

NAWIC

National Association of Women in Construction

Colorado Springs Chapter 356 - Region 8
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What an exciting adventure to attend the 52nd Annual NAWIC Convention in Orlando, Florida! Linda, Dodi, Diane and I attended the Welcome Party – Caribbean style! The entire room was decorated with palm trees and a wonderful buffet. We also had the opportunity to meet with Charter Member, Kate Munoz!

Thursday morning was the Annual Meeting followed by speaker Vicki Hitzges. Vicki impressed us so much that Linda Champlin-Frank and I attended two more of her seminars that same afternoon! The seminar I found to be most rewarding was “Jazz Them Up and Turn Them Loose”. *Carhartt for Women* held a fashion show during lunch featuring NAWIC models of all sizes. Presidents Training completed the day and the evening was a trip to Downtown Disney for shopping and dinner with Region 8 members.

Friday morning I attended seminars with Marion York as the speaker. “You Win and Lose With the Words You Choose” and “Think on Your Feet”. Both were very enlightening and valuable information for NAWIC, work and family life. It still amazes me that others seem to have the same problems I do! Marion has a website that you might enjoy: www.mywordpower.com.

Friday afternoon was free time and it was spent meeting both old and new friends. If you ever have the opportunity, please consider attending the next National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. What a thrill to see what has happened to our industry across the nation and how different NAWIC members are dealing with the challenges of the construction industry.

Linda and I attending a workshop on Forum Workshop Saturday morning hosted by President-Elect Pat McDonald. What a delightful speaker and we are thrilled that Pat will be at our 2008 Forum in Colorado Springs. I also attended the NEF class explaining the new and updated classes and certifications offered by NAWIC. Saturday night was the Crystal Vision gala with the installation of our new National Officers. What a group of women we have to represent us on a national level. Jeanne Robertson was the speaker for the evening and had the entire crowd in stitches.

I am certainly looking forward to the 53rd convention!