



At our February meeting the following new members were installed: Elaine Arrieta – Arrieta Construction, Inc., Mary Strong – REW Corporation, Ericka Volk – Clements Painting & Wallpapering of Tidewater

30 members and 7 guests were present. A quorum has been established. The guests were as follows: Speaker – Rob Camlin – Associated Builders & Contractors, Ed Brideau – Roof Services Corp., Kara Browning – American Heart Association, Ilona Webb-Bruner, Susan G. Komen for the cure, Lauren Saich – Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Raquel Arrieta – Arrieta Construction, and Fadi Debbas, PE – ABC Consulting, Inc.

Associated Builders and Contractors provided our chapter with Training information / programs they have to offer relative to the construction industry. NAWIC members will receive the ABC member price in conjunction with our partnership with their organization. We also showed our support to the American Heart Association program of Go Red for Women, members who wore red to our meeting made a \$5.00 donation to the American Heart Association, we donated \$130.00 dollars to Kara Blake Browning, Director Corporate Relation of the American Heart Association. We were provided information about women's health and the signs to look for relative to heart attacks in women. February we completed our 12th year of Block Kids competition at the Pendleton School, great job to all the Block Kids Committee chairs and members. The children that participate in our Block Kids competition prepare a week prior to the event, drawing up their plans, making decisions on what 3 extra materials will be required to make their project stand out. A very big thank you to the 5 judges this year that took time out to work with us on this program. The highlight of the event is when the children get to go outside and climb into both the dump truck provided by Brascon and the concrete truck provided by Titian. The Block Kids Committee is working with Pendleton on providing our program twice a year. What a great way to introduce the construction industry to young children. March is a good month in NAWIC. The WIC Week Committee has put together numerous events for the week of March 7th through March 13th that will provide all the members an opportunity to attend. Start with expanding your knowledge with a lunch and learn session or the opportunity to share your knowledge of the construction industry with young women in high school, maybe join us on a job site tour and /or enjoy the hard hat happy hour to network and support the Community benefits committee. We also get to help young ladies in the girl's scouts earn their Ms. Fix-it badge and empower them with the knowledge that young ladies can do anything they set their minds to do. What a great job the WIC Week Committee did putting together such great programs for us this year. Don't forget NAWIC 101 will be presented at the March meeting.

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