

TOGETHER *We* ACHIEVE MORE

NWIIWA QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Reflecting on Six Years of Growth and Service to Region Businesswomen

When the very first Influential Women of Northwest Indiana Awards Banquet was held in 2010, few would have realized that eight years later, a single event would blossom into an official organization specifically designed to promote the careers of Region women.



Since then, NWIIWA has continued to grow and thrive. Today, it's the leading group for the professional development of Region women and their careers, focused on providing opportunities for growth through leadership, support, and education.

NWIIWA now boasts more than 500 individual members and almost 100 corporate partners, representing some of the top businesses in the Region. One of the most recent measurements of our success is the fact that the number of nominations we received for the 2024 Influential Women awards was the largest ever! And we keep growing with new events, including our upcoming Professional Women's Conference, slated for Nov. 13 (see below for more information).

"I'm immensely proud of the growth we've achieved in six short years," says Mary Wright, NWIIWA board chair. "Our success underscores the importance of empowering women in business, fostering a community where we can share our challenges and triumphs. By lifting each other up, we not only advance our individual careers, but also pave the way for the next generation of women leaders."

A heartfelt "thank you" to all our members and partners for being a part of this amazing journey. Together we continue to build a brighter future for professional women in the Region.

Mary Wright | Executive Committee Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS

Superior's Women in Construction's Baseball Night

Superior Construction's Women in Construction group is hosting a Baseball Night on Thursday, August 15 at the Gary South Shore Railcats game in Gary. Networking is at 6 p.m. followed by the game at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

[Click Here to Register & Purchase Tickets!](#)



Influential Women of Northwest Indiana Awards Banquet



The 13th annual Influential Women of Northwest Indiana Awards Banquet set for Thursday, September 26 at Avalon Manor, will honor the Region's outstanding female professionals for their contributions to local industries and communities. As one attendee put it, "These women aren't just making waves; they're causing a tsunami of positive change."

[Click Here to Register & Purchase Tickets!](#)



Save the Date: Professional Women's Conference!



You won't want to miss this exciting new event, which will take place on Wednesday, November 13 at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City. This power-packed day is designed to empower and equip you with the tools to thrive in your career. Keynote speakers include Christine Sandman Stone, Missy Shopshire, Stephanie Jones, and more!

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Network & Chill: Hosted by the City of Crown Point

Join us for the last Network & Chill of the year on Friday, November 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Bulldog Park, 183 S. West St. in Crown Point.

MEETINGS

Executive Board Meeting
Friday, August 16 | Crown Point, IN

Education & Events Committee Meeting
Monday, August 26 | Crown Point, IN

Education & Events Committee Meeting
Monday, September 23 | Crown Point, IN

Education & Events Committee Meeting
Monday, October 28 | Crown Point, IN

Executive Board Meeting
Friday, November 15 | Crown Point, IN

[Click Here to See a Full List of Upcoming Events](#)

WOMEN ON THE MOVE

Ironworkers Local 395 Wishes Tina Stevens a Happy Retirement!

After more than 30 years on the job, Tina Stevens, office manager/fringe fund office of Ironworkers Local 395, is looking forward to retiring from the organization at the end of August. Tina, who's been with the Ironworkers since July 1990, says that her "bosses" were more like co-workers because they "appreciated my insight, knowledge, and requested my input on all aspects of our day-to-day operations; and I felt appreciated for my entire 34 years at the Local." In retirement, Tina plans to travel with friends and family, "and can't wait for my weeks to be six Saturdays and a Sunday."



Superior's Amy Henningfield Earns MBA, Graduates from SWiC Program



Congratulations to Amy Henningfield, Midwest Contracts & Compliance Manager at Superior Construction, who recently earned her MBA from Purdue. Amy also graduated from Superior's Women in Construction (SWiC) program, which is dedicated to empowering and increasing the visibility of women in the construction industry. "The mentorship has been incredibly impactful, offering me deeper insights into various aspects of our company and business operations," Amy says. "The collaborative nature of the program not only expanded my knowledge of the heavy civil industry but also reinforced the importance of women's visibility and leadership in construction." Amy's achievements underscore the importance of supporting women in construction and fostering an environment where they can thrive and lead.



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Barbra Stooksbury
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Lerner and Rowe Donates \$600K to Local Charities

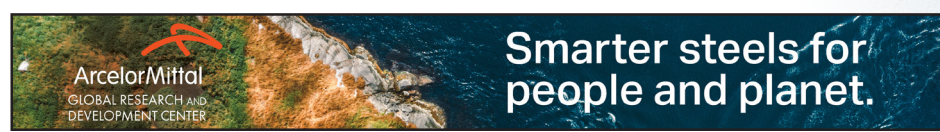
Lerner and Rowe Injury Attorneys are committed to giving back to the community through its Gives Back program, which partners with charitable organizations in the Region and beyond. The foundation's biggest annual fundraiser in Indiana, the Lerner and Rowe Gives Back Cornhole Tournament, helped raise over \$60,000 in 2024 alone, for a total of over \$113,000 since 2022. All proceeds raised from the tournaments are given back to directly support local charitable groups, schools, first responders, and nonprofits throughout Illinois and Indiana.

Hard Rock Casino, Urban League Establish Scholarship

Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana and The Urban League of Northwest Indiana have united to create the "Do Well by Doing Good" scholarship, which supports local high school graduates in their pursuit of earning a degree from Indiana University Northwest. Through the partnership, graduates of any Gary-based high school are eligible to receive a fully funded, tuition-only scholarship for students working toward their associate or bachelor's degree at IU Northwest. Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana recently presented \$250,000 to Vanessa Allen McCloud, President & CEO of the Urban League of Northwest Indiana, to fund the program. Qualified IU Northwest students will have their tuition covered for up to four years, based on their FAFSA.

NiSource Named 2024 Most Trusted Utility Brands

NiSource Inc. subsidiary Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC (NIPSCO) was recently named among the most trusted utility brands by Escalent in its 2024 Cogent Syndicated Utility Trusted Brand & Customer Engagement: Residential study. The ranking recognized only 33 brands nationwide, with several NiSource companies securing three of the positions. NIPSCO scored in the top three of its Midwest Region combination peers. Findings are based on a survey of more than 61,000 residential electric and natural gas customers, including 142 electric, natural gas and combination utilities. Escalent measured factors including customer advocacy, safety, reliability, and environmental focus, among others.



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