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**General Meetings** are held the second Wednesday of the month. Meeting locations will be announced. For additional information, contact Char Terpsma CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT at 616-717-5070.

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**General Meeting Information**

**August 20, 2014**

**5:30 - 9 pm**

**MICHIGAN JOINT  
MEETING**

**Please see Flyer on Page 4**

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## Presidents Message



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT -- August 2014

At our July meeting, Jenny Waugh led our strategic planning session. Members suggested some great ideas for meeting topics, marketing strategies and personal growth. These are very helpful as our Chapter committees and Chapter Board prepare for our upcoming NAWIC year. Thank you to everyone who attended!

Our membership renewals will be emailed this month so watch your "inbox" for the renewal notice. You can renew online or by mail; however the renewal must be received by the national office by October 1, 2014. If you do not have an email address listed in your NAWIC profile on the national website, your renewal notice will be mailed to you.

The Annual NAWIC Michigan Joint-Chapters Meeting will be held August 20, 2014. This is a great opportunity to meet and network with members from the Detroit, Battle Creek/Kalamazoo and Lansing Chapters. This year the meeting will be hosted by the Detroit Chapter and held at the Livonia Marriott located at 17100 N. Laurel Park Dr., Livonia, MI. Mark your calendars now and look for more details later.

If you haven't attended the Annual Meeting and Education Conference (AMEC), please give some thought to attending this year. It will be held Sept 3-6 in Indianapolis, IN. There are several seminars/workshops for both personal and professional growth, as well as, seminars on NAWIC information and running the Chapter. For more information, check out the convention information on the national website at <http://www.nawic.org/nawic/Convention.asp>

As always, my door and email are both always open should you need to contact me.

Char Terpsma CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT, President



## 2013 -2014 REGION 4

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### WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE REGION

Check out our Region 4 webpage! Visit the newsletter page for information on what is happening in our Region.

<http://www.nawic4.org/>

**2013-2014  
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The Connection  
[www.nawic.org/nawic/Connection](http://www.nawic.org/nawic/Connection)

Announcements  
[www.nawic.org/nawic/Announcements](http://www.nawic.org/nawic/Announcements)

NEF – Education Insider  
[www.nawiceducation.org](http://www.nawiceducation.org)

Region 4  
[www.nawic4.org](http://www.nawic4.org)

AIA Grand Rapids Chapter  
[www.aia-gr.org](http://www.aia-gr.org)

Construction Specifications  
Institute  
Michigan Chapter  
[www.csigrandrapids.org](http://www.csigrandrapids.org)

American Society of Professional  
Estimators  
[www.aspenational.org](http://www.aspenational.org)

American Subcontractors  
Association  
[www.asamichigan.net](http://www.asamichigan.net)

Construction Finance Management  
Association of West Michigan  
[www.westmi.cfma.org](http://www.westmi.cfma.org)

See NAWIC194 website for more links  
[www.nawic194.org](http://www.nawic194.org)

**NAWIC'S CORE PURPOSE**

To enhance the success of women in the construction industry.

**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.

**2013-2014 Chapter 194 Committees**

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

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Katy Kurkiewicz - Door Prizes

**Audit**

Jane Thelen



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Katy Kurkiewicz - Historian



**IT'S HERE:**

Facebook page for our local chapter NAWIC  
Grand Rapids Chapter #194!

Check us out at:

<https://www.facebook.com/NAWIC194>



**Save your Spartan UPC labels.  
Our NAWIC Chapter gets CASH for Spartan UPC Labels.**

1. Only UPC symbols from Spartan brand products can be redeemed for cash. (HomeHarvest items are **NOT** included!) Cut the UPC symbol from labels or cartons. For glass items with a glued label, the label can be removed by first soaking in warm water.
2. For your safety, all labels from Spartan 12-ounce canned pop, all refrigerated biscuits, and spices in tins are not eligible for redemption.
3. Bring your labels to your chapter meetings.

August Meeting

# MICHIGAN JOINT MEETING

NETWORKING \* MEETING \* DINING \* CO-WORKERS CHALLENGE

## WHEN

**August 20, 2014**  
**5:30pm - 9pm**

## WHERE

**Livonia Marriott**  
17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia, MI 48152

**CREATING CONNECTIONS**  
**"BUILDING BRIDGES"**



**NAWIC DETROIT**

**ADVANCE  
TICKETS**

**\$35 Members**  
**\$25 Students**  
**\$45 Visitors**

**AT THE DOOR**

**Limited at the door**  
**ADD \$10 to Advance**  
**Ticket Price**

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**Contact:**  
**Mashell Carissimi**  
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Save the Date—Construction Industry Forum



## West Michigan Construction Industry Forum

Mark your calendars! The next West Michigan Construction Industry Forum will be October 2, 2014. Watch your inbox in August for a registration link.

At the Construction Industry Forum, you'll receive timely, practical information in a variety of key areas impacting your company's operations, including accounting, insurance and the law. Choose the breakout sessions that interest you the most and learn about the latest trends that may affect your business.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**


Katy Kurkiewicz—August 25  
Faye Staskewicz—August 19  
Jane Thelen—August 23

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Alyssa Veneklase—August 2012

*THE WATER COOLER*

**A brief overview of what you need to know:**



- August 20, 2014 - Statewide Meeting
- **September 3-6, 2014** NAWIC Annual Meeting and Educational Conference.

Invite a guest to see what NAWIC Chapter #194 is all about.

***Invite someone today!***

**NAWIC Core Values:**

*Believe, Persevere, Dare.*

**NAWIC Core Purpose:**

*To enhance the success of women in the construction industry.*

**NAWIC EXPLANATIONS**

**NAWIC:** National Association of Women In Construction

**Region 4:** 1: NAWIC is divided into 14 regions 2: Region 4 represents Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia 3: Currently has 21 Chapters 4: Currently there are no Chapters located in West Virginia 5: Region 4 is the largest region in respect to the number of members.

**Regional Director:** 1: Each Region is represented by a director that serves on the National Board. 2: The director is elected by the members of their region and their term is for two years. 3: Even numbered regions expire on even years; odd numbered regions expire on odd years, allowing for a 1 year overlap. 4: Region 4's next director will be elected at Spring Forum 2012 5: Presides over all regional events/activities and attends to needs of the Chapters.

**National Convention:** 1: The coming together of NAWIC members from the United States and Canada, international affiliates and event sponsors, typically in September of every year 2: Keynote speakers, professional workshops and association workshops are offered during this three-four day event 3: Business requiring member voting is conducted 4: Installation of National Officers and Directors.

**Forum:** Forum \ 'For-em \ noun – 1: The coming together of NAWIC Chapters (i.e. Region 4 = Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky), typically in the Spring of every year 2: Three day event, full of educational and networking opportunities via keynote speakers and workshops 3: Core purpose is to enhance the opportunities of women in the construction industry.

**APC:** Annual Planning Conference – 1: This regional one day event is typically held in October or November on a Saturday. 2: Workshops focus on officers' job descriptions and committee functions.

**NEF:** NAWIC Education Foundation – 1. Provides certification programs related to the construction industry 2: Provides K-12 programs that promote the construction industry 3: Provides online Health & Safety programs 4: Provides additional construction related educational opportunities.

**NFSF:**NAWIC Founders Scholarship Foundation – Administered by past NAWIC National Presidents, 2: Provides scholarships to individuals pursuing a college degree based on specific criteria, 3: Applications are due in February of every year.

Note from the Newsletter Editor: Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. As a thank you for reading the newsletter each issue I will have a challenge for you. The Challenge for this issue of the newsletter is: Invite a Guest to an upcoming Meeting!