



THE ORBITER NEWSLETTER

NAWIC Space Coast Florida Chapter #355



Next **Membership Meeting** is Thursday February 6th 6:00 pm at the at Pizza Gallery in Viera

BIRTHDAYS

- Amy Leslie (01/11)
- Nicole Bristley (01/12)
- Stacy Torres (02/13)
- Ariel Martinez (02/20)
- Terri Hart (02/23)
- Alyssa White (02/28)

ANNIVERSERIES

- Joni Bohne
- Jennifer Horton
- Jennifer Yoli
- Laurie Jones
- Megan Golinowski
- Joline L. Tollefson
- Nilva Gonzalez
- Casey Miller
- Cheryl Foley
- Tara Leith
- Jennifer Sharpe

MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

TARA LEITH



NAWIC
Member Since: 2012
Space Coast Florida

Limited Edition

Company: Ivey's Construction, Inc.
Position: Marketing Coordinator
Brief Description: RFP/RFO coordination, create and update company marketing materials, organize special events and community programs
Strengths: Ability to see and understand issues from a high vantage point and at the granular level, and adapt accordingly
Hobbies: Exploring backroads, traveling, photography, and thrifting
Interesting Fact: She has visited 48 out of the 50 states in the U.S.
WIC Member Since: 2022

W Series 014

DONNA SKAROSI



NAWIC
Member Since: 2012
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Company: David Boland, Inc.
Position: Accountant
Brief Description: Process all accounts payable and accounts receivable activities
Professional accomplishments: Estimating, Scheduling Practitioner (ESP) Certification, Florida Notary
Strengths: Organization
Hobbies: Reading, shooting, putting things together (puzzles, equipment, furniture, etc.), yard sales, crafting
Interesting Fact: She has worked in finance her entire life, her daughter lives in TX with 5 fur grandkids
WIC Member Since: 2023

W Series 015

January **Board Meeting** is Thursday 1/16, 6:00 pm at Beef O'Bradys in Viera.
February **Board Meeting** will be hosted virtually on Thursday 2/20 at 6:00 pm

Thank you!

Buffy Werle had some great organizational tips as we kicked off 2025. Check her out at borganizedtoday.com



GET YOUR NAWIC SPACE COAST GEAR HERE

Holiday Party

Our Holiday Party was nothing short of magical! The warm, festive atmosphere buzzed with energy as the Christmas Kisses game unleashed everyone's competitive side, filling the room with laughter. The rich and savory flavors of Italian cuisine perfectly complemented the cozy, celebratory vibe.

But beyond the joy and games, the night was a true reflection of the holiday spirit. We came together to make a difference, and provided many bags full of supplies for the Aging Matters Charity Drive.



BLOCK KIDS COMING SOON! LOOKING FOR JUDGES AND VOLUNTEERS

**NAWIC SPACE COAST
BLOCK KIDS
COMPETITION 2025**

**Looking for Volunteers, Judges
and Corporate Sponsors!**

The purpose of the competition is to introduce children in grades K-6 to the world of construction through block building. Interested in joining to support, message us!



 **When:** Friday, January 31 @ 8:30am
Where: Gemini Elementary School,
2100 Oak St, Melbourne Beach

 **Block Kids**

ANSWER KEY: 1-B, 2-F, 3-A, 4-E, 5-C, 6-D



WIC Week is the first week in March and the committee has some exciting details to share at the February membership meeting!



Emersyn's Wish



NAWIC
The National Association of Women in Construction
Building Leaders Through **GRIT & GRACE**

Leading Builders. Building Leaders.

Tri-Region Forum
May 7-9, 2025
Crown Plaza
Atlanta Midtown
590 W. Peachtree St. NW,
Atlanta, GA 30308

Information & Registration

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS JAN 31

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION | SOUTHEAST REGION

DESIGN CONTEST

DESIGN A HARD HAT STICKER PROMOTING NAWIC!

WINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED AT SPRING FORUM

NAWIC The National Association of Women in Construction Southeast Region

Cash prize **\$100**

Email entries to kate.howick@gmail.com

All Entries Due April 1, 2025

SCHOLARSHIP CORNER

NAWIC The National Association of Women in Construction Space Coast Florida

Brevard Schools FOUNDATION INVESTING IN YOUNG MINDS

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Are you a female student pursuing a career in a construction-related field of study such as but not limited to, construction management, project management, engineering, architecture, or interior design? We believe in investing in your future. Don't miss this opportunity to shape your career. Apply today!

REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Full-time female student (12 credit hours or more)
- ✓ Student must be a Brevard resident
- ✓ Student must be a U.S. Citizen
- ✓ Student must submit an essay (more information on the website below)

APPLY TODAY

[HTTPS://BREVARDSCHOOLSFOUNDATIONAWARDSPRING.COM](https://brevardschoolsfoundationawardspring.com)

APPLY HERE BY 3/15

Scholarship money is available for high school students through Brevard Schools Foundation. There is also scholarship money through NFSF for college and trade students (male and female). See **Donna** and **Klaudia** for more details.

APPLY HERE BY 2/28

NAWIC FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Expanding The Construction Industry One Student At A Time

CONSTRUCTION CAMP

We are scheduled to host an all girls construction camp for 8, 9, 10 grade students in Brevard County the week of June 16. If you are interested in volunteering for this event in any capacity. Please let us know. We are planning several trade-based, hands on activities for the campers and looking for people interested in presenting content, guiding students, assisting with oversight.

www.nawicspacecoastfl.org



CAREER FAIR CALENDAR

- 2/5 - Melbourne Civics Auditorium (10:00-2:00)
- 2/12 - Bayside High (10:00-12:00)
- 2/19 - Space Coast Jr/Sr (9:00-1:00)
- 3/26 - Cocoa High (9:00-1:00)
- 4/4 - Astronaut High (8:30 - 2:00)
- 4/9 - Stone Middle (5:00-7:00)

The NAWIC website got a makeover. Check out all the new features [here](#) 03/04

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

1/29: A Global Report to Women’s Access to Proper PPE

National Tradeswomen Committee Webinar
5:30 EST [REGISTER HERE](#)

2/5: Breaking Barriers, Building Confidence

Southeast Region Lunch Bites Webinar 12:00 EST [REGISTER HERE](#)

2/6: February Membership Meeting

Teamwork on the Jobsite [JOIN US!](#)

2/13: Discover Your Voice with Cultural Intelligence

National PD&E Committee Webinar 1:00 EST
[REGISTER HERE](#)

3/11: Construction Industry Technician (CIT) Certification Free Study Group Begins

Southeast Region PD&E Committee hosting 4 weeks of virtual study classes in prep for the CIT Certification Exam [REGISTER HERE](#)



Protect Your Hearing in Construction!

Over 51% of construction workers face hazardous noise, yet 31% don't use hearing protection. Hearing loss is preventable! Employers must provide protection if noise exceeds 85 decibels over 8 hours.

Tips to Reduce Noise Hazards:

- Monitor and limit exposure above 90 decibels.
- Use noise-dampening tools (e.g., updated saw blades).
- Rotate tasks to minimize prolonged noise exposure.

Hearing Protection Options:

- Pre-molded earplugs
- Formable earplugs
- Earmuffs

Act now to ensure you and your team can hear tomorrow!



January Safety Challenge

Match the Tool to Its Decibel Level!

Can you pair each construction tool or equipment with its corresponding decibel rating? If you or your team are exposed to these noise levels, it's crucial to have proper controls in place. Protect your hearing and prevent unnecessary hearing loss—safety starts with awareness and action!

1. Hand power saw 2. Forklift 3. Jackhammer 4. Welding 5. Powder actuated tool 6. Normal Conversation

a. 130 decibels b. 90 decibels c. 103 decibels d. 60 decibels e. 98 decibels f. 93 decibels

answer key is on another page

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