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

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Events Calendar

- 11/16 - Membership Meeting @ Wilf's
- 12/4 - Board Meeting @ Anchor Ins.
- 12/14 - Membership Meeting - Clyde's Prime Rib
- 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.

November Membership Meeting Notice

Date: November 16, 2006
Thursday

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

Location: Wilf's Restaurant
800 NW 6th (Located in Union Station by Broadway Bridge)
Portland, OR 503.223.0070

Cost: \$25.00 Members \$35.00 Non-Members

Dinner: Chicken Cordon Blue Medallions, Salad. Coffee, Tea, Desert

Speaker: Darrin Oelke, Branch Manager of Travelers Bond's
Construction Services in Portland.

Topic: "Surety 101 and Beyond" The value of a surety partner in your firm's success.

Contact Evelyn Stratton **by noon, Nov. 13th**, if you need to cancel your standing reservation, are bringing a guest, or if you are a permanent cancel and will attend. destrat@hevanet.com or 503.654.2469 (Please no calls before 10am!)

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

Greetings~

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Can you believe it? Must be this middle-age thing, but time just seems to fly by faster than ever!

Eight of our Portland Chapter members attended Annual Planning Conference in Salem October 21st. The event was well attended by chapter members throughout Region 9 and included national officers, Christie Wigginton and Tami Taylor. Chris was our keynote speaker and her topic was "Leadership Survival." Tami followed with a session on how to develop a business plan.

At APC it was announced that NAWIC will be arranging a tour to South Africa November 4-13, 2007. Approximate cost per person will be \$5,100. Tour will include construction-related and cultural sight-seeing. Attending SAWIC's

convention will also be during that time. This tour is totally self-funded. No national or chapter funds are allocated for the event. All NAWIC members are invited to participate.

NAWIC's strategic plan was passed out to chapter presidents. A copy is included with this newsletter for your review.

Upcoming regional event sites were announced: Forum 2007 - Boise; APC 2007 - Great Falls; Forum 2008 - Anchorage.

Our chapter-sponsored attendees, Bonnie Riddle and Amber Cook, will be providing additional APC news at our November membership meeting.

Region 9 Director Pam Wright reminded chapter presidents to encourage every member to participate ... so if I seem like I'm pestering you,

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it's all Pam's fault! Seriously, increased member participation can only help our chapter grow and become even better than it already is.

Our professional education committee is busy reviewing the surveys recently distributed. If you've not yet completed your form, please do so soon. The survey is well-written and will be an even-better tool when all members participate. This is YOUR chance to voice your opinion on what type programs we plan for the coming year. A compiled report will be available shortly.

Watch for information soon about our December meeting. Also take note the meeting date has been changed to **December 14th** (instead of the 21st).

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our November meeting. And if I miss seeing you there, my best wishes to everyone for a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Gloria Bruning
President

Chapter Sales!!

What is every smart dressed NAWIC 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 for Christmas...look no more, Yas has some great Roadster Sets!

For more information, contact Yasmine at : yasmine@usfamily.net or 503.701.5871



**Black Polo Shirt
Stress Hats
Key Chains**



Polo Shirt



Vest



Roadster Set

Region 9 Membership Contest!

Retention - Recruitment

Each year the region has two membership awards. This year we're raising the stakes!

With every new member \$5 goes in the pot.

- This past year we had 69 new members. That's \$345!

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!**

POWER OF ONE

If every Region 9 member recruits one member, it would cost Chris Jett \$1,500!!!!

- Earning NEF a pretty penny
- Doubling Region 9 Membership

The challenge has been made, it's up to us!

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

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

LeAnne Cheung says hello and she misses every one! She says, Mom, Dad and baby are doing well. Lucas was born at 7 lbs. 6 oz and 20" long, now he's close to 10 lbs and about 23" long. Here are some pictures. The first is at the hospital and the second is at about 3 weeks.



WIC of the Year

We now have two Regional WIC of the Year awards. One is awarded to the member who had outstanding service in the previous NAWIC fiscal year and the other award is the Lifetime Achievement Award which will honor a member who has given a lifetime of excellent service to our organization

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!



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, or 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 503.697.0171 for details.

December Meeting!

Our December meeting will be at Clyde's Prime Rib on **December 14th**. We will have a hat/scarf/glove exchange and accept cash donations that will go to a local shelter.

Our Professional Ed Committee will be putting out more information very soon!

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>.



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)

Date: November 13th, Monday

Location: Old Spaghetti Factory - Hillsboro
18925 NW Tanasbourne Dr.
Hillsboro, OR

Time: 6:30 - 8:30pm

Program: Why Projects Fail?
By Victoria Whitlock

Dinner Included

Cost:	Pre-paid	At the Door
SWE Member	\$ 20	\$25
Non-Member	\$ 25	\$30
	(Cash or Check only)	

RSVP to prof-development@swe-columbia-river.org

NAWIC UPCOMING EVENTS!

Dec. 14th – Chapter 54 Membership Holiday Meeting @ Clyde’s Prime Rib –

Feb or Mar, 2007 – Oregon Retreat – exact date & location to be announced.

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

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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**NW Energy Coalition
Fall Conference and Board Meeting**

December 1 & 2, 2006

The 5th Power Plan & Energy Efficiency – How are we doing?
Coal & Carbon Policy – How can NW lead by example?
Future Technologies – What’s the next big thing?
Roundtable-legislative previews
And More...

If interested contact Edie Bales (edibal@safeco.com or 503.697.0171) and she will send you all information & registration form.



NAWIC CHAPTER 54 - Milestones & Interesting Facts!

Region 9 Website has a new look! The new home page has picture of our Rosalie and story telling the history of our Region.

Special thanks to Robin Langkamp, Eugene Chapter for her hard work on it!

Check it out:
<http://www.nawicregion9.org>

November Anniversaries!



No Chapter 54 Anniversaries in November!

November Birthdays



No November Birthdays that we know of?

If we overlooked your Birthday, we apologize! We may not know when it is. Let Edie know!

edibal@safeco.com

Membership Renewal Time!

Current members should have received renewal forms from National by this time. If you have not received a renewal registration notice, please contact National.

Note, if paying by Visa or Mastercard, you can renew on-line.

Renew prior to 10/31 to avoid a late fee. All chapter officers must have their renewals in no later than 11/17/06.

Chapter Membership Meeting Raffle

Big "Thank you" to Bonnie Riddle for bringing back the Raffle at our monthly dinner meetings! Proceeds from the raffle go to NEF (NAWIC Educational Foundation).

The Raffle proceeds from our September meeting were \$69!

At the October meeting we will have a "money" raffle. This is where the total proceeds collected are split and the winner get have the cash and the other half goes to NEF! Bring your money!

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

Meghan Jones contacted the Chapter. She will be moving to Portland and is looking for employment. She has 5 years experience in the construction industry. She can do sheet metal, roofing, siding & many other types. If you know of an opening, contact her at 1-919-557-6778, or cell 7-919-268-3747 or RevMeghan@aol.com

NAWIC PORTLAND 54 SPONSORS

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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If you would like to become a Sponsor, please contact Edie Bales at 503.697.0171 or edibal@safeco.com.

Region 9 Contacts

Region 9 Committee Chairs

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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>
Vice President	<i>Bonnie Riddle</i>
Treasurer	<i>Helen Newcomb</i>
Recording Secretary	<i>Lauren Holmes</i>
Corresponding Secretary	<i>Erin Holmes</i>
Directors	<i>Julie Puderbaugh, Betty Spencer</i>
Parliamentarian	<i>Yasmine Branden</i>
Immediate Past President	<i>Shelley Richards</i>

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
Evelyn Stratton – Membership Roster*

Professional Education: *Lauren Holmes, Joy Kylingmark, Glenda Nabors, Judy
Redford. Evelyn Stratton, (Reservations Only)*

Audit: *Evelyn Stratton*

Ways & Means: *Julie Puderbaugh, Chair of Golf Tournament; Helen Newcomb, Amber
Cook*

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

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

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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*

Oregon Retreat 2006:

Scholarship: *Shelley Richards, Chair*

WIC Week: *Anne Wagner and Shelley Richards*

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