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Portland Chapter 54 *Established in 1961*

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Events Calendar

09/20 – Membership Meeting/Officer installation @ Black Point Inn

10/01 – Board Meeting – Safeco

10/18 – Membership Meeting

10/19-20 Annual Planning Conference, Great Falls, MT

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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 Monday of the week of the meeting, the Member will be billed for the cost of the dinner.

September Membership Meeting Notice

Date: September 20, 2007
Thursday

Time: Registration/Social 5:30 pm
Dinner/Program: 6:00 pm

Location: Black Point Inn
602 7th St., Oregon City
Corner of 7th & Washington St. Downtown.
Parking on side of building & across the street
(503) 653-9797

Cost: \$25.00

Menu: Buffet Style: Herb Marinated Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Mixed Greens, Pasta Salad, Fruit Try, Roll & Butter, Assorted Desserts. Coffee, Tea, Decaf, Ice Tea, soda.
No host bar

Program: Chapter 54 2007-2008 Officer installation.
Evelyn Stratton has graciously offered to preside over the installation.

Contact **Edie Bales** by noon, Sept. 17th, if you need to cancel your standing reservation, are bringing a guest, or if you are a permanent cancel and will attend. edibal@safeco.com or 503.697.0171 Note: Due to reservation commitments, a minimum of 48 hours cancellation notice is required or you will be invoiced.

A Message from our President, Gloria Bruning

Hello everyone~

Having just returned from Annual Convention in Orlando, my NAWIC energy is once again revved up! Barbara Freeman, Judy Redford, Yasmine Branden, Erin Holmes and I met new and old friends, attended various seminars as well as enjoyed the many successes of Region 9. My convention report will be published in the October newsletter.

My term as your chapter president is about over and looking back, I'm quite proud of all our accomplishments. We held very successful Block Kids and CAD competitions, thanks to our devoted chairs and committee members. And, as we've recently learned, the outcome of our golf tournament was greater than originally anticipated. Our association has grown with the addition of many new members ~

our future looks very bright!

Looking ahead, our regional Annual Planning Conference in Great Falls is just a few weeks away. I've had a sneak-peek at the agenda planned by Region 9 Director Yasmine Branden and our host, Great Falls Chapter 228. I promise you'll have a great time ~ so please make plans to attend!

I'm looking forward to our next membership meeting where we will install our new 2007-08 officers. Please consider volunteering for one of the many 2007-08 committees, if you've not already done so. There's no better way to get to know your fellow members and experience all that NAWIC has to offer. Again ~ my thanks to all of you for a terrific year!

Gloria Bruning, President

If you need a registration form please let Edie know!!

Montana Bad Girls Ride Again



**NAWIC
Chapter 228
Region 9 Annual Planning Conference
Heritage Inn
Great Falls, Montana
October 20, 2007**

Look for more information & registration forms soon! Gloria, Judy and Anne may look sweet and innocent...but they already earned the Montana Bad Girl Title at the last event hosted by Great Falls. Come to APC and earn your right to be called a "Montana Bad Girl"!

Great time for a road trip to any one of a number of beautiful spots in the Northwest. Don't go unprotected. Be sure to have one of our Roadster Kits in the car! You'll never know when you'll need to check the air in your tires or ??? And of course you will want to look good, so be sure to wear a stylish NAWIC polo shirt! Grab your keys that are on a cool NAWIC key chain, get the kids in the car.... Oops, Kids...you'll want to keep them occupied and our Hardhat Stress Relievers will do the trick. Keep their little hands busy! For more information, contact Yasmine at : yasmine@usfamily.net or 503.701.5871

Roadster Set



Chapter 54 2007- 2008 Committees

The Chair position on next years committees have been filled. As you can see below, we have a few seasoned members and quite a few newer members who are taking the plunge! I want to thank all that volunteered for these positions. The success of our chapter depends on our members participation. If you don't see your name below, it's still not to late to join as a committee member. Those positions are open year long!

Edie Bales

Committees for 2007- 2008 are:**Finance:**

Edie Bales, Gloria Bruning, Erin Holmes & Evelyn Stratton

Construction Industry: Carol Helms and Kathi Ott, Co-Chairs

Professional Education: Jodie Guthrie and Nancy Oswald, Co-Chairs

Audit: Evelyn Stratton, Chair

Ways & Means: Julie Puderbaugh, Chair. Erin Holmes, Bonnie Riddle, Gloria Bruning, Betty Spencer, Amber Cook, committee members

Badges & Attendance: Rosalie Hayward and Evelyn Stratton

Block Kids: Judy Redford, Chair. Bonnie Riddle, Betty Wollam, Betty Spencer, Jodie Guthrie and Gloria Bruning, committee members

Bylaws: Evelyn Stratton

CAD: Sherri McCurdy, Chair. Edie Bales, committee member.

Chapter Sales & Raffle: Barbara Freeman, Chair

Newsletter: Gloria Bruning, Chair

Membership: Betty Spencer, Chair

Safety Committee: Amber Cook, Chair

Public Relations: Betty Spencer and Kate Webber, Co-Chairs

Scholarship: Barbara Freeman, Chair

WIC Week: Bonnie Riddle, Chair

Web Site: Kate Webber, Chair. Darlene Marquardt, Webmaster; Edie Bales, committee member

Oregon Retreat: Ann Cohen and Megan Evans, Co-Chairs. Kate Webber, committee member

Convention Highlights

Edie Bales

I was unable to attend Convention this year, but have it from a reliable source that it was great and packed full of informative workshops. Our Chapter was represented by Gloria, Judy, Yasmine, Barbara and Erin. From what I understand they had lots of fun and all made it back safely. I'm sure they will give us the official Convention Reports and hopefully fill us in on the other fun they had. Knowing Yasmine, I'm sure there is some sort of fountain or water story to tell...

I've also been told the table we rented for our Chapter Sales, paid off big time. We'll hear the full report, but I understand we made over \$700 in sales! Nice work for a rowdy group of Portland gals!

Hopefully we'll hear the full report and the tales at our next meeting!

Portland Newsletter

Edie Bales

September is my last newsletter...wow, it's a little hard for a control freak like me to let go of this! I've been publishing and distributing our newsletter to our members, Region 9 Director, Region 9 Chapter Presidents, Region 9 Members at Large and around 81 non-members for several years now. I've really enjoyed putting it together, although many times my regular job got in the way of my newsletter deadlines! (as it does for a lot of things I want to do!)

Gloria Bruning will take over beginning with the October 2007 newsletter. I am very confident she'll do a great job and our newsletter will continue to be one of the best. I hope she has as much fun as I did.

Portland Chapter Membership

Of course, we are hoping that you all will be renewing your membership and encourage you to do it before Oct. 31 to save a little money. When you renew or if you already have, please let Evelyn know as she tracks this for us and often national is slow to get give us notice. Evelyn also would like to know if you are not renewing (although expect a hard sell from her as to why you should continue!).

This is also a great time to let Evelyn know of any changes (your name, company, address, phone numbers, emails, etc) as she'll be updating the roster soon. We like to know your birth month & day and the applications no longer ask for that...so if you are a newer member, please let her know that information.

Evelyn can be contacted at destrat@hevanet.com Or you can call her at 503.654-2469 **No calls before 10am, please!**