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

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Events Calendar

01/18 - Membership Meeting @ Old Spaghetti Factory

02/05 – Board Meeting @ Anchor Ins.

02/10 – Oregon Retreat, Spirit Mountain

02/15 – Membership Meeting.

05/17-20/ 2007 - Region 9 Forum, Boise

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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: January 18, 2007
Thursday

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

Location: Old Spaghetti Factory 503.888.5375
0715 SW Bancroft (off of Macadam Ave. towards river)
Portland, OR

Cost: \$15.00 (Includes meal choice, dessert, coffee, tea, ice tea or milk.
Other beverages at your additional cost)

Dinner: Meal Choice: Chicken Marsala, Spaghetti w/choice of either
Mushroom Sauce or Mizithra Cheese or Baked Lasagna.

Program: RiverEast Center Project – Lauren Holmes, Project Engineer for Howard S. Wright Constructors will speak on the project and in February we will tour the site. Please See Page 2 for details.

Contact **Edie Bales** by noon, Jan. 15th, 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

Happy New Year to all of you! 2007 is off to a great start. Our board met Wednesday evening with the focus of our discussion being the upcoming Block Kids competition on February 9th and our Golf Tournament scheduled for June 9th.

Please make plans to attend our January membership meeting with our very own Lauren Holmes speaking to us about her ongoing project at RiverEast. In February, we will be taking a tour of the completed project. Please watch for additional details by email and newsletter.

We've just received word about from Eugene regarding 2007 Oregon retreat. Each year the NAWIC chapters in Oregon

get together for a bit of learning and a lot of net-working and fun. It's a great opportunity to get to know others within NAWIC in a casual environment. The date has been set for Saturday, February 10th at Spirit Mountain. Additional information will be distributed as soon as possible.

And ... good news about Evelyn! She's now home and fairing quite well. Her dialysis treatments continue three times per week. Please continue to remember her with notes and phone calls

Gloria Bruning, President

Portland Chapter 54 January & February Programs

Our January & February speaker is Lauren Holmes, the Project Engineer for Howard S. Wright Constructors on the RiverEast Center project. The RiverEast Center is a renovation of an abandoned warehouse built in the 1950's previously known as the Hollman Building, which is located at the corner of SE Clay St & SE Water Ave. The building will be turned over in late March/ early April with 99,533 SF and 4.8 acres on the eastside esplanade.

In January, Lauren will be giving an overview of the RiverEast Center project from asbestos abatement & demolition to the structural upgrades and the construction work to date. She will review each phase of construction thus far, and what is yet to come all in preparation for the February onsite job tour. She will also give a brief overview of LEED certification and how it is being achieved on the RiverEast Center project during the design process as well as during construction.

In February a jobsite tour will be given. At this time the landscaping and sitework will be underway on the exterior, and the building finishes (flooring, paint, ceiling tiles, etc) will be in full swing on the interior. With the projects expected turnover to be at the beginning of April, many areas will still be under construction, but on their way to be finished out.

Chapter Sales!!

Are you stuck with out of date clothes? Are your kids embarrassed by that old sweat shirt? It's a new year, class up, get in style. What is every smart dressed NAWIC woman wearing this year? One of Chapter 54's Polo Shirts and/or Vest! If you don't have one, Yasmine can help you out.

Stressed? We have the answer for that too! Purchase a rubber NAWIC Hardhat Stress Ball. Dress your keys up with a NAWIC Key Chain. Looking for the perfect gift for someone special...look no more, Yas has some great Roadster Sets!



**Black Polo Shirt
Stress Hats
Key Chains**



Polo Shirt



Vest



Roadster Set

Region 9 Membership Contest!

Remember, with every new member, Chris Jett (Regional Membership Chair) will personally put \$5 in the pot.

The donation will be split between:

- The Chapter with the highest % of retention
- The individual with the highest number of recruits

Donations Will be made towards the Chapter's / Member's Ladder Club pin by our humble Region 9 Membership Chair...Chris Jett!

Contest dates 10/1/06 through 9/31/07

Awards presented at APC 07

Final contest awards will be based on NAWIC national membership reporting

BLOCK KIDS!

Our chapter Block Kids competition will be held on February 9th at Martin Luther King Elementary School in Vancouver, WA. From 12:45 pm to approximately 2:45 pm.

This is always a fun event. If you would like to participate, judge or sponsor this event, please contact Bonnie Riddle at bonniephxagency@comcast.net or 360.892.5840.

CAD Competition

Once again our chapter CAD competition is being held at the Schellenberg Center in Milwaukie. Students from Milwaukie, Clackamas and Rex Putnum attend CAD class their.

We anticipate around 25 students will have entries. Judging will be held on April 4th.

*Wishing the New Year bring you
all good health, happiness and love!*

2007 Women in Trades Career Fair

Student Days - May 3 & 4, 2007 Open to all - May 5, 2007

Where: NECA/IBEW Electrical Training Center
16021 NE Airport Way
Portland, OR

Interactive, trades related career fair serving 2,000 youth and adults.

Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. are looking for Sponsors, Exhibit Hosts, someone to Lead a Workshop and Volunteers and people to attend. If interested, please contact them at 503.335.8200 X21 or fair@tradeswomen.net Oregon Tradeswomen - www.tradeswomen.net

Invitation to Oregon Retreat 2007

Every year in February or March, the Oregon Chapters of NAWIC participate in a retreat, where members from the Portland, Salem and Eugene Chapters all get together for fun, networking and sometimes a little education...but mostly FUN! Each chapter does a little something based upon a theme that the hosting chapter chooses.

Every year a different Chapter hosts the event. This year it is Eugene's turn. They have chose to break from our normal coastal locations and hold the retreat at Spirit Mountain on Saturday, February 10th. You could go down Friday and enjoy the hospitality suite and other things offered at Spirit Mountain, or if you are one of those crazy "early morning" people, you could drive down early Saturday morning and partake in the events on Saturday. Of course, if you are loaded and want to spend some quality gambling time, you could also stay over Saturday night...I'll probably be broke, looking for gas money home by that time!

The events Saturday start with a continental breakfast from 8 am – 9 am and the Chapter presentations from 9 am – 2:30 pm (Lunch at Noon). The cost is reasonable: \$45 Registration Fee per person and hotel rooms at \$105.

If you do not have a registration form and need one, please let me know. edibal@safeco.com or 503.697.0171.

All that go to retreat have a great time and I recommend it highly!

Edie Bales



Crystal Vision Awards

The Crystal Vision Awards program celebrates the achievements of individuals who have a clear vision for women in construction. NAWIC invites you to reach out to the entire construction industry by nominating individuals. They can be NAWIC members or non-members. The winner will be honored at NAWIC's 52nd Annual Meeting and Convention in Orlando, FL in September.

For information, please go to www.nawic.org. Nominations must be received at the NAWIC national office by February 28, 2007.

One Time Tax Credit on 2006 Returns!

Federal Excise Tax has been charged to your (land line) telephones for years. It was an old tax that was assessed on your toll calls based on how far the call was being made and the time you talked. When phone companies began charging flat fees there were challenges made regarding this tax. The IRS has conceded and phone companies have been given notice to stop assessing the federal excise tax as of 8/30/06.

The IRS has announced a one-time tax credit that is available when you file your 2006 tax returns. You can claim credit on line 71 of Form 1040 & a similar line will be available on the Form 1040A

If you have family or friends who no longer file a tax return and they have their own land phone in their home and have been paying a phone bill for years, make sure they know about Form 1040EZ-T.

For more information you can go to: <http://www.irs.gov>

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

Society of Women Engineers (SWE)

We received no notice of their meeting this month. However, it interested contact them at this e-mail address:

prof-development@swe-columbia-river.org

Oregon Governor's Occupational Safety & Health Conference

March 12-15th, Salem OR

Registration fees range from \$95 for one day to \$275 for all four days.

For additional information contact:
www.orosha.org/conferences or
oregon.gosh@sate.or.us or contact
Oregon GOSH Conference
PO Box 5640
Salem, OR 97304
503.378.3272 or 888.292.5247 option 1

NAWIC UPCOMING EVENTS!

Feb 10, 2007 – Oregon Retreat – Spirit Mountain

May 17-20, 2007 - Region 9 Forum, Boise, ID

June 8, 2007 - Golf Tournament – Chapter 54 annual fundraiser

Sept. 2007 – National Convention, Orlando FL

Oct. 2007 - Region 9 Annual Planning Conference, Great Falls, MT

April 25, 2008 – Region 9 Forum, Anchorage,

Google Search Engine

Most of us have used Google, Yahoo or some other search engine when trying to find something on the internet. We found out at APC, that everytime someone uses the Google search from our National Web Site (www.nawic.org), Google pays NAWIC! It's non-dues revenue!

Next time you search the web, take an extra second to go to our national site first and access Google from there!

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NAWIC Member Services

If traveling, obtaining a publication subscription, business services or other special services don't forget that several companies offer NAWIC Members discounts on their services. See NAWIC Image or National Website <http://www.nawic.org>.



NAWIC CHAPTER 54 - Milestones & Interesting Facts!

NAWIC Links

NAWIC Portland Chapter 54
www.nawicportland54.org

NAWIC Region 9
www.nawicregion9.org

NAWIC National
www.nawic.org

NEF
www.nawiceducation.org

NAWIC Eugene Chapter 77
www.nawiceugene.com

January Anniversaries!



Edie Bales
 8 years

Janna Brown
 9 years

January Birthdays



Helen Newcomb - 1/8

Yasmine Branden - 1/26



Golf Tournament Fundraiser! "Not Just for Girls Tournament"

Our Golf Tournament will be held June 8, 2007 at Meriweather Golf Course. Last years event will be hard to beat, but we plan on having just as good of time, if not better!

We will be looking for sponsors, raffle items and people to invite! A Flyer will be sent out with the newsletter giving additional information. If you need another one, please contact Edie Bales at edibal@safeco.com or 503.697.0171

WEB SITE SPONSORS WANTED!! ONLY \$25!!!

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 or 603.697.0171 for details. Visit us at <http://www.nawicportland54.org>

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The following companies have generously agreed to support our 2006 Golf Tournament. NAWIC Portland Chapter 54 thanks them and encourages you to use their services.

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 Ash Grove Cement Company
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 Canby Excavating, Inc.
 Coffman Excavation, Inc.
 Columbia Wire & Iron Works, Inc.
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 NW Natural
 Pape Machinery
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 Safeco Surety
 Sunbelt Rentals
 VOCl, Vancouver Oil
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If you would like to become a Sponsor, please contact Edie Bales at 503.697.0171 or edibal@safeco.com.

Region 9 Contacts

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Region 9 Chapter Presidents

Portland #54 – Gloria Bruning
 Puget Sound #60 – Janice Lawrence

Eugene #77 – Ellie Cooper
 Spokane #143 – Kris Nowell
 Tacoma #187 – Kelly Milstead
 Tri Cities #192 – Cathy Brady
 Alaska #197 – Misty Dawn Crim
 Salem #198 – Nancy Carter
 Great Falls #228 – Katie Hanning
 Boise #245 – Ruth Fritts
 Yakima #279 – Sherrie Connell

Portland Chapter 54 2006-2007 Officers and Directors and Committees



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

President	<i>Gloria Bruning</i>
President Elect	<i>Edie Bales</i>
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Committees

Finance: *Gloria Bruning, Shelley Richards, Helen Newcomb, Evelyn Stratton*

Construction Industry: *Judy Redford, Helen Newcomb, Edie Bales*

Membership: *Julie Puderbaugh and Betty Spencer, Co-Chairs; Amber Cook, Bonnie Riddle, Evelyn Stratton – Membership Roster*

Professional Education: *Lauren Holmes, Joy Kylingmark, Erin Holmes, Glenda Nabors, Melanie Stewart, Hollie Erickson, Judy Redford, Evelyn Stratton, (Reservations Only)*

Audit: *Evelyn Stratton*

Ways & Means: *Julie Puderbaugh, Chair of Golf Tournament; Helen Newcomb, Amber Cook, Mary Ann Berg, Edie Bales*

Badges & Attendance: *Rosalie Hayward, Chair; Evelyn Stratton*

Block Kids: *Bonnie Riddle, Chair; Betty Spencer, Helen Newcomb, Amber Cook, Leanne Cheung, Shelley Richards, Betty Wollam, Judy Redford*

Bylaws: *Evelyn Stratton, Chair*

CAD: *Sherri McCurdy, Chair; Edie Bales*

Chapter Sales: *Yasmine Branden, Chair; Betty Spencer*

Chapter Raffle: *Bonnie Riddle*

Newsletter: *Edie Bales, Chair*

Public Relations,: *Yasmine Branden, Betty Spencer*

Scholarship: *Shelley Richards, Chair*

WIC Week: *Anne Wagner and Shelley Richards*

Web Site: *Edie Bales, Chair; Darlene Marquardt, Webmaster*