President's Letter – October 2020



Welcome to our new NAWIC year. I look forward to serving as your President along with the dynamic women that were installed on the board of directors for the 2020-2021. A big thank you to Kara for getting great speakers and taking the meetings virtual when the pandemic shut down in person gatherings. A great big thank you for continuing to host Zoom this year.

Thank you to the women that were able to attend installation at my house on September 23 whether in person or on Zoom. This was the first live meeting since February. It was great to see everyone in person. I look forward to more meetings at my house until we can move inside. We will continue to have the meetings available on Zoom for those that are not ready to meet in person.

Thank you to all those who signed up to chair a committee this year and to those that are helping. If you are interested, you can still sign up to assist. The committee sign up and descriptions are in the newsletter.

There have been many changes due to the pandemic. Our Annual Conference in August went virtual for the first time in NAWIC's 65 years. Our regional Fall Conference October 9 was also virtual. Block Kids was scheduled for January 9, 2021 at the Santa Clara Library. National has decided to move this event to a virtual platform as well. Our Crab Feed has been canceled for January as the Moose Lodge will not host as this time due to the pandemic.

We are looking for other fund raisers to replace the Crab Feed. Misha Homara is chairing the fund raiser committee. We could use a few more volunteers to help with fund raising as we will not have the Crab Feed. If you have any ideas, please contact me or Misha.

This month we will have Sue Fuentes a very dynamic speaker. She is the founder and President of Smart Waste, providing consulting and technical assistance to get companies to zero waste. She has 10 years of experience in the waste and recycling industry. She is also the Vice-Chair of the Women in Clean Tech and Sustainability Organization. Prior to entering this field, she was a teacher.

October 28th – Guest Speaker: Sue Fuentes - Founder and President of Smart Waste
November 18th – Guest Speaker: Evan B. Harris, CCPS® - Financial Advisor & Certified College Planning Specialist
December 9th – Chapter 99 Holiday Party
January TBD – Guest Speaker: Life Coach

Please make sure you exercise your right to vote next month. If you have any input or suggestions for upcoming meetings, I would love to hear about them.

I look forward to seeing you at my house on the 28th at 6:00 PM.

- Laura

Meet your 2020-21 Board of Directors:

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