

Welcome to the New Year 2010! I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Season full of family and friends, love and good cheer.

This is a time of year when we tend to make resolutions for the coming year. I don't make resolutions because, as we all know, they are made to be broken. But I do like to take stock of the past year and look forward to the new. What were the accomplishments and where could I have stepped up a little. While I do not make resolutions, I do like to set goals. These can be both short and long range.

As I look back on my personal year, I can say I met my goal of passing the CDS tests. While this was not easy, and yes, like most people I had to take one of the tests twice, there was satisfaction in knowing I have increased my knowledge of the Construction Documents used in our industry.

My near range goal for the New Year is to pass the new CCB test. Even though I have worked in the Accounting sector for many years, it is always surprising what there is to learn about the subject. So I find myself delving into the Construction Bookkeeper textbook, picking up those gems which will help me meet that goal of being a Certified Construction Bookkeeper.

My year long goal is to serve our Chapter prudently as President. I am here to support and encourage our members who are committed to our many programs, from Block Kids to Cad Drafting to WIC Week or Mentoring. I am also here for you regardless of what committee you do or do not serve on. Each and every one of you is important to our Chapter. As the saying goes, we are only as strong as our weakest link. So I am here to support and encourage and to help you grow in your personal careers as well as within our NAWIC sisterhood.

My long term goal is to see our NAWIC Chapter continue on its path of recognition as a leader within the Construction Industry. It is encouraging to me when I see how we are recognized as the "go to" organization for women owned businesses or for soliciting career opportunities. We are important to the industry and we need to hold ourselves to that higher level. Remember, it really is all about *Building upon our Skills, Strengths and Specialties*.

So as we venture forth into the New Year, I wish you all the best in your personal and professional lives. Set your goals, both short and long term and then strive towards them. We are all here to help you meet them.

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