

THE ORBITER NEWSLETTER

NAWIC Space Coast Florida Chapter #355



REGISTER

BIRTHDAYS

- Jacky Pearson (Oct 1)
- Suzanne Odisho (Oct 1)
- Jacqueline Williams (Oct 10)
- Ann Miner (Oct 13)
- Cheryl Birdsong (Oct 16)
- Coral Martin (Oct 21)

ANNIVERSARIES

- Terri Holmes (30 years)
- Bo Stroda (7 years)
- Lisa Burnett (7 years)
- Jennifer Wynn (3 years)
- Lu Anne Woodley (2 years)
- Debbie Thiel (1 year)
- Tara Chaidez (1 year)

We will be collecting non-perishable food items to help restock the pantries at **Matthew's Hope** at our **October Meeting**. A full list of donation items can be found on their website. [Click here](#)



October Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22 6:00 pm at **Ashley's in Rockledge**.

Sandra Kirkland – Sunbelt Rentals

Krista Daugherty – 1-Tom-Plumber and Tidewater Restoration

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Anna Terry – Space Coast Habitat for Humanity

Lesli Smith – Space Coast Habitat for Humanity

Stacey Fisher – Vector Security



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President's CORNER

I am thrilled to welcome everyone to a new fiscal year! We are starting off on a strong note as our committees come together to transition responsibilities, share ideas, and find new ways to involve more members in the work of our chapter. With a renewed focus on growth, Professional Development & Education (PD&E), community outreach, and member involvement, I truly believe this is going to be one of our best years yet. Our success will depend on teamwork, communication, and the willingness of each member to contribute their talents and perspectives. When we work together, we strengthen our chapter and create more opportunities for everyone. Let's continue building a strong presence for NAWIC Space Coast within our construction community and throughout NAWIC National. Together, we can highlight the accomplishments of our members, expand our impact, and make sure NAWIC Space Coast remains at the forefront of the industry.

Please join us for our October member meeting on October 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at ProSource. Come dressed in your favorite costume—we are sure to have a spooktacular time!

Ann Jeanette Miner
President

Congratulations to our newly installed 2026 - 2027 Board and all awardees from the September Installation and Awards Banquet!





Guest COLUMN

CONGRATULATIONS, SPACE COAST FLORIDA CHAPTER, ON 30 YEARS!

In the summer of 1996 I remember attending an organizational meeting for a new NAWIC Chapter here in Brevard County, which is why I joined. We were fortunate to have the commitment and assistance from our sponsor, the Orlando-Winter Park Chapter, and two women that were NAWIC members from other Chapters in South Carolina and Miami/Fort Lauderdale. These women served as our first two Chapter Presidents and were instrumental in getting the Chapter off to a good start.

October 5, 1996 came and the Chartering banquet for the Space Coast Florida Chapter of NAWIC took place at the Melbourne Beach Hilton, with approximately 30 members. I remember being impressed by all the construction women in the room... from all over, including State and local dignitaries. Being brand new to NAWIC, I had no idea what I was getting in to, but it looked interesting.

The vast majority of us in the Chapter were new to NAWIC and had no idea what to expect, or what to do. We started getting to know one another and slowly becoming friends. I think the biggest break throughs for me as a NAWIC member were my first Block Kids Contest, my first Golf Tournament, my first Habitat Women's Build, and attending my first Regional Conference in Pensacola Beach. I was hooked. I began seeing the possibilities of this organization to help and promote women in the construction industry and to make the construction industry better. I began recognizing the amazing skills and creativity of my fellow NAWIC members, and the pure joy of friendships with other women with whom I have so much in common.

I think our growth as a Chapter has come when we elected leaders that were good business women and stewards of the Chapter, thought outside the box, and were forward thinking and creative. Our success comes when we create a friendly welcoming environment, capitalize on the strengths of our members, and come together as a team to accomplish what we have set out to do. I'm proud of the progress the Space Coast Florida Chapter has made. Right now our membership is the largest that it has ever been, our programs are dramatically improved, we have a website and newsletter that are both current and professional, our scholarship outreach is very successful, and NAWIC Space Coast is an exciting place to be.

Terri Holmes
Vice President
David Boland, Inc.



Safety Space – Housekeeping

Good housekeeping is one of the simplest and most effective ways to improve construction site safety. Materials, tools, and debris left in walkways can create trip hazards that may lead to injuries and lost productivity. Maintaining a clean and organized jobsite helps prevent accidents, improves efficiency, and promotes a culture where safety is everyone's responsibility.

October Safety Challenge

On your next jobsite visit (Or even around the office), take a moment to pick up trash or help a crew empty a trash bin to improve the jobsite cleanliness!

Megan Robillard, EIT
Hensel Phelps

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.**

NEW

WHO AM I?

We are excited to announce this new segment. Can you guess who this member is?

She is left-handed, she is a book worm and loves karaoke!

Answer will be revealed in November



NAWIC Space Coast Celebrating 30 years!



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. The playhouse build will take place on **Saturday, October 3 from 9:30 – 11:30 at GEM Industries 370 Cox Road in Cocoa**. Reach out to **Ann Miner** with any questions.



Congratulations to **Michelle Voye, Wiedmann Construction and Roofing** and brand new Director for being selected as Miss Rockledge. We know she will represent her community well!

Looking to get involved? Join a Committee

There are lots of great opportunities to connect and have a direct impact on our community through our many programs and initiatives. Here are just a few!

- WIC Week
- Marketing and Social Media
- Community Engagement
- Construction Camp
- Block Kids
- Tradeswomen

Check out our Monthly Calendar of Events [HERE](#)

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

Thank you!

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