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National Association of Women in Construction Portland Chapter 54
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November 2007

Events Calendar

Nov. 15:
Membership Meeting
Kennedy School

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Board Meeting
Safeco Insurance

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Clyde's Prime Rib

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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.

November Membership Meeting Notice

Date: Thursday, November 15th
5:30 p.m. registration begins /6:00 p.m. dinner/program

Location: McMennamins Kennedy School
5736 NE 33rd Ave., Portland, OR 97211

Cost: \$25.00

Menu: Spinach and Cheese Pasta Shells, Sausage Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Fruit Tray, Veggie Platter, Caesar Salad, Dessert Tray, Coffee or Tea.

Program: Willamette River Overflow "Big Pipe" Project

Learn about the ambitious project by the City of Portland Dept. of Environmental Services to keep sewage out of the Willamette River and Columbia Slough during heavy rains. Plan to hear about some pretty awesome details regarding enormous tunnels and laying massive pipes alongside the Willamette River to carry waste to a treatment plant. Please see our speaker, Tammy Cleys', bio on page three.

SPECIAL NEF FUNDRAISER planned for tonight's meeting. See Barbara Freeman's memo on page four.

RSVP: Phone (503-620-8080) or email Nancy Oswald (noswald@legendhomes.com) or Jodie Guthrie (jguthrie@legendhomes.com) by noon, Monday, November 12th, 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

Yasmine and the Great Falls Chapter put on a great APC. It was great to see old friends and meet some new ones. Portland had a total of six members and one guest attend...and they all returned as "Montana Bad Girls". I also bid in Portland's behalf to host APC 2009 in Portland. You'll hear more about APC in my official report.

As you know from my email and phone calls, the December meeting will be held at Clyde's Prime Rib. Program information to follow soon. Jodi & Nancy are busy getting us taken care of for the rest of the year.

On the 16th I emailed out information on accessing our new membership database on the national website. The hope is it would replace paper rosters. I learned a little more about it from Tamie Taylor and will share with you at our November meeting.

It's that time of year to reflect on all we have to be thankful for. At times in our lives, we sometimes feel like nothing is going right if we open our eyes wide and look around we can find quite a bit to be thankful for. I am truly blessed with family & friends and wish you all a very

Happy Thanksgiving!

Edie Bales, President

Region 9 Annual Planning Conference 2007 Report Great Falls, Montana by Edie Bales

Those crazy Great Falls Chapter women lived up to their reputation. We had a great APC packed with lots of laughs! Yasmine Branden, Bonnie Riddle, Megan Evans, Anne Cohen, Naomi Vincent and I represented the Portland Chapter...although Yasmine, as our new Regional Director had two hats. Emilie Riddle also attended as a guest and to keep the rest of us in line. Yasmine did a great job; you would not have known it was her first time as Director!

Friday evening at the welcome party, we had the opportunity to earn the "Montana Bad Girl" title. You'll be pleased to know the Portland representatives were not shy. They jumped right in doing all requirements...in fact some may have enjoyed these tasks a little too much! There was a strip-tease, I mean dance to perform, some foul language to use (although I didn't understand much of that talk), cigar smoking, shot drinks, ... Yes, the Portland girls did us proud and have their T-shirts to prove it!

Saturday started with our keynote speaker, Dr. Mary Moe, Dean of MSU. Very interesting lady who understands the construction industry is in dire need of a skilled workforce. She wants to create training programs at her college to help meet the needs of the future. She was very interested in NAWIC and even took our suggestions on ways to increase interest from students.

During the afternoon session, Buss Tarlow, Denise Ropthwell and Cherche Prezeau, lawyers from Bozeman, held a mock arbitration session using a past construction claim case. Portland Members Megan Evans and Anne Cohen, also lawyers, joined in. Our National President, Tamie Taylor played the part of the judge. Very interesting and entertaining.

The Alaska members put on a skit to encourage us to attend 2008 Region 9 Forum in Anchorage. If you've never seen these women in costume, it's worth attending an event to do so.

Portland bid and got the 2009 APC. Everyone always seems eager to come to Portland and happy we would host in 2009.

Chris Jett, our Regional Membership chair gave her report. As you know, Chris offered to pay \$5 to NEF for each new member recruited in the name of the chapter the new member belongs to. Chris seemed overjoyed that she wrote a \$385 check to NEF! Other stats she gave:

- Region 9 had the 2nd highest retention in the Nation. Only surpassed by Region 10
- Region 9 overall retention of members was 82%
- Top 5 chapters in retention of members are: Portland 54, Puget Sound 60, Tacoma 187, Alaska 197, Tri Cities 192

We learned there will be a change at National Conventions. If a member is at least 70 years old and a NAWIC member for 30 years, they can purchase a dinner or event ticket at the Convention without paying the entire registration fee.

After the business was conducted, all boarded a trolley for a scavenger hunt in downtown Great Falls. We were split into teams, with a first timer leading each team. Crafty clues were given. It's my understanding that Naomi's team, the Buffalo Chips, did very well under her leadership! The idea behind the event was team building.

In my shuttle ride Sunday, there were two men with me who ran into NAWIC people at the hotel. They could not stop talking about what a great group we are...in fact one even bought a "Montana Bad Girl T-Shirt" to take home to his wife.

I encourage you all to attend APC, Forum and National Convention if possible. Great learning experiences and a life time worth of memories.

Edie Bales



Tammy Cleys is a Project Manager for the City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services' and is responsible for the East Side Willamette River Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Tunnel Program Design. Tammy has 14 years professional civil engineering experience in both public and private sectors and has been with Environmental Services since 1996.

The Willamette River CSO Tunnel Program is part of the Bureau of Environmental Services' 20-year \$1.4 billion program to reduce CSO's into the Willamette River and Columbia Slough. The combined sewer system represents approximately 35% of the Portland system by area. At the start of the CSO program, overflows occurred every time it rained and were approximately 6 billion gallons by volume per year. Overflows to the Columbia Slough have already been reduced by over 99%. By 2011, overflows to the Willamette River will have been reduced by 94%.

The West Side project consists of 18,000 feet of 14-foot diameter storage and conveyance tunnel under NW Front Avenue and SW Naito Parkway, a 220 MGD pump station on Swan Island, five deep connecting shafts, and open cut and micro-tunneled pipelines. Tunneling on the West Side project ended in August, two months ahead of schedule. The remaining work is scheduled for completion in August 2006. The contractor, Impregilo/S.A. Healy JV, was procured through a qualifications-based process and is performing the work under a cost plus fixed fee contract.

The East Side CSO Tunnel project will consist of a six mile, 22-foot diameter tunnel along the east side of the Willamette River, including six deep shafts and miscellaneous pipeline work. The East Side project is currently 90% designed with construction scheduled to start in March 2006. The contractor, Kiewit/Bilfinger Berger JV, was procured under the same process as the West Side CSO contract and is currently working under a pre-construction planning phase consulting agreement. The East Side CSO construction contract will also be administered under a cost plus fixed fee arrangement.



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**NAWIC - November 15th
Membership Meeting
Silent Auction for NEF**

Barbara Freeman

If you have not experienced a Silent Auction - you'll love the meeting this month. It is quick, fun, easy, and makes money for NEF while it allows us to get rid of things we may no longer be using and gives us the opportunity to shop for new items that catch our eye...and all with no extra time, it happens during our regular membership meeting.

So come to this month's Membership Meeting on Nov 15th at the Kennedy School. Every member or guest is invited to participate... ask your friends to come too!

Here is how the Silent Auction works:

1. Come to the meeting with items you wish to donate - there will be a table set up for the Auction Items. Barbara Freeman will be there to assist in getting your items on the table and identified with a sheet for people to begin bidding on. These can be items you have at home that you would like to donate with the proceeds going to NEF. Bring anything and everything - the more the merrier. These can be big items or small items. Bring things you received as a gift and would like to re-gift (everyone has different taste; no worries; just bring things). Bring as many items as you like, but do try to bring at least one or two items. Books, coffee cups, XMAS decorations, things from your closets, kitchens...well you get the idea. These items can be wrapped in pretty paper or they can be inside a brown paper bag but best of course is no mess, no fuss, no wrappings - just bring the item and people can see it - no surprises.
2. LOOK at what is available to buy. Think of your family, friends, co-workers, fellow NAWIC friends and see if you can find something that just hits the spot for them. Don't forget to look for yourself too.
3. IMPORTANT - write down your Bid: Place your bid on the sheet for that item. Each item will have its own sheet. Remember it is ok to bid more than once, and keep bidding until the Auction is over...The highest bidder when the Auction is over WINS. Because we will have many items, everyone has the opportunity to be a winner and take home something.
4. We will stop the meeting once for everyone to have a final 5 minutes to revisit their bids and increase them if they want. Occasionally someone else bids higher and you'll need to increase your bid to remain the highest bidder.
5. Then Auction will be closed. We will take the bid sheets, sort them by winners and total what is owed by each winner - this takes about 5 minutes. Pay cash or write a check to NAWIC for the total and you get to take your items home.