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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Amanda Dawson, CIT, JANUS Displays



I would like to start off this month's President's Message by thanking Ingrid Magnani and Rhonda Taylor for all of their work on the [Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay Kickoff to Rebuild](#) project. As I write this, I am anxiously looking forward to spending a weekend painting the house and helping wherever I can. I do hope to see many of you out there over the next couple weeks. We've had several Member companies donate materials, time and services for this project. The Chapter, Construction Industry Committee and I are thankful to those that have participated. The house we are working on has already received media coverage and will continue to do so through the entire event. A page has been added [Chapter web site](#) about the project, including pictures and a list of sponsors. Please take a look and support those who support our Chapter!

WIC Week is fast approaching which means our 4th Annual Ladies Night out is almost here. Remember, this is our one night to celebrate that we are WOMEN in construction. If you know someone who would be interested in reaching 50-75 women, please have them contact Elise Berman and join us on March 2nd. Last year, the vendors ranged from an oxygen facial to comfy Jockey... clothes – this night is ALL ABOUT US! So please help us enjoy it, invite any friends who might be a good vendor, or bring your girlfriends along for a fun night. Stay tuned to the [Chapter web site](#) as we talk about other WIC Week activities.

Finally, Forum is coming up and will be here before you know it. For those thinking about attending for the first time, Forum is our regional conference. Our region, Region 3, is the only region that is made up of one state. Attendees have the chance to network on a state level as well as gain an understanding of NAWIC on a regional level. This year's Forum is being held at Westgate River Ranch, in River Ranch Florida. Details on hotel reservations and event registration are on the Chapter web site.

For those of you unable to make it out to the Kickoff to Rebuild house, I look forward to seeing you at our February meeting.

FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING

Monday, February 2, 2009

6:00 p.m. Networking/6:30 p.m. Dinner and Meeting

Sam Seltzer's Steakhouse ~ 4744 N. Dale Mabry Hwy. ~ Tampa

Patricia Bean, Hillsborough County Administrator (See More Details on Next Page)

Entree Selections are Prime Rib, Chicken or Vegetable Plate

Cost is \$22.50 with Advance Registration no Later than Noon, Friday, January 30, 2009

\$30 After RSVP Deadline and for All Walk-Ins

(Please Note: It is the Policy of the NAWIC Tampa Chapter #36 to invoice
for all unfilled reservations at the Walk-In rate)

Register online at www.NAWICTampa.org

Be sure to bring your business cards for our "Member Spotlight" Drawing

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This Month's Member in the Spotlight is Elise Berman, Centex Homes

Our member in the spotlight this month is Elise Berman. Elise has been a member of the Tampa NAWIC Chapter since 2004 and has become more active over the past few years as the Chair of our Professional Education Committee. Last year Elise received the Tampa Chapter Women in Construction (WIC) of the Year Award for her organization of such events as our annual Ladies Night Out and Networking Night. This year Elise is also on the Board of Directors.

Elise is the Warranty Agent for Centex Homes, representing the west coast of Florida. She has been with Centex Homes for almost 5 years, mostly working in the areas of Customer Service, Safety, and Project Management. For two years in a row Centex Homes has been awarded the J.D. Power & Associates Customer Satisfaction Award for New Homebuilder in the Tampa Bay market under her direction and leadership.

Over the years Elise has lived in California, Virginia, Washington D.C., Georgia, Texas, Missouri, and Michigan. She grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area where she attended Livermore High School. Wanting a complete change in scenery, she moved to Lynchburg, Virginia to attend Randolph-Macon Woman's College and graduated with a B.A. in Politics in 1999. After graduation she was accepted to the United States Army Officer Candidate School where she became an Engineer Officer. Having attended a strong liberal arts college where she was exempted from math and science this was quite a challenge, but she soon found that she had a passion for construction and enjoyed her role as a project manager.

In her free time, Elise enjoys running, cooking and playing Fantasy Football. Elise and her husband Russell have been married for 6 years and they have a 3 year old boxer named Tia.

BLOCK KIDS COMMITTEE

By Sandra Mclain, Mclain Plumbing & Mechanical

The Block Kids Contest previously scheduled January 17, 2009 has been postponed to a later date this year.



PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

By Elise C. Berman, Centex Homes



Our guest speaker for our February 2, 2009 general meeting will be Patricia Bean, Hillsborough County Administrator. Ms. Bean became the County Administrator in December 2003. Previously, she served as Deputy County Administrator for 12 years. Her 30 years of experience in Hillsborough County government includes 12 years heading up the County's human services, including health care, children's issues and programs for the elderly. She played an integral part in the development of the county's national award-winning Health Care Program. She also served as Assistant County Administrator over Public Works, Fire Rescue, Planning and Growth Management, Solid Waste and other municipal-type programs. Ms. Bean holds a B.A. degree in sociology from Winthrop University and a Masters of Public Administration from the University of South Florida. She recently served a two-year term as President of the National Association of County Administrators, served on a National Advisory Board for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and served as an evaluator for the Kennedy School at Harvard's "Innovations in American Government" Program. She will speak on the current and future construction projects for the area and the \$19 million the County received from the Federal Government to aid in the housing crisis. She'll be open to answer questions as she has several years of experience in county government.

DINNER PLANNING COMMITTEE

By Michelle Mulligan, Williams Scotsman, Inc.

After reporting that I will continue my search for possible new locations for our monthly meetings/dinners, I received feedback from several people asking why. Before I continue my search, I would like to hear from everyone as to their likes and dislikes regarding our current meeting place. I have received some suggestions for restaurants/meeting places but will welcome any and all suggestions. Please send your comments to me at mdmullig@willscot.com.

Be sure to keep your Member Listing information current on the [NAWIC National Web site](#). This information is used by the National Office as well as our Chapter to keep in touch with you for all NAWIC information. Assistance is available at the Web site should you need help with your Member Login.

[Click here for a copy of the NAWIC February '09 "The Connection"](#). "The Connection" is designed to keep you informed with pertinent Association news and is emailed to NAWIC members each month.



Annual Ladies Night Out – March 2, 2009

As a part of WIC week we would like you to join us in celebrating women's accomplishments and value to the construction industry by taking the night off to relax at our annual Ladies Night Out. Enjoy yourself by sampling great food and drinks, being pampered, shopping and networking in a professionally decorated model home.

This year's event is being hosted by Centex Homes at their Magnolia Park Community Model Sales Center located at 9008 Sienna Moss Lane, Riverview, FL 33578. For directions and more information on the community go to www.magnoliaparktampa.com.

Our monthly Board Meeting will be held at the model home or office at 5:00pm with the General Membership Meeting to follow at 6:00 pm. Then at 6:30 pm we will open the event doors to all members and guests for an evening filled with fun.

The cost is only \$15.00 for members and guests, which includes your entry to the event, appetizers & drinks, and a chance to win a \$50 gift. The first 50 participants to RSVP online at www.nawictampa.org by Friday, February 27, 2009 will receive a FREE goodie bag. You can pay online via PayPal or at the door with cash or check.

We are still in need of vendors so; if you know of a vendor, who would be interested in participating, please forward them the enclosed vendor registration form. The deadline for their registration is Friday, February 6, 2009. We will not duplicate companies or similar type products so this is on a first-come basis.

If you or your company would like to donate 50 items (pens, notepads, flyers, brochures, etc) for the goodie bags, please bring them to the February Dinner meeting or contact me directly so I can arrange to pick them up. Also, if you'd like to volunteer for the event I can use your help before, during and after the event.

For more information, contact Committee Chair, [Elise Berman](#).



**Tampa Chapter #36
Ladies Night Out
Monday, March 2, 2009**

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**Centex Homes Magnolia Park Model Homes
9008 Sienna Moss Lane, Riverview, FL 33578**

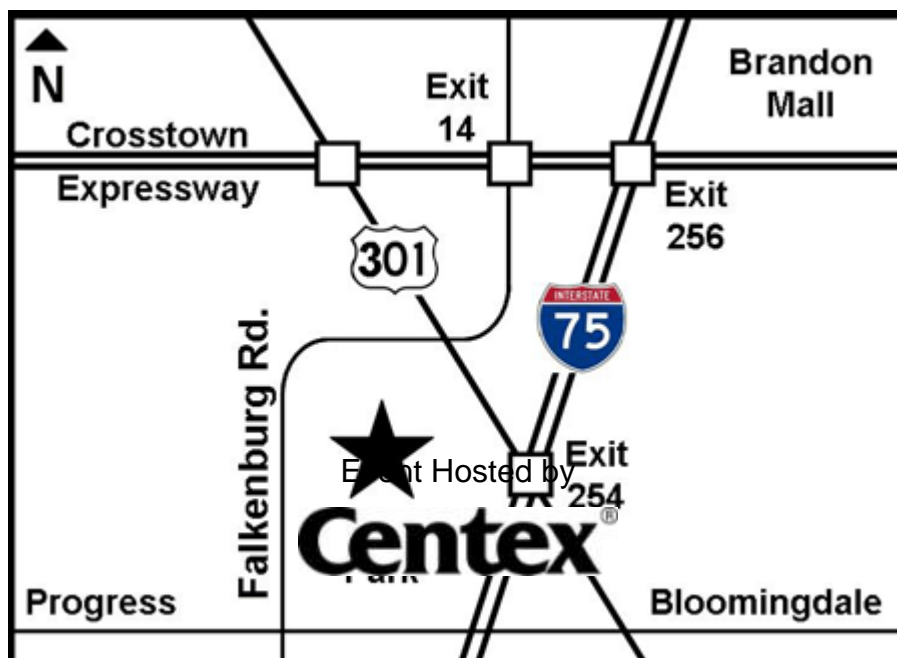
**6:00 pm = General NAWIC Meeting for Members & Guests
6:30 – 8:30 pm = Event is open to Members, Guests and the Public**

\$15.00

Includes event entry, appetizers & drinks, and the chance to win a \$50 gift basket!
The first 50 participants to RSVP online will receive a FREE goodie bag at the door!

www.nawictampa.org

You can also pay online via PayPal





**Tampa Chapter #36
Ladies Night Out Vendor Registration Form
Monday, March 2, 2009**

Location: Magnolia Park Model Homes, 9008 Sienna Moss Lane, Riverview, FL 33578

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm (set up begins at 5:30 pm)

Cost: \$50.00 – Includes one table space for a display, appetizers and drinks. An additional admission can be purchased for \$15.00.

Please complete the following information or attach a business card:

Company Name: _____

Participant's Name(s): _____

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Cell _____

Email Address: _____ Website: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Please give a description of your business, including a sampling of items or services you sell/perform and the cost for each OR attach a brochure or flyer:

Number of participants: _____

Please return registration form with a check made payable to NAWIC Chapter #36. Or you can pay online via PayPal at www.nawictampa.org.

Mail to: Attn: Elise Berman, 3020 S. Falkenburg Rd., Riverview, FL 33578

Fax: 866-741-2670

Email: elise.berman@centex.com

Registration deadline is February 6, 2009. I understand the terms for this event.

Vendor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Event Hosted by

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2009 Region 3 Annual Forum

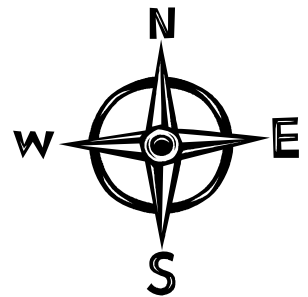
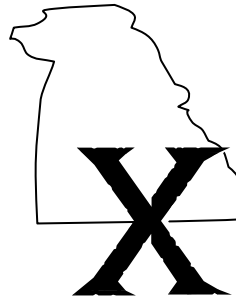
River Ranch, Florida

May 15 – 16, 2009

To Reserve Room - Call 888-808-7410 Event Code 14-257

Rm. Block "NWIC" Room Rates \$89 & \$109

For More Information Contact
Ann Wood (772) 562-8972
or Debbie Isenhour (772) 370-2012



Website: www.wgriverranch.com

Directions

From the Orlando Airport:

Take the 528 (Beeline) west to I-4 west. Exit at U.S. 27 and go south. At S.R. 60 (Lake Wales exit), make a left and head east. Travel east approximately 25 miles. Westgate River Ranch will be on the right.

From Tampa:

Take S.R. 60 east. Continue east approximately 25 miles past U.S. 27. Westgate River Ranch will be on the right.

If you take I-75 South- Go to the Turnpike South. Get off at Yeehaw Junction. Take Hwy 60 West about 20 miles. River Ranch entrance is on the left



National Association of Women in Construction
Tri-County FL Chapter #317



**National Association of Women in Construction
Tri-County Florida Chapter # 317
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Dear NAWIC Supporter:

On May 15 -16, 2009, the Tri-County Florida Chapter #317 of the National Association of Women in Construction will host the NAWIC Region 3 Annual Forum. It will be held at the Westgate River Ranch, 3200 River Ranch Boulevard, River Ranch, Florida, 33867.

Forum is the Annual meeting for all thirteen (13) NAWIC Chapters located in Region 3 and represents a membership of over 400 women that are actively employed in the construction industry in the State of Florida. It is a two day event that includes educational construction related workshops, networking opportunities, keynote and motivational speakers, business meeting and a closing banquet and awards ceremony.

This is a great opportunity for you and / or your company on many levels:

- To put your company and its goods and services in front of 120+ women who own , manage or are employed by general contracting and subcontracting firms, material suppliers and other construction related services. These women make purchasing and hiring decisions every day on behalf of their companies.
- To reach the NAWIC members, chapter presidents and member companies in Region 3, as well as National Officers of the organization. NAWIC is an association whose core purpose is to "Enhance the success of women in the construction industry".
- To show your companies support for women and demonstrate your outreach efforts to women in the construction industry.

Enclosed for your use is the Advertisement and Sponsorship Levels for Forum 2009. Note: there are various levels of sponsorship available through advertising in the Forum program up to and including on-site meeting and greeting as an exhibitor during breaks in the General Session and an attendee at our Welcome Party, Breakfasts or the Saturday evening banquet.

The theme for Region 3 Forum 2009 is: "Early Florida Revisited – The Cowboy Days" and the theme for the awards banquet is "Denim and Diamonds"

Please join us for this event.



National Association of Women in Construction

Region 3 Annual Forum 2009 – May 15 -16, 2009

Westgate River Ranch Conference Center, River Ranch, Florida

Forum 2009 Sponsorship Form

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Advertisement and Sponsorship Levels

Forum Program Advertising:

NAWIC Supporter – Listing of Name	\$ 20.00
Business Card Ad.....	25.00
Quarter Page Ad.....	75.00
Half Page Ad.....	150.00
Full Page Ad.....	250.00

Exhibitor Table: 6' table with table cloth and skirt,\$ 100.00

Sponsorship Levels:

Spur Sponsor.....\$ 250.00

Name on Sponsor Board at Registration Table
NAWIC Supporter Listing in Forum Program
Quarter Page Ad in Forum Program
Listing in Banquet Program

Saddle Sponsor.....\$ 500.00

Name on Sponsor Board at Registration Table
NAWIC Supporter Listing in Forum Program
Quarter Page Ad in Forum Program
Listing in Banquet Program
Two Welcome Party Tickets
Pick which event you would like to sponsor, special recognition at event:
 Welcome Party Breakfast Luncheon
 Banquet Break Sponsor

Cowboy Hat Sponsor.....\$ 700.00

Name on Sponsor Board at Registration Table
NAWIC Supporter Listing in Forum Program
Half Page Ad in Forum Program
Listing in Banquet Program
Two Luncheon Tickets and Two Banquet Tickets
Pick which event you would like to sponsor, special recognition at event:
 Welcome Party Breakfast Luncheon
 Banquet Break Sponsor

Cowboy Boot Sponsor.....\$ 1,000.00

Name on Sponsor Board at Registration Table
NAWIC Supporter Listing in Forum Program
Half Page Ad in Forum Program
Listing in Banquet Program
Four Banquet Tickets
Company Name on Banquet Table Recognizing Sponsorship
Display at Banquet Recognizing Sponsorship
Introduction of Sponsor at Banquet
Pick which event you would like to sponsor, special recognition at event:
 Welcome Party Breakfast Luncheon
 Banquet Break Sponsor

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Please complete the following information:

Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State & Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Sponsorship Level indicated on page one: _____

Please check the circle indicating Sponsorship Level adjacent to the event you are sponsoring, on page 1.

Make Checks Payable to: NAWIC Region 3 Forum 2009

Mail Payment and Form to: Sue Reed
10620 S.W. East Park Avenue
Port St. Lucie, FL 34987

Deadline is March 30, 2009.

For Advertisements other than name listing, please provide camera ready artwork, business card or electronic file to Lisa Seavey, at (e-mail address) lseavey@proctorcc.com.

Deadline is March 30, 2009.