

55th Annual NAWIC Convention
September 1-4, 2010
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The 55th Annual NAWIC Convention was held September 1-4, 2010 at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky. Frances Jackson and I flew up early on Wednesday morning arriving at the hotel around 10:30 AM. The total number registered for this convention was 424 with regions 11 and 12 tying with 40 members for the largest number from any region.

The first event was Wednesday afternoon with the NAWIC Marketplace followed by the Welcome Party that evening with a Derby Theme. Many ladies from region 11 came with their decorated hats. Even some of the Raleigh members wore their hats. There was food, a live Country Music Band and a simulated horse race. The betting was lively.

The Thursday morning Business Session was called to order by Robin Fulton Meyer, President. The morning agenda included credentials, committee reports, Keynote Speaker, Jodi Walker, "Communicate, Collaborate and Create the Future". Reports were given by Executive Vice President Dede Hughes, NAWIC Education Foundation, NAWIC Founders Scholarship, and the Board of Directors. Deb Gregoire issued an invitation to 2011 Convention in St. Louis, Missouri.

The second day, I attended NAWIC Annual Meeting, Awards Luncheon, Succession Planning, and Best Green Practices. There are copies of the handout on the NAWIC Website if anyone would like to know the content in detail.

Thursday evening I went with a group and the Raleigh Chapter to Joe's Crab Shack for Dinner. We had a grand time with our Teammate and had a sketch done of all of us.

The third day, I attended Region 11 Photographs, Reducing Energy & Water Bills with Green Technologies, Installation Luncheon, NAWIC Board/Past National Presidents, and the Past National President's Meeting. Again, there are copies of the handout on the NAWIC Website if anyone would like to delve into these seminars in detail.

Friday evening, I had dinner with Frances Jackson at the top of the Galt House, quite expensive but very nice. This restaurant revolves and you get to see everything from the top.

The fourth day, I attended "The Meeting will come to order" presented by Chris Wigginton, Past National President and Parliamentarian for 2010-2011, NAWIC's Finest Secret Finally Revealed presented by Carol Chapman, Past President and Trustee of the NAWIC Founders Scholarship.

I attended the Crystal Vision Awards Gala and participated in the passing of the gavel which seems to have become a tradition for the Past National Presidents each year. As of this year, I have attended 37 Annual NAWIC Conventions with 30 of these being consecutive.