



# Constructively Speaking

## National Association of Women in Construction

### Portland Chapter 54

*Established in 1961*

March 2010

#### MEETING INFORMATION

### ***Portland Chapter Celebrates Women in Construction! Wine and Cheese Reception***

**Date:** Thursday, March 18, 2010

**Time:** 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
(registration begins at 5:30 pm)

**Location:** Elephants Delicatessen – Garden Room  
115 NW 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland

**Cost:** **FREE** for Potential Members and NAWIC Guests  
Members: \$15.00 (everyone receives one drink ticket)  
Light hors d'oeuvres will be served. Cash Bar

RSVP to [Edith.Bales@LibertyMutual.com](mailto:Edith.Bales@LibertyMutual.com) by Tuesday, March 16th

#### **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.**

## A Message from our President, Dalene Schafer

Our February meeting was a joint effort with the American Society of Professional Estimators (ASPE). We participated in a bid simulation. It was definitely a learning experience! My team had several seasoned estimators. It was fast, confusing loud and fun! Several NAWIC ladies made it, including several NAWIC guests. I'm hoping this is something we can do again next year.

Our March meeting will be a membership drive wine and cheese reception at the Elephants Delicatessen Garden Room on March 18th. It will be \$15 to all members and free for potential new members and guests. Please send out the event flier and talk to ladies you think would benefit from joining NAWIC. I'd love to get a good handful of new members at this event!

We will also be having a community outreach event. Yasmine Branden will be heading up a Habitat for Humanity WomenBuild on Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Yasmine for more information [YasmineB@Neilkelly.com](mailto:YasmineB@Neilkelly.com)

Block Kids was last Friday and was a blast. This year we held the event at Bolten Elementary School in West Linn. It was fun seeing the creativity and enthusiasm of the fifth grade kids as they created their projects. Our winner made a crane with moving parts and included construction debris. Second and third place went to a shoe factory and the Golden Gate Bridge.

Please stay tuned for more information as Amanda Wilson and Carol Helms are gearing up for an awesome week of Magic Camp and are joining forces with the local unions and the Oregon Trades Women. They would love your help, so please get in touch with them if you'd like to put your skills to the test. Carol has a list of things she needs help with.

Sincerely,  
Dalene Schafer

STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** The National Association of Women In Construction (NAWIC) Portland Chapter 54, Eugene Chapter 77, and Salem Chapter 198 have distinguished themselves as the voice of women in construction in the State of Oregon; and
- WHEREAS:** The work done by the NAWIC Oregon Chapters has benefited the State of Oregon through community development and educational programs; and
- WHEREAS:** The NAWIC Oregon Chapters have unceasingly promoted the employment and advancement of women in the construction industry; and
- WHEREAS:** The construction community, represented by the NAWIC Oregon Chapters 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; and
- WHEREAS:** The NAWIC Oregon Chapters have sought to achieve successful results for the State of Oregon in a cooperative spirit with other organizations; and
- WHEREAS:** Citizens of Oregon are encouraged to recognize the NAWIC Oregon Chapters and their many dedicated volunteers for their steadfast work on behalf and support of women in construction.

**NOW,**

**THEREFORE:** I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **March 7 – March 13, 2010** to be

**WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION WEEK**

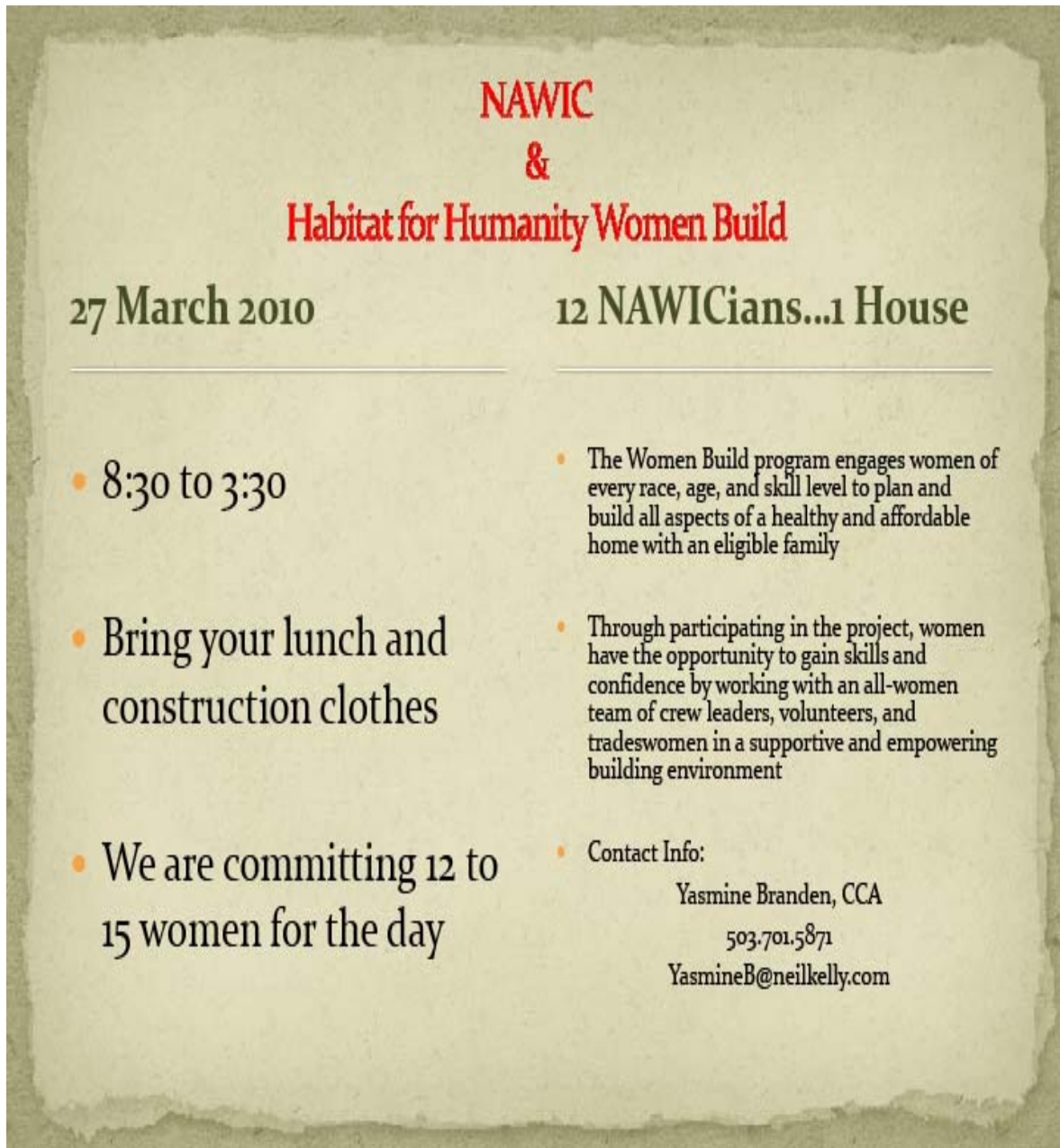
in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, February 25, 2010.



*Theodore R. Kulongoski*  
Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

*Kate Brown*  
Kate Brown, Secretary of State



You do not have to be a NAWIC member to help Habitat for Humanity Women Build!

**Casino Night is coming!**  
Christina Fell is busy putting together our Chapter 54 Fund Raiser. The date is June 10, 2010. You will be hearing more shortly. If you would like to help her, please let her know

### **Block Kids Competition**

**Our 2010 Block Kids Competition was held at Bolton Primary School in West Linn, OR. More than 50 fifth grade students participated. This event is designed to spark interest in the construction industry.**

**Our members provided each student with the same amount of Lego building blocks, string and aluminum foil. The students put their creative minds to work. Construction industry professionals served as judges. Projects were evaluated based upon the effective use of material, innovation, problem solving and a verbal explanation of their project.**

**First place winner was Thomas Benson, age 11. Thomas designed and built a working crane. Second place went to Anna Sullwold, also 11. Anna built a shoe factory. Third place went to 10 year old Laura Bishop who designed a bridge along with water and fish.**

**We would like to thank our Sponsors of this years Block Kids event:**

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**We would also like to thank our Block Kids Committee Chair, Ursula Lande, Carol Helms and all those who volunteers to judge the event.**

**The Dailey Journal of Commerce ran an article on our event.  
<http://djcoregon.com/news/2010/03/03/block-kids/>**

***Do you believe in Magic? NAWIC Portland Chapter 54 does!***

NAWIC members for the last few years have heard about the Magic Summer Camp many chapters have hosted. We kicked the idea around for the last couple years and 2010 three Magic Camps this July. We are partnering with local unions, educators and construction companies.

The week long day camps are free to participants and designed to introduce high school girls to exciting careers in construction. Campers will participate in hands-on skills and learn the numerous opportunities for a career in the construction industry.

As you can imagine much help is needed. We need volunteers in many areas , sponsors, etc. PLEASE contact Carol Helms and find out what you can do to help us put on a Magic Camp that will inspire these young girls!

Carol Helms

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**Yasmine A. Branden, CCA**  
**for NAWIC National Treasurer**  
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**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**

. To register for the free workshops, fax your request on company letterhead to (503) 947-7462 or register on the Oregon OSHA Web site, [www.orosha.org](http://www.orosha.org) under "Education." For questions about Oregon OSHA's public education, call (503) 947-7443 or call toll-free within Oregon, (888) 292-5247, Option 2.

**NAWIC UPCOMING EVENTS!**

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

Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> – WIC Week

Mar, 18<sup>th</sup> – Membership Meeting – Elephants

Apr 1 – Board Meeting @ Legend Homes

Apr 15<sup>th</sup> – Membership Meeting @ Elephants

June 10, 2010 – Chapter 54's Casino Night

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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**NAWIC CHAPTER 54 - Milestones & Interesting Facts!**

**NAWIC Links**

NAWIC Portland Chapter 54

[www.nawicportland54.org](http://www.nawicportland54.org)

NAWIC Region 9

[www.nawicregion9.org](http://www.nawicregion9.org)

NAWIC National

[www.nawic.org](http://www.nawic.org)

NEF

[www.nawiceducation.org](http://www.nawiceducation.org)

**March Anniversaries!**



Lisa Buchan 1 yr

Christina Fell 3 yrs

Marilyn Morrison 2 yrs

**March Birthdays**



Didn't find any March Birthdays!

If your birthday was missed, it's only because we don't have it! Please notify Edie Bales of your special day so we don't miss it again!

**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](mailto: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 sponsored our 2009 Golf Tournament. Chapter 54 appreciates their support and encourages you to use their services. We are also grateful to the individuals who sponsored the event*

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Eugene #77 – Nancy Ograin  
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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](http://www.nawicportland54.org)

## Portland Chapter 54 2009-2010

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

**Membership:** Lauren Holmes, Chair; Edie Bales, Amanda Wilson & Dalene Schafer  
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