



Region 14 | Sue-Ellen Stoddard, CIT

Number 1 of Rhode Island, Chapter #52, is one of Region 14's largest chapters, in one of our smallest states doing the business of NAWIC. Lead by current Chapter President, Mary Brimer-Alba, it is proud to be celebrating its 50th anniversary during WIC week on March 7, 2011 in Providence, R.I. This chapter annually participates in both the Block Kids and CAD Competitions and has a partnership agreement with the Rhode Island Commission on Women and the R.I. Minority Business Enterprise Commission. Together they established the first girls in non-traditional trades event.

This chapter has proudly given us five past Region Directors. The most recent past Director from R.I. was Judi Baxter, serving from 2006-2008. Region 14's current WIC Week Chairperson is Pamela House. She is a Past President and current Director of Number 1 of Rhode Island. Pamela is a great advocate of both NAWIC and of women's roles in the construction industry, and has been an active chapter member since 1992. It is no surprise that the newest members of this chapter have taken up her lead in supporting NAWIC, and mentoring its future leaders.

This year, I asked Number 1 of Rhode Island Chapter Secretary, Carol O'Donnell, to co-chair the membership committee for the region. She recently had a booth at the Rhode Island Home Show Exposition showcasing her business. She generously set aside space in her booth to support NAWIC. With the help of fellow Chapter member and Chapter Director, Virginia Bragger, they spent the Home Show promoting NAWIC and the values of a NAWIC membership. I commend and thank these ladies for not only carrying on the tradition of their Chapter, but the purpose of NAWIC. Great job ladies!

I know you may have met, or will meet, these exceptional women at Regional and National events. Their commitment, promotion and support of NAWIC objectives and goals, are admirable and inspirational.

