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**Core Values:**

- *Believe in ourselves as women*
- *Persevere with the strength of our convictions*
- *Dare to move into new horizons*

**NAWIC Pledge:**

As a material for the construction of our building, I pledge the agility of my hands and the ability of my mind, and the integrity of my heart.

# NAWIC

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Message from the board



With the holidays behind us, it's now time to focus on your New Year's resolutions. Many of us are guilty of holding strong with our resolutions for the first month or two of the year, then we lose interest, something else interferes with the time, or we just forget. I'm going to suggest a resolution for all of us ... be an active NAWIC member!! The requirements are minimal and cost impact to you personally is also minimal, but the rewards ... priceless!! Be an active member, not just a member on paper and it will fill you with so much joy throughout the year. Being active in the chapter will help you grow professionally, provide you with industry knowledge and allow you to be a philanthropist for your community. With the many community outreach items NAWIC does like Block Kids, MAGIC Camp, donations for the WTLC, you have many opportunities to stay on track with your resolution this year of being and active NAWIC member. Attending the monthly dinner meetings will also allow you to contribute to the community. I hope to see you all at our meetings and sticking to your resolutions.

Jennifer VanBreda  
Chapter #91 President



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## NAWIC.org – A Valuable Resource This Month's Feature: The Connection

If NAWIC National has your correct email address you should get notices every month with the subject line "News from NAWIC" letting you know that the Connection is available. How many of you actually go to see what that is all about? The Connection is our official newsletter that is designed to keep you informed with pertinent Association news. The December issue is no exception. Begin at [www.nawic.org](http://www.nawic.org). Log in to access members only information. If The Connection link doesn't show as an option, click on "Member Center" just below your name in the welcome greeting, and then click on "Connection Archive" from the list on the far left. I usually begin by viewing it in the "printable format", which is the selection at the far right towards the top when you first open it. This gives the easiest reading format if you want to go from start to finish. I love the use of color and the pictures that are included. It looks very professional. The Regional Directors report what is going on in their Chapter (great ideas can be found here!). There are articles including Membership and WIC Week updates. Often times there will be NAWIC Store specials. There are some really good buys for those special NAWIC friends on your gift giving list. Don't waste any time shopping though as they are usually limited quantities.

While on the subject of publications, don't forget to check out the NAWIC Image. This award winning magazine can also be found on the web site. Unless you opted to receive it online you are probably getting it through the regular mail. Sometimes it is just handier to check online. Then you can read it no matter where you are and share it with others even if you left your copy at home!

The national web site has answers to almost any NAWIC question you could come up with. If you can't find it send an email to [nawic@nawic.org](mailto:nawic@nawic.org) for more information.

## Chapter Community Benefit Project Ronald McDonald House Pop Tab Program



With the holiday season comes the consumption of lots of canned beverages! Don't forget to remove the "pop tab" (beer tabs work too) from the can before you toss it into the recycle bin. Over 20 years ago the Orange County Ronald McDonald House became a reality, offering parents the ability to stay close to their hospitalized child. In 2010 they provided refuge for more than 2,200 people. For only \$10.00 per night families can enjoy all of the comforts of home, receive nutritious meals provided by volunteers, obtain emotional support through contact with other families experiencing similar situations. No family is ever turned away if they cannot afford that small fee. Donations help cover the cost and allow them to continue to offer this great option! Over the last 15 years of collecting pop tabs over \$71,000.00 has been raised to help support this wonderful program and make a real difference in the lives of critically ill children and their families.

In order to participate, simply collect the tabs and bring them to the next NAWIC Chapter meeting. Set up a collection point at home and work. Any container will do. Encourage your friends, co-workers and neighbors to save their can tabs. Such a simple way to make a real difference!

Janice Ramsay-Gonzalez made these beautiful boxes that she brought to the November meeting.

## Kathryn Clay Memorial Scholarship

Kathryn Clay was a long time OC Chapter member who was active into her 90's. NAWIC was near and dear to her heart. She even helped charter the Honolulu Chapter! In honor of her dedication, we have named our scholarship after her. This year our Chapter has decided to have the NAWIC Founders Scholarship Foundation (NFSF) administer this scholarship. It is open to students attending an Orange County college with a construction curriculum and in accordance with the guidelines set up by the NFSF. One of the benefits of doing this is that NAWIC members and their families are eligible to apply, provided they meet the requirements. For more information contact Carri Morones at [cjmorones@yahoo.com](mailto:cjmorones@yahoo.com). The deadline is approaching if you or anyone you know might qualify.



## Women's Transitional Living Center Christmas

I want to take a moment to say how proud I am of all of our members and guests for stepping up to the challenge of adopting all of the women and children now in the WTLC system. When I walked into the meeting in November with 50 women and their children I was sure that it was going to be a challenge to get every family adopted. When I left the meeting with only 6 families and already had people lined up for them I was totally blown away! Once again thank you so much. As everyone that attended the December meeting could see we filled the vehicle to the roof with gifts. We again made the families stay in the Shelter just a little less stressful.

Gerry Robbins



*This SUV was completely full of gifts being delivered to the WTLC donated by our NAWIC chapter!!*

## Please join us to support NAWIC Block Kids

### What is Block Kids?

The Block-Kids Building Program is a national building program competition that is sponsored on the local level by NAWIC chapters and other organizations. The award-winning program introduces children to the construction industry in an effort to create an awareness of and to promote an interest in future careers in one of the many facets of the industry. The program is open to all elementary school children in grades 1-6. The competition involves the construction of various structures with interlocking blocks and three of the following additional items: A small rock, string, foil and poster board. Local winners advance to Regional Competition and one semi-finalist from each region is entered in the National Program competitions. National prizes are awarded to the top three projects.

### How can I help?

Please support The National Association of Women In Construction 2012 Block Kids Event. With each flyer presented on January 10, 2012 from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM, **chijis** will donate 15% of the sales to NAWIC for Block Kids 2012! Please also pass this along to anyone that would be interested in helping the cause. Thank you so much for your support!

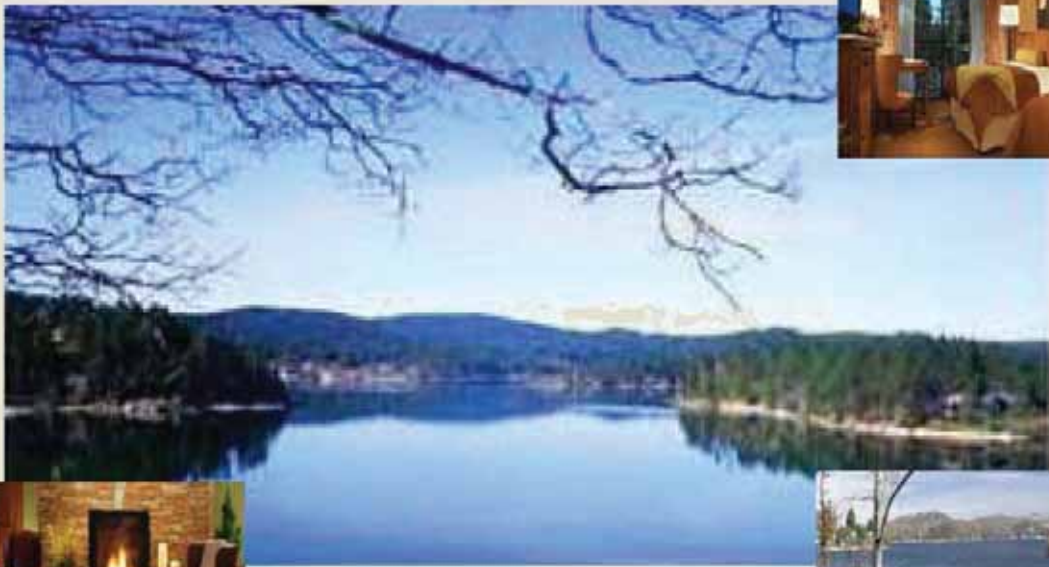


**Region 12 Annual Forum**  
Hosted by San Bernardino-Riverside #111

**May 4 - 5, 2012**  
**Lake Arrowhead, California**



**Save the Date!**



Come for an educational, casual, and relaxing weekend in Lake Arrowhead at the beautifully renovated Lake Arrowhead Resort & Spa. The weekend will be a Tex-Mex theme including a casual banquet with the Billy Webb Band performing their “country fried, rocking, funky, blues” music (check out their website at [billywebband.com](http://billywebband.com)) – so dress comfortably and celebrate the weekend of NAWIC camaraderie! Registration form to be out in February.

Make your reservations now! You don’t want to miss this weekend with a chili cook-off room crawl. Bring your best chapter chili along with drinks for this event. You will crawl from one chapter room to another room tasting chili and other fixin’s and libations. End at the hospitality suite for even more fun! Each chapter should try to participate – prizes will be awarded for best chili and best Tex-Mex atmosphere!

**Aug. 29 - Sept. 15, 2012**

Annual Convention – Wednesday through Saturday, August 29 – September 15, 2012 Sheraton Denver Downtown, Denver, CO Registration and Hotel Reservation Deadlines – July/August 2012

# January 24th Membership Meeting

## McCormick and Schmicks

2791 N. Main Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92705



California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

*...Paving the Way*

According to the Caltrans website at [www.dot.ca.gov](http://www.dot.ca.gov) the transportation system in California is one of the state's greatest assets, unmatched in size, capacity, and convenience to the traveling public. Caltrans District 12 encompasses the entirety of Orange County and was established by the California State Legislature in 1988. The jurisdictional boundaries of the District, Orange County, encompass a metropolitan area of 794 square miles, including 34 cities and 3 million people (as of 2009), and is crisscrossed by 17 state highway routes. To provide for the transportation needs of the traveling public, District 12 maintains and operates 279 route miles of highway and 226 directional miles of full time High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) or carpool lanes, one of the largest HOV lane networks in California.

Join us this month to learn more about recently or soon to be completed projects in Orange County, ongoing long term projects and what is in store for the future. What roadways is Caltrans responsible for? Where does the funding come from? With so many people traveling the highways and byways of California this must be an overwhelming responsibility! And find out more about how to do business with Caltrans and where to find out about bidding opportunities.

## December Anniversaries    January Anniversaries

Janice Ramsey-Gonzales-24 Years

Molly Huddleston- 4 Years

Donna Tobar- 9 Years

# Happy New Year!

"Another fresh new year is here . . .  
Another year to live!  
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,  
To love and laugh and give!

This bright new year is given me  
To live each day with zest . . .  
To daily grow and try to be  
My highest and my best!

I have the opportunity  
Once more to right some wrongs,  
To pray for peace, to plant a tree,  
And sing more joyful songs!"  
-William Arthur Ward

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