



Metro’s Professional Women in Building (PWB)

“Continue to Build” for 2023!

January Newsletter Greetings!

“Women in Construction ... You Betcha!”



Message from Metro’s PWB Committee Council – Linda Garvey: Greetings and Happy New Year. I will once again be Metro’s PWB Council Chair 2023 and offer any support I can as a member of Metro and the construction and remodeling industry. Professionally, I continue work for the construction/project management company in the residential, commercial and historic renovation market called Coppola Brothers LLC based in Florida, New Jersey and North Carolina.

Metro’s PWB Council hopes to have another great year of growth. We are moving away from our campaign of **“Refresh, Recharge, Rebuild”** to **“Continue To Build”**. In 2022, PWB was busy building our council, supporting Metro events, as well as hosting our own events. I am pleased to announce that PWB will be hosting and coordinating the annual **Metro Grillin’ and Chillin’** event at the **Raritan Inn in Califon on September 14th**. So **SAVE THE DATE!** At the end of the Newsletter, I have the months that we will be meeting, the actual location and type of event have yet to be finalized, so stay tuned for more information to come.

Survey Monkey - Thank you to those that took the survey where I asked for feedback, meetings members wanted to see, the location, times, etc. Many wanted to see our “Happy Hour/Networking” events return and meetings bi-monthly. We will continue to host other special events, so lots in store for 2023.

WELCOME TO Metro and Metro’s PWB Council!

Meet New PWB Member – Julie Stilo - Stilo Disposal, LLC, Manager of Operations



Julie Stilo is the owner and Manager of Disposal Operations at Stilo Disposal. Graduating from Rutgers Business School in 2017 with a major in Accounting and a concentration in Supply Chain Management, she took

over Stilo Disposal and grew the fleet of 23 dumpsters to over 100 by 2020. Her father had used the dumpsters on his own construction sites prior to Julie taking over as Manager of Disposal Operations and growing the company to what it has become now. Priding themselves on service has been what truly sets them apart from their competitors. Their customers are the lifeline of their business and that does not go unappreciated. Servicing the State of New Jersey, they are able to provide for your waste needs whether it be residential or commercial. They are also licensed to haul hazardous waste as well as friable and non-friable asbestos. In her day to day role, Julie oversees the operations of the company and primarily focuses on management and dispatch. She loves what she does and has a passion for assisting her customers with helping to get their jobs done. Waste is a huge part of any project, whether residential or commercial, and we are happy to be a part of that process.



November Meeting – The General Membership Meeting (GMM) for November, the 2023 Officers were voted in to lead the following year. Frank Coppola, 2022 Metro President, conducted his last Executive and Board Meeting as the President. Photo is of his team for 2022.



2023 METROPOLITAN BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Tonight is the 32nd Annual Installation of the Officers and Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Builders & Contractors Association of NJ. We continue to build upon the success of the past while we plan together to ensure a bright future for the interests of our members.

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Andrea LoMonaco, Wells Fargo

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2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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December Meeting – The GMM was held at the Bridgewater Manor where the new officers for 2023 were installed. Awards were given out as well. Frank Coppola, 2022 Metro President passed the gavel to Andrea LoMonaco and her team. PWB Members on the Executive Board next year are: Kristie Veri of Cleanscape Construction is the 1st Vice President; Geraldine Smith



of All Inclusive Construction is the First Vice President Treasurer. First time in Metro history that so many women are sitting on the Executive Board. Congratulations to you all!



I was honored to be the recipient of Metro 2022 Industry Award for my work with PWB and was happy my boss Frank Coppola presented it to me. Thank You Everyone!





Big **THANK YOU** to **Michele Leppard**, **Metro's Executive Officer** and her team for coordinating such a wonderful evening!

PWB Hosted it's First Meeting for 2023 – Metro's PWB held their first meeting of 2023 at the Thirsty Turtle in Florham Park for a Happy Hour/Networking event on January 10th. We had a wonderful turnout, such a great and diverse group of men and women to meet and mingle with. Our NEXT PWB event will be in March, more details to come. Hope to see you all then.







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!*



**STAY TUNED – We are updating our Metro PWB Logo.
It will be unveiled soon!**

Links:

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

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

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

Proposed Metro PWB Calendar for 2023:

[Event Calendar | Metropolitan Builders & Contractors Association of New Jersey \(metrobc.org\)](https://metrobc.org)

January 10, 2023

Happy Hour/Network – Thirsty Turtle, Florham Park, 4:00 to 6:00 PM

March 2023

Happy Hour/Networking – “Speed Networking”

May 2023

TBD

July 2023

TBD

September 14, 2023

Metro Annual Grillin’ & Chillin’ Event, Califon, 6:00 to 9:00 PM

NAHB’s PWB Celebration Week of Women in Construction

November, 2023

Happy Holiday Celebration with Metro’s PWB!



Thank you to Metro’s Executive Board for their continued support of PWB.

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

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Regards,

Linda Garvey, *Metro’s Professional Women in Building (PWB) Council Chair*