



The Centerline

President's Message

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

We are having spring time in the Rockies! Rain and snow and more snow. Love it!

The April meeting was about structural observation. Thank you to Zach Wheeler of RMG Engineers! It was very interesting and we NAWIC ladies certainly learned a lot about foundations and Colorado soil.

Friday, May 5th at 4 p.m. Katie Trapp is hosting a tea party at her house. If you can't make that, she is having another May 6th at 10 a.m. Please RSVP to her soon. It is a fund raiser for our general fund at \$15.00/person. It is going to be great fun!

Valerie Bates found a new location for May's meeting on the 25th. Brett Lacey, Fire Marshall of Colorado Springs Fire Department will be speaking at the Southern Hospitality Restaurant on the north end of town. We will be nominating a slate of board members and officers in this meeting. The size of our chapter has grown enough to need 4 Directors, so the Nominating Committee may be calling you soon to ask if you would like to run for a Director or Officer position. If we have several candidates we will be voting on new board members, so please plan to attend and vote.

The June meeting is on lien waivers at The Warehouse. Scott Mikulecky, Attorney of Sherman & Howard, L. L. C. will be speaking. A member reminded us that this is a great topic. After the last meeting on this, she needed the information to file one. We hope you don't have to file a lien, but always good information to know.

June 17th, we will be having a bingo night fundraiser at Pine Creek High School from 5-9 p.m. Please contact Valerie if you would like to help on the committees to make this happen. Bingo Committee, concessions and silent auction. We are all looking forward to this!

Leslie Miasnik is visiting us from the Hawaii chapter. She is working in the area for a few months. Please read her article about NAWIC ladies where ever you go.

We need topics for October and November meetings. Please send me an email or give me a call and let me know what you are interested in.

Many of us will be attending graduations in May and enjoying time off for the Memorial Day Weekend!

Have a great May!

Berni Mount
NAWIC Pikes Peak Chapter 356
President 2016-2017

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SAVE THE DATE!

September 14, 2017

We invite you and high school students (grades 11-12) in your school district to attend the 10th annual Colorado Construction Career Days of Southern Colorado on September 14, 2017. The purpose of Construction Career Days is to broaden student knowledge about the multi-faceted opportunities available and to increase the number of men and women entering the construction industry.

Students spend the day from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM engaged in hands-on events, stationary equipment activities and technology demonstrations. Lunch will be provided.

Registration and information will be available on line at www.coloradoconstructioncareerdayssoutherncolorado.com prior to the event.

Please note that "Parent Permission Forms" will be required for the students to participate. These will be available on line also.

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EVENT INFORMATION FOR EDUCATORS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS

CCD Event:

Thursday, September 14, 2017
Norris Penrose Event Center

Why should you attend:

Students:

- Explore design and engineering
- Experience a trade skill
- Discover Project Management
- Operate heavy equipment

Educators:

- Assist students in learning about construction careers
- See the variety of industry careers available
- Gather information and contacts for classroom discussions on career options

What you will experience:

- Hands-on activities – a variety which may include masonry, carpentry, electrical and MORE
- Heavy stationary equipment – backhoes, people lifts, snow plow and MORE

What is needed on event day:

- Signed CCD permission slip
- Long pants and closed toed shoes (like tennis shoes)
- No tank tops
- Be aware of weather – a jacket may be necessary
- Hard hats and safety glasses will be provided
- Lunch is provided
- All participants must be registered

Why consider a career in construction:

- Jobs are plentiful. Nationally 200,000 new positions in construction related industries are available each year.
- A variety of construction related careers are available including skilled and craft level, draft and architecture, technical and engineering and management and safety.
- Diverse educational possibilities are available with on the job training, apprenticeships and vocational training with 2 year or 4 year degrees and more.
- Good wages – on job training hourly pay can start at \$15.00 providing workers an opportunity to earn as they learn without college debt.

The SCCCD Committee reserves the right to remove anyone from participating in the event activities who is not registered, dressed as required, not following safety protocol or is disrupting or acting inappropriate during the event.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE FROM OUR REGULAR DATE!

The May Membership Meeting is

Thursday May 25

At the Southern Hospitality Restaurant,

13021 Bass Pro Dr.

Colorado Springs

Our Speaker will be

Colorado Springs Fire Marshal - Brett Lacey

Brett is the Fire Marshal for the Colorado Springs Fire Department. He is a graduate of Oklahoma State University and is a registered professional engineer and a certified safety professional. He has worked in the fire service industry for over 36 years serving in the ranks of firefighter, paramedic and fire protection engineer up to his current position. He has also worked for Fire Protection Publications of the International Fire Service Training Association and has served on various technical validation committees as well as a current Executive Board Member and chairing the technical committee for the Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement manual re-write for the 8th Edition. He has served on the Colorado Fire Marshal's Association Code Committee, as well as various other state committees. He has completed various curriculums at the Center for Creative Leadership and served as a member of the City of Colorado Springs Strategic Leadership Team which was responsible for major change and leadership initiatives for the City.

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR THE MEETING FLYER

AND RSVP TO VALERIE

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Board Meeting	5 Spring Tea Party Afternoon	6 Spring Tea Party Morning Happy Birthday Cathy Andrew
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Happy Birthday Karen Mitchell
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Happy Birthday Cyndi Wheatley	25 Monthly Meeting	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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!

- May 4 – Board Meeting**
- May 5 – Spring Tea Party, 4pm**
- May 6 – Spring Tea Party, 10am**
- May 6 – Happy Birthday Cathy Andrew**
- May 5-7 – Pacific Southwest Regional Forum (Tuscon)**
- May 13 – Happy Birthday Karen Mitchell**
- May 24 – Happy Birthday Cyndi Wheatley**
- May 25 – Monthly Members Meeting**

Future Dates

- June 17 – BINGO at Pine Creek High School**
- August TBD – Strategic Planning Meeting**
- September 14 – Construction Career Day**
- October 13-14 – Annual Planning Conference (Aurora)**



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Aloha to my Colorado NAWIC Sisters

I originally joined the San Diego Chapter of NAWIC and spent just about a year there, enjoying it very much before my husband got transferred to Hawaii. Off we went, to live in the islands. I did not have a job or friends or any idea how to say the names of the streets on our new island home on Oahu, and it was nice to have NAWIC to lean on and help me navigate my new adventure. I took a taxi to the 1st Honolulu Chapter meeting I went to, and called my husband before it was over and said that he didn't need to pick me up, one of the ladies would drive me back to the hotel. He said "But you don't even know where you are. And you don't know any of them." "Sure I do, I said – they're NAWIC ladies. They are just like new friends I haven't met yet."

We have lived on Oahu for 11 years now, and I have been an active participant in the NAWIC chapter the entire time. So when there was a strong possibility I would accept the 6 -8 month job in Colorado Springs, the first thing I did was go to the national NAWIC roster, find the closest chapter, and shoot off an email to your President, Berni. "Looks like I'm coming to town and I don't know anything. I'm going to need your chapter's help. Where do I live (or not live), what do I bring (or not bring) what do I wear (or not wear) for your weather....." In true NAWIC tradition, Berni opened her arms and welcomed me to the Pike's Peak Chapter. I told my friends not to worry – even though I was coming alone, as long as there is a NAWIC chapter nearby, I'd be fine. I like Colorado Springs a lot, and everyone is very friendly. When learning I just moved here, at least 10 people in the last 3 weeks have given me big smiles and said **"Welcome to Colorado!"**

I enjoyed my first Pikes Peak NAWIC meeting at the April meeting. It's nice to see some things done a little differently, but still have the familiarity of a framework I recognize. I really enjoyed Zack Williams speaking on structural forensics and it reminded me of how much I enjoy being in a room full of women who think that kind of topic is fascinating too. I brought my co-worker on our Fort Cason job, Cindy Lemmeyer, who transferred from the Contrack Watts Virginia office; she had never heard of NAWIC. (How is that possible?) She went back and told the only other gal on the job what a great time she had, and Sharon is trying to move around her standing chiropractor's appointment from Thursdays on the day of the meetings so she can join us too. This project is very difficult and it consumes a lot of our time and energy, so we are really looking forward to being wrapped in the loop of a fun group of ladies with which we have so much in common. *And ...* I got a cool Mountain Desert/NAWIC tote bag in the raffle that I have been using every day since!

The table we sat at for the meeting was full of ladies with advice and ideas for things to do, and how to navigate the change in altitude. We gathered some co-workers on the following Sunday and went out to see the Air Force Academy. The "boys" have been here a few months ahead of us but they couldn't get it together to figure out what to do and where to go to enjoy learning about Colorado Springs, so they mostly sat around on their day off. It takes a NAWIC team to get the ball moving. Cindy has stated a excel spreadsheet based on the myriad of ideas we have received so far and we look forward to being involved with the group activities and exploring on our own. I'm looking forward to BINGO night (Cindy thinks I'm nuts) but she has no idea how fun a night like that with the NAWIC gals can be. I anticipate lots of yelling and laughing and I'm sure it will be a great time.

I am a past President and officer, and past chair for various committees, including Programs, Block Kids and Scholarship. I would be happy to share ideas about what we have done that has been successful (or not so successfully) and I look forward to learning more about how your chapter does everything. I love that NAWIC women are so collaborative, so if you have any questions that you think my experience may be able to help with, please ask me! We will volunteer as time on the job allows and appreciate your guidance and friendship while we are here working. I'm sure spending time with your chapter will make our time in Colorado a much richer experience, and we are looking forward to making new friends and being of service to your community.

With warm Aloha,
Leslie Miasnik, Honolulu Chapter transplant
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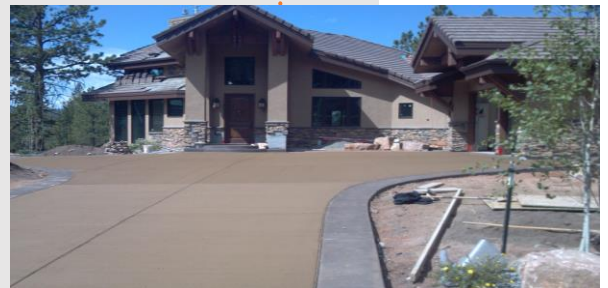
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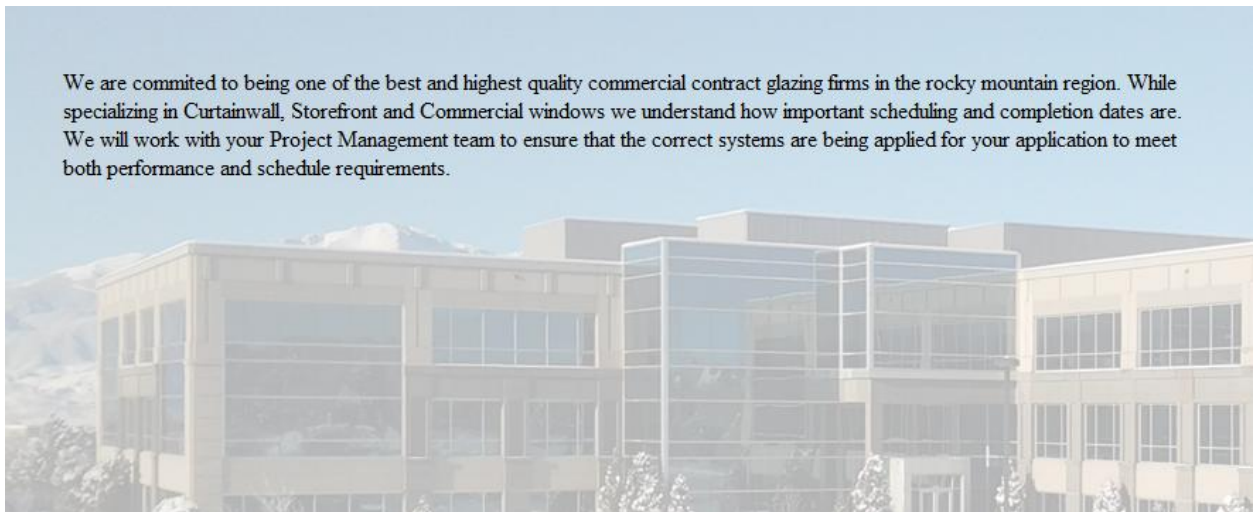


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