

The first month of 2010 is behind us and it was a very busy month for a lot of us.

Our January General Membership meeting on the 12th gave us a glimpse of what the *Engineers With-out Borders* are working on. We also learned of all the building projects that are taking place and planned for the near future with the San Diego Community College District.

Myrna Taylor, Pat Brown and I attended the Region 12 Winter Conference on the 23rd in Arcadia which was hosted by the San Gabriel Valley Chapter #110. We had a great time networking with fellow NAWIC members from around our Region. We also heard from candidates running NATIONAL office positions for the 2010-2011 year. A full report on the Winter Conference is within this edition of the HARD HAT.

We ended the month on January 30th with our Block Kids contest. Leslie Cruz and Deanna De Los Reyes did a wonderful job of finding a perfect venue to showcase the event at the Toby Wells YMCA in Kearny Mesa. It was so great to watch all those little minds hard at work creating their construction projects. It must have been hard for the judges to choose among the many participants as I saw some very interesting and outstanding works of art. In the end, they narrowed their selections to a space docking station for third place, a truck patterned after one seen at the event for second place, and finally, a solar power plant for first place, who just happened to be my very own grandson, Jordan Haney. (No, there was no politics here as none of the judges knew me personally or that Jordan was my grandson.) Look for pictures of the event elsewhere in the newsletter. Please be sure to ask Deanna or Leslie about their experience of putting on the Block Kids. Perhaps you will want to get involved and help out next year. We have been invited back to the Toby Wells YMCA to hold the Block Kids Event there next year. They are very excited about NAWIC and even have other programs are interested in having us participate in. What a great place to open up the eyes of young people to the world of construction.

February looks to be busy as well with our General Membership meeting on the 9th and Scholarship fun-raiser on the 26th at the Mira Mesa Bowl. See Pat Brown for more information on that event.

Finally, February is a month we associate with love, friendships and relationships. Don't forget to include NAWIC in that category. We are here to encourage and support each other, to be there for each other. Embrace each other as NAWIC sisters and take some time to get to know your fellow members. Invite someone to lunch or for coffee. See if there is some way you can share your *Skills, Strengths* or *Specialties* with others.

Don't forget that March 7th through the 13th is WIC Week

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