



## Central California Coast Chapter 174



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### Important Dates

#### Board Meeting

November 2

Members welcome

#### General Meeting

November 16—Shaaron  
Bangs, LLP "Mechanics Liens"

**Call Donna: 805-260-5782**

#### Annual Foster Teen Christmas

Bag Stuffing / Pot Luck /

Gift Exchange

December 7

#### Board Meeting

January 4

Members Welcome

#### General Meeting

January 18

The Solis Group—Labor  
Compliance

#### Region 12

Winter Conference

January 29—Las Vegas

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and NAWIC friends,

Five members from our chapter enjoyed a well-run, interesting and very entertaining Annual Planning Conference which was hosted by the Orange County Chapter and held at the Embassy Suites in Brea.

Thank you, Orange County, for all your work to achieve a very memorable event!

The fall brings us to the time of year when we remember to give thanks for our friends, our loved ones, our health and with the faith that the future will bring us an improved economy and renewed jobs to our community.

This month we inducted our newest member, Wynette Winkler, who works at Cal Poly. Welcome, Wynette. You are encouraged to get involved with your chapter because I guarantee you'll have fun as you get to know the other members.

Our good friend, Shaaron Bangs, will be sharing what you'll need to know about the upcoming changes in mechanics' lien laws that will go into effect and how to be prepared at our November dinner meeting. This is critical information for our contractors and you won't want to miss it.

MAGIC Camp 2010! Our video of the camp is now on YouTube for your viewing and sharing with your friends. A quick way to search it is just to go into our chapter website at

[nawiccentralcoast.com](http://nawiccentralcoast.com)

and it's on the Home Page.

Denise Riegel, CIT, found a very smart and talented young lady, Brandy Machado, a high school senior from Lompoc High School, who's now attending Harvard, to film and make our videos.

During this next NAWIC year, I am honored to be serving you with an outstanding board of directors. These ladies are not only talented, but they are energetic and willing to volunteer their time to grow and enrich our chapter: Encourage them as often as you can.

*Joan Hertel, CIT*



CCC Chapter reps From L: Denise, Jimmie, Joan, Lori, Donna fronting 'King Tut's sarcophagus' at APC—Brea, CA

# Meetings / Events / Happenings

## October General Membership Meeting



Keynote Speaker Terri Ikeda,  
Pink Tool Belts



Donna won the gloves and tool  
belt donated by Terri Ikeda!



Welcome to Lony Castillo, Alberta Puerta and Roni  
Padilla



From L:  
Jackie  
Gardner,  
Kristine  
Mollenkopf,  
and Corri  
Perry

### Meeting Highlights

- \* Heather Gray won the First Responder's Award
- \* Wynette Winkler, Cal Poly, was initiated as a new member
- \* Yolanda Clark donated a basket of Jaffra Cosmetic products for our Ways and Means raffle at APC for our Foster Teens Christmas bags
- \* Terri Ikeda presented a fascinating talk and showed amazing pictures of her trip to Kenya to build homes for widowed mothers.
- \* Jane Kokkinakis asked for donations for our Teen Christmas bags
- \* First time guest raffle won by Melanie Signorelli of Smith Electric
- \* Donna Castaneda, CIT, won a Pink Tool Belt and gloves donated by Terri Ikeda



New member, Wynette Winkler and  
Board Secretary Melanie Smith, CIT



Treasurer Denise Riegel, CIT



Heather Gray  
with her guest,  
Nancy Hessel-  
stine



Smith representatives from L: Donna Michaud, Cathy  
Atkins and Melanie Signorelli

## November Birthdays

Joan Hertel, CIT—8th  
Denise Riegel, CIT—16th  
Donna Castaneda, CIT—26th



*Happy Birthday, NAWIC  
Stars!*

## Membership Report

October 2010

*Donna Castaneda, CIT*

We started out our new year with a bang. We saw some new faces and extend a warm welcome to guests Jackie Gardner with Halsell Builders, Nancy Hesselstine with Thoma Electric and Roni Padilla with Touch of Class Tile.

A pat on the back to Heather Gray and Frances Talmadge for bringing guests!

We also welcome back the familiar faces of Lony Castillo, Donna Michaud, Birdie Puerta and Melanie Signorelli, all of whom are my fellow employees at Smith Electric. Also, we welcome back Kathleen Snell with Halsell Builders.

Wynette Winkler with Cal Poly was initiated by my lovely assistant, Melanie Smith, CIT, with E&J Electric. Welcome to CCC #174, Wynette!

We also welcome another new member, Jimmie Shetters with World Construction Services. She has been a member of NAWIC for many years and is also a past Region 12 Director. She's hoping to attend the December 7 Christmas party.

I will wait a few months before posting the Bring-A-Guest Contest standings. So, everyone, get on the phone/email and invite someone to our November meeting. Shaaron Bangs is going to have valuable information to share and this would be a great way to introduce someone to the educational benefits of belonging to our organization.

## 'Strut Your Stuff'

(Denise Riegel, CIT)



Morning of 449th Bomber Group Registration  
4/8/2010

I Tutor in the Adult Reading Program at the Lompoc Library in addition to my NAWIC membership and all of the fun adventures that go along with it. But, my favorite passion right now is for the WWII Veterans who I get to meet as a member of my Dad's WWII Bomber Group Association. My Dad passed away 5 years ago and my sisters and I attended our first 449th bomber group reunion to honor Dad. Now, I am entrenched in the 2nd generation group of the association by helping plan the reunions that are held every 1-1/2 years. I've attended reunions in Rapid City, SD and Washington, DC. The next adventure is in Reno in September 2011. There is a lot of work leading up to and during a 4-day event attended by over 250 people, and we go all out for 4 full days.

There are over 700 veterans who are members of the association. The one thing they all have in common is that they all served in Grottaglie, Italy, flying or supporting B-24 bombers during bombing raids over Europe between December 1943 to April 1945. What a great opportunity to meet so many of the wonderful, humble people who make up our Greatest Generation. It is such an honor to get to know each and every one of these men personally and share their wartime stories—funny, happy and sad. As most of these men are 87 and 88 years old, time is ticking away to gather as much first-hand information as possible.

I love my wonderful times with my NAWIC sisters and the great feeling of helping someone help themselves as a Tutor, but my heart is soaring so high when I spend time with "my vets".

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## Annual Planning Conference October 23, 2011, Brea, California



Janice Ramsay-Gonzales,  
2010-2012 Region 12 Director



Region 12 Chapter Presidents  
and Director Janice Ramsay-Gonzales



Janene Benjamin, Dev. Mgr, Special  
Events St Joseph's Hospital Foundation



Mary Ellen Ledbetter—Past National President, Past Region 12 Director



Nicole Meggerson de Martinez, Region Membership Chair and her mates give out gold doubloons of yummy chocolate



Jimmie Shetters  
and Lori Kruger



Denise Riegel, CIT



Joan Hertel, CIT

Green Walls! Green Stalls! Less Gas!  
More Grass!

Forum 2011—'Plan-It Green' —Be There!



Las Vegas invites us  
to Winter Conference in January



Keynote Speakers from  
Clark Construction