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National Association of Women in Construction Portland Chapter 54
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June 2008

Events Calendar

July 7th:
Board Meeting
Safeco Insurance

July 17th:
Membership Meeting
Julie Puderbaugh's
Home-Bunco!

August 4th:
Board Meeting
Safeco Insurance

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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.

June Membership Meeting Notice

Date: Thursday, June 19, 2008
5:30 p.m. registration begins / 6:00 p.m. dinner/program

Location: Portland Homebuilders Association-Banquet Room
15555 SW Bangy Rd., Lake Oswego, OR 97035

Cost: \$25.00

Menu: Charbroiled Italian Marinated Chicken with Rice
Mixed Green Salad
Vegetable
Rolls and Butter
Chef's choice dessert, Coffee and Tea

Program: Latin Advantage-Where Communicating is More Effective than Speaking Spanish

Guest Speaker: Julio Caesar Valera, Owner and Founder of Latin Advantage LLC
Read more about our program on page two.

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

I'd like to welcome three new members! Nicole Wubben, Wubben Bros.; Amanda Wilson, CH2M Hill; and Tracey Stoppelmoo, Geffen Mesher & Co.! We hope to see you all at the June membership meeting.

The NAWIC National ballots are being mailed out. If you have not received yours, you will soon. Please vote, your vote does count! If you want to learn more about the candidates, visit the NAWIC National Website. <http://www.nawic.org>

Lauren is still looking for committee chairs and members for next year. Contact her if interested.

National convention is just around the corner. Who doesn't want to go to Las Vegas?! Great workshops and speakers, but perhaps the most amazing thing about Convention is seeing the power of so many women just like you. Take a couple extra days and enjoy a show and/or try to win your fortune!

-Edie Bales

Program detail for our June meeting:

Gain an understanding of Hispanic cultural differences and a different approach to training and working with Hispanics - what works and what doesn't. Learn about the cultural divide in the workplace, the challenges faced by Hispanics working and living in the U.S., and the impact in the construction industry.



NAWIC Chapter #54 Golf / Fundraiser

By Julie Puderbaugh, Committee Chairperson

I want to thank everyone for a successful golf tournament fundraiser and all the members who stepped up to help out.

Here are our results:

First Place Team:	Opus Northwest, LLC
Second Place Team:	Emerick Construction
Third Place Team:	M Bank/Tuco Industrial Supply
KP-Men-Hole #4:	Peter Brennan, Avenue Development
KP-Women-Hole #8:	Tamara Schmidt, Gonzales Boring & Tunneling
LD-Men-Hole #9:	Byron Kelly, BPA
LD-Women-Hole #9:	Cynthia Hilton, JB&L Insurance
KP-Women-Hole #12:	Linda Buck, Gonzales Boring & Tunneling
KP-Men-Hole #17:	Rod Cottrell, Pape Machinery
LD-Men-Hole #18:	Phil Hayes, Geffen, Mesher & Co.
LD-Women-Hole #18:	Suni Miani, PGE

Rosalie Novak Hayward Women in Construction Scholarship Clackamas Community College

by Edie Bales, President

Barbara Freeman and myself had the pleasure of attending the Clackamas Community College Scholarship Reception on May 20th. Barbara presented Patricia Ricketts with our scholarship. We had the opportunity to sit with her. A delightful woman who was inspired to return to school and study drafting! We extended an open invitation for Patricia to come to any of our membership meetings. Hopefully you all will have the opportunity to meet her.

It was an honor to attend the Scholarship Reception as a donor to see the other donors and all the recipients and hear some of their stories. You cannot help but come away from the event with great pride in our Chapter and the scholarship we provide. We do make a difference!



NAWIC Foundation Scholarship (NFSF)

by Edie Bales

Linda Young informed me that the NFSF has awarded two scholarships on behalf of NAWIC Portland Chapter 54 this year in the amounts of \$1,000 each.

Ross Dewey – will be a Junior in the fall of 2008 at Portland State University

Kelly Youngberg – will be a Junior in the fall of 2008 at the University of Portland

Both Ross and Kelly are studying Civil Engineering.

We had indicated when we sent our chapter money to NFSF we wanted our money to go an Oregon student with studies in the construction field and opened it up to include trade schools, specifically the NW College of Construction. Linda checked and they had not received any apps from the trade schools.

Letters received from Nancy Merchant and her students following our CAD competition:

Dear Nancy, Jodie, Sherri and Edie,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you and the rest of the Portland NAWIC members for sponsoring the CAD contest again this year. All of my students, not just the three you met, enjoyed working on the project and learned so much from their participation. The design problem was interesting to them and being part of a contest adds to their motivation. And, as we all know, motivated students learn more.

I look forward to working with you again next year. I've already checked for the program, which is on the national NAWIC website, and have shared it with my advanced students, who want to participate again. (We'll see, as they will be working on their big senior projects with me.) Soon I'll be sharing it with my beginning students, along with this year's contestant's work, so they get a preview of what lies ahead. It looks quite fun and challenging.

Thanks again for your support. Your help over the years has truly enhanced our CAD program here at the Sabin-Schellenberg Center.

Nancy Merchant
CAD Instructor

To the Women of NAWIC,

It has been a wonderful experience participating in the NAWIC design contest this year. Throughout the project I was learning a whole lot of new information and I deeply appreciate the fact that I could have been part of it. Thank you for letting this program be available to students, so that they can experience real world expectations and needs. I really am thankful that I could have been a part of this challenge. I look back over the past five or six months and I clearly see that if I didn't get an opportunity to participate in the contest, I would have not known as much as I do now. It was really a great learning experience, and I would do it over again if I get the chance. Again, I deeply thank everyone that contributed towards the program so that other people will be able to learn and be able to progress in their skills with your wonderful help.

Ross Khodakovskiy
Student

To the Extraordinary members of NAWIC,

I want to thank you for continuing the NAWIC design competition this year and allowing me the opportunity to extend my knowledge and skills in commercial design. The dentist's office was a real challenge but I enjoyed every minute working on it. I had never tried to design anything green before and it was refreshing and enlightening experience. When the judges selected me for the second place winner, they did more than award me money. The judges gave me a head start on getting accepted into a great school and the ability to produce quality work in a short amount of time. I look forward to competing next year. Thank you again for the opportunity.

Ashley Cranston
Student

To the members of the NAWIC Organization,

I would like to thank you for the opportunity you gave me to be a part of this program. It was a genuinely enjoyable experience, and it provided me with an abundance of knowledge that I may not have been able to acquire elsewhere. Completing the project took up a large portion of my school year, but I doubt the time could have been more well spent. It taught me valuable lessons from the very beginning throughout the final stages.

Again, thank you for the fantastic opportunity.

Trevor Nims
Student