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**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.

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I want to start off by saying thank you, thank you to all the members of NAWIC Orange County and thank you to the 2011-2012 board members. You are what makes the chapter successful. This year will be full of fun, excitement, education and empowerment. With slight changes to the way we do things, and a few additions to our routine, I hope we have a very powerful and influential chapter. We have a lot to look forward to this year, MAGIC Camp, Block Kids, CAD Drafting and of course our wonderful educational dinner meetings. We are still looking for volunteers for our committees. We can never have enough help for everything. If you're interested in doing more for the chapter, please contact me, or any board member. I am looking forward to serving as Chapter President this year for the Orange County Chapter of NAWIC. See you all at the dinner meetings. Check the website for more information on the speakers and their topics.

**Jennifer VanBreda**

**President, NAWIC OC #91**



**Core Values:**

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



## DINNER MEETING

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 25, 2011**

MARYA DIAMOND, PERSONAL FINANCIAL FITNESS

### Financial Planning – Understanding the Options is a Great Place to Start

With over 10 years of experience in the industry Marya loves helping people build a strategy for their future using Life Insurance, Long Term Care Insurance, Gap Insurance and Annuities to protect their retirement from an eroding market. Learn how to protect yourself and your paycheck, minimize the financial impacts resulting from a lack of the right kind of insurance and hear about a safe place to save your money for retirement without ever losing a dime of your principle.

*Please make it a priority to come to the dinner meetings. It is so difficult to juggle all that life throws at you between work, family obligations, school, housework, etc. The dinner meeting can be time for you to do something for yourself.*

*The exceptional resources, unparalleled support, treasured experiences, and wonderful relationships that are gained from attending the meetings make it very beneficial.*

*Last Friday Guam had their first NAWIC meeting; there were over 100 women that participated. Let that inspire you to participate in NAWIC receive the benefits of your membership.*

### **May 4-5, 2012**

Annual Forum – Friday and Saturday, May 4-5, 2012 Lake Arrowhead Resort, Lake Arrowhead, CA – Hosted by the San Bernardino-Riverside Chapter Registration and Hotel Reservation Deadlines – To Be Announced

### **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

## Anniversaries

### October

**Raquel Christensen- 1 year**  
**Janeen Oliver-1 year**

### November

**Carrie Morones- 14 years**  
**Gerry Robbins- 37 years**  
**Janet Zeigler- 1 year**

## Home is more than a pretty facade: Women outnumber men on Habitat build

By Charlotte Stewart [cstewart@news-journal.com](mailto:cstewart@news-journal.com) | Posted: Sunday, October 16, 2011 4:00 am

The handful of men were notably outnumbered by the women Saturday morning at the Longview Habitat for Humanity work site on Hopkins Street — as well they should have been on Women Build work day.

"We do not discriminate," said Kelly Watson, the organization's executive director, when asked why men were there. "This is a day Habitat sets aside specifically to encourage women to volunteer, but we're not going to turn away people who come here to help."

Overhearing the conversation, Nico Fourie chimed in, "As you can see, none of us are wearing a tool belt."



As the construction manager for the local organization, it is Fourie's job to be at the construction site, even on Women Build day.

One man who did have on a tool belt was Martin Torrez.

"Well, that gentleman is the homeowner," Watson said almost apologetically. "We're going to let him work on his own home." She added that he and his wife, Filipa, already had fulfilled their sweat equity — the 350 hours they each must volunteer for Longview Habitat as part of home ownership. According to the local policy, each adult in the household must work 100 hours before working on his or her own home.

One of about 35 women at the site, Watson was working the electric saw, but she is no stranger to any tool on the site.

"I grew up around construction. My father was an electric contractor here for many years," she said of Ray Phillips. "He made sure we could do anything a guy could."

Susan Bickel did not grow up around construction. In fact, she was completely ignorant about building when she set foot on a construction site more than a decade ago. On Saturday, she was the crew leader, the job Fourie usually has.

"We felt it was important to have a woman as crew leader for Women Build," Watson said.

It was a Women Build project that brought Bickel into the fold when a friend was putting together a team and invited her to be a part of it.

"I had just had a good time," Bickel said of the experience. "There is no experience required — I like that part — no expectations, so no one can fail, and it all works out ... I learned at my own pace, and I am still learning, and the staff and volunteers are so encouraging.

"Everyone should give this a try. It looks like work, but it's relaxing and something we really enjoy," she said.

The work site experience is a completely different than her employment as controller for Triumph Structures — East Texas. She is responsible for all accounting and finance functions for the company. In addition, she has management oversight of the human resources function.

Organizations that showed up to help included Junior League, Zonta and some high school students from Gilmer.

"Our mission is advancing the status of women and children, so we wanted to be a part of this," said Zonta service project chairwoman Doris Ramaly.

The mission of Habitat for Humanity is to provide decent, affordable housing to people who would not be able to otherwise afford a home of their own. This is the 11th Women Build home and the 77th home for Longview Habitat.

To volunteer or for more information, visit [longviewhabitat.org](http://longviewhabitat.org) or call (903) 236-0900.



### Women in Construction group holds first meeting

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by [Krystal Paco](#)

Guam - The field of construction is not just a man's world, as over 100 women participated in Guam's First National Association of Women in Construction meeting Friday morning. NAWIC acting secretary Barbara Burkhardt says the women are excited to bring such an organization to Guam for the purpose of community outreach.

"Educate and mentor as many women in Guam in construction and construction-related fields as possible," she explained. "Increase their income, producing ability, and move up in their companies and be powerful players in the construction industry."

Their educational outreach starts tomorrow where girls ages 11-17 will learn the proper usage of hand and power tools, how to operate heavy equipment with state of the art simulators, as well as careers in construction. The event is scheduled for Saturday from 10am to 2pm at the GCA Trades Academy in Barrigada.



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