



Metro's Professional Women in Building (PWB)

May 2023 - Newsletter Greetings!

"Continue the Build" for 2023!

"Women in Construction ... You Betcha!"



Happy May - Message from Metro's PWB Committee

Council Chair Linda Garvey - Coppola Brothers LLC:



Happy May! Wishing you all well with all the flowers and fragrances as we are in full bloom with spring. Another busy month for the women of PWB and the women of Metro, hope you enjoy the read and getting caught up on our activities.

Friendly Reminder: We will be hosting our next **Happy Hour on Tuesday, May 2nd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM** back again at **Seasons 52**. We will be having an **"Educational Forum"** discussion learning from one another (Metro members and any guests that attend), these are the proposed questions:

- What types of marketing are you finding successful to have potential clients contact you?
- What are you finding are the current trends and requests from clients in your industry?
- What are some of the obstacles you are having and how are you pivoting to help with your business to move forward?



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

Day/Date/Time	Subject	Location
Tuesday, May 2 Time: 4:00 to 6:00 PM	Happy Hour Educational Forum With One Another! SAVE THE DATE!	 1402 Route 10, Hanover, NJ 07981 Phone: (862) 242-2750 PWB Happy Hour - May 2, 2023 (metrobc.org)
September 14 th Time: 5:30 to 8:30 PM <i>NAHB Professional Women in Building Month – We will be celebrating women in Construction tonight as well!</i>	Grillin & Chillin BBQ PWB will be coordinating and hosting this event, SAVE THE DATE!	 Raritan Valley Inn 526 County Rd 513, Califon, NJ 07830 Grillin & Chillin - Sep 14, 2023 (metrobc.org)
Tuesday, October 24 th 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

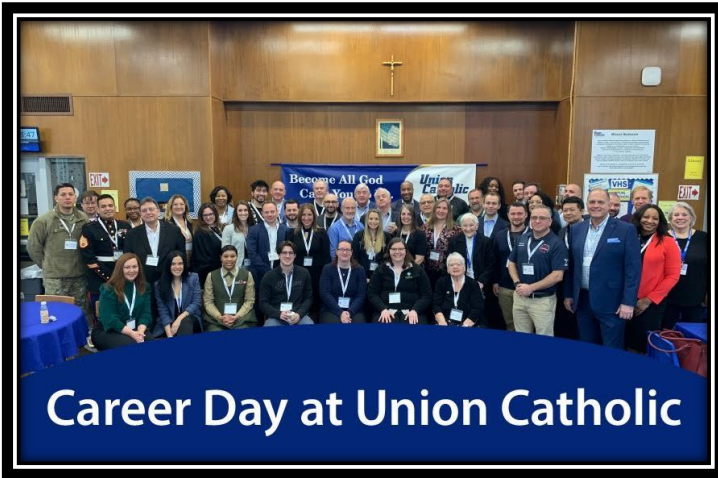
Happy Holiday
Happy Hour
SAVE THE DATE!



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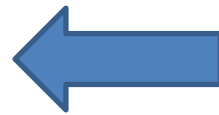
39 East Hanover Avenue, Suite B4,
Morris Plains, NJ 07950

[PWB Happy Hour - Nov 28, 2023](#)
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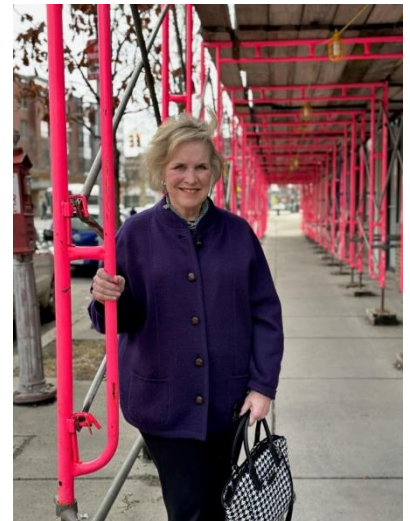


Metro member, **Tammy Murray** of Anderson Windows, coordinated a Career Day at Union Catholic. She invited Metro and PWB member, **Kristie Veri** to attend along with her and others, to discuss Women in Construction.

[#WomensHistoryMonth](#) [#womeninconstructionmonth](#)



Pink Power – When in Boston, MA - Metro PWB Council Chair, **Linda Garvey**, came across a job site in Cambridge that was pink, a first for her!



Many of Metro's members attended The **Atlantic Builders Convention** in Atlantic City at the end of March. Many women and PWB women participated and attended the event. 🏠 Builders and associates throughout the state came to take educational classes and visit the showroom floor. **Congratulations** to the winners of the SAM Awards!





Metro's Treasurer and NJBA's Leadership Council Rep, **Geraldine Smith** attended a leadership event in Washington DC. She joined more than dozen NAHB members interested in taking up the leadership mantle in service of the residential construction industry and our association ventured to Capitol Hill on March 29 to discuss important housing issues with members of the [Problem Solvers Caucus](#). {Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-N.J.) and NAHB Emerging Leader Geraldine Smith from the Metropolitan Builders & Contractors Association of New Jersey and All Inclusive Construction (PWB member)}



Geraldine is shown here in Washington DC with NAHB's JBA Washington DC with NAHB's Chairwomen, Alicia Huey, Rachel Branson of NAHB's Education Committee, and Jennie Wunderlich of PSC.
{(L-R) Geraldine Smith, Jennie Wunderlich, Alicia Huey and Rancel Branson)}



CAREER Fair's - TALKING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – Spring is in full bloom, April is "Career Month" it seems. Many high schools are hosting "Career Days/Fairs" at their high schools. Many Metro members spent time educating the students of *Voorhees High School* about the importance of the building industry, and how they are and will be needed to fill many open positions over the next few years. 🛠️🔧🔨

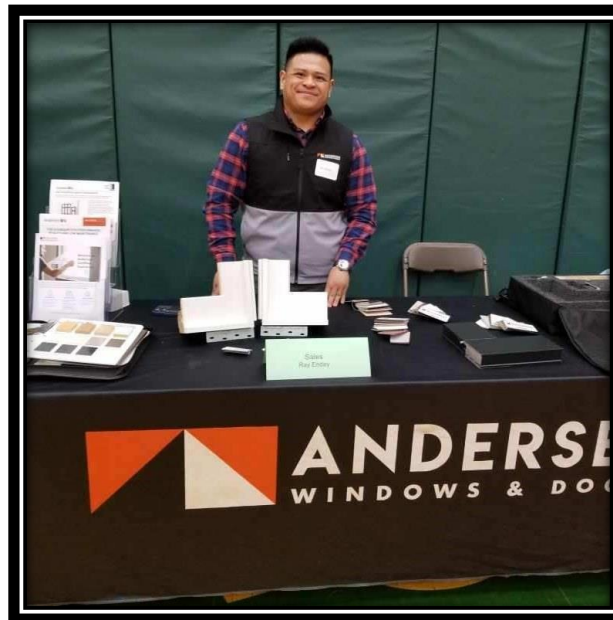
This is a great career path for our youth. [Andrea LoMonaco – Metro President](#); Geraldine Smith of [All Inclusive Construction](#) [Michele Leppard](#); Linda George Garvey of [Coppola Brothers, LLC](#), [Julie Stilo of Stilo Disposal LLC](#) participated.





Another Career Fair - Metro fully embraces workforce development and educates today's youth on the importance of the building industry. Recently we visited North Hunterdon High School for a great Career Fair. Michele Leppard, Metro Executive

Officer, Linda Garvey of Coppola Brothers and Ray Endaya from Andersen Windows were part of the event.





Another Career Fair - Metro is very big on workforce development, and educating the youth on the importance of the building industry. Take a look at Linda Garvey of Coppola Brothers and **Ken Fox** of Fox Architectural Design working the crowd at Morris Regional Career Fair. Over 600 Kids and 200 families attended this great event. Ken is a member of PWB, he was very popular that evening, lots of interest in learning more about being an architect! Linda was representing Metro.



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE NEW OFFICE:

Metro's 2nd VP of Affairs, attorney **Tom Trautner's** company Chiesa, Shahinian & Giantomasi PC moved to a new location. They hosted an Open House to show off their new office. Photo-op moment for Metro members (President, Andrea Lomonaco, 1st Ass., VP. Tammy Murray, 2nd Ass. VP Tom Trautner, Esq., Vice President, Kristie Veri (PWB) and Treasurer, Geraldine Smith [PWB])



Metro's Sales and Marketing Breakfast in April – Hosted by **Todd Smith**, Royce Joseph Capital LLC and SMC Council Chair, continued his Marketing Series at the meeting. Join him and others next month. Go to the Metro website for more information and to sign up. Thank you Todd, another GREAT meeting!





Look for PWB's new series highlighting "**The Women of Metro**". We will be highlighting women in Metro and some of the things they are up to, learn a little bit more about them, and any special awards or events they are participating in. Stay Tuned!



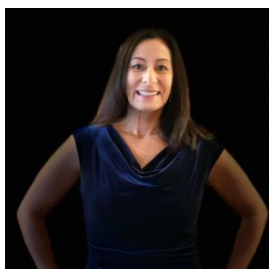
Metro hosted its **General Membership Meeting** on April 20th at our host, Blue Ridge Lumber in Kenil, NJ. The topic of the meeting was "**BUILDING CODE UPDATE**"

NJ recently adopted building codes became mandatory in March 2023. The meeting presented an overview of these updates to building codes including broad changes to the IRC, IBC & IECC, new fire sprinkler requirements for multifamily housing over 30 feet in height, increased energy efficiency requirements, and more.



Welcome New PWB member – Tara Fratello, (908) 312-5520

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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:

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

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

Regards, Linda Garvey

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