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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Amanda Dawson, CIT, JANUS Displays



First, I want to thank everyone who joined us Monday night, December 15th for our Holiday Social and I especially want to thank everyone who brought a gift for the boys at The Children's Home in Tampa. I can't thank Carlton Fields and Stephanie Bolton for hosting us at their beautiful office. Ingrid, Stephanie, Rhonda and Cate did an amazing job planning this event! If you missed it, it's a must to attend next year.

We have a busy January coming up. Our Chapter has partnered with the Florida West Coast Chapter of the International Concrete Repair Institute to participate in the kickoff for Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay program. Our organizations will work together through the month of January to help repair a house in West Tampa. The event will end with a final repair day on Friday, January 30th, which will be followed by a block party. This will be a large event that is expecting media coverage and we may even have a NFL player on our repair team on the 30th!

Our January meeting will be on January 5th and there will be a board meeting prior to the general session meeting. We'll begin discussing the golf tournament and our possible bid to host the 2011 Region 3 Forum. I know the meeting comes fast after the holidays but I hope everyone can join us.

We'll see you in the new year!

## JANUARY DINNER MEETING

Monday, January 5, 2009

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

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

Speaker to be Determined ~ Entree Selections are Prime Rib, Salmon or Vegetable Plate

Cost is \$22.50 with Advance Registration no Later than Noon, December 30, 2008

\$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](http://www.NAWICTampa.org)

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

## TAMPA CHAPTER CHARTER MEMBER CELEBRATES 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Francene and Stephen Grivna cordially invites all NAWIC members to join them for a Renewal of Marriage Vows in Celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, Saturday, January 17, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 13312 Cain Rd. in Tampa.



## **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

### **This Month's Member in the Spotlight is Stephanie Smith Trenam, Kemker, Scharf, Barkin, Frye, O'Neill & Mullis, P.A.**



Stephanie Smith is a new member of NAWIC and has been an active member of the Tampa Chapter of NAWIC since earlier this year. Stephanie has really enjoyed her time in the Tampa Chapter and is looking forward to getting more involved with the group.

Stephanie is a litigation attorney at Trenam, Kemker, Scharf, Barkin, Frye, O'Neill & Mullis, P.A. She has been practicing law since 2007 and focuses her practice on general commercial litigation, construction law, and family law. She is active in the American Bar Association, Florida Bar and the Hillsborough County Bar Association.

Stephanie was born and raised in Tampa, Florida. She attended the Academy of the Holy Names from kindergarten through high school. After graduation, Stephanie went on to receive her undergraduate degree in International Economics from the University of Florida, where she was a member of Florida Blue Key and Delta Delta Delta sorority. Stephanie received her Juris Doctorate in May, 2007 from the University of Florida, Levin College of Law

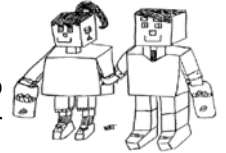
In her free time, Stephanie enjoys watching University of Florida football, reading, and spending time outdoors. Stephanie loves the holidays, and this year all she wanted for Christmas is another Florida Gator National Championship!

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## **BLOCK KIDS COMMITTEE**

### **By Sandra Mclain, Mclain Plumbing & Mechanical**

The Block Kids Program introduces children grades 1 through 6 to the construction industry in an effort to create awareness and promote interest in future careers in the construction industry. The date for our Chapter 36 Block Kids Event is set for January 17, 2009. It will be held at the Wood Valley Boys & Girls Club in Clearwater. The time is set for 9:00 a.m. and should last until approximately 1:00 p.m. We would certainly welcome any Member who might like to participate in our Block Kids event. Also, anyone who is interested in or knows of someone who might like to contribute money, prizes or snacks, they would be most appreciated. We are hoping at this time to have 50 children participate.



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## **ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

### **By Jill Gough, GLE Associates, Inc.**

Our 4th Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd at The Eagles. This is our biggest fundraiser and I am ready to get things rolling. I would like to set our first committee meeting for Wednesday, January 14th at 6:00 p.m. at Sandy Mclain's house. Anyone that wants to help is welcome. Please RSVP to [jgough@gleassociates.com](mailto:jgough@gleassociates.com) by Friday, January 9th so we can get a head count.

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## **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.

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