

Welcome to our November copy of the HARD H AT newsletter. This time of year, with the changing of the seasons and cooler weather, always makes me stop and reflect on all that I am thankful for and all I have to bless others with. I am thankful to have a great job in the Construction Industry . I am also blessed to be able to serve beside so many women who have a passion for our industry and for helping others to succeed as well. It is all about being there for each other in good times and in difficult times. We are a special group of ladies with *Skills, Strengths and Specialties* that are valuable to the Construction world around us. We do make a difference.

I have to say I am thankful for all my Committee Chairs and their committee members. I know they have been hard at work planning their events, from the Block Kids to CAD Drafting to WIC Week. The behind the scenes committees such as the Standing Rules and Guidelines and the newly formed Strategic Plan committee, as well as our finances audit committee have been working diligently to complete their assigned tasks. All the women who participate in these committees are what makes our chapter successful. Consider joining in and adding your *Skills, Strengths and Specialties* to a committee of your choice.

Speaking of successful, October was full of activities that enriched us in many ways. We were honored to host the Region 12 Annual Planning Conference at the Bahia Hotel on Mission Bay. Women from all over our region came to learn and visit with fellow NAWIC Sisters. We also were able to surprise Director Ellen Colglazier for her birthday.

The Mentoring Committee hosted the 3rd annual Chocolate Social at CTA. This is where we bring together the Ladies of CTA their teachers and advisors, the Mentoring SDSU students and their assistant professor, and members of our NAWIC Mentoring Committee. We had almost the entire female population of CTA attend the social. It is a time of getting acquainted and reacquainted after the summer break. There was excitement in the air as we visited and talked about what the new year will bring.

Finally, the Continuing Education committee arranged a tour of the Burnham Institute for Medical Research as a way to honor National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We were able to donate towards this worthwhile cause. A special thanks to this hard working committee. I know that they have a lot more in store for us as the year progresses.

As we move into the Holiday Season, look around you for ways in which you can make a difference. We are so fortunate and we have so much to share. It might be just a kind word or an offer of your services. Remember to count your blessings and be thankful for all that we have.

I hope to see you all next month at the **Crowne Plaza** in Hotel Circle for our Holiday Party on December 8th. We will once again have our silent auction so bring all those re-gifting items and unwanted gadgets. We will be having a donation drive and a bake sale and there are festivities planned for a fun filled evening.

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