



Constructively Speaking

National Association of Women in Construction Portland Chapter 54
Established in 1961

August 2008

Events Calendar

September 8th:
Joint Board Meeting
Safeco Insurance

September 25th:
Membership Meeting
2008-09 New Officer
Installation
Location TBA

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NAWIC Guideline No. 4
Each Member has a standing dinner reservation for the monthly meeting, unless otherwise specifically arranged. If a reservation is not canceled by noon on **Monday** of the week of the meeting, the Member will be billed for the cost of the dinner.

August Membership Meeting Notice

Date: Thursday, August 21, 2008
5:30 p.m. registration begins / 6:00 p.m. dinner/program

Location: China Bay
13281 SW Canyon Rd
Beaverton, OR 97005-2002
Phone: (503) 350-1688

Cost: \$25.00

Menu:

Program: Steve Witter, Director of Design and Construction
TRI-MET

Introducing WES! Get an update on the progress of the Washington County commuter rail line known as WES, which stands for Westside Express Service, scheduled to start service this fall. The self-propelled diesel trains will run between Beaverton, Tigard, Tualatin and Wilsonville.

RSVP: Edie Bales (503) 697-0171 or email: edibal@safeco.com **by noon, Monday, August 18th**, if you need to cancel your standing reservation, are bringing a guest, or if you are a permanent cancel and will attend. Note: A minimum of 48 hours cancellation notice is required or you will be invoiced.

A Message from our President, Edie Bales

Many of you have received your membership renewal notices via email this week. Remember, the membership renewal changes: Members must have their renewals to national by October 1st (received, not postmarked) to avoid a \$25 late fee. Also the method members will receive their renewal form has changed. Members with an email address listed in the NAWIC Database will be emailed a link to renew online by the end of July (a paper invoice will not be mailed). Members who do not have an email address will be sent a renewal in the mail by the end of July. Another reason it is so important to be certain that your information is correct. You can view your information and make any necessary changes by going to the National Website www.nawic.org. Sign in and you will see "edit my profile" under your name. If you don't get a renewal notice, please let me know and I'll see that you get one!

Our 2008 Golf Tournament was a great success. Julie will have final information for all soon. Special thanks to Julie and all that helped and also to all who sponsored the event.

Convention is around the corner and Portland Chapter will have a good representation. Not too soon to plan for attending the Region 9 Annual Planning Conference in Spokane in October. I recently shared some great air fare information that Lauren found.

My time as President is quickly coming to an end. We will install our new officers at the September meeting. I encourage you all to attend and give your support.

See you at the August meeting!

~President Edie Bales

A Dream Becomes A Legacy

... a bit of history honoring our chapter and regional founder, Rosalie Hayward

How often does a chance conversation during a flight plant the seeds of a dream? In 1961, one such seed was planted – the founding of NAWIC Portland Chapter #54.

Rosalie Novak Hayward and Martha Knowles were sitting together on a flight to Dallas. As Martha was disembarking, Rosalie commented on the Dallas airport. She mentioned the firm she was working for at the time was involved with the airport construction in Portland, Oregon. The two women continued their discussion through written correspondence, a relationship that eventually led Martha and the Dallas Chapter No. 2 to sponsor the Portland Chapter on August 11, 1961. Rosalie served as our chartering President. In founding Portland Chapter 54, what we now know as Region 9 was established.

For the past 47 years, Rosalie has never missed a monthly meeting. She may have been out of Portland on business or vacation missing her home chapter's monthly membership meeting; yet she always found a NAWIC meeting somewhere to attend.

Rosalie's daughter, Sherri McCurdy is an active chapter member, continuing her mother's legacy. Sherri works with Philip R. McCurdy Architecture and has chaired the CAD contest for many years.

Today, along with long-time member Evelyn Stratton, Rosalie co-chairs the registration and attendance committee. She and Evelyn are the first NAWICians our members and guests meet at our monthly membership meetings.

Rosalie has guided our chapter through almost five decades, always available to provide her opinion and insight as to our proceedings, making sure we remain true to our NAWIC values while remaining relevant to our industry. Her determination to create and mold a NAWIC chapter in Portland – an organization by women in construction for women in construction – has made it possible for many of us to pursue our professional dreams.

In 1997 Chapter 54 established a scholarship with Clackamas Community College. The scholarship has grown to become a \$20,000 endowment and in recent years, the scholarship was renamed "*Rosalie Novak Hayward Women In Construction Scholarship.*"

Congratulations Rosalie on your 47th anniversary!



Rosalie Hayward & Evelyn Stratton

2008-2009 Committees

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED to ensure our chapter has another great year in 2008-2009! The new NAWIC year will be here before you know it. I'll be President and I need your help. I'm looking for committee chairs and members. Don't be shy, so what if you've never done it before, or done it so long ago you forgot...you will have help and guidance from me or perhaps another more qualified member! Please see the list below. You can email me at holmesl@hswconstructors.com, or call me at 503-869-7933 and tell me where you want to help out! It is going to be a fabulous year, you will not want to miss out.

Finance: This committee consists of outgoing & incoming President and Treasurer
Edie Bales, Lauren Holmes, Erin Holmes & Evelyn Stratton

Professional Education: Develop programs & projects for members. This committee will set the monthly membership meeting locations, menu and the program (speaker, etc) for each meeting.

Chair: Jodie Guthrie, Nancy Oswald **Committee Members:** _____

Audit: This committee audits the chapter finances

Chair: Evelyn Stratton **Committee Members:** _____

Ways & Means: This committee will be responsible for our chapter fundraiser. (Golf Tournament). We need a Chair and many committee members.

Chair: Julie Puderbaugh **Committee Members:** Betty Spencer, Gloria Bruning, Edie Bales, Betty Wollam, Lauren Holmes

Badges & Attendance: This committee does registration of members & guests at our monthly membership meeting. Hands out and collects members badges. Gives report of members and guests present, reconciles money & gives to treasurer.

Chair: _____ **Committee Members:** Evelyn Stratton

Block Kids: Our annual event for grade school children, who are given a certain number of Lego's & things and told to create something. Their work is judged by NAWIC members & other construction Industry people. Prizes are awarded.

Chair: Carol Helms, Jody Guthrie **Committee Members:** Betty Spencer, Betty Wollam, Lauren Holmes

Bylaws: This committee is responsible for keeping our chapter and national bylaws current.

Chair: Evelyn Stratton **Committee Members:** _____

CAD: Our High School event. Held at the Schellenberg Center in Milwaukie. The students projects are judged by professionals and prizes awarded.

Chair: Sherri McCurdy **Committee Members:** _____

Chapter Sales & Raffle: Responsible for selling various items (Roadster Kit, Vests, etc) for Chapter. Also does raffle at monthly membership meetings to earn money for NEF.

Chair: Edie Bales **Committee Members:** _____ Barbara Freeman

Membership: Responsible for promoting membership. Sending NAWIC information & registration packets to prospective members:

Chair: Betty Spencer **Committee Members:** Edie Bales

Safety Committee: Responsible for keeping Chapter members current on safety issues.

Chair: Amber Cook **Committee Members:** _____

Newsletter: Publishes monthly chapter newsletter. Distributes to Portland Members, Region 9 Director, all Region 9 Chapter Presidents and list of prospective NAWIC members and those interested in what's going on!

Chair: Gloria Bruning **Committee Members:** _____

Public Relations: Sends press releases to various publications regarding Chapter activities

Chair: _____ **Committee Members:** _____

Scholarship: Liaison with Clackamas Community College for our Endowment Fund.

Chair: Barbara Freeman **Committee Members:** _____

WIC Week: Responsible for planning celebration of WIC Week in March. National gives various ideas and help.

Chair: _____ Edie Bales **Committee Members:** Carol Helms, Gloria Bruning

Web Site: Responsible for keeping Website current.

Chair: Edie Bales Currently working with our Webmaster, Darlene.

New Renewal Policy

At NAWIC's Mid-Year Board Meeting in February, the Board of Directors passed a new renewal policy to be effective beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

The changes are as follows: Renewals **must be received** (not postmarked by) in the NAWIC Office by Oct. 1. After Oct. 1, a \$25 late fee will be assessed. The grace period has been eliminated.

In addition to the above changes, when and how you receive your renewal will also change. Members with an email address listed in the NAWIC Database will be emailed a link to renew online by the end of July (a paper invoice will not be mailed). Members who do not have an email address will be sent a renewal in the mail by the end of July.

To decrease processing time of your renewal, we strongly recommend that you renew online. If your email address changes, please be sure to update your information by visiting www.nawic.org > Member Sign In >Member Center > Update Your Info.



July 2008 Membership Meeting

Back row: Nancy Oswald, Edie Bales, Gloria Bruning, Kate Webber, Erin Holmes, Kathi Ott, Carol Helms
Front row: Evelyn Stratton, Lauren Holmes, our hostess Julie Puderbaugh, Rosalie Hayward, Amanda Wilson
Thank you Jodie Guthrie for taking our photo ~ and Erin Holmes for providing your camera!