



# Constructively Speaking

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

January 2008

## Events Calendar

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

**Feb. 21:**  
Membership Meeting  
Location TBA

**Feb. 29-Mar. 1:**  
Oregon Retreat  
Tolovana Inn  
Cannon Beach, OR

**Mar. 3:**  
Board Meeting  
Safeco Insurance

## Highlights

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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.

## January Membership Meeting Notice

**Date:** Thursday, January 17, 2008  
5:30 p.m. registration begins /6:00 p.m. dinner/program

**Location:** Kell's Irish Pub  
112 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland, OR 97204

**Cost:** \$25.00

**Menu:** Caesar Salad, Bushmills BBQ Pork, Green Beans with Bacon and Onion, Roasted New Potatoes and Sausage Rolls. Coffee and Tea included.

### Program:

Our very own chapter 54 members, Carol Helms and Lauren Holmes will give us a presentation on their recent trip to South Africa as ambassadors for NAWIC. It will surely be an interesting and insightful presentation to learn about construction practices in a foreign country.

**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 January 14th. 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 New Year to you all! I hope you've recovered from celebrating and are looking forward to a fantastic 2008!

Anne & Megan are working hard on the Oregon Retreat and we hope to have registration form out soon. Please mark your calendars for Fri night, 2/29 and Sat, 3/1 to join us and our other NAWIC sisters at the coast for a great time.

Spring is a busy time of year, with WIC week and the Block Kids and CAD competitions. Bonnie is working on both WIC week and Block Kids, please don't hesitate to contact her and see how you can help.

A big welcome to Kathrin Bragich with Smith Freed & Eberhard. Thanks to Megan Evans for recruiting her. This makes a total of three members from Smith Freed & Eberhard...they seem to be in close competition with the Legend Homes people! We will be doing a "New Member Installation" at our January meeting for all the newer members.

Forum is sneaking up on us. Due to the cost of travel, we budgeted for one chapter paid representative. We will be voting on that person in January. I hope to see you all at the January meeting.  
~Edie Bales