

The Centerline

President's Message

Hello to all members of the NAWIC Pikes Peak Chapter 356!

April showers bring May flowers. We are certainly enjoying the rain.

Our 20th anniversary celebration on March 10th at The Warehouse was wonderful! Linda Champlin-Frank, CBT, CIT and Katie Trapp did a fabulous job of putting the event together! We had several members who signed the charter attend. It was great to see them! Looking at the pictures from past events was really fun!

CAD/Hand Drafting competition went well. Awards are April 2nd at Rampart High School. We had four high schools participate this year.

We are looking forward to our April meeting at The Warehouse, downtown. Zach Wheeler from RMG Engineers Group will be talking to us about structural observation.

May includes both a fund raiser and a meeting. May 6th we are having a tea party with hats, gloves, etc. at Katie Trapp's house. Please RSVP to her soon. It is \$15.00/person and we are looking forward to having fun!

May's meeting will be on the 25th. Brett Lacey, Fire Marshall of Colorado Springs Fire Department will be speaking. Location TBD. We will be voting on new board members. Please plan to attend.

Pikes Peak Chapter 356 is celebrating 39 members! We are looking forward to getting them all involved in our chapter.

Spring seems to be here. Flowers are out! Gardens are in the works around town.

Enjoy April!

Berni Mount
NAWIC Pikes Peak Chapter 356
President 2016-2017

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20th Anniversary Celebration

We had a great turnout for the 20th Anniversary where we celebrated what the chapter has done in those years and the members that brought us to where we are today. We had a total of 46 attendees including 18 members and 28 guests.

I want to thank Katie Trapp for helping plan and set up for this event and Sandy Riggs for helping set up and collecting money at the registration table. I also want to thank The Warehouse restaurant. The food was excellent and they were very easy to work with. Thank you to all who donated door prizes, too.

It was wonderful to see many past members and talk about old times. Hazel Bolsover from Denver joined us. She is a 51 year NAWIC member and was part of the Denver group that helped charter the Colorado Springs Chapter in 1997. She is also a past Region 8 Director and has always been a great resource for us. We were excited to have three charter members in attendance – Dodi Walch, Bonnie Morgan and Maureen Moran. We were also pleased to have past members Brenda Bratton, Carolyn Cummings, and Kathy Stewart there. Husbands who have been active in the past with their support were also recognized. Not only did they help on some projects but are to be commended for allowing the ladies the time we spent doing NAWIC “things” as we were away from home on weekends and they encouraged us in our travels to regional and national events.

In December of 2014, we lost one of our NAWIC sisters, Bettie Hicks, who had been a member of the chapter since 1998. We were honored to have her husband, Jon, come and be part of the festivities. Jon has always been a huge supporter of NAWIC and is one of those husbands who took part in our projects. Thank you to Jon, for donated door prizes and we also thank him for the numerous times he sponsored our meetings or donated to a cause throughout the years, for example the scholarship fund this evening.

It was good to see where we came from, the foundation of the chapter. Times change and priorities are different. The chapter name was changed and regions were combined going from fourteen to eight. However, we are still “women in construction” and we remain a great support system for each other. Let’s see what the next 20 years bring!!

Linda Champlin-Frank, CBT, CIT



Hazel Bolsover from Denver and Charter Member Dodi Walch



Linda Champlin-Frank, Hazel Bolsover, Cathy Andrew



Leah Ash, Jim Ash, Angelique Kallio, Jennifer Walker



All members in attendance, past and present



Katie Trapp and Sandy Riggs calling raffle numbers....



Charter members Bonnie Morgan, Maureen Moran, Dodi Walch and Denver member Hazel Bolsover



Linda ChamplinFrank



CAD Competition

If you have not taken the time to get involved with the youth who are destined to be involved in our industry, you are truly missing out! Our local CAD competition this year included 44 students from four area high schools who sent in plans to be judged by professionals in construction.

The day began around 8 am with the Chapter ladies busily setting up and chatting with each other and the judges as they arrived.

The judges were enjoying some delicious food, and setting up their tables where the plans would be placed before them. After being instructed on the Judging Procedures, a quiet contemplative mood settled in with the only noise being the turning of plan pages.

As one set of plans were judged, and returned, another set was placed before the judges, and the tally team got busy totaling the scores and recording them.

By 1 pm, we were cleaned up and ready to leave.

Our awards ceremony on April 2, 2017, at Rampart High School, revealed the following students as winners and honorable mention:

For CAD

- 1st Place** Alexis Cloninger
- 2nd Place** Jordan Miller
- 3rd Place** Samantha Dewitt
- 4th Place** Sean Moeller
- 5th Place** Jason Kurkowski

Honorable Mention:

Caleb Laurence, Haydin Martinez,
Ryan Harper, Nathaniel Westlake,
Blake Storry

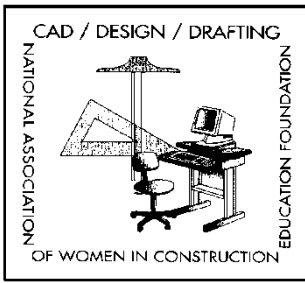
For HAND Drawing

- 1st Place** Marianne Drollinger
- 2nd Place** Kyrie Frey



After the ceremony came the opportunity for our Chapter Members, Judges, teachers, parents and sponsors to interact with these impressive young folks. **Here is where investing your time pays off.**





Please join us for the 2017 CAD/Design/Drafting Competition Awards Ceremony

When: Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 2:00 pm

Where: Rampart High School Commons/Cafeteria
8250 Lexington Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80920

See map below. (Near intersection of Lexington Drive and N Union Blvd.)
Use the parking lot closest to Union
Enter through the Main Doors and go down the stairs

Drawing Displays, Door Prizes, Refreshments!

For Questions please contact:

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Our March volunteer event was helping build shelving for So Much for Pets.

A few days later, the founder Terry, age 70, was hit by an uninsured driver. He's going to be ok, he was just very shook up. We all wish him well.

**So Much For Pets” has
lots more at home!**
If you don't see what
you want, call Terry
719-632-6806 or 217-8839
between 8 am and 7 pm.
Check us out on Facebook
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Pikes Peak Chapter 356
Thursday, April 20th, 2017

NAWIC

Networking 5:30 – 6:00

Dinner – 6:00 – 6:45 - The Warehouse Restaurant
25 West Cimarron St. Colorado Springs, CO 80903
(No Cost to attend. Attendees will be responsible for own
meals off the menu.)

Program – 6:45 – 7:30 - Zach Wheeler from RMG –
Structural Observation Presentation



RSVP by
Monday, April 17, 2017
to Valerie Bates
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April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 CAD Awards	3	4	5	6 Board Meeting	7	8
9	10 Happy Birthday Tanya Peterson	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Monthly Meeting	21	22
23	24	25	26 Happy Birthday Katie Trapp	27 Happy Birthday Tracy Beers	28	29
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If we missed your birthday, it is because we don't have the date, so please let our Membership and Marketing committee leader Valerie know!

April 2 - CAD Competition Awards

April 6 – Board Meeting

April 10 – Happy Birthday Tanya Peterson

April 20 – Monthly Members Meeting

April 26 – Happy Birthday Katie Trapp

April 27 – Happy Birthday Tracy Beers

Future Dates

May 6 – Spring Tea Party

May 5-7 – Pacific Southwest Regional Forum (Tuscon)

August TBD – Strategic Planning Meeting

October 13-14 – Annual Planning Conference (Aurora)

Welcome New Members!

Linda Sterrett – linda@elderconstructioninc.com from Elder Construction, Inc.

Staci Calderon – scalderon@rusin.com from Rusin Concrete.

Welcome ladies we are glad to have you join us and look forward to meeting you.

With the addition of these ladies our Chapter has a new record number of 39 members!!

Coronado High School Robotics Team: Cougars Gone Wired By Gretchen Westphal

At Coronado High School, Cougars Gone Wired is the STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) focused FIRST (For the Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) robotics team. They are a group of 9th-12th graders from District 11: Coronado High School, Palmer High School, and the surrounding areas. For the months leading up to their first robotics scrimmage, these students work diligently, meeting Monday through Friday, 4:30 PM – 9:00 PM and Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The Coronado Robotics Team is unique in that they build the only scrimmage arena in the state. Robotics teams from all around Colorado come to a Coronado-hosted scrimmage to test their robots for the first time. After the scrimmage, the students meet Wednesdays and Saturdays to fine tune their robots in anticipation for the main events, regional competitions.



Picture: 2017 Coronado High School Robotics Team, Cougars Gone Wired

This year, FIRST Robotics created a steampunk-themed competition, called Steamworks (<https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/frc/game-and-season>). Each match is two minutes and 30 seconds long. In that time, teams form alliances and build up steam power for airships to take flight. Steam is built up in three ways: inserting fuel (wiffle balls) into the boiler; start rotors by delivering gears to pilots on the airship for installation; and prepare for flight by climbing a rope on each the alliance's airships. The Coronado robot utilizes all three strategies. (See www.team2996.com/steamworks.html for more details)

I was told about the opportunity to work with these students by Berni, our chapter president. I started volunteering my time three weeks before the first scrimmage and months after the building process had already begun. By this time, the group was already functioning as a well-oiled machine. Cougars Gone Wired is structured to resemble a business model and is split into sub-teams: business and technical, each headed by a vice president. The CEO oversees the completion of the robot, and the CFO corresponds with sponsors (potential and existing) and organizes fundraising events. It didn't take

long for me to be impressed by these students' work ethic, commitment, intelligence, creativity, and ingenuity. I wondered multiple times why I hadn't busied my 16-year-old self with an activity as stimulating as this one!



Picture: Cougars Gone Wired 2017 Robot

Cougars Gone Wired competed in the Utah Regional Competition on March 8 – March 11 (<http://www.utfr.utah.edu>) and received the Xerox Creativity Award. The team also competed in Colorado Regional Competition on March 22 – March 25 in Denver (<http://coloradofirst.org/COFIRST/programs/frc/colorado-regional/>). Cougars gone wired had a dramatic finish: they qualified for the semifinals, but the other team triumphed. Coronado was awarded the Safety and Engineering Inspiration Awards, and the team CEO qualified for Champions' Level Deans List. Because Coronado achieved all of these awards, they qualify for championships in Houston on April 19-22 (<https://www.firstinspires.org/2017-2018-first-championship-info>).

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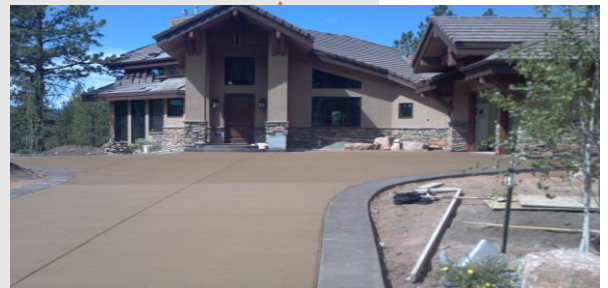
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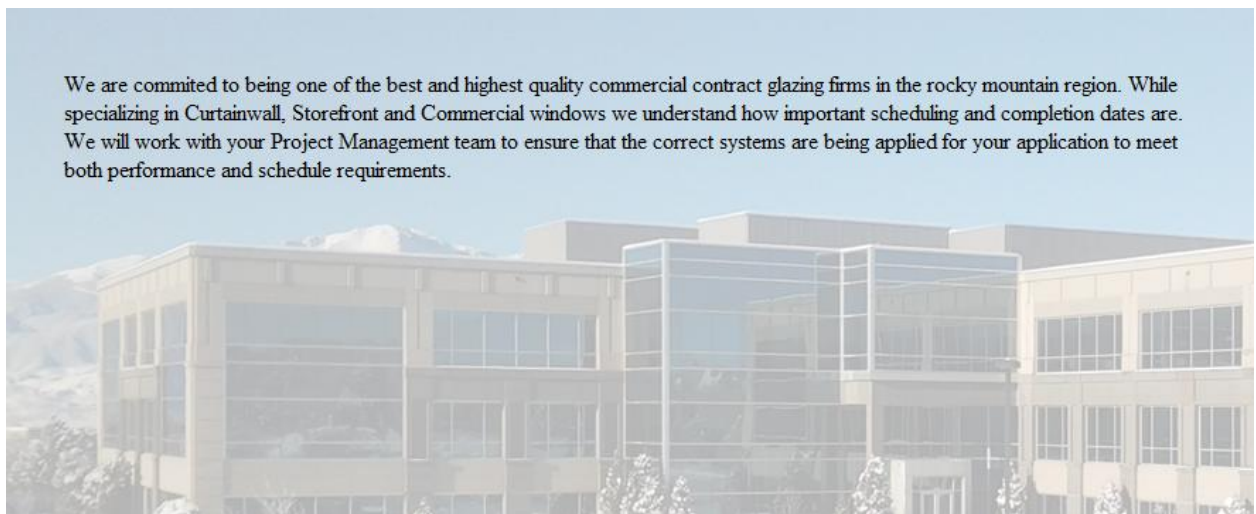


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