

TUESDAY

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President's Message

Dear NAWIC Memphis Members,
As we continue to grow and support one another, I am proud of the impact our chapter is making across the construction industry. Your dedication, leadership, and commitment to uplifting women in construction are what keep our mission strong.

This month, we celebrate excellence and achievement as we open nominations for our Annual Chapter Awards. I encourage each of you to recognize the outstanding professionals within our chapter—or even nominate yourself! Let's continue building each other up and shaping the future of construction.

With appreciation,
Catherine White

☀️ Stay Hydrated ☀️ Reminder!!!

This summer has been a hot one, with extreme temperatures and high heat indexes impacting jobsites across the region. Staying safe in the heat requires more than just toughing it out—it takes planning, hydration, and paying attention to what your body is telling you.



Heat-related illnesses are preventable when we plan ahead and make hydration a priority. Let's continue to watch out for one another, speak up when someone needs a break, and ensure everyone goes home safely at the end of the day.

Stay hydrated. Stay cool. Stay safe. 💙🔧

July Membership Meeting

Planning for the future is one of the most important investments we can make, both personally and professionally.

At our July membership meeting, we heard from Sandra J. Quinn Bailey, owner and founder of Women Financial Power, LLC, as she shared practical guidance on retirement planning, financial wellness, and creating long-term financial security.

Thank you, Sandra, for providing an engaging and informative session!

We're grateful to everyone who joined us, and we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!



AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING

At our August Membership Meeting, the Memphis Chapter celebrated its **68th Anniversary**, marking the date we were chartered on August 16, 1958.

This year, we decided to celebrate a little differently. Instead of gifts for our anniversary, we asked everyone in attendance to donate to the **Site Sister Kit initiative**, founded by Stephanie Rodriguez.

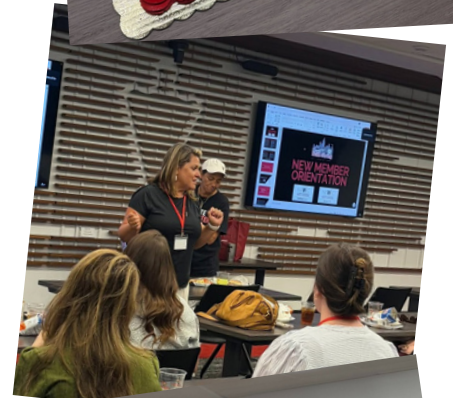
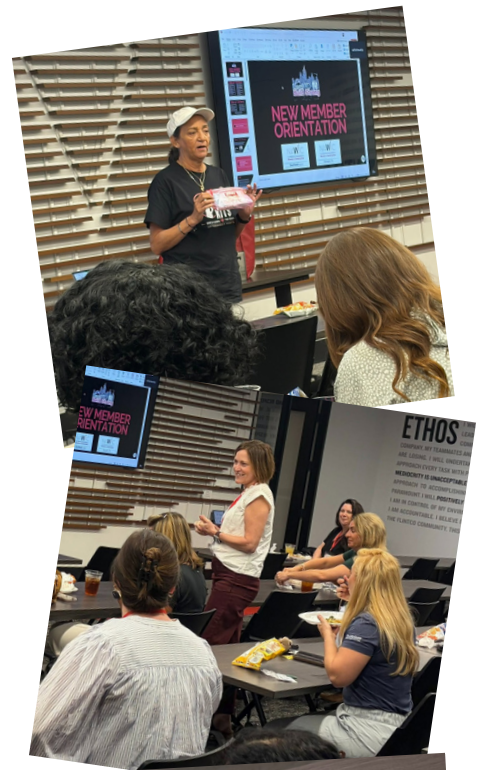
As more women enter the construction industry, it is important that we create jobsites where women feel welcomed, valued, prepared, and connected from day one. Site Sister Kits provide practical personal-care and hygiene essentials that may not otherwise be readily available on the jobsite. Kits can be placed in portable restrooms, jobsite trailers, offices, and other accessible locations so tradeswomen have access to what they need when they need it.

I am so pleased to share that **NAWIC Memphis has contributed more than \$1,500 in donations** to the Site Sister Kit initiative! What an incredible accomplishment and a wonderful way to celebrate 68 years of supporting women in construction.

We also had a fun giveaway during the meeting, featuring NAWIC-branded cups, hydration bags designed to fit your cups, and Site Sister Kits. It was a great way to bring everyone together, celebrate our chapter, and raise awareness about an initiative that directly supports women working in the field.

What better way to honor our chapter's history than by giving back and investing in the future of women in our industry? **We celebrated our past while making a difference for the future.**

Thank you to everyone who donated, participated, and helped make our 68th Anniversary celebration such a success. **Let's keep this momentum going and continue making contributions as we can. Together, we can continue creating jobsites where every woman feels welcomed, valued, prepared, and supported—one Site Sister Kit at a time!**



🌍 NAWIC Memphis at the 2026 Annual Conference! 🌍

Attending the NAWIC national conference never disappoints! Being in a room with 600 strong, amazing women leaves you feeling completely empowered. This past week with amazing new and old friends makes your heart full! We truly have the best women in the industry, and we are adding more every single day!

NAWIC Memphis showed up and showed out at National Conference in Reno this year, with eight members in attendance representing our chapter!

We are incredibly proud to congratulate our Memphis members and chapter on bringing home some amazing honors:

🏆 **Catherine White – Recruiter Champion**

Catherine was recognized as a Recruiter Champion for recruiting more than 100 members—not only for NAWIC Memphis and the Southeast Region, but across NAWIC. Her dedication to growing our organization and connecting women to the construction industry is truly inspiring!

★ **Member Strong Class of 2026**

Congratulations to **Catherine White** and **Shelby Rayman** for being named to the Member Strong Class of 2026! This recognition celebrates members who demonstrate outstanding commitment, leadership, and dedication to NAWIC.

🏆 **WIC Week Large Chapter Winner – Educate**

NAWIC Memphis was also recognized as a Large Chapter WIC Week Winner in the Educate category for the work our chapter did in partnership with Turner Construction and TCAT Memphis. This award highlights our commitment to education, workforce development, and creating opportunities for women in construction.

We are so proud of what NAWIC Memphis continues to accomplish! From recruiting and growing our membership to building partnerships and creating educational opportunities, our members continue to show up, make an impact, and represent Memphis on the national stage.

Congratulations, Memphis! We are just getting started!

The **NAWIC Southeast Region** absolutely rocked it this year with powerful members in attendance and major wins to celebrate.

Huge congratulations to these phenomenal women in our region:

Stephanie Rodriguez – Awarded the Estrella Brillante Executive Award!

Kim Walker received her Red Blazer for recruiting 18 members! Welcome to the cool kids club!

Sophia Siemens received her Charter Champion Grey Jacket for chartering Chattanooga last year!

Kate Howick & Stephanie Rodriguez – ★ Member Strong Class of 2026

The Southeast also brought home other multiple awards. Congratulations to all the Southeast Chapters and members that worked together to make this happen!

Huge congratulations to all the incredible NAWIC regions, chapters, and women recognized for their amazing achievements! In my book, you are all winners just for being who you are and being such an inspiring part of NAWIC!

We left Nevada feeling incredibly inspired by the installation of our new National President, **Jodi Wiemerslage**, and the rest of the 2026-2027 National Board. Let's keep adding to our numbers and lifting each other up everyday!

Here's to Strong Foundations!





Tradeswoman Committee

🚧 The Tradeswomen's Corner Website Is Live! 🚧
The NAWIC Southeast Region's Tradeswomen's Corner website is officially live!

Visit the site to:

- 📖 Read the latest newsletters
- ★ Submit a nomination for the Tradeswomen Spotlight
- 📖 Access the Tradeswomen Committee Handbook
- 👤 Join the Tradeswomen Committee
- 📦 Support the Site Sister Kit Initiative through donations

Why donate?

Your Site Sister Kit donations help ensure these kits remain completely free for women working in the field.

Whether you're a superintendent, subcontractor, project manager, or other construction professional, you can submit a request through the website to receive Site Sister Kits at no cost.

Every donation helps support women on jobsites throughout our region.

👉 Donate today and explore the website:

<https://www.nawicsoutheastregion.org/tradeswomen>

#Tradeswomen #NAWIC #WomenInConstruction #SiteSisterKit
#ConstructionIndustry #NAWICSoutheastRegion

A Huge Shout-Out to Heather Wolf & the WMS Site!

NAWIC Memphis would like to give a huge shout-out to Heather Wolf, Regional EHS Lead at the WMS Site, and all of the WMS Site members who have supported the Site Sister Kit Initiative over the past several months!

Heather, along with other members of the WMS Site, has donated much-needed personal-care and hygiene items to help keep Site Sister Kits stocked and available for tradeswomen.

Some of the generous donations include:

- Hygiene kits
- Deodorant wipes
- Combs
- Tampons
- Pocket pads
- Toilet seat covers
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste

And many other essential items

The NAWIC SE Tradeswomen Committee and Site Sister Kit Initiative want to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU to Heather Wolf and everyone at the WMS Site** for making this happen!

Your generosity is helping provide women working in construction with access to basic necessities they may need while on the jobsite.

Every donation makes a difference and helps us continue our mission of creating jobsites where women feel welcomed, valued, prepared, and supported.

Thank you, Heather and WMS Site, for being Site Sisters and helping us make a difference—one kit at a time!

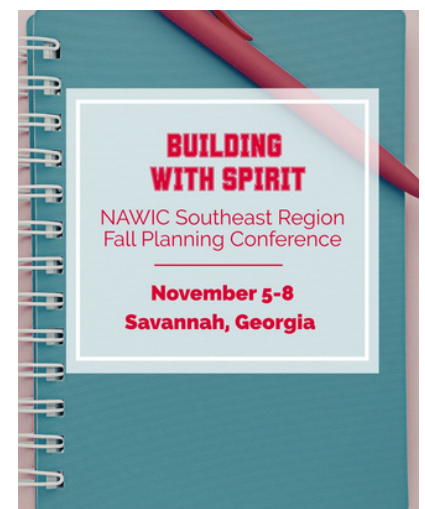
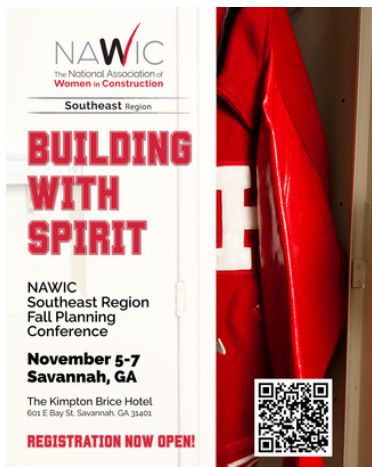
Don't forget to sign up for the SE NAWIC Tradeswomen Newsletter

<https://forms.gle/83kiRuvqseNRgevXA>



Heather Wolf

Regional EHS Campus Lead
NAWIC Memphis Member



Upcoming Membership Meetings



☀️ Memphis NAWIC Gala Support Request ☀️

We are in the midst of planning our annual NAWIC Memphis Gala and are excited about making this year's event truly special!

We are currently seeking:

- Event Sponsors
- Swag/Promotional Items
- Raffle Donations

Your support helps us continue our mission of empowering and advancing women in the construction industry right here in Memphis. If you or your company are interested in contributing swag items or raffle donations, please email us at nawicmemphis@gmail.com

We truly appreciate your continued support and partnership—it makes a lasting impact on our chapter and community! 🧡 Thank you for helping us make this year's Gala a success!

Get your tickets today for the Gala!!!
Registrations closes the first week of Septemeber!!



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