

# Newsletter

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### January Events

**January 8:** Board Meeting (Bryan Construction)

**January 15:** Membership Meeting-  
Cougars Gone Wired  
(Coronado High School)

**January 31:** Block Kids Competition  
(Timberline Landscaping)

### Save the Dates!

**February 5:** Board Meeting (Bryan Construction)

**February 19:** Membership Meeting-  
(Bryan Construction)

**February 21:** Galentines Day Brunch  
with Denver Chapter (Wide Awake  
Eatery - Castle Rock)

**March 1-7:** WIC Week 2026



are held on the first Thursday of each  
month at 5:30pm at Bryan Construction



### January - Annual Cougars Gone Wired Membership Meeting

**When:** Thursday, January 15th, 2026

**Location:** Coronado High School, Building 1  
1590 W. Fillmore Street   
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

**Time:** 5:30pm - 8:30pm

**Registration and ticket required**



Join us for our January Membership Meeting as the talented Cougars Gone Wired Team 2996 presents their 2026 robotics project and submissions for the 2026 Build Challenge!

This exciting evening will feature an inside look at the innovation, teamwork, and creativity driving the next generation of engineers and builders.

**RSVP by Monday, January 12th at noon via Zeffy.**

**Please note: There are no refunds for cancellations or no-shows.**

**Dinner will be catered.**

Cost:

- \$25.00 – Members
- \$35.00 – Non-Members



Schedule:

- **Networking & Dinner** - 5:30-6pm
- **Presentation by Cougars Gone Wild Robotics Team 2996** - 6pm
- **Business Meeting to Begin After**

*'If you are experiencing difficulty covering the cost of the meeting, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Chapter President, Samantha Walter, for assistance. We want to ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate.'*

We hope you'll join us to support our local robotics team and connect with fellow women in construction as we kick off 2026 with inspiration,



## A Message From Our Pikes Peak Chapter 356 President

**Samantha  
Walter**

Bryan  
Construction



**Happy New Year!** I'm excited to kick off 2026 with fresh opportunities and new connections for our chapter members and fellow women in the construction industry.

January 15 brings us one of my favorite meetings that we hold annually to show our continued support for Robotics Team 2996 Cougars Gone Wired. We'll have the chance to see what the team has just been presented with for their build season. It's a fantastic opportunity to be inspired by the talent of these young people within our community.

We have a packed calendar of events coming up now through March, so get ready to volunteer for Block Kids, be educated by Jenifer Repa on Storm Water Permits for the Construction site, connect with our fellow Metropolitan Denver Chapter 112 members for brunch, and enjoy a full week of activities for Women in Construction Week!

You can find details of the events in the chapter newsletter and on our chapter website at [www.nawic356.org](http://www.nawic356.org), Events Calendar. I hope to see you all at an event over the next few months.

Don't forget to bring a friend or two. Let's make this year our most impactful yet!



## Fundraising Planning

### We Need Your Ideas!

Our chapter is planning a 2026 fundraising activity, and we're looking for members who would like to help shape and support this effort. If you've ever had a great idea for an event—or want to be part of bringing one to life—this is your chance!

**We will be holding a “Meeting of the Minds” on January 22 at 5:30 to gather ideas, form a planning team, and kick off the process.**

If you're interested in participating, please let Fundraising Chair, **Jessica O'Connell** know! ([fundraising@nawic356.org](mailto:fundraising@nawic356.org))

Your creativity and input are invaluable as we work to make this a successful chapter fundraiser.



## THE NAWIC PLEDGE

**As material for the construction of our building, I pledge the agility of my hands, the ability of my mind, and the integrity of my heart.**

**- Alice Ashley**

Founding member of Women in Construction of Fort Worth 1953



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**New Year, New Stuff!**

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## HAPPENING JANUARY 31ST



**BLOCK KIDS  
COMPETITION  
IS HERE!**

### Annual Block Kids Competition - 2026

**When:** Saturday - January 31, 2026

**Location:** Timberline Landscaping,  
8110 Opportunity View  
Colorado Springs, CO 80939

**Check-In Begins @ 12:30pm**

**Competition Begins @ 1pm**

**Event Ends @ 3:30pm**

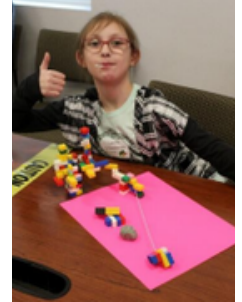
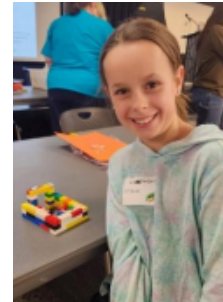


**REGISTER  
TODAY!**  
GRADES K-6

\*Registration Ends  
January 26th!

Let's build the future—one block at a time! The NEF Block Kids Competition introduces children to the exciting world of construction. Each participant will use blocks, imagination, and approved materials to design and build something they can live in, work in, or play in!

Please email [blockkidspp356@gmail.com](mailto:blockkidspp356@gmail.com) or call Naomi Kidd at (719) 332-9868 for any questions or concerns!



### Support Block Kids 2025- Empowering Tomorrow's Builders

NAWIC Pikes Peak Chapter #356 invites businesses, industry professionals, and community supporters to help empower young students through our annual Block Kids Competition, a hands-on building challenge designed for grades K-6. **This event is free for all participants and encourages:**

- Creativity & imagination
- Problem-solving
- STEM learning
- Early exposure to construction & design

**We still need a few more  
sponsor's for this years' event**

Together, we can help students envision themselves in the skilled trades, engineering, architecture, and beyond.

### Our Growth & Vision

Our Block Kids event has grown steadily over the past five years. With community sponsorship, we aim to:

- Continue offering the event at no cost
- Inspire interest in construction, engineering, and skilled trades
- Expand participation with a long-term goal of hosting up to 100 students

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## February Membership Meeting

**When:** Thursday - February 19, 2026

**Location:** Bryan Construction 

5475 Tech Center Dr. Ste. 300

Colorado Springs, CO 80919



**Time:** 5:30 - 8:30pm

**RSVP via Zeffy by Monday,  
February 16, 2026, at Noon**

**Catered Event**

### NAWIC Ladies Night – CDSP General Permit (COR400000) Overview

NAWIC ladies, join us for an informative and engaging evening designed with women in construction in mind — and all industry professionals are welcome to attend.

We're excited to welcome **Jennifer Repa, QSD, CPESC, QISP of Terraphase Engineering** for an in-depth, practical overview of the Colorado Discharge Permit System (CDSP) General Permit COR400000, a critical permit for construction projects across Colorado.

#### This presentation will cover:

- Which construction projects require CDSP permit coverage
- Key permit conditions, responsibilities, and compliance requirements
- Best practices for managing sediment and pollutants on active job sites
- How proper compliance helps protect Colorado's waterways during development
- **\$25 for Members**
- **\$35 for Non-Members**

Please note: There are no refunds for cancellations or no-shows.

**This event is perfect for NAWIC members, as well as contractors, developers, engineers, inspectors, project managers, and environmental professionals.**

## Annual Joint Chapter Galentine's Day Breakfast

**When:** Saturday - February 21, 2026

**Location:** Wide Awake Eatery 

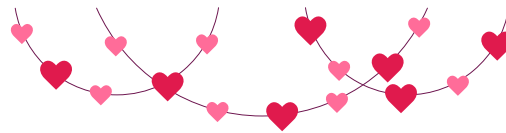
115 Wilcox St. Unit 120

Castle Rock, CO 80104



**Time:** 10:30am

**Registration is limited to 30 attendees, so please register early!**



### You're invited to join us for our annual Joint Chapter Galentine's Day Breakfast with NAWIC Denver Metropolitan Chapter 112!

This fun and collaborative morning is a great opportunity to connect with fellow NAWIC members, share ideas, and strengthen relationships across chapters.

#### Why attend?

- Network with members from both chapters
- Exchange chapter and committee ideas
- Enjoy meaningful conversation in a relaxed setting

#### Event Details:

- All attendees will order breakfast directly from the menu
- Payment will be collected by Samantha Walter (cash or Venmo) so the venue can be paid with one combined check

#### Know someone who would love NAWIC?

Please feel free to share this invitation with potential members of either chapter—this is a wonderful, welcoming event for guests to learn more about NAWIC and make new connections.

We hope you'll join us for this special Galentine's Day tradition filled with connection, collaboration, and NAWIC sisterhood.



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## January NAWIC Learning Opportunities

### Construction Bookkeeping Technician

The NAWIC Education Foundation (NEF) is offering an instructor-led Construction Bookkeeping Technician (CBT) course that will meet on **Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Eastern, January 15 through February 5, 2026.** (Click title to register through Zeffy)

### Leveling Up & Building Strong: Leadership that Drives the Jobsite

The NAWIC PD&E Committee is offering an instructor-led leadership course that will meet on **January 16<sup>th</sup> at 11am Mountain Time.** (Click title to register for Zoom meeting)

### NAWIC Leadership Academy is accepting registrations

The NAWIC Leadership Academy will begin 2 cohorts of an 8-week leadership course for women in construction. (Click title to learn more about each cohort's dates and time commitment.)

Cohort 1 Starts: **January 27th, 2025**      **Member = \$1999**  
Cohort 2 Starts: **January 28th, 2025**      **Non-Member = \$2399**

**Registration Closes: January 19, 2025**

## THE SPANISH CORNER

### Expressions

**Happy New Year** | Feliz Año | fay-lees-ahn-yoh

**Look!** | Mira | mee-rah

**I don't know** | No sé | no-say

**I don't understand** | No entiendo | no-en-tee-en-doe

**That's life** | Así es la vida | ah-see-es-lah-bee-dah

**Let's go!** | Vamos | bah-mohs

## FUN FACT!

While it's common to say "**ADIOS**" to tell someone goodbye, it's also common to say "**LUEGO**" (loo-ay-go) which means "**later**"

## Mark Your Calendar! WIC Week

**March 1-7, 2026**  
**#wicweek2026**



**Pikes Peak**

### **BUILT TO LEAD** **January Quote**

"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any."

— Alice Walker



## MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

**Keira C. - 1 year**  
*Careers in Construction CO*

**Joy W. - 1 year**  
*Restoration King, LLC.*



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Thanks to everyone that was able to participate in this year's Angel Tree!

Our chapter was able to provide gifts to four children, through *Fostering Hope*, for Christmas.



## CONSTRUCTION-RELATED NON-NAWIC EVENTS

### Hard Hat Happy Hour

The Airplane Restaurant   
1665 Newport Rd.  
Colorado Springs CO 80916

**Tuesday, January 13 - 4:30pm-6:30pm**

\*Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month

Hard Hat Happy Hour was created for the sole purpose of fostering connections within the local Colorado construction community. From tradespeople to CEO and anything in-between, ALL are welcome! Our open networking format is great if you are looking to meet quality contractors and service providers who are LOCAL. As always, feel free to invite a friend or colleague in the industry and reach out to **Ally Jencson** if you have any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

### El Paso County Contractors Association (EPCCA)

#### Monthly Luncheon

Norris Penrose Event Center   
1045 Lower Gold Camp Rd.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

**Tuesday, January 13 - 11:30am-1:00pm**

### Construction Financial Managers Association (CFMA) Pikes Peak Meeting

The El Paso Club   
30 E Platte Ave.  
Colorado Springs CO 80903

**Thursday January 22 - 7:30am - 9:00am**

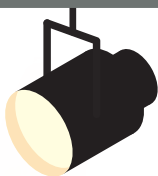
Members: \$35.00

Non-members: \$45.00



SPOTLIGHT

MEMBER



Reserved for someone who dislikes attention but we'd love to know better!



**We would love to learn more about you!** If you'd like to be featured as a Spotlight Member, it only takes a few minutes to **complete the form HERE.**



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## BUILD IT UP!

Support women in construction and make a difference in our community! Your sponsorship helps fund educational programs, student competitions, professional development, and networking events.

### Sponsorship Levels:

- Cornerstone: \$3,000
- Architect: \$2,000
- Framework: \$1,500
- Groundbreaker: \$500
- Foundation: \$250\*

\*Foundation level is for women-owned businesses or small companies.

Your support empowers the next generation of women in construction while giving your company visibility and networking opportunities.



### Pikes Peak



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We can't tag you in our NAWIC Pikes Peak Chapter 356 posts if you're not following our pages. (Links at the bottom of pages throughout this newsletter) Make sure to hit that Follow button so we can celebrate and highlight you in our updates!

Also, if you have something you'd like shared on our chapter's social media, please reach out to our Social Media Chair, **Jessica O'Connell** [nawicpp356@gmail.com](mailto:nawicpp356@gmail.com).

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