



# 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

## **Region 9 Annual Planning Conference 2007 Report Great Falls, Montana**

by Bonnie Riddle

Great Falls APC was awesome! Edie already reported in pretty good detail what took place so I will just add my 2 cents worth. The Friday night reception party was great, lots of old faces, and a few new faces. The Montana gals lead by Katie and Linda even had a surprise birthday cake and song for my mother who had just turned 72 the day before. It is so nice being part of such a wonderful network of women who are genuinely warm, supportive and compassionate about everything they do. Most all of us "earned" the right to buy one of the Montana Bad Girls tee shirts.

The next morning at our business meeting each chapter reported new business and gave reports. Our keynote speaker Dr. Mary Moe, Dean of MSU was very informative and entertaining to listen to, it was nice that she asked for our input as to how she can make their construction college more prevalent and of interest in the community. Members of our region participated in the mock arbitration with 3 other local lawyers; it was very interesting, informative and entertaining as Katie from the Montana Chapter got some belly laughs out of us; I told Katie that she could be a stand up comedian next Jeff Foxworthy and the likes anytime.

The Alaska Chapter followed up by inviting all of us to their 2008 Annual Forum in Anchorage, AK. It is sure to be a good time and a great learning experience. Chris Jett suggested that if anyone was interested in coming for a few extra days that they should book after the Forum as the following week is when 3 hour Cruises will be available to check out the sites from a different view. I have 4 extra packets about Alaska and what it has to offer; I will bring them to the next membership meeting for anyone who thinks they might be interested in going to 2008 Forum.

Later Saturday after lunch and more business we all took off in a Trolley into downtown Great Falls where we broke off into several groups and did the scavenger hunt. Naomi being a first timer was elected as our leader, she did an awesome job in organizing the team and figuring out clues, our team "The Buffalo Chips" came in first place. We were one of the first teams done with our mission so we went into a local bar and had some drinks. There was a lot of thought and effort put into this "fun event" and my hat goes off to the Montana Chapter, they did an awesome job on the entire APC.

Great Falls is a beautiful city and I would definitely go back again. If you have an opportunity in the future to attend any of these regional and national functions I would encourage you to do it, it's a great way to see some of the county, meet other great NAWIC women, have fun and learn new things.



**Commission For Women ~ An Invitation to Serve**

Dear Friends-

The Oregon Advocacy Commission Office supports the work of 4 very important advocacy commissions:

- The Commission on Asian Affairs
- The Commission on Black Affairs
- The Commission on Hispanic Affairs
- The Commission for Women

These Commissions provide an important function of being a voice in state government and political arenas for some of the underserved populations in Oregon. We need people who understand the importance of advocacy in these arenas to step up and serve.

For more information about each of the commissions please visit our website: <http://www.oregon.gov/OAC/>. For more information about a particular commission please email me at [roslyn.n.farrington@state.or.us](mailto:roslyn.n.farrington@state.or.us) or give me a call at 503-378-2139.

While each commission operates independently, following are some basics about the structure:

- Each Commission has 11 members
- Commissioners are appointed by the Governor and Confirmed by the Senate
- Appointments are for 3 year terms
- Each commission meets between 6 and 12 times per year at various locations
- Commissioners are reimbursed for travel expenses

The next round of appointments happen in January, so please don't hesitate if this invitation calls to you. Following is a link to the Governors Appointment page where you can download the application.

<http://governor.oregon.gov/Gov/boards.shtml>

Peace,

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**RAFFLE COMMITTEE**

**Silent Auction for NEF- UPDATE!**

**Barbara Freeman**

**We've met our annual goal! The board had established an annual goal of \$150 for the 2007-08 year. Thanks to all who participated, our total collected for the evening was \$152!**



**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**December 3, 2007**

**Betty Spencer**

**A special welcome to our newest members:**

**Anjenette Lau ~ Morgan Machinery  
Sharon McDonald ~ Morgan Industrial  
Amanda Ring – Knife River  
Dementra Star – University of California, SF  
Kristine Westberg ~ Morgan Machinery**

**EVENTS & ITEMS OF INTEREST**



**ASPE - Columbia Pacific Chapter 54**  
(American Society of Professional Estimators)

For information on ASPE Meetings and events, please visit their website at:

<http://www.aspeportland.org>

To make reservations for their meetings visit:

<http://www.aspeportland.org/Reservation.asp>  
**Questions: Curt Kolar, 503.368.8291**

**Oregon Tradeswomen's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual  
"Women in Trades Fair"**

**May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> – School Days  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Public Day**

**Location:**

**NECA/IBEW Electrical Training Center  
16021 NE Airport Way  
Portland, OR 97230**  
[www.tradeswomen.net](http://www.tradeswomen.net)  
503.335.8200 x21

**NAWIC UPCOMING EVENTS!**

**April 25 - 27, 2008 – Region 9 Forum,  
Anchorage, Alaska**

**September 3 – 7, 2008 – National Convention,  
Las Vegas, Nevada (Flamingo Hotel)**

**Fall 2008 – Annual Planning Conference,  
Spokane, Washington**

**National Kitchen & Bath Association  
NKBA Columbia River Chapter**

In an effort to keep you connected with all of the latest events, news and information in the kitchen and bath industry, please visit:

<http://www.nkba.org>

**NAWIC Member Services**

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<http://www.nawic.org>.

**Industry Connections in our Area**

**AGC – Associated General Contractors of Oregon-Columbia**  
[www.agc-oregon.org](http://www.agc-oregon.org)

**CFMA – Construction Financial Management Association**  
[www.cfma.org](http://www.cfma.org)