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National Association of Women in Construction Portland Chapter 54
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February 2008

Events Calendar

Feb. 22nd:
Block Kids
MLK Elementary
Vancouver, WA

Feb. 29-Mar. 1:
Oregon Retreat
Tolovana Inn
Cannon Beach, OR

March 3:
Board Meeting
Safeco Insurance

March 20:
Membership Meeting
Location TBA

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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.

February Membership Meeting Notice

Date: Thursday, February 21, 2008
5:30 p.m. registration begins /6:00 p.m. dinner/program

Location: Northwest College of Construction
Rm. 101, 8111 NE Holman, Portland, OR

Cost: \$25.00

Menu: Build-your-own Sandwich and Chef's Salad Buffet including assorted meats, cheeses, breads, veggies, and condiments. Dessert, sodas and iced tea included.

Program:

Our guest speaker is: Vern Malen. Vern is a founding member of the Board of Northwest College of Construction. He is Production Manager for Legend Homes where he oversees the construction for all of the Portland Division of single family and attached homes. Following in the footsteps of his father, Vern's entire career has been in the building industry and he serves as an advisor and mentor with the NWCC.

More detail about Northwest College of Construction on page 3.

RSVP: Phone (503-620-8080) or email Nancy Oswald (noswald@legendhomes.com) or Jodie Guthrie (jguthrie@legendhomes.com) by noon, Tuesday, February 19th, 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

I'd like to welcome our newest member, Dalene Schafer with Professional Service Industries, Inc. Dalene has been a guest at a couple of our meetings and as of this week is an active member of our chapter. This brings our membership count to 36...and we have a couple more ladies who have requested membership packages!

February is a very busy time for our Chapter. At our February meeting we will choose our Future Leader and WIC Lifetime Achievement winner who will go on to compete against the other Region 9 Chapters at Forum for the regional title. We will also be forming our Nominating Committee so they can begin the task of finding candidates who will join incoming president Lauren Holmes on our 2008-09 year.

The Block Kids competition will be held February 22nd at Martin Luther King Elementary School in Vancouver. Bonnie Riddle can always use more help and judges. I've never heard anyone say they did not truly enjoy this event.

The Oregon Retreat will be February 29th – March 1st at the Tolovana Inn in Cannon Beach. Always so much fun. If you need more information or a registration form, let me know.

And of course, let's not forget Valentine's Day...or more important I hope your loved one does not forget! NAWIC hugs to you all! ~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 awards 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 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, Lauren Holmes, Anjenette Lau, Sharon McDonald, Nancy Oswald, Kathi Ott, Amanda Ring, Demetra Star, Naomi Vincent, Kate Webber, Kristine Westberg, and Katherine Dragich.**

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 and 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!

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."

NORTHWEST COLLEGE OF CONSTRUCTION

The Northwest College of Construction (NWCC) is an educational institution offering programs and courses from entry-level construction craft training to advanced technical, supervisory, and management education. The College's programs combine lectures, group interaction, and hands-on training for life-long learning and successful career advancement in the construction industry. Workers, employers and construction associations come together to foster a learning environment that produces quality construction professionals with the necessary skills to meet the demands of today's construction industry.

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