

Constructively Speaking

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

January 2009

Events Calendar

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Board Meeting
Safeco Insurance

January 15th:
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 Monday of the week of the meeting, the Member will be billed for the cost of the dinner.

January Membership Meeting Notice

Date: Thursday, January 15, 2009
5:30 p.m. registration begins / 6:00 p.m. dinner/program

Location: McMenamins Kennedy School
Meeting in the "Library"
5736 NE 33rd Ave., Portland, OR

Cost: \$25.00

Menu: *Antipasti Platter:* Marinated vegetables, sliced prosciutto, salami & pepperoni, kalamata olives, feta & provolone cheeses
Mixed Green Salad with selection of dressings
Pizza Choices: Principal's Special – Canadian bacon, pepperoni, fennel sausage, onion & black olives. Secret Garden Veggie: Sweet bell pepper, red onion, mushrooms, black olives, artichoke hearts, spinach, tomato & fresh herbs. White Eagle (No Cheese Option) – Chicken, roasted garlic, tomato, green onion & alfredo sauce
Dessert: Cookies/Brownies Canned soda
Alcohol available at "Cash Bar"

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RSVP: Edie Bales (503) 697-0171 or email: edibal@safeco.com by noon, Monday, Jan. 16th 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, Lauren Holmes

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. I hope that everyone survived the crazy "arctic blast" without injury or damage and I hope that everyone had a safe and fabulous holiday season. I know 2008 was a tough year for a lot of us, and I am hoping that 2009 will bring new and exciting opportunities, members and experiences.

Due to the weather, our December meeting was canceled. A big thanks to Marilyn and Turner Construction for offering us their office and their deck to watch the Christmas boats, we will have to take them up on this offer next year. Fingers crossed the weather cooperates next year!

This month, our meeting is scheduled for the Kennedy School. Our speaker will be Chris Humphries, VP of EcoLogistice on 'Carbon Emissions in Construction'. We would also like to continue our plans for the December meeting and ask that all members bring food or money to the meeting to be delivered to the Oregon Food Bank. Even though the Holidays are over, the Oregon Food Bank is still in desperate need of food to assist with families ailing from job loss and now flooding!

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Continuing with the philanthropic spirit, I would like to put together a group of people to volunteer at the Oregon Food Bank sorting and boxing food. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out, and we will set up a day and time. Depending on the participation, we will continue our efforts on a monthly basis.

WIC Week is coming up, and we are busy planning a fabulous meeting. We are planning to have the meeting at the HBA and are looking for a big speaker to attract new members as we hope to have a membership drive. If you would like to learn more or help out, please contact Edie Bales.

Happy 2009, and see you all at the January meeting.

Lauren Holmes
President – Portland Chapter 54



WIC Week
March 1 -7, 2009

Portland Chapter 54 will be celebrating WIC week along with many other chapters across the nation. We plan the following activities:

- A letter has been sent to Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski asking on behalf of the Portland, Salem and Eugene Chapters for the State of Oregon to proclaim March 1 – 7 2009 “Women in Construction Week”
- A letter has also been sent to City of Portland Mayor, Sam Adams asking him to proclaim March 1 – 7, 2009 “Woman in Construction Week”.
- We are having a food drive for the Oregon Food Bank at our January Meeting and plan to set up one or more times for members to volunteer at the Oregon Food Bank.
- Reach out to non-members and encourage them to come to our March Membership Meeting to learn more about NAWIC.

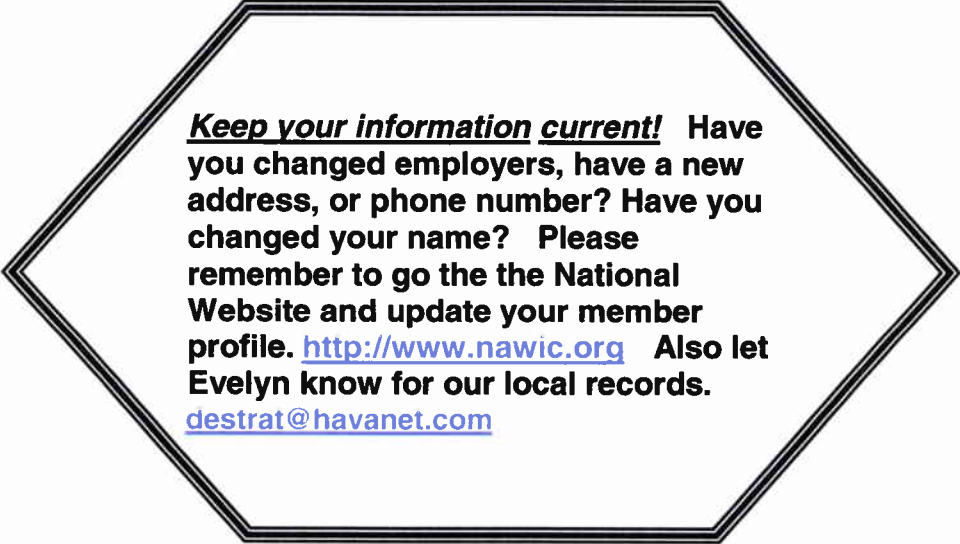
If you have a business associate, vendor, or contact that you think would be interested in knowing more about NAWIC, please give Edie their name and email address or address and she will see that they get information on the March Meeting and a copy of our March Newsletter. Hopefully they will join us at the meeting!

Positions Available!

Pamela Healea with The Home Depot has let us know they anticipate the following positions open: Sales Associate – Cashier – Lot Associate at Store No. 4013, 4014, 4007, 4004, 4026, 4738 & 4718 in SW Washington, Portland and The Dalles.

A brief description of the job duties for each position can be found at <http://careers.homedepot.com>.

If you or anyone you know may be interested they should apply at the electronic Employment Kiosk at any Home Depot store or through their internet site listed above.



Keep your information current! Have you changed employers, have a new address, or phone number? Have you changed your name? Please remember to go the the National Website and update your member profile. <http://www.nawic.org> Also let Evelyn know for our local records. destrat@havanet.com

BLOCK KIDS Competition – February 13, 2009

Our 2009 Block Kids competition will be held Friday, February 13th, at Concord Elementary School in Milwaukie. Carol Helms is in needs help in putting this together. If you are not on the committee but would like to join it, help in any way or be a judge, please contact Carol. cheims@legendhomes.com or (503) 620-8080.

This is a great event! Help open a child's mind to the possibility of a construction career!



NAWIC #54 January 15th 2009 Meeting Details

Oregon Food Bank: We had planned to collect non-perishable food and/or money to give to the Oregon Food Bank at our December meeting. Since we had to cancel, we will be doing this at our January Meeting. Please either bring some non-perishable food or a check payable to the Oregon Food Bank. Note that the food bank can make cash go a little further!

We are also hoping to set up a time for our Chapter Members to volunteer to help at the food bank. You'll hear more about that from our president.

Program: "Carbon Emissions in Construction"

Presented by: **Chris Humphries, Vice President of EcoLogistics**

EcoLogistics™ has developed a proprietary method to reduce carbon emissions that are created during any construction project. The EcoMethod™, is a practical, step-by-step tool to assist you in meeting the Living Building Challenge™, the 2030 Challenge™ and LEED™ Certification.

The EcoMethod™ is a market-sensitive approach to measure and reduce your projects carbon footprint from materials, transportation and site logistics activities. EcoLogistics combines project management expertise with cutting edge technologies to identify any construction project's carbon emissions. Our clients are able to use this information to make strategic sourcing and logistics choices that can create powerful co-benefits and avoid carbon.

For more information about EcoLogistics™ and the EcoMethod™ please refer to our website www.ecologisticsllc.com.

Our evening schedule will be as follows:

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Registration & Social

Dinner, Program & Meeting