



THE ORBITER NEWSLETTER

NAWIC Space Coast Florida Chapter #355

Registration Closes Soon!



LAST CHANCE REGISTER NOW FOR A

NAWIC Space Coast
Christmas
PARTY
December 4, 2025
Space Coast Convention Center
301 Tucker Ln. Cocoa

REGISTER NOW list

The Christmas Party is upon us! Don't miss out!

Bring a guest and enjoy a happy hour open bar with passed appetizers, plated dinner, desserts, silent auction, games.

We will be collecting items for Aging Matters. Check out the wishlist, click below



BIRTHDAYS

- Victoria Bruce (Dec 3)
- Terri Holmes (Dec 8)
- Sheri LaShier (Dec 16)
- Valerie Fontaine (Dec 23)
- Angela Fegers (Dec 24)
- Debra Mallard (Dec 26)
- Ellie Lucas (Dec 28)

Next Board Meeting will be held virutally on January 22, 6:00 pm

NEW MEMBERS

Michelle Voye - Wiedmann Construction and Roofing

>Welcome



COCOA ROCKLEDGE CHRISTMAS PARADE

We will be participating in the Cocoa/Rockledge Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 13. For more details reach out to **Ellie Lucas** or **Debra Mallard**



GET YOUR NAWIC SPACE COAST GEAR HERE

You're invited



January Mix and Mingle Luncheon on **January 8** from **12:00 to 2:00** at Pineapples in Eau Gallie is an open networking event for all women in construction across the Space Coast. Bring a stack of business cards as we connect. Lunch will be provided. **Cost is \$25.** Registration is now open.

REGISTER NOW

We had an outstanding turnout for our holiday build project in November at Dixie Crossroads. Thanks to all who came out and got crafty!



Thank You

A great big thank you to the lovely ladies at Kendra Scott for hosting our fundraiser. And thanks to our committee who arranged all of the fun details! We appreciate all who stopped by to help us reach our fundraising goal.



We had the unique opportunity to support our NAWIC sister **Megan Robillard** as she sat in on the *Ask an Engineer* Panel at the Brevard Public Schools Innovation Games.



**MARCH 1 THRU
MARCH 7, 2026**

The first week of March is nationally recognized as WIC Week. Planning has already begun and we look to bring back Welding and Wine along with partnering with the Children's Hunger Project. More events are in the works. **Details to come.**

Amber Czech and Workplace Violence



On November 11, 2025, a 20-year-old welder was murdered by a fellow employee at their equipment and system design and fabrication factory worksite in Minnesota. Amber had completed a 10-month non-union welding program last spring and recently started her career in the skilled trade.

[Read the full article here](#)

This tragedy is heartbreaking and upsetting as Amber is one of the reasons that NAWIC was established – to provide a support network for women in a male dominated industry. While we remember Amber, and any one with a similar story or experience of harassment, targeting, injury, or death at a workplace, let it motivate us to increase support, resources, and community. While we may not understand the full reasoning or story behind this event, there are certainly actions we can take as leaders in construction to prevent further incidents in our own teams, projects, and companies.

We must increase our awareness and respect for all lives that we work with.

December Safety Challenge:

- Hold a round table discussion with your co-workers about workplace violence
- Share the tragic story of Amber's death and promote conversation of ways we can change a mindset – aggression is never the answer
- If you see or hear something said that raises a red flag, elevate it and bring it to a supervisor or mentor's attention
- As a manager or company owner, invest in your employees wellbeing and make sure their concerns are heard. Every employee should have someone they can trust – can you be that person for them?



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NATIONAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS

- Spring Forum 2026 -Knoxville, TN (5/20 - 5/23)
- Annual Conference 2026 - Reno, NV (8/10-8/15)
- Fall Planning and Leadership - Savannah, GA
- Spring Forum 2027 - Space Coast, FL
- Annual Conference 2027 - New Orleans, LA
- Fall Planning and Leadership 2027 - Tampa, FL
- Spring Forum 2028 - Memphis, TN



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