



PWC holds annual Golf Outing at Elmwood County Club on July 21st - Event co-chaired by Wilson of JRM and Feinberg of JFK&M

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Golf isn't the province of the Old Boys Network anymore. A third of the players were women at Professional Women in Construction's (PWC) all-day golf outing held Tuesday, July 21st, at the Elmwood Country Club, and the enthusiasm was strong. "Women who can't golf, don't, but men who can't, do." The most important thing is to get out there and have the opportunity to create good relationships on the course," said Lisa Wilson of JRM Construction

Management, co-chair of the PWC golf event together with Cindy Feinberg, JFK&M Consulting Group. Feinberg noted that she started to play 10 years ago and is glad to encourage more women to "get in the game" through PWC. "Men have been seeing the business advantage for years. Now more and more women are recognizing the networking potential, enjoying the game and participating," she said. Maureen Warnicke, Legrand, cheered PWC's ongoing efforts to encourage "the camaraderie of bringing everyone together for a day of fun. It's a way to relax and meet new business associates in a relaxing atmosphere." Her thoughts were applauded by PWC VP Nancy Czesak, RA, Tishman, an AECOM company, and event co-host. Kay Lee, with event sponsor SimplexGrinnell and a PWC board member, saw the event as "a wonderful opportunity to get contractors, end users and suppliers together to spend a fun day with PWC." Joseph Esposito with event sponsor LendLease said, "LendLease is a major advocate of the career advancement of women in the construction industry - and the golf outing helps develop opportunities for all." Kristin Liu, with event sponsor Syska Hennessy Group said, "The PWC Golf Outing is great for networking with those of us who celebrate and nurture women leaders in the construction and engineering industry. It promotes women and golf which is a winning combination for building business." Barbara Carmosino, with event sponsor Turner Construction, said, "It's good to get all the different companies together to network in a great, relaxed atmosphere." A. Esteban & Co. was an event sponsor; Sciame sponsored the dinner. Progress was noted by Malory Nguyen, STV, who said, "Ten years ago we didn't see as many women playing." Co-worker Jennifer Murphy, STV, applauded PWC and saw parallels with STV which also "encourages diversity [and] embraces teams." Karen Glass, Quantum Electric, said, "People think of construction as male-dominated - just as golf has been. It's good to see women participate here as they're part of the industry." It's "admirable" to host "an event where you see women in the industry," said Jadyra Rodriguez, McGladrey, and co-worker Daniela Facini added, "The industry is dominated by men - it's time to connect with women in the area and in the industry." First-time golfer Eva Hatzaki, Skyline Restoration, found the experience "great fun" and "enjoyed seeing people I work with in a more relaxed environment." Rygo Foss, Skyline Restoration, said, "It's fantastic that women in construction are being acknowledged. Clearly they deserve to be noticed." The networking value was noted by many. "Spending four hours together is a good way to get to know your co-workers. You see another side of the people you work with," said Margaret Tang, Skanska Koch. Mark Drozdov, creative environment solutions (CES), said, "It's good for the industry (and) gives you a chance to grow professionally on a day off," and Victoria Drozdov, CES, liked the draw for "people from all industries related to construction." Similar thoughts were echoed by several: Lisa-Ann Marchesi, Construction Risk Partners, said "There are different parts of the industry, but it's all related. This builds relationships"; Judy Carrion, Transwestern, noted "There are business people here in similar industries - real estate, construction. It all meshes together"; and Yvonne Saavedra-Limb, Transwestern, said, "This consistently draws women and men who want not only to play golf but also to network with the women who are the movers and shakers in the real estate and construction industry." PWC board members and Program Committee members who contributed time and prizes to the golf outing include: Nancy Czesak, RA, PWC VP and program committee co-chair, Tishman, an AECOM Company; Nicole Hunter, PWC board member and program committee co-chair, HNTB; Kay Lee, PWC board member, SimplexGrinnell; Maureen Warnicke, Legrand; Marjorie Caruso, AEC Repro; Ining Hsu, AECOM; Mary Rasure, Tutor Perini; Olga Vinogradova, Esq.; Heather Fraser, Equinox; Bill Fife - The Fife Group and Weidlinger Associates;

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Caption: Raffle prize winners at the 23rd Golf Outing of Professional Women in Construction: Bottom, L-R: Adam Satin, Benhar Office Interiors; Kay Lee, SimplexGrinnell; Drew Fallon, Lendlease; Lisa Wilson, event co-chair and JRM; Joseph Esposito, Lendlease; back, L-R: PWC VP Nancy Czesak, Tishman, an AECOM Company; Rhonda Burnim, InSinkErator; James Blottman, Soho Dragon; Gloria Kemper, Recon Construction; Haas Khalfan, Signs and Decal; Dan Payea, Skanska Koch; Eva Hatzaki, Skyline Restoration; Terry Daly, Skanska Koch; Rebecca Clark, Skanska Koch; Cindy Feinberg, event co-chair and JFK&M Consulting. Photo by Pearl Perkins.

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