

# E-news for NAWIC San Gabriel Valley #110

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## President's Message by Patti Rascon

### NAWIC Core Values

*Believe-Persevere-Dare*

### NAWIC Core Purpose

*To enhance the success of women in the construction industry*

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The "Dare to be Remarkable" team did it again! Summer Conference at the Cal State Channel Islands campus was excellent. We had a full day of communication skills by Cindy Johnsen, public relations and marketing by Krista Wilkie-Boswell, mentoring by Linda Young, leadership and team building by Ellen Colglazier and leadership roles by Mary Ellen Ledbetter. The women of NAWIC are remarkable and I came away from the day energized with new ideas and an appreciation of my NAWIC sisters. I would encourage all to



Pictured left to right: Nicole Meggerson de Martinez, Director Ellen Colglazier, Patti Rascon & Suzanne Fritsch

attend next year's meeting. Thank you to Valerie Patscheck for providing a great location and the women of NAWIC who reached out and mentored their fellow members!

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## Upcoming Events

**August 19** Happy Birthday San Gabriel Valley

**August 13** California Construction Expo

**August 26-29** NAWIC's 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Phoenix, Arizona

**September 1** Board Meeting (2008-09)

**September 9** General Meeting-Installation of Officers

**September 12** Chapter planning meeting

**October 6** Board Meeting

**October 14** Monthly Meeting

General Meetings are scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at Santa Anita Inn, 130 W. Huntington Dr., Arcadia. No host cocktails at 6 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM. Cost is \$28.00 per person. RSVP to Gwen Garis at (951)966-7688. All Welcome!

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Our first annual "Evening of Destruction" was a great success. Gwen and the chapter would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended. It was reported that fun was had by all. We had 61 adults and 19 kids in attendance. With the help of some very loud voices, the door prizes were handed out successfully and we even had an opportunity to wish John Sullivan a very special 60<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday. Thanks again to all who attended, worked the event and donated door prizes. We hope to see all of you next year!

Please join us at the California Construction Expo 2009 on August 13<sup>th</sup> at the LA Convention Center. This event will have a NAWIC booth, and the event offers new ways to connect small companies with contracting opportunities and certification information. There will be contractors, designers, construction professionals, suppliers and workers there. For more information: [emailinfo@calconexpo.com](mailto:emailinfo@calconexpo.com)

Convention in Phoenix is just around the corner and one of our newest members Nicole will be attending. I can still remember my first convention and how in awe I was with all members in attendance and the educational experiences. I know that this is one event that will surely inspire you.

Members, renewal time is just around the corner. Printed invoices can be downloaded at the NAWIC website, look for *Pay Dues-Dues Renewal* page and print a paper invoice or pay online. Renewals are due October 1<sup>st</sup>.

As my term as your president is coming to a close and with my new term on the horizon, I want to take a moment to thank my chapter for all your hard work and dedication this past year. We started the year with strides at the Alzheimer's Memory Walk and continued with education with our meetings and lien seminar, encouraged kids to explore a career in construction with our Block Kids, supported students with our scholarships and spread the NAWIC message through WIC Week. What a great group of women that I am so proud to be a part of, thanks for a wonderful year!

The chapter installation of new board members is set for Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Please save the date for this special event. Region 12 Director, Ellen Colglazier will be our special guest and "Master of Ceremonies".

Finally, our chapter planning meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at Shaaron Bangs's office in Covina. The agenda and list of committees to be filled will be out to members by next week. Gwen is already busy planning speakers for the year I want to encourage all members to take part in a committee, as there is something for everyone with our chapter activities. Please bring your ideas and suggestions. A light breakfast will be served. For me, I'm looking forward to our chapter hosting Winter Conference and another year for our members further achieve "One Goal, One Passion, and Energize with NAWIC."

I hope you all take time to enjoy the rest of the summer; mine is filled with Band Camp, school shopping and work. I can't wait until school starts!!



Happy summer!!

**National Association of Women in Construction  
San Gabriel Valley #110 presents...**

**Installation of 2009-2010 Board of Directors  
Wednesday, September 9, 2009**

**Santa Anita Inn  
130 W. Huntington Dr., Arcadia, CA  
5:30-6:00 Networking  
6:30 Dinner and Program  
RSVP to Gwen Garis (951)966-7688  
\$28.00 per person**

**WHY should you attend?**

- **Opportunity to Network with other Professionals in the Construction Industry**
- **Learn more about NAWIC, what NAWIC can do for you and becoming a member**
- **Guests, friends, Employers, Co-Workers... All are Welcome!**

**National Association of Women in Construction  
San Gabriel Valley #110 General Meeting**

**October 14, 2009**

**Robin Mc Carthy, Executive Director  
Women at Work**

**"Helping women reach their full employment & earning potential"**

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