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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

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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 2nd 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) or Jodie Guthrie (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

**WIC Lifetime Achievement
and
Future Leader of the Year
Chapter- Awards**

~Edie Bales

It's that time of year again to select two members from our chapter to receive these award and go on to compete for the Regional titles.

Thinking about the criteria for each award, I would like you all to be thinking about who you would like to nominate for each title. You will find information on each below. We will be taking nominations at our January meeting and voting at our February meeting.

Region 9 Future Leader

Purpose: To give recognition to a Region 9 member who has been an active member for *less than two years*.

Eligibility: To be eligible, a member must be active for less than two years as of April 15th of each year. Past recipients are ineligible to receive future awards. Last year *Lauren Holmes* was our Chapter Future Leader. Members from our chapter who meet the time frame for eligibility this year are: **Anne Cohen, Megan Evans, Christina Fell, Jodie Guthrie, Erin Holmes, Anjenette Lau, Sharon McDonald, Nancy Oswald, Kathi Ott, Amanda Ring, Demetra Star, Naomi Vincent, Kate Webber, Kristine Westberg, and Katherine Dragich.** (if I've missed anyone, please let me know.)

Selection Process: Each chapter may elect one candidate to compete for the Regional award. Nomination forms will be numbers and check of anonymity (no names or chapter numbers) and forwarded to a panel of 3 impartial judges, all out-of-region.

Criteria & Method of Judging: Criteria: Attendance at Chapter meetings & functions. Attendance at Region/National events (Annual Planning Conference, Joint or Special Meeting Conferences, Annual Forums, National Conventions). Chapter activities/committees/participation. Local construction related activities and awards. The

Chapter President will submit an 150 word or less essay to go along with the nomination form (with the participation & activities evaluated on a point system) for the chapter member being submitted. The Region 9 Future Leader will be recognized at our Form in Anchorage.

WIC LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Purpose: Established to recognize outstanding efforts of members within Region 9 who have maintained their membership involvement over many years of service. The award is based upon their lifetime achievements and participation in NAWIC.

Eligibility: Past recipients are ineligible to receive the regional award. (Note: Until 2007 this award was called WIC of the Year. Previous winners of the regional "WIC of the Year" are ineligible for the Region 9 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Selection Process: Same as for Future Leader.

Criteria & Method of Judging: Length of NAWIC membership. Chapter/regional/national activities & functions. Attendance at Forums and Conventions, and local construction related activities and awards. The Chapter President will submit a 250 word or less essay to go along with the nomination form (with the participation & activities evaluated on a point system) for the chapter member being submitted. The Region 9 WIC Lifetime Achievement award winner will be recognized at our Form in Anchorage. They will also serve as the Chairman for the following year's awards,

Oregon Retreat

February 29 – March 1, 2008



As mentioned in Edie's president's message on page one, Anne Cohen and Megan Evans are busy putting plans together for our 2008 retreat. The agenda will include educational opportunities along with networking and of course - fun!

Details we can share today:

Location: Tolovana Inn
3400 S. Hemlock
Cannon Beach, OR 97145
Phone: 1-800-333-8890
Email: info@tolovanainn.com

A special room rate is available (10% discount). Our group name is "NAWIC."

NAWIC MEMORIAL

National has advised that past president **DONNA MEIDLING, CIT**, passed recently following a short hospital stay. Donna was national president 1978-79.

If you would like to send a card to the family, the following would be the best address:

Meidling Concrete
PO Box 15198
Spokane, WA 99215

Block Kids 2008

Bonnie Riddle, Committee Chair

Our annual Block Kids competition is coming up. The date and time is still to be determined. The location will be same as last year, Martin Luther King in Vancouver, Washington.

We will need volunteers to help sort blocks, judging at the event as well as general help. More information will follow soon.

Appreciate your help in advance! ~Bonnie



STEEL TOE BOOT RECALL

TIMBERLAND Company is voluntarily recalling Timberland PRO Direct Attach Steel Toe Series boots made in the Dominican Republic and sold nationwide between September 2005 and September 2007. The boot may not comply with applicable safety standards for compression and impact resistance. Consumers could suffer impact foot injuries. No injuries have been reported. Models numbers being recalled 26002, 65016, 26038 and 38021. You may contact Timberland Company at www.timberlandpro.com or call 1-800-445-5545.
