



THE ORBITER NEWSLETTER

NAWIC Space Coast Florida Chapter #355

Join us for our Summer Social at Casa Bonita for a flower arrangement workshop followed by brunch at Beachside Cafe. Hope to see you there!

NAWIC
The National Association of
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Space Coast Florida

SUMMER SOCIAL
Casa Bonita Flower Workshop / Brunch
Cost \$40

Where: Casa Bonita
105 N Riverside Dr. Indialantic
When: Saturday, July 11
11:00 am
Brunch following at Beachside Cafe
109 5th Ave, Indialantic

REGISTER

BIRTHDAYS

- Christina Carlile (July 24)
- Lisa Schauder (July 31)

ANNIVERSARIES

- Kyndall Goodman (1 year)
- Victoria Bruce (1 year)

Check out our Monthly Calendar of Events HERE

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≡ Welcome ≡

Lisa Schauder – Solar Solutions Window Tinting, LLC.

Amber Fourman – Women@Bechtel-Cardinel

Christina Carlile – Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC.

Nitza “Sisi” Packard – Packard Construction Services, Inc.

Coral Martin – 1-Tom Plumber and Tidewater Restoration

Kimberly Brown – Boys Electrical Contractors, LLC.



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President's CORNER

Hello NAWIC sisters —

I'm excited to invite everyone to our upcoming social at Casa Bonita! This is a wonderful opportunity to bring guests and introduce new members to the warmth, talent, and professionalism that make our chapter so special. I remain truly impressed by the skills, energy, and commitment I see across our membership — you all make this chapter thrive.

Please bring a friend or colleague who would benefit from NAWIC membership. I strongly encourage every member to get involved: join a committee, volunteer at events, or simply reach out and start a conversation. Committees are where we learn from one another, build relationships, and shape the future of our chapter.

Come ready to connect, celebrate our members' talents, and help welcome the next wave of Space Coast leaders. I look forward to seeing you at Casa Bonita!

Ann Jeanette Miner
President

August Membership Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, August 6 from 12:00 to 2:00 pm at **Hyatt Place, Titusville** Space Bar – Rooftop

August Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 20 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at **Cocoa Beach Hilton Garden Inn**, Starlight Restaurant and Bar

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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

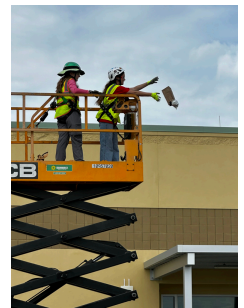
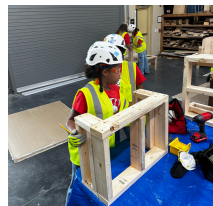
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*Thank,
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Our **2nd Annual Girls Construction Camp** was an unbelievable success! We couldn't have done this without all the community and industry support. Check out the full list of all our supporters [HERE](#)





Guest COLUMN

As an MEP engineer, I specialize in Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing (MEP) systems in buildings. I design and oversee the infrastructure that makes buildings functional and comfortable on the inside. I personally work in both residential and commercial buildings. For larger projects such as industrial factories, there is a specialized engineer for each MEP area. I make sure systems are efficient, cost-effective, code-compliant, and properly integrated with the building's architecture. I collaborate closely with the building architect throughout the design and construction process. The following list shows the areas of responsibility for an MEP engineer with the corresponding Florida Building Code (FBC) areas of compliance:

- FBC - Mechanical: HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning), climate control
- NFPA - National Electrical Code (NEC) - Electrical: Power distribution, lighting, fire alarms, backup generators
- FBC - Plumbing: Water supply, drainage, sewage, fire sprinkler systems, gas systems
- FBC - Energy Conservation: Electrical and thermal energy efficiency

All of these areas have design principles that are grounded in physics and require load calculations to ensure compliance. These can either be done "by-hand" (paper, Excel) or by using specific engineering software programs. And to communicate the actual design, computer-aided drafting (CAD) software programs are used such as AutoCAD (2-D) or Revit (3-D). Specific drawings are required for each of the areas described above. Ultimately, my role as an MEP engineer is to seamlessly integrate these complex systems into a cohesive design that meets both regulatory standards and client needs, ensuring buildings operate reliably, efficiently, and safely for their occupants.

Tara Chaidez
33 Works



Safety Space – Fire Extinguishers

There are several construction operations that pose fire hazards and some that require fire extinguishers to be available and ready to use within a certain proximity to the activity. (Including tasks at home!) Remember to PASS:

- Pull the pin
- Aim at the base of the fire
- Squeeze the handle
- Sweep from side to side

July Safety Challenge

Find a fire extinguisher – at work, on a jobsite, or at home – and inspect it to ensure it's ready for use in case of a fire emergency. Some things to look for: damages to the handle or nozzle, up to date inspection stickers, proper charge, no leaks or major damages to the canister. If anything is damaged or missing, you may need to get the extinguisher serviced or replaced.

Megan Robillard, EIT
Hensel Phelps

UPCOMING NATIONAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS

- Annual Conference 2026 - Reno, NV (8/13-8/15) **(Register HERE)**
- Fall Planning and Leadership - Savannah, GA (11/5-11/7) **(Registration is NOW OPEN)**
- Spring Forum 2027 - Space Coast, FL **(May 2027)**
- Annual Conference 2027 - New Orleans, LA
- Fall Planning and Leadership 2027 - Tampa, FL
- Spring Forum 2028 - Memphis, TN



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We offer a lot of fantastic programs geared towards promoting and amplifying the success of women in construction. If you have ever wondered how to get involved, our committees are a great place to make a big difference. Reach out to any of our Board members for more information.

Congratulations!

— Saluting Our Entrepreneurs —

TRANSFORMING HOMES ON THE SPACE COAST AND BEYOND

In homes across the Space Coast, where lifestyle and environment are deeply connected, the spaces people live in carry meaning far beyond walls and finishes. For **Castillo Remodelzone**, that understanding is at the heart of every project, shaping a construction experience that is as thoughtful as it is functional.

Based in Melbourne, Castillo Remodelzone serves clients throughout the Space Coast and Indian River County, with plans to expand into Central Florida. The company specializes in residential construction, remodeling, kitchen and bath renovations and additions, including accessory dwelling units. But for founders Michelle and Quincy Castillo, the work goes beyond construction. It is about creating spaces that reflect how people live, feel and grow.



Michelle Castillo and Castillo RemodelZone is featured in the current edition of Space Coast Living Magazine. [Read the full article here.](#)

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