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drugs are now the most common drug abused in the workplace.

Our very own Yasmine Branden was formally designated as Region 9 Director-Elect for 2007-09. It was a proud moment for our chapter, despite the introduction provided by our illustrious Edie Bales. Yasmine is still hoping she survives the upcoming term with her dignity intact! Additionally, Anne Wagner received recognition for her 25-years of membership.

Our evenings were filled with net-working, award presentations, and yes, as you may have heard ... mechanical bull riding! We had a great time and thank you for allowing me to represent our chapter.

I hope to see you at our June meeting. Ballots for our annual national officer election have been mailed. Please don't forget to vote!

Gloria Bruning

Election Time for Portland Chapter 54

We will be voting for our 2006-2007 Chapter Board soon. The Slate of Officers are as follows:

Edie Bales – President

Lauren Holmes – President Elect

Betty Spencer – Vice President

Erin Holmes – Treasurer

Recording Secretary – Co Position: Julie Puderbaugh, Board Meetings & Kat Weber, Membership

Corresponding Secretary – Bonnie Riddle

Directors – Amber Cook, Christine Fell, Barbara Freeman and Betty Wollam

2006-2007 Chapter Committees

It's never too early to think about what committees you would like to Chair or be a member of next year! Barbara Freeman has stepped up and will chair Scholarship and the Chapter Sales & Raffle committees. Contact Edie with your interest for the coming year!

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! You can also keep several up front to toss at the little darlings if you need to get their attention. They won't cause serious injuries and little or no bruising! For more information, contact Yasmine at : yasmine@usfamily.net or 503.701.5871



Roadster Set

Chapter 54 CAD COMPETITION UPDATE!*Reported Edie Bales*

The 2007-2008 CAD Design Problem is now available from the NEF Website under the K-12 Programs. Nancy Merchant knew about it before I did. Next year's problem is a Dental office. Visit the website for more information <http://www.nawiceducation.org> One of Nancy's former students' mother is an interior designer of dental offices, so Nancy is contacting her to come in and give her students some general information. She also hopes to arrange for the students to tour some dental offices.

Update on our 2007 winner, Tom Carroll. Tom may have lined up a summer job with an interior designer who does Street of Dreams Homes. Tom came in 3rd place at our Region 9 competition!

Apparently it is all about YASMINE!

First of all, we are honored that Yasmine Branden is our Director Elect for 2007-2009. We all know she'll do a great job for our Region and keep us all on our toes!

Second...in reading through the May/June issue of NAWIC Image, you may have noticed an article on page 13 on NEF Programs, featuring non-other than Portland's Yasmine! Great article, if you've not read it you should!

Third...as most of you know Yasmine recently changed employers and took a position with Neil Kelly Co. Shortly after joining Neil Kelly she was promoted to Construction Manager with responsibility for the firm's Design/Build Remodeling business. Neil Kelly released her promotion in a Press Release across the country. Here is a portion of it:

" Monty Moore, vice president of Neil Kelly Company has been named to manage the company's growing Custom Home Division. Yasmine Branden success Moore as Construction Manager, with responsibility for the firm's Design/Build Remodeling business.

The first woman in this senior post, Branden will oversee design/build remodeling Construction for Neil Kelly, with responsibility for about 80 ongoing projects, a staff of ten project managers, 45 carpenters, as well as day -to-day relationships with some 200 construction trade partners. She joined Neil Kelly for Northwest Natural's construction operations staff.

Yasmine Branden earned her BS in political administration at Christopher Newport University in Virginia and her MS in Real Estate and Construction Management from the University of Denver. Before moving to Portland, she held various construction management positions in Denver. Prior to that, Yasmine was a program manager at the National Housing Trust in Washington, DC.

She is National Chair of the Professional Education Committee for the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC), regional liaison for the NAWIC Education Foundation, as well as Director-elect for Region 9, which includes Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Idaho and Montana. She is very active in their Portland chapter.

A Portland resident, Yasmine is an instructor at the Northwest College of Construction and works to encourage students, especially women, to consider construction as a career choice."

It unclear why the press-release failed to mention the women who are behind Yasmine...those who help make her the great successful woman she is today. Starting with her dear mother and poor Regina who sacrificed so Yasmine could take the NAWIC China trip and of course the Chapter 54 members who encourage her daily! Seriously, we are very proud of Yasmine and her accomplishments. And should she ever get that big ego that comes with this much success a few of us have pictures that will keep her in check!.

Golf Tournament Fundraiser! “Not Just for Girls Tournament”

We all know Julie's great, but who would have believed she had so much pull. Out of a week full of cloudy, wet days on the day of the tournament the weather could not have been better! As Leanne said, “it was fun, she got a little sunburn and is wearing it proudly”!

Julie will have a final report for us soon, but from what we saw it was a huge success. We nearly doubled attendance from last year.

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We also want to give special recognition to NAWIC Chapter 54 Members who donated their time to help with the tournament. A special thank you to:

Julie Puderbaugh - Chairperson

Amber Cook, Betty Spencer, Bonnie Riddle, Gloria Bruning, Helen Newcomb, Mary Ann Berg, Judy Redford, and a big thank you to Emilie Riddle, who is a regular guest of our Chapter and Bonnie's mother.

