NAWIC
The National Association of Women in Construction
Silicon Valley, CA

November President Letter



Hello NAWIC Silicon Valley Chapter #99 members,

I want to touch on NAWIC's, core purpose:

"To strengthen and amplify the success of women in the construction industry"

What that means to me is helping women have a voice in an industry where we are only 14% of the workforce. Amazingly, the industry has been around forever, and women only make up a small portion of this industry. The good news is that we were at 10% in 2019 and have grown by 4% in 2022. I feel very confident that women will continue to grow, by engaging, learning, and supporting all women in construction. We have to stick together and collaborate and share what has worked and what hasn't worked. Together we are better!

Two of our Chapters values:

Networking: Both Professionally and Socially – By networking we are collaborating and helping each other with real-life issues professionally and socially. It is always good to surround yourself with good people that have positive vibes. These people help build your confidence by always lifting you up and giving you great feedback.

Professional and Personal Growth – We all have busy lives but without even knowing it you are learning something new all the time. Make it a point to acknowledge at least 2 things a week you have learned. It can be anything - like a new excel trick that makes your job easier, or how long our chapter has been around, or a recipe that makes your family smile, or maybe something new in construction. I challenge you to write it down and go back and reference what you wrote at the end of the month. You will be amazed at what you have learned! You will also be able to share it with others and help them learn.

The October meeting was great. We had the opportunity to go on a site tour at Stanford Health Care. It was a great opportunity to learn about the extra obstacles in healthcare construction.

I am very excited about our November meeting. We are doing MEP Blueprint 101with our very own NAWIC sisters Kara Hermann and Esmeralda Mendoza. These are two awesome women in the construction field.

Before the meeting, we will have a speaker talk to us about The Grateful Garment Project. We are helping their survivors by donating the following needs: Men's hoodies and sweatpants (any size), slippers (all sizes), beanies, washcloths, and men's (all sizes) underwear. These items have to be new. If you can help, please bring these items to our November or December meetings. Giving back to the community is the best way to feel you did something for someone in need.

I hope you all have a great and safe Thanksgiving and enjoy your family and friends!!!

"People are the whole point"

Sincerely,

Angie Ramos, CIT

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