

# Message From Chapter Vice-President



## THE HARD HAT HERALD

Dear NAWIC Members,

Thank you! I'd like to thank each and every one of our members for their involvement, our generous corporate sponsors Bittenbender Construction, LP, Construction Risk Partners, Oliver Fire Protection & Security, and Perryman Construction for their support, and all of our guests and Philadelphia NAWIC supporters this year.

As we get ready to round out the year, I am hopeful that we will continue progressing as we get ready to start the next term in September. Thank you for your vote of confidence in the incoming 2017-2018 Board including Angelina Perryman as President, Allison Calder as Vice President, Mary Gaffney as Treasurer, Angeliqe Hunter as Secretary, Piljo Yae as Immediate Past President, and Directors Kay Fitzgerald, Erin Hoffman, and Lindsay Poulin.

I would also be remiss without congratulating and thanking Piljo Yae for her service to NAWIC Philadelphia for the last 2 years. She has been a pleasure to work with and her leadership and service to the Philadelphia Chapter will not be forgotten.

Some highlights this year included:

- Membership growth!
- MAGIC Camp surpassing last year's donation, student, and volunteer goals!
- We had several successful and exciting events including a jobsite tour of the Bok Building
- WIC Week 2017 including a feature in the Philadelphia Sun
- and great networking opportunities through our events as well.

Don't forget about the following upcoming events

- AMEC Conference in Anaheim, California on August 16 to August 19, 2017.
- NE Regional Fall Conference (Regional Director – Doreen Bartoldus) – November 9<sup>th</sup> thru November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Look forward to seeing you at the **Joint Event with Women in Architecture (WIA)** on 7/21. Visit [www.nawichpl.org/events](http://www.nawichpl.org/events) for more information.

Best,  
**Angelina Perryman** (Chapter Vice-President)

As material for the construction of our building, I pledge the agility of my hands, the ability of my mind, and the integrity of my heart.

### CHAPTER OFFICERS

2016-2017

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Ellen Neylan



*I joined NAWIC to assist in the advancement and empowerment of women in the construction industry and to be an advocate and much needed womenrole model for young girls interested in pursuing a STEM related career.*

## Upcoming Events

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 21ST**  
5pm

Chapter 145 2016-2017 Scholarship Fundraising and Hard Hat Happy Hour

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Story Brewing Company

117 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA

Visit [nawicphl.org/events](http://nawicphl.org/events)

Ellen founded Surety Bond Associates, a surety bond agency and government consulting firm that provides specialty surety bond services and Bonding Assistance Programs to small, minority and women owned contractors designed to eliminate the barriers that prevent them from accessing the financial resources necessary to actively compete in public sector construction. The company is also certified as a Woman Business Enterprise (WBE) with various government agencies.

Surety Bond Associates' consulting business develops and administers Bonding Assistance and Contractor Development Programs for government agencies in an effort to support their diversity and economic development initiatives. These programs build contractor's bonding capacity by providing them with essential tools and skills to eliminate the obstacles created by poor financial planning, enabling them to compete in the construction marketplace.

Surety Bond Associates' contractor development programs have achieved notable acclaim and became the basis for the Surety & Fidelity Association of America's countrywide Model Contractor Development Program. Surety Bond Associates has successfully developed and administered Bonding Assistance Programs for a number of government agencies and is currently the City of New York Department of Small Business Services Bond Readiness Program Consultant.

Prior to launching Surety Bond Associates, Ellen held positions with several major surety companies fulfilling a variety of underwriting, management, business development and operations roles. Ellen has lectured diverse audiences on surety principals and underwriting disciplines, and is an active member of the PA and NJ Chapters of the Surety and Fidelity Association of America.

## UPCOMING NAWIC REGIONAL & NATIONAL EVENTS

### NAWIC AMEC 62<sup>nd</sup>

**When :** August 16-19, 2017

**Where :** Anaheim, CA

### NE Regional Fall Conference

**When :** November 9-11, 2017

**Where :** Anaheim, CA

## MEMBERSHIP

**A big thank you and  
congratulations to NAWIC  
Chapter 145 and its members!  
Let's please welcome our new  
members:**

**Ellen Neylan**

**Kathryn Pettit**

**Please help us maintain this  
positive growth in our  
Chapter by attending events  
and recruiting other hard-  
working ladies for our  
organization!**

## Upcoming Meeting Schedule

**WEDNESDAY JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 5:00 – 8:00**

NAWIC AND WIA (Women in Architecture) Joint Event:

"Penn's Landing Cap and Civic Space Presentation"

Lodge at SummerFest  
101 South Columbus Blvd,  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

What better place to learn about Penn's Landing Cap and Civic Space than at the Delaware Waterfront! Join us for an inside look at Philadelphia's most exciting public land use project, presented by Lizzie Woods of the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation.

DRWC (Delaware River Water Front Corp) is reconnecting Philadelphia to its river's edge with the creation of a transformational new Penn's Landing Cap and Civic Space at the heart of the city's waterfront. There are four key elements of this ambitious project, all of which were conceived as part of the DRWC's Master Plan for the Central Delaware 2012.

The four key elements Lizzie Woods will discuss are:

- A four-acre cap over I-95 and Columbus Blvd. between Walnut and Chestnut St.
- An eight-acre civic space between Walnut and Chestnut
- An architecturally distinctive extension of the South Street Bridge
- The construction of the two mile on-road section of the Delaware River Trail

Visit [nawicphl.org/events](http://nawicphl.org/events) for registration.

# MAGIC CAMP RECAP



## NAWIC - 2017 M.A.G.I.C.\* Camp, Philadelphia, PA

### \*Mentoring A Girl In Construction

In 2009, our chapter began the M.A.G.I.C Camp program for Middle and High school students. The camp was created as a community outreach program targeting girls to kindle their interest in pursuing a construction career. Our first MAGIC camp with Mercy Vocational High School, which attracted around 20-17 girls, was a tremendous success, and the chapter has been sponsoring these camps since then. The camp only continues with the support of NAWIC members and M.A.G.I.C. Camp sponsors. A huge "Thank You" goes out to all the sponsors and supporters of this year's camp. It was our 6th camp since the beginning and it was another success!

Working together with Girls, Inc. of Greater Philadelphia, numerous volunteers from the local construction industry, and our incredible members we were able to provide another free 6 day camp for the girls. Ultimately, the camp allows NAWIC members the chance to meet and mentor young girls in the hopes that they will continue a career in construction.

To provide the girls with a realistic sense of how the construction industry operates, the camp was organized as a hands-on experience. During the week, volunteers from the community, NAWIC members and local unions provided campers with a basic introduction to numerous construction trades. The camp started with some effective team building, self-development exercises and leadership skills facilitated by the amazing women of Girls, Inc

Over the past eight years, M.A.G.I.C has not only introduced many girls to the construction industry, but our organization has been able to grow the number of girls that can attend each year. Such achievements provide validation for all the hard work undertaken by camp sponsors, committees and volunteers. We are so grateful for all they do because we couldn't do them without them; we've really built this camp together. NAWIC may have taken the lead on it, but it really takes the whole community to make this camp work.

Check out the photos at <http://www.nawicphl.org/MAGIC-2017-Photos>

## NAWIC Scholarship Awarded



A big thank you to everyone who helped to support Chapter 145's Scholarship Fund!

The Awards Committee of the NAWIC Founders' Scholarship Foundation (NFSF) met recently to select award recipients for the year 2016-2017.

CONGRATULATIONS to Olivia Birt who attends the Pennsylvania School of Technology. Olivia was chosen to receive the Eleanor K Buckley Memorial Scholarship from the NAWIC Philadelphia, PA Chapter #145.

**[Thank you to CONSTRUCTION RISK PARTNERS for their generous 2017-2018 Chapter scholarship donation!](#)**

Please visit  
<http://www.nawicphl.org/scholarship>  
to donate.

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<http://www.nawicphl.org/2017-Camp-Sponsors>

NAWIC Chapter 145 is incredibly grateful to its sponsors. Without them, many of our events would not be possible! Should your company ever be interested in sponsoring an event (partially or completely) please contact any of your Chapter officers! Thank you for your continuing and generous support promoting Women in Construction!

# JULY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	<b>19</b> NAWIC and WIC Joint Event: Penn's Landing Cap and Civic Space Presentation	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5