

Annual Planning Conference 2011

“Lake of the Ozarks”

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When we are children our parents teach us to never speak to STRANGERS; when you grow up and become an adult no one is a stranger. It's called NETWORKING; you never know who you're speaking too or who you just ignored. My point: If you never speak to a stranger as an adult how would we have met our NAWIC SISTERS! (FOOD FOR THOUGHT)

Friday November 4, 2011

Registration was Friday along with Chapter Presidents Meeting. We topped the evening off with the Welcoming Party, which included the “Picture This” Photo Booth. Of course we enjoyed this party; everyone participated with whacky hats, glasses, wigs, and costumes. We took wonderful pictures and although the booth really wasn't big enough for more than 2 people we NAWIC Sisters made it work. I enjoyed seeing all the ladies, new and old. Considering this is only my 2nd APC event I couldn't wait to see everyone and have a fun filled girls weekend with some exceptional Training Sessions.



Saturday November 5, 2011

Conference Registrations began at 7:30 am with Chapter sales. The St. Louis chapter had picture frames for sale along with raffle tickets for a fall basket full of items. Opening Ceremonies began at 8:30 am with the Boy Scout Troop #29 doing the presentation of the Colors leading into the pledge of allegiance, motivation by Sue Gleason, Introductions by Connie Leipard, welcoming by Maggie Eichholz, to APC appointments to the Jazzercise warm up given to us by Stephanie San Paolo.

Our first training seminar of the day was, “Polishing Your Professional Presence”. Connie Leipard our Region Director gave this seminar. “A polished professional presence is a valuable asset to any women in construction whether your work shoes are fashionable heels or steel toed boots – or something in between.” Connie talked about how important our soft skills are in the construction industry. Soft skills include the following: Business Etiquette, Body Language, and adjusting personal work habits to any job situation. We covered how important handshakes or verses non-shakers, making introductions when meeting new people, remembering names. The next part of the professional development training was Polishing Personal work habits dealing with cell phone etiquette. I learned a lot in this session that I will be able to use at work and home.

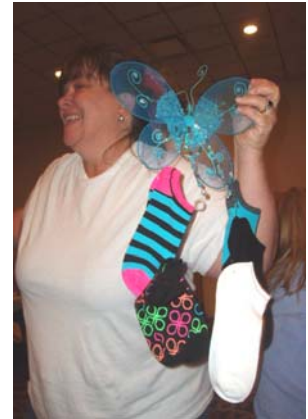
Brooke Eimers – Superintendent for JE DUNN Kansas City, gave the Construction Industry session of the day. She spoke about the St. Lukes Green Parking Garage. She was the superintendant on



this project and talked about the bid process, the awarding process, post tension cables, the design team, the architectural sidewalks and the pros and cons of building a garage underneath a hospital that would be built after the completion of this garage. Brooke has been in the field for 7 years and graduated from Pittsburg State University.

As we continued our morning we had our construction profession and education seminar on NAWIC Meeting – The Message of NAWIC given by Debbie Speake. The objective was to encourage women to pursue and establish their careers in the construction industry and to provide awareness of the legislative process and legislation as it relates to the construction industry.

We followed with lunch with inspiration given by Adrian Zeiler of the Greater Kansas City #100 followed by the Carol Kueker Sock Auction. The auction was a donation for the NEF (National Educational Foundation). The event was a huge success



After lunch the registration report of attendees showed 41 NAWIC SISTERS attended Annual Planning. We then headed into our Team Building Exercise given by Diane Heckemeyer. She asked for 6 people to volunteer that wanted to drink a glass of wine, what they didn't know is this was a set-up. They were going to be the team captains for our team building exercise. We broke into groups and was given directions as follows:

- (1) Everyone had to blindfold themselves except for the team leader.
- (2) Each person is only to use one hand the other hand put behind your back.
- (3) Each person can only do one of the tasks given.
- (4) 1 person to find the bottle of wine in the room blind folded
- (5) 1 person to find the cork screw.
- (6) 1 person to find the cup
- (7) 1 person to open the wine and pour into the cup
- (8) Team leader has to drink the cup of wine without touching it with her hands.

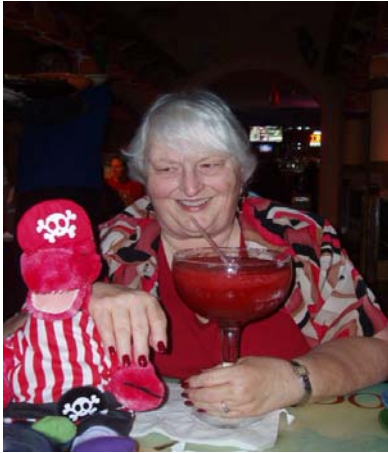


The afternoon sessions included reading of Region 6 Reports: Director Report; Fund Report; Directors Fund Report; Liaison Report; and NEF Fundraising.

Which led us into the reading and discussion of the NAWIC Board Reports, pre and post annual summary actions and the National treasurer report. We discussed the Proposed Bylaw changes from National concerning increase in dues and the Rationale for this.

We ended our day with an open discussion; Sandra Carter gave the invitation to Annual Spring Forum 2012 that will be held here in St. Charles Missouri at the Embassy Suites April 20 -22, 2012. Ending the day with Chapter Raffles and Final Announcements.

Now it was time for dinner at the Tres Hombres Mexican Restaurant. We had about 30 women who attended dinner together where we sang happy birthday to one of our NAWIC Sisters. This also is where “RJ” drank too many frozen margaritas with our lovely member Sandra Carter. We had a blast as usual, laughing and just enjoying one another. As usual NAWIC ladies can get a little rowdy and loud.



After dinner some of us ladies continued to the Hospitality Suite in Connie’s room for some mingling and fun.

I love all my NAWIC SISTERS you all give me inspiration and wisdom. I’m glad to be a part of this wonderful organization. I have seen myself grown personally and professionally.

NAWIC Ladies TRUELY “ROCK”

What a FANTASTIC TIME we had

