



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

**SPECIAL EDITION!**

**Newsletter**

**"Women in Construction ... You Betcha!"**



***Just Announced: Award Winner for NAHB PWB Small Council of the Year 2023!***



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

**Special Edition – Exciting News - March Greetings from your Metro PWB Council Chair.** What a great start we are having for Metro's PWB in 2024. Our first meeting was well attended and the subject matter "How do you use Social Media in your business?" informative. I also received notification that our council was one of the

**FINALISTS** in the running for the **National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) PWB Small Council Award 2023**. At the International Business Show (IBS) in Las Vegas on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, **I received notice that we were in fact the recipient of the award YEAH!** Our council is only three years old, we have been working hard to spread the word about the support, creating content, doing community outreach and programs offering education for women (men too) in our industry. **Thank You** to all who have come out over the years to support and grow our council, getting the word about what we as women can accomplish.

**Congratulations Metro's PWB!**



I was unable to be IBS, so some of our Metro Members accepted on my behalf, from left to right: Meg Thompson, NAHB PWB Council Chair 2023; Michele Leppard; Andrea LoMonaco; Tammy Murray; Geraldine Smith; Frank Coppola.

**Let's Celebrate Women in Construction (WIC) Week** - This is an annual event that takes place during the first week of **March**. Started by NAWIC (National Association of Women in Construction) and now in its 26th year, the week has served as an opportunity to celebrate and promote women in the industry as well as raise awareness of challenges facing them and highlight opportunities available. Let's thank those women before us who have helped us pave the way for our movement forward in this industry! Go Women!



**FRIENDLY REMINDER - NJBA ABC Convention in Atlantic City, March 19, 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>** – There is still time to sign up for our event. PWB has been working with Shore Builders PWB on an event in Atlantic City on **Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 to 11:30 AM**. We are hosting a brunch with the title of **“Leadership, Confidence and the Opportunities for Women in Building”**. We will have a panel of women who have been in different areas of our business. **THANK YOU to all our panelists!**

- Cindy Cepko
- Deb Tantleff
- Meryl A. G. Gonchar, Esq.
- Kristin Marzarella-Amato



See the flyer for more details about each of them. Don't miss out! To sign up, click on this link: [abconvention.com](https://abconvention.com)

**Big THANK YOU to Metro Members Tammy Murray of Andersen Windows and Doors and to Julie Stilo of Stilo Disposal for their generous donations as one of our financial sponsors of our event!!**

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

**2024 Calendar of Events – Save the Date:**

Day/Date/Time	Subject	Location
Thursday, March 21 <sup>st</sup> PWB Program 10:00 to 11:30 AM	<b>“Leadership, Confidence and the Opportunities for Women in Building” Panel/Moderator Discussion</b>	  NJBA Atlantic City Builders Convention Hard Rock Café - <a href="https://abconvention.com">abconvention.com</a>
Tuesday, April 9 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 to 6:00 PM	<b>Let's Talk Baking, What is the right oven for you, what is the latest technology and more! Food Demonstration!</b>	 235 Mclean Blvd, Paterson, NJ 07504 Phone: (973) 247-1860 <a href="https://metrobuilders.com">PWB Happy Hour - Apr 9, 2024 (metrobc.org)</a>

Tuesday, June 4 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 to 6:00 PM	TBD	<a href="http://metrobc.org">PWB Happy Hour - Jun 4, 2024 (metrobc.org)</a>
September 19 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 to 9:00 PM	Harvest Festival PWB Hosts - Metro General Membership Meeting and Celebrates NAHB PWB Week!	 <a href="http://metrobc.org">General Membership Event - Octoberfest - Sep 19, 2024 (metrobc.org)</a>
November 12 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 to 6:00 PM	Joint Event with SMC "Happy Holiday Happy Hour" Food Drive	 <b>1402 Route 10, Hanover, NJ 07981</b> <b>Phone: (862) 242-2750</b> <a href="http://metrobc.org">PWB &amp; SMC Holiday Happy Hour - Nov 12, 2024 (metrobc.org)</a>



**PWB is pleased to announce our newest PWB member to the team!**



**Tammy Murray** - Anderson Corporation - [tmurray@andersoncorp.com](mailto:tmurray@andersoncorp.com)

Tammy has been employed by Andersen Corporation, the leading manufacturer of windows and doors in North America for slightly over 10 years in various roles. In Tammy's current role, she is an Area Sales Manager in Philadelphia & Southern Pennsylvania. Tammy's primary responsibility is to lead a team of sales professionals to excellence by increasing Andersen's market share. This is achieved by engaging customers in business plans and corporate initiatives within the designated area. Tammy is responsible for working with 14 Andersen Account Sales Leaders and dealer partners by driving the sales process with an ultimate goal of account retention and delighting customers.

Prior to Andersen, Tammy was employed by an Award-Winning rep agency on the decorative side of the building products industry for 7 years. Tammy sold decorative plumbing, door hardware, and other products to independent dealers and Ferguson NJ locations.

Outside of Andersen, Tammy is passionate about our industry. Tammy serves as 1<sup>st</sup> Associate Vice President of her local builders' association (Metropolitan Builders Association of New Jersey), Alternate Director of her state builders association (New Jersey Builder's Association) as well as representing Andersen at the national level as a member of the Leading Suppliers Council & the National Workforce Development initiative focused on Historically Black Colleges for the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB).

Tammy is also a wife, a mom, enjoys entertaining, cooking, spending time with her family and her dog Bryce.

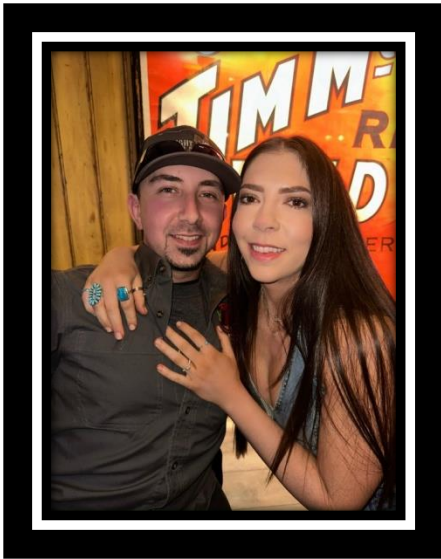
Outside of Tammy's professional life, she serves both as a Steward and Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society for her church, Ebenezer AME Church in Rahway, NJ.

Tammy is honored and humbled to be a Professional Women in Building Member and looks forward to collaborating and grateful for the opportunity to share her journey.

## CONGRATULATIONS JULIE AND EDDIE!

I am pleased to announce that one of our **PWB members**, Julie Stilo of Stilo Disposal is engaged. I asked Julie if I could share the great news, this was her response about the happy occasion:

*“My fiance's name is Eddie McKeon. We were in Idaho, we go out twice a year, once in the Winter for skiing and snowmobiling and once in the Summer to fly fish and hike because we love it so much. We were at one of our favorite places in Ketchum, The Pioneer Saloon. It's a really cool, true, western restaurant that we love and visit several times when we are in Idaho. That's where he proposed to me alongside my sister Katie who was on the trip with us as well because we always all go together! It was so special and meaningful and I feel so blessed.”*



### 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: [L.Garvey@CoppolaBrothersLLC.com](mailto:L.Garvey@CoppolaBrothersLLC.com) or (908) 347-2482

### 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)

Regards, Linda Garvey  
Coppola Brothers LLC – Executive Officer  
**Metro's Professional Women in Building (PWB) Council Chair**  
**Metro Executive Officer – VP – Secretary**