



**Metro's Professional Women
in Building (PWB)**

December 2023

Newsletter - Greetings!

"Women in Construction ... You Betcha!"



**Message from Metro's PWB Committee Council Chair Linda Garvey
Employed at Coppola Brothers LLC:**



Happy Holidays! Time is going by quickly this year. PWB is in planning mode for the 2024 calendar year at Metro. We want to offer quality programming, not necessarily quantity. Most of our programs are set. Hope you will find them of interest and of value! Metro's PWB team is very excited. We have three (3) newly installed PWB members who are now on the



Metro Executive Officer team,
CONTRATULATIONS. They are:




- *President – Kristie Veri, Cleanscape Construction*
- *1st Vice President – Geraldine Smith, All Inclusive Construction*
- *Vice President Secretary – Linda Garvey, Coppola Brothers LLC*




We hope to see you all next year at Metro events and our own PWB events. Enjoy the read below about activities we have been involved with the past few months.



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

2024 Calendar of Events – Save the Date:

Day/Date/Time	Subject	Location
Tuesday, February 6 th 4:00 to 6:00 PM	“Metro PWB Shop Talk” Let’s talk about how we use Social Media to bring in business, how you use it to market your company. Happy 3 rd Birthday Metro’s PWB Council!	 1402 Route 10, Hanover, NJ 07981 Phone: (862) 242-2750 PWB Happy Hour - Feb 6, 2024 (metrobc.org)
Thursday, March 21 st PWB Program 10:00 to 11:30 AM	“Leadership, Confidence and the Opportunities for Women in Building” Panel/Moderator Discussion	 ATLANTIC CITY  NJBA Atlantic City Builders Convention Hard Rock Cafe

<p>Tuesday, April 9th 4:00 to 6:00 PM</p>	<p>Let's Talk Baking, What is the right oven for you, what is the latest technology and more! Food Demonstration!</p>	 <p>235 Mclean Blvd, Paterson, NJ 07504 Phone: (973) 247-1860 PWB Happy Hour - Apr 9, 2024 (metrobc.org)</p>
<p>Tuesday, June 4th 4:00 to 6:00 PM</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p>PWB Happy Hour - Jun 4, 2024 (metrobc.org)</p>
<p>September 19th 5:00 to 9:00 PM</p>	<p>Harvest Festival PWB Hosts - Metro General Membership Meeting and Celebrates NAHB PWB Week!</p>	 <p>General Membership Event - Octoberfest - Sep 19, 2024 (metrobc.org)</p>
<p>November 12th 4:00 to 6:00 PM</p>	<p>Joint Event with SMC "Happy Holiday Happy Hour" Food Drive</p>	 <p>1402 Route 10, Hanover, NJ 07981 Phone: (862) 242-2750 PWB & SMC Holiday Happy Hour - Nov 12, 2024 (metrobc.org)</p>



October 24th – What a great event we had at Bob and Julie LaFranco’s California Closet Fairfield location. It is a lovely showroom and even more fascinating factory/warehouse attached. Big THANK YOU to Cat Garruto of California Closets for hosting and helping PWB host the event at their Fairfield showroom and warehouse. Thank you as well to Benjamin Moore’s representative, Diana Ratazzi for sharing the latest in colors with us.





October – Reno's Appliance hosted one of their famous events while raising money for St. Joseph's Hospital, thank you owner John Cioletti! We had some big winners that evening at Metro! Even had the opportunity to meet NBC's "George to the Rescue" host George Oliphant.

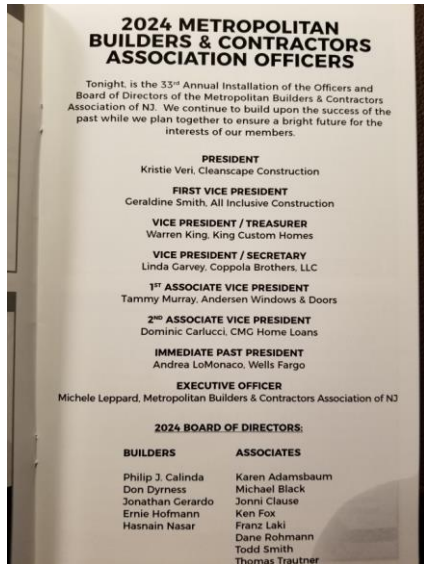


November – Metro's PWB and SMC (Sales and Marketing Council) had a "Happy Holiday Happy Hour" at Seasons 52. Had a terrific time and collected food for local pantries in our area. On December 13th, Todd and I met with Carolyn Lake, Executive Director of the *Interfaith Food Pantry Network* in Morris Plains, NJ to drop off our food donation! We filled up several large grocery carts with food.





December – Metro held its annual Installation Dinner and Holiday Gathering at the Hanover Manor. There, new members were installed on the Executive Officer team as well as the Board of Directors. Congratulations to you all! More photos will be posted on the Metro Facebook Page in coming days!



What A Woman! I would like to acknowledge a woman at Metro who goes above and beyond in both in her personal, professional and time at Metro, Ms. Tammy Murray of *Andersen Window's & Doors*. It has been my honor to get to know her over the years to see her work, talk to others and share her opinions and advice. She is someone to emulate and is an excellent role model to us all. Tammy has served on the Executive Officer team for many years. This year she continues her role as the First Associate Vice President at Metro. She also received the "First Associate Vice President" Award at our

Installation Dinner. *This award exemplifies the contributions this individual has provided the association through leadership and knowledge.* Congratulations Tammy. Well deserved! (Love this

photo!)



Metro's Remodeler of the Year Award Recipient

... Congratulations to Geraldine Smith, All Inclusive Construction and PWB Member, for being awarded "Remodeler of the Year!"



Big Thank You! I would like to make a special acknowledgement to my employer, boss, my friend, Frank Coppola (*Coppola Brothers LLC*), for giving me the honor of representing our company at Metro over the years and now becoming part of the Executive Team! It has been a tremendous growing experience for me. I have met so many people who have helped me along the way, THANK YOU to you as well!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM PWB!

From my family to your family; from the Women of Metro and our PWB Team Members, we would like to wish you all a Happy Holiday Season and for a Happy New Year and healthy start to 2024!



The Women of Metro and PWB Team



The Garvey Family



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