



THE ORBITER NEWSLETTER

NAWIC Space Coast Florida Chapter #355

Our last meeting for the 2025–2026 year is a luncheon at the northern end of the County. Join us at the **Space Bar, Courtyard by Marriott** on August 6th.

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Launch, Lounge, and LUNCH
August Membership Mixer

Where: Courtyard by Marriott Kennedy Space Center
The Space Bar - Rooftop
6245 Riverfront Center Blvd, Titusville

When: Thursday, August 6
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Tickets are \$25, lunch will be provided

REGISTER



BIRTHDAYS

- Tara Chaidez (Aug 3)
- Kim Brown (Aug 5)
- Kim Santiago (Aug 8)
- Liana Foster (Aug 23)

ANNIVERSARIES

- Sheri LaShier (5 years)
- Ann Miner (3 years)
- Amber Wilson (2 years)
- Amy Leslie (2 years)
- Katherine Barret (2 years)
- Michelle Castillo (1 year)

Check out our Monthly Calendar of Events HERE

August Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 20 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm at **Cocoa Beach Hilton Garden Inn**, Starlight Restaurant and Bar

Interested in becoming a member of NAWIC Space Coast? Applications can be downloaded from our home page [here](#)



Ann, Kate, and Jacqueline are excited to be representing the Space Coast at Annual Conference in Reno this month.



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President's CORNER

We truly appreciate each of you and the energy you bring to our chapter. We're excited to continue growing and to create more meaningful connections—meeting new people, building relationships, and gaining momentum through networking.

To help us better support your needs, please reach out to me and let me know what you're looking for, if you want to get involved in a committee or sponsor our chapter or one of our meaningful causes—your feedback matters! This is your chapter!

Mark your calendars:

August Member Mixer: August 8th at 12:00 PM for lunch at Space Bar (Titusville, FL) with breathtaking views. Bring a colleague or coworker!

Installation Banquet: September 3rd at One Oak @ Hemingways (Melbourne)—don't miss it!

We can't wait to see you there and keep the momentum going.

Ann Jeanette Miner
President

SPACE COAST

Mission: Learn Launch Build

Where: Hemingways / One Oak
1800 W. Hibiscus #108, Melbourne

When: Thursday, September 3
at 6:00 pm

Tickets are \$55, Sponsorship packages available

Register today

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Registration is open for our Annual Installation and Awards Banquet. This event is the official handoff to the new board of directors and also a time to celebrate the achievements over the 2025-2026 year in recognition of the Chapter's hard work.

This year's theme brings us back to the early 1960's Space Coast Era.

Registration Closes August 28th

Sponsorship Packages are available

Registration is open for the **Southeast Region Fall Planning Conference** in Savannah. Come early for the tailgate, get energized through the breakout sessions, celebrate the night away at the Homecoming Dance.



Get pumped with the official event playlist that will get any stadium bouncing

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NAWIC Southeast Region
Fall Planning Conference
November 5-7 | Savannah, GA
The Kimpton Brice Hotel

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Guest COLUMN

When I first joined NAWIC I never imagined how much it would impact both my personal and professional life.

As a Waste Pro Sales Representative and Account Manager for construction roll-off container sales (dumpsters) networking and building relationships is an important part of my role and growing my business.

Being a member, serving on several committees, and now having the privilege of serving as our chapter Vice President has introduced me to incredible people, meaningful connections, and opportunities I may never experienced otherwise.

NAWIC has helped build my confidence, expand my network, and encourage me to step outside of my comfort zone.

Attending conferences has been especially rewarding.

Learning from industry leaders, connecting with members across the country and bringing back new ideas has strengthened my confidence, broadened my perspective, and reminded me of the power of women supporting women in construction.

Every meeting, committee, and event has been an opportunity to learn, grow and support one another.

I'm grateful to be part of such an inspiring chapter and a

strong community of women who genuinely want to see each other succeed.

If you've ever thought about getting more involved, I encourage you to take that next step.

Whether it's joining a committee, attending a conference, or volunteering for a small role, you never know what that next "yes" can lead to.

Jennifer Yoli

Waste Pro of Florida

NAWIC Southeast Region Rookie of the Year 2026



Safety Space – Back to School Driving Safety

Most of Brevard County goes back to school in August so it's imperative that we are aware of the laws when driving through school zones and around school buses. Be sure to come to a complete stop when approaching any school bus with a displayed stop signal and do not move until the signal is withdrawn (see Florida State Statute 316.172).

August Safety Challenge

Pay special attention to the "School Zone" signs along your commute and local routes. Be sure to obey speed limits and signs, even before school is back in session. Keep the kids safe – these students could be future builders!

**Megan Robillard, EIT
Hensel Phelps**

You can now help support our regional Tradeswomen Committee initiative to build and distribute Site Sister Kits by donating directly to their fund or learn how to build your own.

[Click here for more info](#)



Thanks to everyone who joined us for our Summer Social at Casa Bonita!

Several of our members were able to attend the Habitat for Humanity Women Build Kick Off Breakfast in Palm Bay where they broke ground on the next home for a deserving family. They are looking for more volunteers on this special project.

For more information on how to volunteer, reach out to **Jenn Knuelle** at Space Coast Habitat for Humanity jenn@spacecoasthabitat.org



Make-A-Wish

Thanks to **Wiedmann Construction and Roofing** and **RUSH Construction** for their collaboration on the latest Make-A-Wish Project! We have a great team of supporting companies!

Congratulations!

We are wishing a warm welcome to our newest NAWIC sisters of the Southeast Region as the Puerto Rico Chapter #405 was chartered the past week. **¡Felicidades!**



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