



Metro's Professional Women in Building (PWB)
July/August 2023 - Newsletter Greetings!
"Continue the Build" for 2023!
"Women in Construction ... You Betcha!"



Happy Sumer - Message from Metro's PWB Committee
Council Chair Linda Garvey - Coppola Brothers LLC:

Happy Summer! July already, I do hope you have been enjoying the start to summer despite all the rain we have had lately. Summer time at Metro starts to slow down toward mid-to-end of July through August. September starts things off with PWB hosting and coordinating the annual **"Grillin & Chillin BBQ"** at the *Raritan Inn in Califon*. We will also pay tribute to women in the construction industry. The NAHB PWB salutes women with their **"Women in Building Week"** from September 11-15 this year in our industry. Please come join in the celebration!



[Event List | Metropolitan Builders & Contractors Association of New Jersey \(metrobc.org\)](#)

<i>Day/Date/Time</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Location</i>
September 14th Time: 4:00 to 8:00 PM NAHB Professional Women in Building Month – We will be celebrating women in Construction tonight as well!	Grillin & Chillin BBQ PWB will be coordinating and hosting this event, SAVE THE DATE!	 RARITAN INN Raritan Valley Inn 526 County Rd 513, Califon, NJ 07830 Grillin & Chillin - Sep 14, 2023 (metrobc.org)
Tuesday, October 24th Time: 4:00 to 6:00 PM	Latest Trends in Closet Design SAVE THE DATE!	CALIFORNIA CLOSETS® 4 Gardner Road, Fairfield, NJ 07004 PWB Happy Hour - Oct 24, 2023 (metrobc.org)
Tuesday, November 28 Time: 4:00 to 6:00 PM Food Drive for Local Pantry. Partner with Metro Sales and Marketing Council	Happy Holiday Happy Hour SAVE THE DATE!	 1402 Route 10, Hanover, NJ 07981 Phone: (862) 242-2750 PWB Happy Hour - Nov 28, 2023 (metrobc.org)

May General Membership Meeting – The Metro Sales and Marketing (SMC) Council, run by **Todd Smith of Royce Joseph Capital LLC**, hosted our GMM meeting at **The Boonton Station Restaurant**. We heard from several politicians, one was **Assemblywoman Aura Dunn, 25th Legislative District**. What a treat it was to have a female state representative with us!



NAHB Leadership Conference – June 13-17, 2023 – Each year, the NAHB brings together local HBA's from across the country and gives them an opportunity to meet with our legislative officials to discuss the concerns as they pertain to the construction and remodeling industry in their state. All National Councils host events as well as other valuable sessions for its members. I had the pleasure of meeting the current National PWB Chair, Meg Thompson and her team along with the past Chair, Teri Everhart. **Metro Members who attended Conference were: Karen Adamsbaum; Dave Bernardino; Linda Garvey; Andrea LoMonaco; Tammy Murray; Hasnain Nasar; Geraldine Smith; Alan Archuleta, NAHB Chairman of the Remodelers Council.**





Left Photo: Linda Garvey, Metro PWB Council Chair; Meg Thompson, NAHB PWB Council Chair

Right Photo: Teri Everhart, Past NAHB PWB Council Chair; Linda Garvey, Metro PWB Council Chair



Award of Excellence - Metro held its Award of Excellence (AOE) on Wednesday, June 14th at the Hanover Manor. It was a great evening run by

Kristie Veri (Cleanscape Construction and PWB Member) and Franz Laki (SESI Engineering). PWB Member, Geeta Trikha (Anjali & Associates), was on the committee too. Congratulations to PWB Members and companies/associations: Geraldine Smith (All Inclusive Construction); Ken Fox (Fox Architectural Design, PC) and Linda Garvey (Coppola Brothers LLC) on their awards.





Metro Sales and Marketing Council – Hosted their June meeting at the IHOP in Cedar Knolls where Council Chair, Todd Smith continued to discuss information from the marketing series he conducts. Great turnout, great discussion. Join Todd next month at IHOP on July 19th from 8:30 to 10:00 AM!



NAHB National Sales & Marketing Council



New Metro PWB Member Gay Hotalen - WELCOME!

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Gay D. Hotalen-gayh@sphereconstructioncorp.com-Sphere Construction Group LLC- Office Administrator: Gay started her career at Sphere Construction a year and a half ago. Gay graduated from Kean University in Union NJ with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and then went on to Seton Hall University to obtain a Master's Degree in Counseling. Gay has worked in Healthcare for 45 years prior to taking this position at Sphere Construction. Gay enjoys the industry of construction and loves what Sphere Construction offers in the industry. Sphere Construction diversified capabilities have allowed us to successfully complete many projects ranging from office buildings, warehouses, and shopping centers to medical buildings, banks, banquet facilities, multifamily housing, and a host of retail tenant fit

ups including major rehabilitation and conversion of entire buildings.

In addition to working for Sphere Construction, Gay and Tom Vitiello have also started Sun Valley Wellness Counseling Center in Denville, NJ. We offer a broad range of therapy and counseling services to adults and families.

Gay is currently the Board President for the Center for Humanistic Change of New Jersey in Stanhope NJ. Center for Humanistic Change of New Jersey is the premier agency in Northern New Jersey providing individualized, innovative community services to adults with developmental disabilities.



Metro's PWB Council Mission Statement:

Our council's vision is to offer women in the construction industry peer-to-peer interactions by participating in community events and offering educational forums. Our objective is to encourage women members to actively participate in association activities, cultivate relationships through networking, build resources from groups within and outside of Metro, be a resource to young women interested in this field and offer *SUPPORT* to one another! *WE are here for YOU!*

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Garvey, Metro's PWB Council Chair at:

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Links:

[Home - Metropolitan Builders & Contractors Association of New Jersey \(metrobc.org\)](http://metrobc.org)

[Professional Women in Building - Metropolitan Builders & Contractors Association of New Jersey \(metrobc.org\)](http://metrobc.org)

[Why Professional Women in Building? - NAHB](http://naahb.org)

Don't forget to check out Metro's Facebook Page for what is going on and photos, more of the events listed above can be found there! (Can be found on their website!)

Regards, Linda Garvey – Coppola Brothers LLC

Metro's Professional Women in Building (PWB) Council Chair