundred female students from the Construction Careers Center AGC charter high school learned about the various careers in construction from 15 real women working in construction – from tradeswomen working at the local utility – AmerenUE, to the project managers at EM Harris to the community outreach and marketing specialist at Missouri Department of Transportation. They also learned “how to” network in a networking seminar during the event. And while the girls were being inspired, the women participants learned how NAWIC and our partner Missouri Women In Trades supports women in construction.



NAWIC member and MOWIT founder, Teresa Willis, organized the CCC Networking day.





# NAWIC



## MS FIX-IT BADGE

Fifteen girls earned their Ms Fix It Badge and were inspired to think about careers in construction at our Ms Fix It Workshop on Saturday. Tradeswomen led the workshop and shared information about their careers. NAWIC also paid for scholarships for girls that could not afford to attend



# CANSTRUCTION 2011

ST. LOUIS SCIENCE CENTER MARCH 18 to MARCH 28, 2011



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**One CAN, YOU CAN, make a difference!!**

**Be a part of CANstruction, help those less fortunate.**

CANstruction is a community service comprised of teams consisting of architects, engineers, designers, students, and contractors who compete designing and building, huge structures, made entirely from canned foods.



*The St. Louis CANstruction competition will be hosted at the St. Louis Science Center, in Forest Park. The competition begins on March 18<sup>th</sup> with the building of the structures and will continue through the Awards Ceremony on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Prizes are awarded in categories such as Best Meal, Best Use of Labels, Structural Ingenuity, and Juror's Favorite. This year's theme is Global Warming/ Climate Change/ Endangered Species.*

Once the competition comes to an end, all the food collected is donated to the St. Louis Area Foodbank and Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry. Winners from each local event can go on to the international competition via slide photography. Judging takes place in the U.S. in the spring at the Society for Design Administration & American Institute of Architects National Convention.

Checks are made out to:  
**HARVEY KORNBLUM FOOD PANTRY**

Mail to:  
Stacey Madsen c/o CANstruction at  
Tarlton Corporation  
5500 West Park Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63110

Contact Stacey Madsen with any questions  
Phone: 314-633-3379  
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E-mail: [SLMadsen@tarltoncorp.com](mailto:SLMadsen@tarltoncorp.com)

*This unique competition has provided millions of pounds of food for local pantries all over the world.*

Professionals within the design and construction industry experience positive public relations with widespread media coverage from TV, radio, newspapers and magazines. AEC professionals are spotlighted giving back to the communities they help to build.

*NAWIC is in it's 5th year of participation!! We have you to thank! Your generosity has helped greatly improve our structures over the past 5 years. This year's is no exception!! We will be faced with our biggest challenge yet as we CANstruct the endangered Black Rhino!!*

We would appreciate your participation in the form of sponsorship donations. In order to build, we must first buy the food and your contributions will help make our structure bigger and better than before!

*The contributions are tax-deductible. Sponsorship information is located to the left. Your generosity will not go unnoticed! Your companies will be recognized on our sponsor board which will be right next to the wonderful structure you help CANstruct!!*



**Thank you for your help in making this the best CANstruction yet!**

# AND THE RESULTS ARE IN...

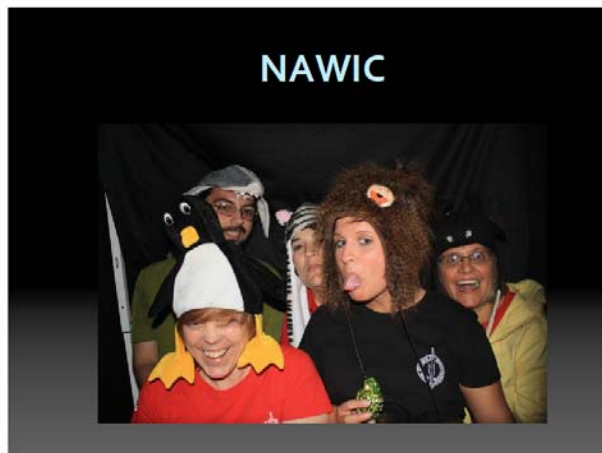
## NAWIC 2011 CANSTRUCTION RESULTS

This year, with the help of Randy the Rhino we earned a new type of recognition ...**Special Recognition**. With Special Recognition comes something even better than an award; we became Proud Zoo Parents with the adoption of the Black Rhino at the Saint Louis Zoo for a year!!

**How exciting!!**



Black Rhino Adoption at the Saint Louis Zoo



Something else new at the Canstruction event was the photo booth, where teams could take some snapshots donning funky hats. One of our photos earned us a new mascot for NAWIC—RJ (Randy Jr.) the Red Tyrannosaurus Rex, who will travel with us and make appearances in photos for years to come (just like the parrot in the photo to the left!)



**All-in-all this was by far the most fun year yet!!**

**It has all of us looking forward to next year's event!!**

**From everyone at NAWIC we'd like to say a special thank you to all of our sponsors.**

**Without your generous donations the making of Randy would not have been possible!!**

*Please stay tuned for opportunities to help with next year's Canstruction project as each year we strive to build better than before!!*

**Many Thanks!!**

**Stacey Madsen- Chair & Sue Seawright- Co-Chair**

### Team Sponsors:

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# RANDY THE RHINO - HORNS OUT HUNGER!!

## NAWIC 2011 CANSTRUCTION

### ***Horn out Hunger - Mission Statement***

Envision a world where no one goes hungry; where animals don't go extinct. We all can't live off the grasses as this black rhino can. Yet Randy the Rhino depicts strength, courage, and determination to survive the wilderness and overcome the challenges that life bestows upon him. This colorful creature provides encouragement, as long as you are strong and stay focused, an end to hunger can be reached. Randy says....stick a horn in hunger, cease starvation, and end extinction!!

### **Recipe**

We will utilize approximately 2,280 cans in the canstruction of the endangered Randy the Rhino. The cans range from no salt added peas and cut green beans, black beans, pinto beans, dark red kidney beans, mac 'n' beef, and li'l bitty ravioli.

### **About NAWIC:**

The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) originally began as Women in Construction of Fort Worth, Texas. It was founded in 1953 by 16 women working in the construction industry. Knowing that women represented only a small fraction of the construction industry, the founders organized NAWIC to create a support network. Women in Construction of Fort Worth was so successful that it gained its national charter in 1955 and became the National Association of Women in Construction.

### **NAWIC's objectives are:**

- To unite for the mutual benefit of the women who are actively engaged in the various phases of the construction industry.
- To promote cooperation, fellowship and a better understanding among members of the Association.
- To promote education and contribute to the betterment of the construction industry.
- To encourage women to pursue and establish careers in the construction industry.
- To provide members an awareness of the legislative process and legislation as it relates to the construction industry.

Over the years, the cause of NAWIC has stayed the same: To enhance the success of women in the construction industry.

# Thanks to all builders and donators!!

