

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

April is traditionally known as the month we Take Our Daughters to Work. This year it will be celebrated on April 26th as nearly thirteen million adults bring their daughters to work. Get your daughters thinking about her future. NAWIC did just that to all of the female students at the Construction Careers Center on March 10th. Ten speakers presented what they do in the industry to the entire female population of the school. The speakers provided a wide range of possibilities for the students. A business owner, project manager, project engineer, carpenter, hardscape artist, insulator, insurance administrator, student, advocate for women, painter and Representative of the Missouri State House all provided enough information about their careers to interest someone in the crowd. At the end of the panel each mentor/speaker had a one on one with about 10 students. This gave them the opportunity to ask any questions they might have.

After the group finished this, I was honored to present Dr. Michael Musick, Principal with a check in the amount of \$2,000 to the Construction Careers Center.



April also brings the start of spring. Our business meeting will be a job site tour of the new SLU Arena. This is the time of year when construction gets going in St. Louis.

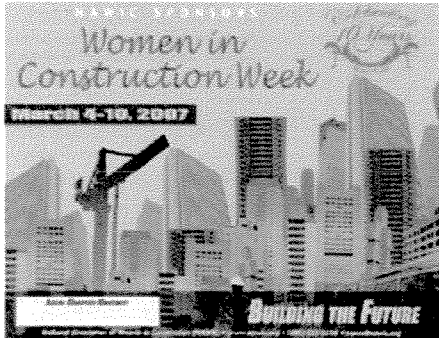
We elected the Nominating Committee in March and in May the Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers who will lead us into the next year. Please think about what you might like to do next year. Serving the Chapter is very rewarding.

I saved the best news for last. **Deborah Henry, PHD was named the 2007 Crystal Achievement Award** winner. Deborah has worked endlessly for many years to improve the construction industry by means of expanding opportunities for women and minorities. We are fortunate to have been able to watch Deborah as she continuously strives to improve the industry which is near and dear to each and every one of us. Deborah will be honored at the National Convention in Orlando, Florida this September.

This is a very busy time for NAWIC and the construction industry; let's get spring kicked off to a great start.

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Wow what a spectacular Women in Construction Week!



On Tuesday, President Kimberly Staats, Amanda Reed and Veronica Simmons were honored as Mayor Francis Slay proclaimed March 4th – 10, 2007 Women in Construction Week.



Later that day we presented a check in the amount of \$1,812.00 to UMSL/WU Jt. Engineering Program. The grant was in honor of Carol Keuker. The recipient Lori Ellis was there to thank us for our grant towards her education. These funds will allow Lori to take one class per semester.

On both Tuesday and Wednesday, we had mentors at the St. Louis Public Career Awareness Fair. Thanks to members Anna Baldwin, Sharon Winterberg, and Jana Feeley who staffed our booth.

On Wednesday morning an open house was held at the Construction Careers Center. The nine volunteers from the school gave an impressive tour which included a discussion with most teachers and a tour of the shop and all of the facilities.



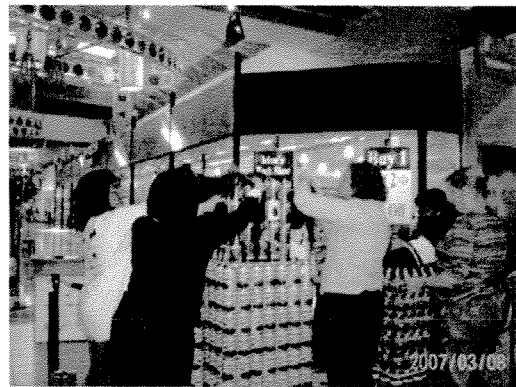
Later that day Deborah Henry PhD, Gwen Crimm CCC, Teresa Willis MOWIT and Patty Cook moderator, had a discussion regarding Woman in the Construction Industry on WGUN. The discussion brought up many interesting points and NAWIC received some great publicity as well.

Thursday we kicked off the afternoon with another proclamation. This one from Mayor T.R. Carr, Mayor of Hazelwood. He got our Construction building off to a great start.



Construction helped to raise 37,000 cans of food. That means that people will receive an additional 1 week supply of food when they come to the food pantry to pick up something.

NAWIC was very pleased to partner with the Construction Careers Center during WIC Week. The students were very professional throughout the week and were a big help when it came to building Connie Struction and Bill Dit.



Our construction started with a good base and a little instruction. The build allowed five people to be building while those outside of the build area helped to provide cans and support.

After each level of the body was completed, another group of volunteers got to experience the process.



WIC Week wrapped up with a panel of ten volunteers who spoke to the entire female student population at the Construction Careers Center. The speakers included:

- Pat Ahrens, Ahrens Contracting
- Beth Barton, Carpenter & former NAWIC Workforce recipient
- Pam Crews, Painter
- Michelle Jianakoplos, hardscape artist
- Gina Neal, Willis Insurance
- Amanda Reed, CCC Student
- Kimberly Staats, Castle Contracting
- Gina Walsh, Insulator & Representative of the Mo House of Representatives
- Colleen West, West Contracting
- Teresa Willis, MOWIT



A BIG THANK YOU GOES OUT TO ALL OF THOSE WHO HELPED WITH THE WIC WEEK ACTIVITIES. WE GOT A LOT OF PRESS, HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OTHERS AND MOST IMPORTANTLY WERE ABLE TO BE GREAT MENTORS TO THE STUDENTS AT THE CONSTRUCTION CAREER CENTER



CAD/DESIGN/DRAFTING SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The 2006-2007 Design Problem was to design a patio home with a minimum of 1700 sq. ft., utilizing as many Universal Design features as possible.

Four high schools participated: Lewis and Clark Career Center, Trinity Catholic High School, Oakville Senior High School, and Rockwood Summit High School.

Forty-eight CADD designs were submitted; thirty-six were judged by three local architects. No hand-drafted designs were submitted.

All winners were from Lewis and Clark:

First Place:	Erica Bender	\$300.00
Second Place:	Adam Rehagen	\$200.00
Third Place:	Matthew Christensen	\$100.00

