Happy Spring NAWIC members, associates, corporate sponsors, friends, and family! Although we have had unusual weather for this time of year in Fresno, all those familiar with the central valley will appreciate these cooler days as a reprieve of what will be in store for the coming summer months.

Our Fresno Chapter 108 Annual Spring Luncheon (It Figures) on May 4th, was once again our showcase event. Our Spring Luncheon Committee, Donna Shepherd, Jamie Ohanesian and Caryn Wiser, delivered such a spectacular event, with people still talking about it. From the superb violinist, Patrick Contreras, to the delicious catered meal by Food for Thought and the wonderful raffle prizes, this year's event was really something great to partake in. A huge thank you to all committee members and NAWIC members that helped the day of in putting together such an awesome Spring Luncheon!

Clovis High School’s Careers in Technology and Education (CTE) Program honored their high school students on Thursday, May 16th. They invited me to partake in their awards ceremony by presenting one of their graduating senior students with the WIC Week donation presented previously during our March Recognition Night. It was such an honor, representing NAWIC Fresno Chapter 108, and recognizing all the hard work, dedication and effort these young adults put into the construction program at their high school.

The month of June is our Election month for our chapter. If you have ever considered serving on the Board as an Officer, serving on the Board as a Director, or just participating in any of our varied committees, please feel free to ask me or anyone else currently serving on the Board any questions you may have.

Our June 13th Tour/General Membership Meeting will include a site tour by Karen McCaffrey, Vice President of McCaffrey Homes, of the impressive McCaffrey Homes’ Tesoro Viejo development.

The July 11th General Membership Meeting will feature Ms. Tinnah Medina, AIA, LEED, AP, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management at CSU Fresno. She will be speaking on the current and future major and minor capital projects that are in the horizon at Fresno State. What a treat to hear about future construction plans for our college community!

August 8th will be another exciting General Membership Meeting, featuring Ms. Kerri Donis, Fire Chief of the City of Fresno Fire Department. Chief Donis recently held a workshop for young females wanting to experience some of the physical duties of a firefighter, in order to promote women in the male dominated field of firefighting. Fire Chief Donis’ promotion of women in this industry will be one topic you will not want to miss out on. Also, if you would like to see her interview by Eyewitness News 47 on Girlpower, please visit the following link to get a sneak peak on her discussion at our meeting: https://www.yourcentralvalley.com/community/franchises/girl-power-highlighting-fire-chief-kerri-donis/1897334746

Thank you,

Janelle Romo – President, Fresno Chapter 108
Last month I forgot to mention that Janelle and Donna attended the Spring Forum in Seattle. Donna’s mom, Judy, went with them, and Donna and Judy spent a couple of extra days up there checking out the area. One of the places they went to was The Butchart Gardens in Victoria, BC. What a beautiful place.

It’s May! It is supposed to be sunny and warm. What is it with this weather? Hope everyone had a great May Day.

Our Spring Luncheon was held on Saturday, May 4th – what a great event and fun time. Hope all enjoyed the hard work that Donna, Jamie and Caryn put into it.

Carolyn and Doug attended the Arabian Night Traditional Belly Dance at the Mediterranean with Cory Zamora and her students.

Donna, with her mom and friends, went to Kliszewski Glass to create designer glass-blown Easter eggs.

Grandma Janelle and Grandpa Dave welcomed his daughter’s baby, Amelia. Trust me – seems there is nothing more special than a grandchild. Janelle, tighten your wallet!

Pauline did a presentation on succulents for her Leads of North Fresno group one Thursday morning. Succulents are such an easy plant to care for – you just need to know what you can and can’t do to them.

Asha’s husband Will, created a rustic potting bench for her. Of course, Asha prepared the plans and specifications of what exactly she wanted. Good you for Asha – it is beautiful!

Elena enjoyed spending Mother’s Day with her Mom. Hope all you ladies got to spend Mother’s Day the way you wished.

Carolyn spent Mother’s Day in San Diego with her sister-in-law Marsha and her friend Leah, attending a play at the Ocean Beach Playhouse & Theatre. Then on Monday, she went to the San Diego Zoo with her lifelong friend (and maid-of-honor 44 years ago) Pam.

Asha and her Hālau Hula I Ka Lā - Hula Studio friends danced at a Clovis dinner event. Seems like she is always having fun dancing.

Carolyn, being a Fresno Chaffee Zoo docent, along with other docents, Tamara and Charlie, spent Saturday afternoon at Inspiration Park for the Habitat for Humanity’s Inspiration for Humanity event.

That’s it for this month, folks. Please send me your events – it’s fun to share.
Chapter Members’ Activities
NAWIC Pacific Northwest Region Forum Report by Janelle Romo
April 11-13, 2019

I attended the NAWIC Pacific Northwest Region Forum April 11-13, 2019 in Seattle Washington. The Agenda was filled with excitement from Day 1 of the event. Thursday, April 11th the Spokane Chapter treated us all with a tour of the infamous Space Needle! That historic and iconic structure proved every bit of spectacular and I was not disappointed! This being my first time to Seattle, Washington, it was such a treat to visit such a magnificent landmark. The tour included a Happy Hour and a wonderful video of the history and renovation of the Space Needle. It was a wonderful time with all those that were in attendance. After the Space Needle Tour, I attended the President’s Meeting with Director Lauline Mitchell. She reviewed our Chapter Leadership goals in addition to handing out our Chapter Leadership/Committee Update for the 2019-2020 Year. It was very informative to listen to the other PNW Chapter Presidents in attendance and their ideas and philosophies on membership retainage and recruitment, what worked for some but not necessarily conducive for other smaller chapters. Friday evening also welcomed us all to a nightcap reception in the hotel’s bar lounge where we mixed and mingled with our NAWIC Sisters from other chapters.

I was selected by Director Lauline Mitchell to be the Secretary for the PNW Spring Forum. I can honestly say it was a very rewarding experience. Taking notes throughout the business meeting on Friday, April 12th as well as being an integral part of the entire process, was one of the best experiences I have had in my NAWIC career. I was able to see first-hand the processes, protocols, and the hard work of the Puget Sound Chapter and Regional committee members run a successful and eventful Forum. I thoroughly enjoyed our keynote opening speaker, Alisha Valavanis, General Manager & President of the Seattle Storm Professional Women’s Basketball Team. She was joined by Becki Ashbaugh who serves as the legal guide for the team. Alisha imparted many words of wisdom to the audience and what I took from her extremely motivational speech was to “Find what Motivates others then Communicate this to them.” That encouragement and belief in others will go a long way towards the success of not only them but of the entire Team.

Two other speakers joined us; Katie Trimpé with Turner Construction – her focus was on Business Development and Building Relationships, and Amber McAteer with Starbucks and her discussion on Safety on Site: A Global Company Perspective. Both gave vital perspective on what much of the group deal with daily in the construction industry.

During lunch we were treated to special housing programs for the Homeless initiated by the Low Income Housing Institute. We were given a presentation of the Tiny House Communities in Seattle and neighboring cities and how our Industry is giving back to the homeless in need of shelter and rehabilitation.

Our national candidates were invited to present their candidacy, the SOA was presented from mid-year board as well as the strategic plan update and the region fund update. Invitation to the Annual Meeting this year in Atlanta, Georgia was presented with a brief itinerary.

We ended our day with a of four women that presented on Women Supporting Women in the Trades. The panelists were: Melinda Nichols with Low Income Housing Institute, Women4Women Tiny Houses, Seattle City College; Megan Clark with Apprenticeship & Non-Traditional Employment for Women; Krishna Richardson Daniels with PACT at the Wood Technology Center; and Sam Schultz with Sawhorse Revolution. The panel was moderated by Kabli Lehrman-Schmid with Hensel Phelps. The discussion on Women in the Trades was one of the most informative I have ever attended. I realized how under-represented we are in the trades field and how we are still trying to establish the equality for fair and equal treatment of our women in the Trades. We are slowly chipping away at this inequality; however, there remains a considerable difference in the pay rate for women in the trades field.

The “Springtime in Paris” Champagne Soiree & Awards Banquet Friday evening was lovely with the theme of cherry blossoms and the Eifel Tower at each table. Fresno Chapter 108 was awarded 3rd Place in the Regional Block Kids Competition with our 1st Place Winner.

Our Saturday morning kicked off with an awesome presentation by Dr. Mittie Cannon on “Diversity, Equity & Inclusion”. She touched on her past experiences and how she never gave up in an all male dominated field working as an electrical trades woman in the industry. Dr. Mittie Cannon has also created her own workforce development of her company “Power Up, Inc.” geared towards young grade-school aged girls and exposing them to the career opportunities out in our vast industry. Currently Dr. Mittie Cannon has taken this endeavor to five different states across the nation.

Our National reports were delivered by Jill Hanson, NAWIC National Secretary on behalf of our National President, Dove Sifers-Putman, CBT.

Our day continued with interesting presentations on “Topography Captured by Drone” by Lis Cowen and Rob Hartle with Goodfellow Bros and Mike Brewington with BREWPHOTO who has captured magnificent shots of Construction projects with his use of drone technology. “LEAN Principles” as presented by Lindsay York with Southland Industries was definitely something I will implement in any future projects I have with my company. Our closing presentation by Maria Boyer with MacDonald Miller on her rise to the top in her company was inspirational and her career struggles were something we could all relate to on one level or another.

Thank you, Fresno Chapter 108 for the opportunity to attend such a wonderful Spring Forum. I encourage all members to think about attending our future Forums and Annual Conference, which will be held this year on August 21-24 in Atlanta, Georgia. There will be topics and educational seminars such as, “Diversity Matters”, “Say What? Get Your Boss to Listen to You!”, and “How to Identify and Improve Your Conflict Management Style”, just to name a few. If interested, please let me know.

Janelle Romo
NAWIC Fresno Chapter 108 - President
This building is over 850 years old, and was built on a small island called the Île de la Cité, in the middle of the Seine River. Even without prevailing wage provisions, construction began in 1163, during the reign of King Louis VII, and was completed in 1345. With a height of 226 feet, it was the tallest structure in Paris until the completion of the Eiffel Tower in 1889, and served as the location for the crowning of kings and Napoleon.

Q1 — What is the name of the structure?
Q2 — What is the English translation of the building’s name? (Answers on Page 11)
Committees

**Audit:** Pauline McIntosh, CCA, CIT, Carolyn Mooradian, CCA, CIT & Deanna Spencer

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**Bylaws:** Marilyn Camin, CIT & Deanna Spencer

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**Industry Liaison:** Janelle Romo

**Innovation:** TBD

**Member/Future Leader of the Year:** Janelle Romo, Pat Krueger, Donna Marie Shepherd, Teri Sherron & Caryn Wiser

**Membership:** Donna Marie Shepherd

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**Newsletter:** Pauline McIntosh, CCA, CIT

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**PNW Fall Conference:** Teri Sherron, Marilyn Camin, CIT, Pauline McIntosh, CCA, CIT, Carolyn Mooradian, CCA, CIT, Janelle Romo, Donna Marie Shepherd & Deanna Spencer

**Professional Development & Education (PD&E)/Speakers:** TBD

**Recognition Dinner:** Elena Nuño & Janelle Romo

**Reservations:** Yolanda Santos

**Safety & Health:** TBD

**Scholarship:** Marilyn Camin, CIT

**Social Media, PR & Marketing:** Elena Nuño & Janelle Romo

**Spring Luncheon:** Donna Marie Shepherd, Jamie Ohanesian & Caryn Wiser

**Sunshine:** Carolyn Mooradian, CCA, CIT

**Website:** Elena Nuño

**WIC Week:** Janelle Romo & Donna Marie Shepherd

Please contact committee chairs if you are interested in joining any of these committees.

Chapter Plan Ahead

**Thu., June 13 — Tour/General Membership Meeting**

Site Tour: Karen McCaffrey, Vice President, McCaffrey Homes

Overview of McCaffrey Homes’ Tesoro Viejo development.

**Thu., July 11 — General Membership Meeting**

Speaker: Tinnah Medina, AIA, LEED, AP, CSUF Associate VP for Facilities Management

Overview of Fresno State projects.

**Thu., August 8 — General Membership Meeting**

Speaker: Kerri L. Donis, Fire Chief

Overview of the City of Fresno Fire Department.

**Wed., August 21 - Sat., August 24 — 2019 Annual Conference**

Atlanta, GA ~ Marriott Marquis

More details to follow.

**Thu., September 12 — General Membership Meeting**

Program: Installation of Officers

**Fri., October 25 - Sat., October 26 — PNW Fall Conference 2019**

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