



THE ORBITER NEWSLETTER

NAWIC Space Coast Florida Chapter #355

We are looking forward to hosting our Annual Installation and Awards Banquet on **Thursday, September 3** at **Hemingway's One Oak in Melbourne**. We are grateful for those who are able to attend and celebrate another fabulous year with us!



Join us at our October **Membership Meeting/ Costume Party** as we welcome the New NAWIC Year celebrating our **30th Anniversary** as a chapter.

When: Thursday, October 1 at 6:00 pm

Where: ProSource of Brevard – 5095 Industry Drive, Melbourne

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

BIRTHDAYS

- Michelle Voyer (Sept 9)
- Brandy Arellano (Sept 15)
- Katherine Barrett (Sept 16)
- Jen Yoli (Sept 18)
- Laurie Jones (Sept 21)

ANNIVERSARIES

- Kate Howick (6 years)
- Brandi Patterson (1 year)

September Board meeting will be held by both outgoing and incoming boards on Thursday September 17, 6:00 pm at **Pizza Gallery and Grill** in Viera.

Check out our Monthly Calendar of Events HERE

Jackie Senf – Ivey's Construction, Inc.

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Kim Michael – Maschmeyer Concrete Company



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President's CORNER

The NAWIC National Conference in Reno, Nevada, was truly an outstanding experience. From the moment we arrived, the energy, enthusiasm, and sense of connection among members from across the country were inspiring.

The conference provided countless opportunities to build relationships, share ideas, and learn from one another. The breakout sessions were informative and engaging, offering valuable insight into the many areas of our industry. The Red Zone, filled with vendors and industry resources, was another highlight and gave us the opportunity to discover new products, services, and solutions.

One of the most enjoyable activities was bowling with members from chapters throughout the United States. It was wonderful to relax, have fun, and create friendships beyond our own chapter. The sticker swap was also a huge hit and brought everyone together in a fun and memorable way.

This conference enriched my NAWIC experience on an entirely new level. Seeing such diverse career backgrounds, perspectives, and knowledge gathered in one room was both overwhelming and inspiring. It reminded me of the strength and value of our organization and the incredible people who make up our industry.

I highly recommend that each of you consider attending next year's conference in New Orleans. It will be an exceptional opportunity to have fun, learn new things, strengthen your professional network, and meet exciting colleagues from across the country. The connections and memories you make will stay with you long after the conference ends. Next year's conference is a must-attend event. I hope to see many of you there!

Ann Jeanette Miner
President



Our chapter was well represented at the 71st Annual NAWIC National Conference in Reno this past August. Hosted by the 2025-2026 National President, Rita Brown, we were moved by the messages to Level Up, Build Strong! Keynotes by Olympic hurdler Sarah Wells and Survivor Winner Erika Casupanan. Workshops, breakout sessions, networking designed to extend the conversations. We received national recognition as we were awarded the WIC Week Inspire Award! Kate Howick was also recognized as a Member Strong Recipient.

The 2026-2027 National Board was installed and our new National President, Jodi Wiemerslage announced the focus for the new year: Strong Foundations, Strong Future!





Guest COLUMN

Hello NAWIC Space Coast members, my name is Marangely Rodriguez, and as I step into the role of Professional Development & Education (PD&E) Chair, I am honored to support a mission that uplifts and advances women across the construction industry.

This year, alongside fellow members, my focus is to strengthen our PD&E programming by expanding partnerships, enhancing leadership resources, and creating learning pathways that support both emerging professionals and seasoned industry leaders. I am excited to collaborate with our members, sponsors, and community partners to deliver workshops, mentorship opportunities, and hands-on experiences that reflect the innovation happening across the Space Coast. The beauty of teaming up is that we can all learn from one another. I invite you to share any ideas or areas where you feel PD&E could support your professional growth. I am a lifelong learner and love encouraging others to continue exploring new skills and opportunities.

Academically, I hold a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, a Master of Business Administration, and a Master of Engineering Management with a concentration in Construction Management. My professional background includes business and construction operations, STEM advocacy, and serving as an adjunct professor teaching construction management courses.

I am also preparing to publish my first children's book, blending construction, STEM, and financial literacy—reflecting my belief that education builds futures. That same belief guides my vision for PD&E: empowering women with knowledge, confidence, and opportunity.

I look forward to serving, learning, and growing with all of you this year.

Marangely Rodriguez, MBA, MEM
Global Space Economics Analytics (GSEA)
NAWIC Space Coast PD&E Committee Chair

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.

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Safety Space –Emergency Preparedness

National Preparedness Month is observed every September, designed to encourage individuals, families, and communities to ensure that they have a plan in the case of an emergency or natural disaster. Whether your region is prone to hurricanes, flooding, earthquakes, tornadoes or fires, know your risk and plan ahead.

September Safety Challenge

Take a minute make sure you have a plan!

- Review the 5 P's (people/pets, prescriptions, papers, personal needs, priceless items) in the event of an emergency evacuation
- Build a kit (Water, non-perishables, batteries, first-aid)
- Know your evacuation routes
- Stay informed – sign up for local alerts

Kate Howick, PMP
Danella Engineering and Construction

Save the Date

We have the wonderful privilege of hosting the Southeast Region Spring Forum in 2027! This will be a fantastic opportunity to show the region what THE Space Coast is all about! The event will be held **May 13th through 15th at the Cocoa Beach Hilton.**



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



03/04

In addition to the Women Build project, we will be partnering with Space Coast Habitat for Humanity to help raise funds at their upcoming Gala by building a playhouse set to be auctioned off at the Gala event in October. If you are interested in helping with the playhouse build, reach out to **Ann Miner**.



August member meeting at the Space Bar was a BLAST! Welcoming new members (L-R: Coral Martin, Lisa Schauder, Sisi Packard, Kim Santiago, Ann Miner, Ellie Lucas)

Megan Robillard, Hensel Phelps, was recently promoted to Area Superintendent! **Congrats, Megan!**

Cheryl Foley of **Florida Surety Bonds** was announced as Compliance Officer for the Women in Surety Southeast Board for 2026 – 2027. **Well deserved, Cheryl!**



WELBRO Building Corporation was recently selected by the Orlando Business Journal as one of the top 5 places to work. Congrats to **Debbie Thomas, Angela Fegers** and our WELBRO NAWIC Sisters in the Orlando Chapter.

Boys Electrical Contractors was recognized as one of UCF's Fastest Growing Knight Businesses. **Charge On, Boys!**

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