



# Constructively Speaking

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

December 2007

## Events Calendar

**Dec. 20:**  
Membership Meeting  
Clyde's Prime Rib

**Jan. 7:**  
Board Meeting  
Safeco Insurance

**Jan. 17:**  
Membership Meeting  
Location TBA

**Feb. 4:**  
Board Meeting  
Safeco Insurance

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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 Tuesday of the week of the meeting, the Member will be billed for the cost of the dinner.

## December Membership Meeting Notice

**Date:** Thursday, December 20th  
5:30 p.m. registration begins /6:00 p.m. dinner/program

**Location:** Clyde's Prime Rib  
5474 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland, OR 97213

**Cost:** \$25.00

**Menu:** Clyde's is preparing a special menu for us with several selections available. Your order will be taken upon arrival.

**Program:** Christmas Gift Exchange

Please bring a gift valued at \$15 - Label it **PERSONAL**, **PRACTICAL** or **OUTDOORS**.

**PERSONAL** ~ Perfume, Scented Candle, Jewelry, Etc.

**PRACTICAL** ~ Kitchen Towels, Emergency Kit, Etc.

**OUTDOORS** ~ Garden Tools, Amaryllis, Bird Feeder, Etc.

**RSVP:** Phone (503-620-8080) or email Nancy Oswald ([noswald@legendhomes.com](mailto:noswald@legendhomes.com)) or Jodie Guthrie ([jguthrie@legendhomes.com](mailto:jguthrie@legendhomes.com)) by noon, Monday December 17th, 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

Happy Holidays! I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and have at least some of your Christmas shopping done. Enjoy the season, it's my favorite!

Our December meetings are always fun and a great way to learn more about our sister members. We have been blessed with several new members and have several more who have contacted us with interest in seeing what NAWIC is about. So, we're off to a great start.

Portland is hosting the annual Oregon Retreat this year and Anne Cohen and Megan Evans are chairing the committee. They are busy getting a date and location pinned down. Once done I hope you will all try to attend. It is really fun and a great way to meet members from Eugene, Salem and some that come from further away!

Two of our members, Carol Helms and Lauren Holmes, recently returned from the NAWIC South Africa trip. I'm sure they will have tales to tell!

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season. Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a great 2008. ~Edie Bales, President