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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)

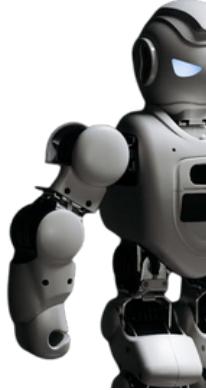
March 1-7: WIC Week 2026



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



CHAPTER 356 PIKES PEAK



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.



WEBSITE: NAWIC356.ORG

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, 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!



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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)

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



Pikes Peak

New Year, New Stuff!

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HAPPENING JANUARY 31ST



BLOCK KIDS COMPETITION IS HERE!

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 or call Naomi Kidd at (719) 332-9868 for any questions or concerns!



*Registration Ends
January 26th!



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



Support as a Business or On Your Own

Scan the code (right) or click to make your contribution.



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- SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT OUT
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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

Catered Event 

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

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

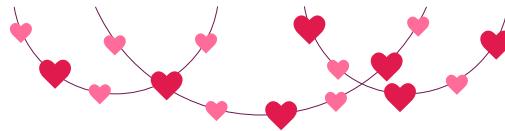
When: Saturday - February 21, 2026

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 16th 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-lee-ahn-yoh

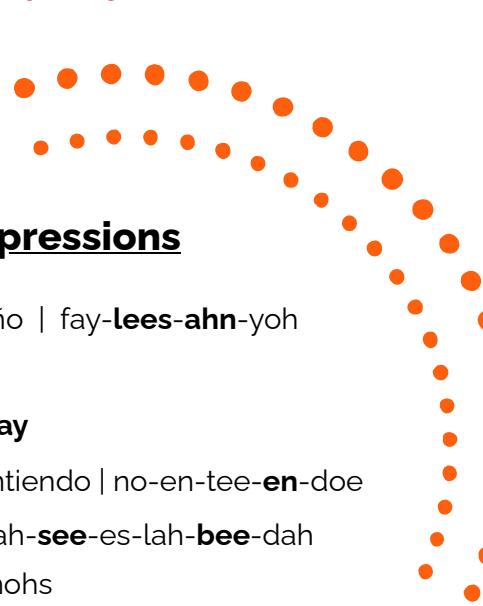
Look! | Mira | mee-rah

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.



SPOTLIGHT

MEMBER



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](#).

CONSTRUCTION-RELATED NON-NAWIC EVENTS

Hard Hat Happy Hour

[The Airplane Restaurant](#) 

1665 Newport Rd.
Colorado Springs CO 80916

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

[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



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- 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.

Social Media

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.

We'd love to help highlight you and your news!

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