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National Association of Women in Construction

Portland Chapter 54

Established in 1961

December 2009

MEETING INFORMATION

Attention: We're Celebrating the Holidays in Style!!

This year, don't miss it – mark your calendars today. NAWIC Chapter 54 will be hosting a Christmas Party in need of your Cheer!

Come dressed in your ugliest seasonal sweater, enjoy a tasty dinner, and watch the 2009 Christmas Ship Parade! Most important: We want you to bring your sweetheart, parent, friend, or co-worker – it's going to be a gas!! Here's the scoop:

Date: December 17th, Thursday

Location: Turner Construction (HUGE Thanks to them!) (SEE PAGE 2 FOR Additional Information!)
1200 NW Naito Parkway, Portland, OR 97209 (parking details on Page 2...)

Time: 6:00-8:30 (dinner at 6:30)

Menu: Holiday Beef Brisket w/ Cranberries and Portobello or Chasseur Chicken; Orzo Primavera; Salad; Rolls; Gourmet Desserts. Hot Apple Cider too.

But wait, that's not all! We'll give a spectacular Prize to the owner of the ugliest sweater; we're having a Funky Hot Mug Exchange (\$15 Limit); a Group Game is currently under development; and you can participate in the Can Food Drive!

*See you and your guest there!! Please RSVP to Amanda Wilson asap – no later than December 14th.
awilson@orstbridge.com*

A Message from our President, Dalene Schafer

Well, my head is swimming in beer, how about yours?! Our First Annual BrewFest and Silent Auction was a HUGE success. We hoped to have 40-50 people in attendance and we were floored when 83 people signed up, and 75 showed up! Thank you to those who assisted in setting up, cleaning up and rallying the troops in your offices and your friends to make it a great night. We raised just over \$2,600 for NFSF and \$240 for NEF. Planning for next year will soon be underway!

We had a fabulous speaker for our November Meeting, Sheila LeChance spoke about “Women Speak: Conflict Resolution Tools”. She was a wonderful speaker and her presentation was very interactive and I think we all enjoyed it.

Next month, our meeting will be held at Turner Construction's office to watch the Christmas ships, enjoy some beverage and food, and I hear rumors of a contest or perhaps a gift exchange, so stay tuned!

Dalene Schafer
Chapter 54, President

December Meeting Additional Details!

Turner Construction is located at 1200 NW Naito Parkway in the Albers Mill Building which abuts to the Boardway Bridge on the north side. The office suite is #300 on the 3rd Floor

The lobby doors and elevator lock down at 6pm. Our hostess, Marilyn Morrison will check for late-comers periodically up until 6:20pm and facilitate lobby door entry and elevator service. **DO NOT UTILIZE THE STAIRWAYS!** Those doors lock at 5pm and you will be stuck in the stairway until morning...missing all the fun!

Late comers can call Marilyn on her cell phone (503) 858-0854

Parking - You will need to park via the meter provided by City Center. It is enforced 24/7. You will need to pay for parking. **DO NOT** park in the Visitors parking spaces.



HO HO HO... Santa just loves those NAWIC Girl! He's heard Chapter 54 is a little naughty...but he doesn't believe a word of that!

Oregon Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity

Join Lauren and others at the Oregon Food Bank, Saturday, December 12th at 9:00 AM!
Our chapter is volunteering to help.

Please let Lauren know as soon as possible if you will attend.

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Sanity is a madness put to good use.

George Santayana (1863-1952)

Mark your Calendars!

The event we've been waiting for is nearly here! No, not Edie's Birthday, not Christmas, not New Years! Think spring, think back nearly a year ago, think sand and fun, think a bunch of NAWIC woman taking over a coastal resort... If you haven't guess by now, you've either never attended one, or you have bumped your head and forgot "fun". Why I'm talking about the famous Oregon Retreat! The Portland, Salem and Eugene Chapters come together for "just fun" once a year. This has become such a great event we also draw members from outside of Oregon!

This year, the Oregon Retreat is hosted by the Eugene Chapter and will be held March 6th at the Adobe hotel in Yachats. You will be hearing more from Eugene soon.

You can come down Friday evening and stay the whole weekend if you like. The weather may be sunny, cloudy, rainy or stormy, but who cares...we will have a blast.

If you've never attended, no time like this one to be your first. If you've gone before, I don't have to sell you on it.

Remember.... "What happens at Retreat, stays at Retreat"

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

OSHA Safety & Health Workshops

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NAWIC UPCOMING EVENTS!

Dec. 12th – Chapter Volunteer Session @ Oregon Food Bank

Dec. 17th – Membership Meeting/Christmas Party

Jan. 7th – Board Meeting @ Legend Homes

Jan. 21st – Membership Meeting @ Elephants Deli

Mar 6th & 7th – Oregon Retreat @ the Adobe in Yachats, hosted by the Eugene Chapter

May 14 – 15, 2010 – Forum Eugene, OR

**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>

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Sisters in the Building Trades - [www.SistersintheBuildingTrades.org](http://www.SistersintheBuildingTrades.org)  
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Happy Holidays!



NAWIC CHAPTER 54 - Milestones & Interesting Facts!

NAWIC Links

NAWIC Portland Chapter
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www.nawicportland54.org

NAWIC Region 9

www.nawicregion9.org

NAWIC National

www.nawic.org

NEF

www.nawiceducation.org

**December
Anniversaries!**



Didn't see any????

December Birthdays



Lauren Holmes 12/9

Edie Bales 12/24

NAWIC History

The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) originally began as Women in Construction of Fort Worth, Texas. It was founded in 1953 by 16 women working in the construction industry. Knowing that women represented only a small fraction of the construction industry, the founders organized NAWIC to create a support network. Women in Construction of Fort Worth was so successful that it gained its national charter in 1955 and became the National Association of Women in Construction.

WEB SITE SPONSORS WANTED!!

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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>

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Region 9 Chapter Presidents

Portland #54 – Dalene Schafer
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Tri Cities #192 – Cyndie Lorenz
Alaska #197 – Kathleen Bugbee
Salem #198 – Vickie Tewalt
Great Falls #228 – Barbara Woith
Boise #245 – Molly McClure



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

Portland Chapter 54 2009-2010

Officers, Directors & Committees

President	Dalene Schafer
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Committees

Finance: Dalene Schafer, Lauren Holmes, Gloria Bruning, Evelyn Stratton

Membership: Lauren Holmes, Chair; Edie Bales, Amanda Wilson & Dalene Schafer
Evelyn Stratton – Membership Roster

Professional Education: Amanda Wilson, Chair; Dalene Schafer, Christina Fell
Edie Bales (Reservations Only)

Audit: Evelyn Stratton

Ways & Means: Carol Helms, Chair of Golf Tournament; Amanda Wilson,
Dalene Schafer, Christina Fell

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Block Kids: Ursula Lande, Chair; Betty Wollam, Dalene Schafer

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