

Newsletter

SOLID GROUND



VOLUME #116

July Events

July 17: Clay Shoot Fundraiser, Kiowa Creek Spring Club

August Events

August 6: Board Meeting (Bryan Construction)

August 20: Membership Meeting: Women's Hormone Health at YMCA Briargate

September Events

September 3: Board Meeting (Bryan Construction)

September 18: 2026-2027 Board Installation & Awards Ceremony



July

2026



**A Message From Our
Colorado Springs Chapter 356
President**

Samantha Walter
Bryan Construction

We had a great turnout at our **June membership meeting**, Stephanie Leclerc gave a valuable presentation about generational communication, and we had a successful election! Congratulations to the 2026-2027 board of directors!

President - Jessica O'Connell, Pyramid Construction, Inc.

Vice President - Ashley Stoeber, Timberline Landscaping

Immediate Past President - Samantha Walter, Bryan Construction

Recording Secretary - Aileen Berrios, D2 Demo & Dirt + Utilities

Treasurer - Katie Trapp, Olson Plumbing & Heating

Directors - Mary Vassallo, Reliable Onsite Services &
Angelique Kallio, CIT, TMS Construction, Inc.

Our **Sporting Clay Shoot Fundraiser** is just around the corner, and we are still looking for volunteers, participants, and teams to help make this event a success! Check out page 2 for the **volunteer positions** and page 4 for the QR code to **sponsor and/or sign up shooters**. Shout out to D2 Demo & Dirt and Bryan Construction for selling out our Venue Sponsorship packages and Olson Plumbing & Heating for being a lunch sponsor!

Details for our **August membership meeting** can be found on page 3 and I've already heard a lot of excitement about the topic of Women's Hormone Health. I hope you'll sign up early!

I'll be heading out on a **family vacation** the first week of July and with summer in full swing, I'm sure that more people will be getting in some fun getaways soon. I hope that everyone enjoys celebrating our country's Semiquincentennial—the **250th anniversary** of the Declaration of Independence, this 4th of July. Overall, have fun and be safe this summer season!



Volunteers Needed

CLAY SHOOT FUNDRAISER
SAVE THE DATE!
JULY 17TH

Register Now

Our Sporting Clay Shoot Fundraiser is just around the corner, and we are still looking for volunteers to help make this event a success! This fundraiser supports the Chapter's Scholarship Fund, the Katie Trapp Conference Fund, and our mission to enhance the success of women in the construction industry.

Volunteers need for July 17, 2026

Station Trappers

- Operate the remote release systems to throw clay targets.
- No clay shooting experience is necessary.
- Kiowa Creek Sporting Club will provide a Trapper Safety/Training Brief.
- Must arrive by 8:00 AM.
- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- Must stay for the entire event.
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Registration Team

- Set up the registration table.
- Welcome and check in attendees.
- Must arrive by 6:45 AM.
- Does not need to stay for the full event.
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Breakfast Team

- Set up breakfast tables.
- Welcome attendees and distribute breakfast.
- Must arrive by 6:45 AM.
- Does not need to stay for the full event.
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Lunch Team

- Set up lunch tables.
- Welcome attendees and distribute lunch.
- Must arrive by 11:45 AM.
- Does not need to stay for the full event.



Questions? Ready to Volunteer?

fundraising@nawic356.org



- 7:00-8:00 Registration & Breakfast
- 8:15 Gun rental brief/handout
- 8:30 Safety brief
- 8:45 Shoot START
- 12:00 PM Shoot END
- 12:00-1:30 Lunch & Awards



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**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



GRAB YOUR SWAG!



"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."

August

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

NAWIC Colorado Springs Chapter 356
August Membership Meeting



Graceful Care Primary Services

NAWIC Colorado Springs



Women's Hormones Health

Alicia Lewis, FNP-C will discuss women's hormone health and how it impacts every aspect of our lives – energy, mood, sleep, weight, vitality, and long-term wellness.

Discover the benefits of Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT):

- Improved energy and reduced fatigue
- Better mood balance and mental clarity
- Enhanced sleep quality
- Support for healthy weight management
- Increased confidence and overall vitality
- Long-term health protection

August 20th 5:30-8:30 PM

Location: YMCA Briargate, Colorado Springs

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



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CLAY SHOOT FUNDRAISER

SAVE THE DATE!

JULY 17TH

(This event will replace the July monthly membership meeting)



Register Now

4 Person (Team) Entry \$500

2 Person Entry* \$275

Single Person Entry* \$150

*Single and 2 person entries will be combined to make one four person team.

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- 8:15 Gun rental brief/handout
- 8:30 Safety brief
- 8:45 Shoot START
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KIOWA CREEK
SPORTING CLUB

Sponsorship Opportunities



		Available	Entry(ies) to Event	Logo recognition on on-site poster boards	Provide Banner for Display at event	Logo on Scorecards	Social Media Recognition	Golf Cart to use at event	Speaking Time at event	Listed on all email announcements	Lunch	Provide signage at the shooting station	Trapper, operates the trap machine
Venue Sponsor	SOLD OUT	4			x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Lunch Sponsor	\$750	4	2		x	x	x			x	x		
Event Sponsor	\$400	8	1	x			x			x	x		
Breakfast Sponsor	\$350	3		x			x			x			
Station Sponsor	\$250	10		x			x			x	x	x	x



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CONSTRUCTION- RELATED NON- NAWIC UPCOMING EVENT

SEPTEMBER 10, 2026



Southern Colorado Construction Career Days (SCCCD) is an annual hands-on event designed to introduce high school students to the wide range of career opportunities available in the construction industry.

The 2026 event will take place on **Thursday, September 10, 2026**, at the *Norris Penrose Event Center* in Colorado Springs. Hosted in partnership with local contractors, industry leaders, and educators, this dynamic event gives students the chance to explore trades such as carpentry, electrical, heavy equipment operation, masonry, and more. Unlike a traditional career fair, SCCCDC is all about experience. Students participate in interactive learning labs where they can operate machinery, try out tools, and engage directly with skilled professionals. **The goal is simple: inspire the next generation to consider rewarding, high-demand careers in construction while helping address the industry's workforce shortage.**

Volunteer Opportunities SCCCDC relies heavily on industry volunteers to make the event a success. Volunteers are needed to help with registration, setup, takedown, lunch, traffic control, group leadership, and activity stations. Whether you're a seasoned professional or early in your career, volunteering is a meaningful way to give back, share your knowledge, and help shape the future of the industry.

Sponsors gain visibility and the opportunity to connect with future talent. Sponsorship plays a vital role in bringing SCCCDC to life. Contributions help fund breakfast, lunch, and overall event operations. Levels range from in-kind donations and \$500 snack sponsorships to \$5,000+ platinum sponsorships. Benefits may include recognition on the website and social media, ads in the Career Guide, event signage, opportunities to provide branded materials, and participation in event activities or announcements. By supporting SCCCDC, your organization is investing in workforce development and strengthening the construction industry in Southern Colorado.

Get Involved! Whether through volunteering, sponsoring, or simply spreading the word, your participation makes a lasting impact.

Together, we can build pathways to success for the next generation of construction professionals.

<https://www.sococareerdays.com/>

*VOLUNTEERS
needed*



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NOW**



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LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT



Webinars from National are free for Members to Attend

Thursday, July 9, 2026 from 2-3 pm (CT)

Navigating Recent Federal Actions on DEI: Risks and Practical Steps Webinar

Wednesday, July 15, 2026 from 1-2 pm (CT)

Culture-Forward Leadership: Drive Performance & Retain Talent Webinar

Why attend?

- Learn actionable tools to break limiting beliefs and build resilience
- Discover how small, consistent habits create contagious excellence
- Be inspired by Sarah's journey from elite athlete to leadership expert

What's Happening in July...



Independence Day



National Ice Cream Day
July 19th



International Day of Friendship
July 30th



Lisa G. - July 18th

Jen C. - July 31st

Membership ANNIVERSARIES

Jen Caceres - 1 year

Perpetual Capacity Coaching & Consulting, LLC

Gina Green - 3 years

GEG - Granite Engineering Group



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

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

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*Bilingual - English & Spanish



Jen Cáceres has over 10 years experience working with owners and leaders in trades and construction.

She specializes in partnering with leaders who are navigating the different generations at work, struggling with culture, engagement, and retention while trying to lead from who they've become today.



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