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

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Events Calendar

12/14 - Membership Meeting @ Clyde's

01/03 - Board Meeting @ Anchor Ins.

01/18 - Membership Meeting - TBA

02/05 - Board Meeting @ Anchor Ins.

05/17-20/ 2007 - Region 9 Forum, Boise

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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.

December Membership Meeting Notice

Date: November 14, 2006
Thursday

Time: Social/Registration 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:00 pm

Location: Clyde's Prime Rib
5475 NE Sandy Blvd.
Portland, OR

Cost: \$30.00 (includes meal choice, non-alcoholic beverage & desert)

Dinner: Meal Choice from menu created for our meeting (Prime Rib, Crab Cakes w/Prawns, Chicken Cordon Blue among others)

Program: Holiday Benefit Dinner - See Page 2 for more information.

Contact **Edie Bales** by noon, Dec. 11th, if you need to cancel your standing reservation, are bringing a guest, or if you are a permanent cancel and will attend. edibal@safeco.com or 503.697.0171

Note: Due to reservation commitments, a minimum of 48 hours cancellation notice is required or you will be invoiced.

A Message from our President, Gloria Bruning

Season's Greetings Everyone!

I hope you're planning to attend our December membership meeting. The professional education committee has put together a program that I'm certain you'll all enjoy.

Julie Puderbaugh and her golf committee are already at work planning our 2007 tournament. The date is set for June 8th. Please be thinking about co-workers, vendors, et al, whom you'd like to invite.

Joy Kyllingmark has agreed to chair the 2006-07 professional education committee. Plans are tentatively in place for the remainder of our year. Results have been tallied from the survey the PE committee circulated. Thirteen members participated with strongest interest shown in the areas of leadership, motivational - teambuilding topics, job site tours, construction (technical) topics, and getting to know our NAWIC members. Lauren

Holmes has arranged a presentation for our January meeting followed by a job site tour in February of the River East project.

Bonnie Riddle is beginning preparations for the Block Kids competition to be held in March. Bonnie will provide an update at our December meeting.

The holiday season can be a crazy-stressful time for many. Each year I strive to find ways to cope as well as enjoy the festivities the season has to offer. I try eliminating some of the fluff and self-induced high expectations and focusing on just a few events, and each year does get better.

My sincere hope for all is a wonderful holiday where you have time to reflect on life's many blessings. NAWIC is one of my blessings and I truly appreciate the friendships developed throughout the years. Happy Holidays to each one of you!

Gloria Bruning, President

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Charity Benefit: My Sister's House serving the East County - "a safe house that provides shelter, education opportunities and assisted child care for women and children in transition" A representative from My Sister's House will join us for dinner and tell us more about their program. We ask that you bring one or two of the following items to help meet some of their basic needs: *Clothes for women or children – diapers – toys – toilet paper – paper towels – napkins – Kleenex – sandwich, garbage or other baggies – furniture polish – 409 Cleaner or Pine-Sol – Comet – canned foods (such as veggies, tuna or fruit)*

Gift Exchange: Theme is "Cozy for the Winter". Bring either a hat, scarf or gloves (wrapped) & come prepared to do some trading (Chinese Gift Exchange).

Dress: You can dress festive in your "Holiday wear" or you can come in jeans...your call.

Note: Members have been sent more complete information from Joy Kyllingmark. If you did not receive it or want to receive it again, let Edie Bales know (edibal@safeco.com or 503.697.0171)

Chapter Sales!!

What is every smart dressed NAWIC wearing this year? One of Chapter 54's Polo Shirts and/or Vest! If you don't have one, Yasmine can help you out. Stressed? We have the answer for that too! Purchase a rubber NAWIC Hardhat Stress Ball. Dress your keys up with a NAWIC Key Chain. Looking for the perfect gift for someone for Christmas...look no more, Yas has some great Roadster Sets!

For more information, contact Yasmine at : yasmine@usfamily.net or 503.701.5871



**Black Polo Shirt
Stress Hats
Key Chains**



Polo Shirt



Vest



Roadster Set

Region 9 Membership Contest!

Retention - Recruitment

Each year the region has two membership awards. This year we're raising the stakes!

With every new member \$5 goes in the pot.

- This past year we had 69 new members. That's \$345!

The donation will be split between:

- The Chapter with the highest % of retention
- The individual with the highest number of recruits

Donations Will be made towards the Chapter's / Member's Ladder Club pin by our humble Region 9 Membership Chair...**Chris Jett!**



POWER OF ONE

If every Region 9 member recruits one member, it would cost Chris Jett \$1,500!!!!

- Earning NEF a pretty penny
- Doubling Region 9 Membership

The challenge has been made, it's up to us!

Contest dates 10/1/06 through 9/31/07

Awards presented at APC 07

Final contest awards will be based on NAWIC national membership reporting

2007 Women in Trades Career Fair

Student Days - May 3 & 4, 2007 Open to all - May 5, 2007

Where: NECA/IBEW Electrical Training Center
16021 NE Airport Way
Portland, OR

Interactive, trades related career fair serving 2,000 youth and adults.

Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. are looking for Sponsors, Exhibit Hosts, someone to Lead a Workshop and Volunteers and people to attend. If interested, please contact them at 503.335.8200 X21 or fair@tradeswomen.net Oregon Tradeswomen - www.tradeswomen.net

EVENTS & Things 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

Society of Women Engineers (SWE)

We received no notice of their meeting this month. However, it interested contact them at this e-mail address:

prof-development@swe-columbia-river.org

Holiday Events in Portland

Festivals of Lights at the Grotto – 503.261.2400

Pittock Mansion – “Favorite Toys” – 503.823.3624

Christmas Ships – <http://www.christmasships.org/>

Winter Wonderland at PIR – 503.821.4354

Zoo Lights – Oregon Zoo – 503.221.1561

Christmas Fantasy Trail – Wenzel Farm
503.631.2047

NAWIC UPCOMING EVENTS!

Feb or Mar, 2007 – Oregon Retreat – exact date & location to be announced.

May 17-20, 2007 - Region 9 Forum, Boise, ID

June 8, 2007 - Golf Tournament – Chapter 54 annual fundraiser

Sept. 2007 – National Convention, Orlando FL

Oct. 2007 - Region 9 Annual Planning Conference, Great Falls, MT

April 25, 2008 – Region 9 Forum, Anchorage,

Google Search Engine

Most of us have used Google, Yahoo or some other search engine when trying to find something on the internet. We found out at APC, that everytime someone uses the Google search from our National Web Site (www.nawic.org), Google pays NAWIC! It's non-dues revenue!

Next time you search the web, take an extra second to go to our national site first and access Google from there!

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NAWIC Member Services

If traveling, obtaining a publication subscription, business services or other special services don't forget that several companies offer NAWIC Members discounts on their services. See NAWIC Image or National Website <http://www.nawic.org>.



NAWIC CHAPTER 54 - Milestones & Interesting Facts!

NAWIC Links

NAWIC Portland Chapter 54
www.nawicportland54.org

NAWIC Region 9
www.nawicregion9.org

NAWIC National
www.nawic.org

NEF
www.nawiceducation.org

NAWIC Eugene Chapter 77
www.nawiceugene.com

December Anniversaries!



Amber Cook -
 2 years

 Leanne Cheung –
 1 year

December Birthdays



Mary Ann Berg - 12/05
 Lauren Holmes - 12/09
 Anne Klosterman - 12/09
 Vera Millhouse - 12/17
 Maureen Stone - 12/21
 Edie Bales - 12/24



Golf Tournament Fundraiser!
“Not Just for Girls Tournament”

Our Golf Tournament will be held June 8, 2007 at Meriweather Golf Course. Last years event will be hard to beat, but we plan on having just as good of time, if not better!

We will be looking for sponsors, raffle items and people to invite! A Flyer will be sent out with the newsletter giving additional information. If you need another one, please contact Edie Bales at edibal@safeco.com or 503.697.0171

WEB SITE SPONSORS WANTED!!
ONLY \$25!!!

What a great opportunity to get your name and or company on one of the greatest Web Sites in the world! Millions of people have an opportunity to look at NAWIC Portland Chapter 54 Web Site! For only \$25, we will reproduce your business card, put your name & company name with a link to your web site on ours for an entire year! Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Contact Edie Bales at edibal@safeco.com or 603.697.0171 for details. Visit us at <http://www.nawicportland54.org>

NAWIC PORTLAND 54 SPONSORS

The following companies have generously agreed to support our 2006 Golf Tournament. NAWIC Portland Chapter 54 thanks them and encourages you to use their services.

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 Ash Grove Cement Company
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 Canby Excavating, Inc.
 Coffman Excavation, Inc.
 Columbia Wire & Iron Works, Inc.
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 NW Natural
 Pape Machinery
 Portland General Electric
 Rose City Blueprint
 RSC Rental Service Corp.
 Safeco Surety
 Sunbelt Rentals
 VOCl, Vancouver Oil
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If you would like to become a Sponsor, please contact Edie Bales at 503.697.0171 or edibal@safeco.com.

Region 9 Contacts

Region 9 Committee Chairs

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Block Kids –

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Region 9 Chapter Presidents

Portland #54 – Gloria Bruning
 Puget Sound #60 – Janice Lawrence

Eugene #77 – Ellie Cooper
 Spokane #143 – Kris Nowell
 Tacoma #187 – Kelly Milstead
 Tri Cities #192 – Cathy Brady
 Alaska #197 – Misty Dawn Crim
 Salem #198 – Nancy Carter
 Great Falls #228 – Katie Hanning
 Boise #245 – Ruth Fritts
 Yakima #279 – Sherrie Connell

Portland Chapter 54 2006-2007 Officers and Directors and Committees



Core Values:

- Believe in ourselves as women
- Persevere with the strength of our convictions
- Dare to move into new horizons.

Core Purpose:

To enhance the success of women in the Construction Industry.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.nawicportland54.org

President	<i>Gloria Bruning</i>
President Elect	<i>Edie Bales</i>
Vice President	<i>Bonnie Riddle</i>
Treasurer	<i>Helen Newcomb</i>
Recording Secretary	<i>Lauren Holmes</i>
Corresponding Secretary	<i>Erin Holmes</i>
Directors	<i>Julie Puderbaugh, Betty Spencer, Melanie Stewart, Judy Redford</i>
Parliamentarian	<i>Yasmine Branden</i>
Immediate Past President	<i>Shelley Richards</i>

Committees

Finance: *Gloria Bruning, Shelley Richards, Helen Newcomb, Evelyn Stratton*

Construction Industry: *Judy Redford, Helen Newcomb, Edie Bales*

Membership: *Julie Puderbaugh and Betty Spencer, Co-Chairs; Amber Cook, Bonnie Riddle, Evelyn Stratton – Membership Roster*

Professional Education: *Lauren Holmes, Joy Kylingmark, Erin Holmes, Glenda Nabors, Melanie Stewart, Hollie Erickson, Judy Redford, Evelyn Stratton, (Reservations Only)*

Audit: *Evelyn Stratton*

Ways & Means: *Julie Puderbaugh, Chair of Golf Tournament; Helen Newcomb, Amber Cook, Mary Ann Berg, Edie Bales*

Badges & Attendance: *Rosalie Hayward, Chair; Evelyn Stratton*

Block Kids: *Bonnie Riddle, Chair; Betty Spencer, Helen Newcomb, Amber Cook, Leanne Cheung, Shelley Richards, Betty Wollam*

Bylaws: *Evelyn Stratton, Chair*

CAD: *Sherri McCurdy, Chair; Edie Bales*

Chapter Sales: *Yasmine Branden, Chair; Betty Spencer*

Chapter Raffle: *Bonnie Riddle*

Newsletter: *Edie Bales, Chair*

Public Relations,: *Yasmine Branden, Betty Spencer*

Scholarship: *Shelley Richards, Chair*

WIC Week: *Anne Wagner and Shelley Richards*

Web Site: *Edie Bales, Chair; Darlene Marquardt, Webmaster*