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# The Centerline

## President's Message

What a great month December was.

We had a fun Christmas party with a White Elephant gift exchange to remember.

We wrapped gifts for underprivileged children and took advantage of a photo opp. with the Grinch.

We helped with the Breakfast and gift distribution on Christmas Eve.

I hope you are all as excited about 2019 as I am.

We will start it off with our annual visit to Coronado High School to visit the Robotics Team that we sponsor. If you have not been before, be prepared to be amazed by these very intelligent young men and women.

I am looking forward to the Block Kids on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

I am sure WIC week in March will be amazing.

That is just the first quarter.

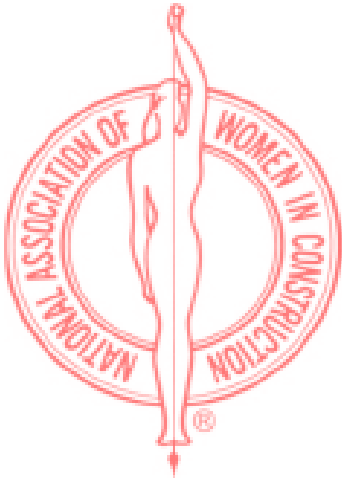
I would like to wish you all a Happy and Safe New Year!

God Bless,

Valerie Bates

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# 2018 NAWIC Christmas Party





# Our awesome NAWIC sisters volunteering for the 2018 Gries Family Christmas Event!





**Hello!**

**Cougars Gone Wired would like to personally invite you to the 2019 FIRST Robotics Competition Annual Kick Off! Our season is just around the corner and the exciting competition officially starts on January 5th! Every member of our team meets in Coronado High School's auditorium to watch the worldwide broadcast of the game being released at 8 a.m. that morning. We would love if you could come to show your support for the team. We are all together and watch the game and then immediately break off and start working on strategy and plans for the season. This is a wonderful opportunity to see our team in action and how exciting this event really is. Coronado High School is located at 1590 W Fillmore St, Colorado Springs, CO 80904 let me know if you have any questions and we hope to see you there! Thank you!**

*Carli Kassner*

*Chief Financial Officer*

*FRC Team 2996*

*Cougars Gone Wired*

<http://www.team2996.com/index.html>

# JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy New Year!!	2	3 Chapter Board Meeting 5:30pm-7pm	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Member Meeting 5:30pm*	18	19
20 Connie Stevenson's B-day!	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**\*Member meeting invitation to follow. Will be held at Coronado HS learning about the Robotic Teams. Dinner will be sponsored by Olson Plumbing.**



Block Kids is a building competition for students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. This is a national competition with local events hosted by NAWIC chapters around the country. During the competition, participants are given 100 micro Legos and may also choose up to three of the following supplemental items: a rock, up to 12" of string, a pre-measured square of aluminum foil, and/or a pre-measured square of poster board. They then have 45 minutes to build a structure that can be lived in, worked in, or played in. After the participants have built their structures, judges select their favorites based on appearance and brief conversations with the builders. The top five participants in each age group (K-3 and 4-6) are then interviewed further and the structures are ranked based on the overall structure, participant knowledge and creativity. Each of these ten "finalists" leave with a Lego set, but all participants receive a certificate and a goodie bag. The structure of the student who receives the top score overall is then submitted to the regional building competition via pictures and descriptions of the structure. Regional winners are submitted to a national competition

The purpose of this competition is to get young students thinking about future careers in the construction industry. The 2019 competition will be held Saturday, January 26, 2019 at the East Library and Information Center (ELIC) off Union Boulevard. Set up begins at 12-12:30 p.m. with registration beginning at 1:30 p.m. and the competition beginning at 2:00 p.m. We are generally out of there by 4 p.m.

How can you help? The needs for the Block Kids program are listed below:

- **Judges:** We need between 6 and 10 judges to interview the top five participants in each of the two age groups. If you have a child or family friend participating, you can often still judge the other age group. Judges have a quick introductory meeting and then walk around and observe the students building their structures. They interact briefly with each student and list what they feel to be the top five projects in their age group. Once the top five structures in each age group are determined, the other participants are dismissed, and the "finalists" are asked additional questions and scored on a rubric. Scores are tallied, and the "finalists" are placed first through fifth.
- **Goodie Bag Donations and Assembly:** In January, we will hold a Block Kids Committee Meeting where we will assemble the goodie bags needed for the competition and work out the final logistics of the event. You will receive more information about this meeting as it gets closer, but food is served, and it is generally an enjoyable time. We can also use small items to put in the goodie bags. These items can have your company logo or just be a fun party favor a child would enjoy (school supplies, small toys, treats).
- **General Volunteers:** At the event, we will need volunteers to set up and break down the room, serve snacks, hand out supplies, tally scores and whatever else may be needed. General volunteers should plan on arriving between 12:45 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. and should be done for the day around 4:00 p.m.
- **Event Snacks and Drinks:** We will need donations of kid-friendly snacks and drinks for the day of the event.
- **Lego Set Donations:** The lovely Karen Mitchell has already purchased all the sets needed.

You can find more information about Block Kids on the Programs page of our chapter website, <http://nawic356.org/programs/> and on the NAWIC Education Foundation website at <https://nef-edu.org/block-kids-building-competition/>. Watch your email for additional information as the event date draws closer. Finally, feel free to email me with any additional questions.

Thank you,

Naomi R. Kidd





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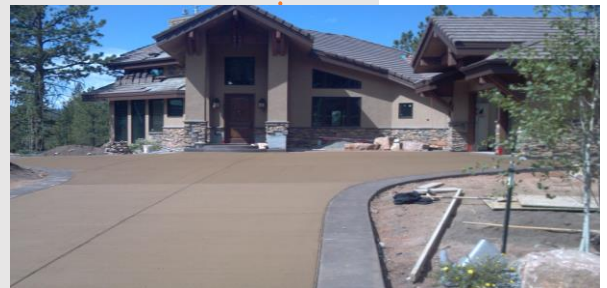
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