



THE ORBITER NEWSLETTER

NAWIC Space Coast Florida Chapter #355

Join us at our next event as we build wooden gingerbread houses at Dixie Crossroads in Titusville on November 6.



November Membership Meeting
Holiday Mini Build Project



Where: Dixie Crossroads
1475 Garden Street, Titusville
When: Thursday, November 6, 2025
6:00 pm

BIRTHDAYS

- Katherine Barrett (Sept 16)
- Jen Yoli (Sept 18)
- Laurie Jones (Sept 21)
- Christy Ruth (Sept 25)
- Jacqueline Williams (Oct 10)
- Ann Miner (Oct 13)
- Courtney Altman (Oct 25)
- Jennifer Wynn (Nov 4)
- Ashley McMillan (Nov 26)

ANNIVERSARIES

- Terri Holmes (29 years)
- Bo Stroda (6 years)
- Lisa Burnett (6 years)
- Kate Howick (5 years)
- Jennifer Wynn (2 years)
- Lu Anne Woodley (1 year)

Next Board Meeting is
November 20, 6:00 pm at
Ruby Tuesday in Rockledge

NEW MEMBERS

Michelle Castillo - Castillo Remodelzone

Brandi Patterson - VA Paving

Tara Chaidez - 33 Works

Debbie Harris Thiel - Superior Outsource Solutions

≡Welcome≡



WE HAVE A NEW STORE!! CHECK IT OUT HERE

GOT NEWS?

email Kate to get your
story in the next
newsletter

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HONOREES

Member of the Year – Ellie Lucas
Rookie of the Year – Megan Robillard
Sponsor of the Year – GEM Industries, Inc.
Mentor of the Year – Terri Holmes
Community Member of the Year – Tony Owens
Impact Woman of the Year – Kate Howick

Committee of the Year – Construction Camp
Rising Star – Jacqueline Williams
Unsung Hero – Cheryl Foley
Volunteer of the Year – Donna Skarosi
NAWIC Spirit – Jen Yoli
Recruiter of the Year – Jamie Hogrefe



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDING OUR AWARDS AND INSTALLATION BANQUET AT THE BREVARD ZOO!

save the date

NAWIC Space Coast Holiday Party

4 DECEMBER, 2025

Space Coast Convention Center
301 Tucker Lane, Cocoa

Raffles, games, Happy Hour open bar,
appetizers, plated dinner, bring a guest, \$55/person
Registration opening soon

*Coming
Soon*

Kendra Scott

IN STORE EVENT

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Friday, November 14
5:00 - 7:00 pm

THE AVENUES VIERA
2270 TOWN CENTER AVE
SUITE 101

**Aging
Matters**
IN BREVARD

We will be collecting items to support the Aging Matters Holiday Drive again this year. Please bring any donation items to the Christmas Party or drop off with any member.

- Non-skid socks
- Men's Toiletries
- Women's Toiletries
- Stationary
- Notecards
- Large Display Alarm Clock
- Healthy Snacks
- Large Font Puzzles/ Crosswords/ Word Searches

COCOA ROCKLEDGE CHRISTMAS PARADE



We will be participating in the Cocoa/Rockledge Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 13. Please bring an empty/wrapped box to the November meeting to add to our float. For more details see Ellie Lucas or Debra Mallard

HANDLEBARS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Fall 2025

Anyone looking to support Handlebars for the Holidays, an ABC Sponsored event that gets bikes/helmets/locks into the hands of local kids in need this Christmas, please see Jen Yoli.



JOIN A COMMITTEE

As our new NAWIC year kicks into high-gear, we are looking for people to help support some of the amazing work we continue to do. Joining a committee is a great way to have a direct impact on bringing action to our initiatives. Reach out to the committee chairs, if you are interested.

- Block Kids - Megan Robillard
- Construction Camp - Victoria Bruce, Kate Howick
- Community Engagement - Ellie Lucas
- Event Planning - Jen Yoli
- Marketing - Kate Howick, Jen Yoli
- NEF - Cheryl Foley
- PD&E - Kate Howick
- Safety/OSHA - Megan Robillard
- Scholarship - Donna Skarosi
- 2027 Spring Forum Planning - Terri Holmes, Jacqueline Williams
- Ways & Means - Debra Mallard
- WIC Week - Amy Leslie, Kate Howick, Ann Miner

T-SHIRTS AND KEYCHAINS FOR SALE



Unique chapter t-shirts and keychains are available for purchase, \$25 for a shirt, \$8 for a keychain. Pick one up at one of our future events or reach out to a board member.

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



Terri Holmes is celebrating 40 years with **David Boland, Inc!**

Jamie Hogrefe was received her Recruiter Pin!

3 Space Coast Members find roles at the Regional Level

- **Jamie Hogrefe** - Trustee
- **Kate Howick** - Membership Chair
- **Jacqueline Williams** - Emerging Professionals Chair

Regional Fall Conference in Miami was well attended by Space Coast Chapter. We learned about conflict resolution, the art of saying 'no', and improving public speaking. Thanks to **Jen Yoli, Jacqueline Williams, Michelle Castillo, Katherine Barrett, Brandi Patterson, Barbara Burgess** and **Kate Howick** for representing Space Coast!



Thank you to Brevard Business News for the recent spotlight. Read all about it [here](#)

Holiday Safety 🎃 🦉 🌲



Companies can see a rise in accidents and injuries during the holidays due to the following factors:

Weather changes – Although minimal in Florida, temperature changes can impact work and employees may have insufficient clothing to work in colder temperatures

Stress – The holidays can increase stress related to family and financial concerns causing distractions or stress that might impact employees focus on the job and put them at risk for not following proper safety procedures

Seasonal Depression – Colder weather and less daylight hours, among other things, can cause an increase in depression that could also impact employees mood, behavior, and attention to hazards at work

Distraction – As the holidays draw near, employees are focused on their kid's activities, parties, out of town visitors, family gatherings, etc. and are excited to get their work done and participate in the fun events so they might be more distracted during work

Prioritizing Safety During the Holiday Season:

- Create specific safety plans during these next couple months to address specific hazards related to the holidays
- Hold additional safety meetings/ discussions to communicate and reinforce the importance of maintaining focus during this season

- Schedule breaks and encourage time off with employees to prevent burnout and relieve some of their stress

November Safety Challenge:

- Identify a specific hazard related to the holiday season that you've experienced/ witnessed and discuss it with your team. How can you help mitigate or eliminate this hazard?

POWERING THE WAY! THANK YOU, BOYS ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS!

Our sponsors are truly one of a kind, always finding ways to uplift the communities they serve. Boys Electrical Contractors, LLC., located in Melbourne and Sanford, stands out in a class of their own. They are industry leaders, and through their unique initiatives, remain actively engaged in making our community a better place to live and work. They have been a proud supporter of Women in Construction. At a membership meeting, **Alisha** shared how Boys uses new technologies in their training programs and discussed how they rolled out their ground breaking, in-house apprenticeship program. During our Construction Camp, Boys led our campers through several electrical modules. **Kyle, Alisha, Melissa, Brittani, Hayley, Traviis, and Jory** dedicated the afternoon to teaching campers how to bend conduit, wire switches, light up circuits and explore the world of becoming an electrician. As we were presenting a welding scholarship during our awards banquet, Boys pledged to match the scholarship. They are an exceptional community partner, fostering a culture of giving back. Thank you **Kyle, Andrew, Brian, Alisha, Melissa, Kim** and the entire **Boys Team** for all you do for our community!



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