

Constructively Speaking

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

March 2008

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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.

March Membership Meeting Notice

Date: Thursday, March 20, 2008
5:30 p.m. registration begins / 6:00 p.m. dinner/program

Location: Kell's Irish Pub
112 SW Second Ave.
Portland, OR 97204

Menu: Guinness Meatballs
Spanikopita (spinach and feta cheese with puff pastry)
Ulster Champ (mashed potatoes with scallions)
Green Salad, Rolls, Assorted Fruit Tartlets
Soda, Tea, Coffee

Program:

Our guest speaker is Malle McClusky, a volunteer with the Portland Police Bureau "WomenStrength" personal safety program. The WomenStrength personal safety workshop is designed to introduce a variety of self-protective options. The basic program covers Prevention strategies; recognizing when being targeted for an attack; and pros and cons of options for ending an attack. (Read Malle's bio on page five.)

RSVP: Phone (503-620-8080) or email Nancy Oswald (noswald@legendhomes.com) or Jodie Guthrie (jguthrie@legendhomes.com) by noon, Tuesday, March 18th, 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

We held our Oregon Retreat the end of February. Members of Portland, Salem, Eugene and five members from chapters in Washington attended. The weather was perfect. Each chapter's topic on Saturday was interesting and fun...and of course there was the non-stop laughter in the hospitality suite on Friday night and then Jodie Guthrie and Carol Helms' suite on Saturday. Anne Cohen and Megan Proulx did a fantastic job planning the event. We want to give special thanks to Smith Freed & Eberhard PC for their contribution.

Congratulations to Rosalie Hayward for being nominated the Chapters 2008 WIC Lifetime Achievement award; Jodie Guthrie for our 2008 Future Leader and Gloria Bruning for our 2008 WIC of the year. I'll be busy counting points and writing essays now. Best of luck in competing at the regional level.

Mayor Tom Potter has proclaimed March 2nd - 8th, Women in Construction Week in the City of Portland. Despite repeated tries, we had no response from the governor.

The Nominating Committee will be contacting all members soon to put together a slate of officers and directors for our 2008-09 year. We'll be voting on them soon. Why just sit around waiting for that phone call? Contact Jodie Guthrie and let her know what position you'd like to run for. Sorry, President and Past President positions are taken, but there always is President-Elect!

The Block Kids competition was held February 22nd at Martin Luther King Elementary School in Vancouver. Another successful and fun time! We had great coverage from the DJC. Check out the February 26th issue. Thank you Betty Spencer!

And of course, let's not forget St. Patrick's Day...it's legal to pinch or be pinched, so wear your green as you prefer!
~Edie Bales

Press Release from National



2008 Women in Construction Week Building Pathways to Success

FORT WORTH, TX - The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) is pleased to celebrate the 11th anniversary of Women in Construction (WIC) Week March 2-8, 2008. NAWIC exists to enhance the success of women in the construction industry. For 11 years, the focus of this week has been to spotlight women in the construction industry and for members to reach out and give back to their communities.

NAWIC promotes WIC Week nationally to raise awareness of the possibilities the construction industry holds for potential employees. The theme this year is "Building Pathways to Success."

"NAWIC members and chapters are either implementing or helping with the majority of successful programs aimed at enhancing the success of women in the construction industry," says Dede Hughes, NAWIC's EVP, "that is our core purpose. On this week our members attempt to raise awareness of all women in construction."

Examples of WIC Week programs include Construction Career Days for high-school students and Block-Kids for elementary and middle-school students. Chapters nationwide will celebrate the week with a variety of activities, from award banquets and membership drives to community service and hands-on workshops — all designed to promote the construction industry and the valuable contributions women have made.

In the past, NAWIC chapters have worked with Girl Scouts and school children to teach them about jobs in construction, by helping them build projects of their own. Chapters have also taken part in career fairs and Habitat for Humanity Women Build projects. Each year, the list of activities grows.

Anyone interested in participating in events with local chapters is welcome to contact the NAWIC Office at (800) 552-3506 for more information.

About the National Association of Women in Construction:

Founded in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1955, NAWIC serves approximately 5,500 members in nearly 200 chapters in the United States. The Association has international affiliates in South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom. For more information please visit www.nawic.org. Questions can be directed to Marketing Director Ralph Gill at (817) 877-5551.

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Whereas

Whereas, the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) Portland Chapter 54 has been a distinguished voice for women in construction in the City of Portland and throughout the State of Oregon since 1961; and

Whereas, the work done by NAWIC Portland Chapter 54 has benefited the City of Portland and the State of Oregon through community development and educational programs; and

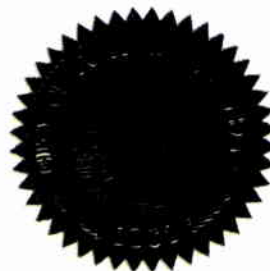
Whereas, NAWIC Portland Chapter 54 has unceasingly promoted the employment and advancement of women in the construction industry and sought to achieve successful results for the City of Portland and the State of Oregon in a cooperative spirit with other organizations; and

Whereas, the construction community, represented by NAWIC Portland Chapter 54, has been a driving force in fostering community development through renovation and beautification projects, promotion of skilled trades careers and a positive vision of the future;

Now, therefore, I, Tom Potter, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim March 2 through 8, 2008 to be

Women in Construction Week
in Portland, and encourage all citizens to observe this week.

Tom Potter



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