

Silicon Valley Chapter #99

March 2022

President's Letter

Leading and Building Our Future

HAPPY SPRING NAWIC SISTERS

As we approach the midway point of the year, I look back and we have accomplished a lot. We surpassed our corporate sponsorship goal, gained 10 new members and 1 prior member returned. We started the year in person then switched back to virtual. We are once again going back to in person with the Zoom option.

March started off with WIC Week on Friday March 4 with a virtual Happy Hour. National President Doreen Bartoldus and prior member Arcadia Maximo spoke on their experiences joining the male dominated construction industry and their successes. Saturday March 5 Misha Homara led another bike ride fund raiser at the Cyclebar with proceeds to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank. A report will be given at the March general meeting. I am looking forward to Kara's social event of Bocce Ball on Thursday March 10 at Campo Di Bocci of Los Gatos.

Melissa Berg, Director of Inclusion, Culture and Engagement at Dome Construction, will be speaking on Unconscious Bias this month. Come and discover your own unconscious bias and the limitations it imposes. Then learn how to shift unconscious bias to conscious inclusion within your organization. This will be held at Daley's Drywall and Taping on Wednesday March 24 at 5:45 pm for socializing with the meeting beginning at 6:00 pm. This will be a hybrid meeting so if you cannot attend in person please join us on Zoom.

The nominating committee has been selected for the 2022-2023 NAWIC year. Misha Homara, Marlene O'Donnell and April Vicchrilli will be contacting members to join the Board of Directors/Officers. If you have any questions talk to any current or past directors/officers.

Registration is now opening for the PNW Forum April 7-9, 2022 in Boise, ID. There are two full days of professional development, networking and fun. I have been asked to join the panel for Rebuilding & Revitalizing Your Chapter on Friday. Kayla, Shawna and April will be joining me in Boise for the Forum.

It is award time for NAWIC. You should have all received an application for the 2022 NAWIC Project Excellence Awards due April 15, 2022 and an application for NAWIC 2022 Safety Excellence Award due April 30, 2022. These awards will be presented at Annual Conference in August.

I look forward to seeing you March 23rd at 5:45 pm.

Sincerely

Laura Grabar

President 2021-2022