

# Constructively Speaking

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

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## Events Calendar

- 10/19 - Membership Meeting @ Wilf's
- 10/20-21 - Annual Planning Conference, Salem
- 11/6 – Board Meeting @ Anchor Ins.
- 11/16 – Membership Meeting @ Wilf's
- 12/4 – Board Meeting @ Anchor Ins.
- 12/14 – Membership Meeting – TBA
- 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.

## October Membership Meeting Notice

**Date:** October 19, 2006  
Thursday

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

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

**Cost:** \$25.00

**Dinner:** Pasta Sautéed with Olives, Sundried Tomatoes, Feta in a Herbed Olive Oil. Salad. Coffee, Tea, Desert

**Speaker:** *Richard O'Connor, Executive Director of the Oregon Building Congress. Topic: OBC and their efforts to build our work force for tomorrow by creating opportunities for students in the construction industry. OBC has submitted an application to the Portland Public School board to create a charter school to teach construction in high school.*

Contact Evelyn Stratton **by noon, Oct. 16th**, 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](mailto:destrat@hevanet.com) or 503.654.2469 (Please no calls before 10am!)

## A Message from our President, Gloria Bruning

### ***"Building the Future"***

National president, Christie Wigginton, has selected "Building the Future" as our theme for 2006-07.

Chapter 54 is certainly striving to "build" in many ways. Our professional education committee is meeting next week to develop an exciting program schedule; our construction industry committee is already working on a community service project that I'm certain many of you will want to participate in; and, we have our first public opportunity to spread the good news of NAWIC at the Construction Solutions Conference October 17, 2006.

Our calendar for October also includes Region 9 Annual Planning Conference,

hosted by Salem Chapter 198. Meeting topics include leadership, writing a business plan and building teamwork within your NAWIC chapter. APC is an excellent way to experience NAWIC beyond the chapter level. I would encourage each of you to consider attending. You won't be disappointed!

I truly enjoyed our Installation Ceremony last month and am grateful so many of you were able to be in attendance. My sincere thanks to both Judy Redford and Edie Bales. Your leadership abilities are greatly appreciated! I hope to see each of you at our October meeting.

Gloria Bruning,  
President

## NAWIC Portland Chapter #54 - Annual Report – Chapter Sales

Yasmine A. Branden, CCA

This past NAWIC year, our chapter continued sales of polo shirts and reversible fleece vests. They proved to be quite popular at regional events. During chapter sales day at Annual Meeting and Convention in Kansas City, MO we sold all but a few shirts and vests!

Our product outlay to date for shirts and vests is \$158.92. Our income to date has been \$1538, for a profit of \$1379.08. We have one outstanding invoice for approximately \$300, which will reduce our profit accordingly.

Our current stock sits at 1 small white polo shirt, 1 small black/black vest, 1 small black/black vest, 49 level key chains, and approximately 75 stress hats (little white spongy hard hats imprinted with “NAWIC” and a rose). If we have at least 10 pre-sold requests for polo shirts and vests – in any combination of product and sizes – we will place another order.

I am excited to report that the Board has agreed to expand our product line to include roadster kits. The pen, small mag light and tire gauge are housed in a lovely contoured case. Both the black cases and silver cases will be emblazoned with the red NAWIC logo. Perfect for gift giving, especially when gifting yourself!

This year we will implement a more aggressive sales strategy:

- \* Make all items available during our Annual Golf Tournament;
- \* Chapter sales at Oregon Retreat;
- \* Chapter sales at Regional Forums 8, 9, 10, 12;
- \* Chapter sales table during Annual Meeting & Convention in Orlando; and
- \* Betty Spencer has offered to make space for the kits at the DJC Plans Center;

If you want or need any NAWIC gear, let me know: [yasmine@usfamily.net](mailto:yasmine@usfamily.net) or 503.701.5871



**Black Polo Shirt  
Stress Hats  
Key Chains**



**Polo Shirt**



**Vest**



**Roadster Set**

## 2006 Convention Highlights

*By: Gloria Bruning*

NAWIC's 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting and Convention was held in Kansas City, Missouri September 6<sup>th</sup> – 9th.

Upon arrival Wednesday afternoon, I met up with Shelley Richards and Yasmine Branden. Both were busy selling – very successfully I might add – our chapter vests and polo shirts. Later that evening we all attended the Welcome Party. The theme was “Red Hot & Blues” featuring Kansas City BBQ and a lively band.

The annual meeting began Thursday morning with a Welcome to Kansas City presented by KC's mayor, Kay Barnes. Stedman Graham was our keynote speaker who provided an overview of his book, “You Can Make It Happen: Nine Steps to Success.” He began by asking the questions ... What do you love? What is your passion? What do you do well? Answering these questions will then take you to the next step, which is to create your personal vision followed by the commitment to pursue. He admonished that we have to be willing to step out of our comfort zone at times to achieve success. Graham also stated the value you give yourself is the value the world will see in you.

Following the NAWIC industry luncheon, professional seminars were offered. I attended both NEF sessions. Session one provided an overview of all programs offered by NEF. The second session was a brainstorming opportunity for those affiliated with construction accounting to provide comment as respects the text requirements for an upcoming class to be offered by NEF entitled Construction Bookkeeping 101. The actual text for this class will be written by the accounting firm Moss Adams.

The annual meeting resumed again Friday morning. The keynote speakers addressed the ongoing construction activity in the areas impacted by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Friday's luncheon featured NEF and NAWIC awards. Both luncheons provided excellent opportunities to network with ladies outside Region 9.

On Friday afternoon, several professional seminars were offered. I chose “Eliminating Underground Communication” and “Encouraging Cooperation: Can't We Just Work Together on This?” Presenter Alice Rowe, was quite entertaining – yet able to communicate her message effectively.

Association Workshops were offered Saturday morning. I first attended the Construction Industry workshop. We discussed what works – what doesn't work - as well as ideas for future meetings. Those in attendance mentioned ways to make membership meetings more successful. Ideas included making each guest feel welcome, offer more job tours as they seem to be well attended and promote the educational opportunities offered by NEF.

The second workshop I attended was entitled “Planning for the Future.” I have to admit after entering the meeting and finding out what we were really talking about was *strategic planning*, I wasn't quite so jazzed, as was the case of most attendees! Not sure what is so scary about planning ahead, but it does seem to be something we tend to avoid. Session

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## 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](mailto:fair@tradeswomen.net) Oregon Tradeswomen - [www.tradeswomen.net](http://www.tradeswomen.net)



**EVENTS OF INTEREST**



**ASPE - Columbia Pacific Chapter 54**  
(American Society of Professional Estimators)

Date: Tuesday, October 17th

Program: Bidding Outside Your Market – Risks & Rewards of Out of Town Bidding  
Cade Lawrence – Hoffman Const.  
David Aaroe – Fortis Const.  
Jody Moore – DeaMor Assoc.

Social Time: 5:30 pm  
Dinner/Program: 6:30 pm

<http://www.aspeportland.org/Reservation.asp>  
Reservations due by noon Fri., 10/13/06  
Questions: Curt Kolar, 503.368.8291

**Society of Women Engineers (SWE)**

Date: October 18th, Wednesday

Location: Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.  
2600 NW Lake Rd.  
Camas, WA

Time: 6:30 - 8:30pm

Program: People, Water, Electricity at  
Cirque du Soleil  
Presented by Thomas R. Childers  
Also Tour of Underwriters Laboratories

Pizza Dinner

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| Cost:      | Pre-paid             | At the Door |
| SWE Member | \$ 8                 | \$10        |
| Non-Member | \$10                 | \$12        |
|            | (Cash or Check only) |             |

RSVP by 10/18/06 to [prof-development@swe-columbia-river.org](mailto:prof-development@swe-columbia-river.org)

**NAWIC UPCOMING EVENTS!**

October 19<sup>th</sup> - Chapter 54 Membership Meeting

October 21 - Region 9 Annual Planning Conference, Salem, OR

November 16<sup>th</sup> – Chapter 54 Membership Meeting @ Wilts – Speaker: Darrin Oelke, Travelers Surety on Construction Surety 101

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

**NexCon 2006**

Next Generation Construction Summit  
Defining the New Critical Path

November 8 & 9, 2006

Red Lion Hotel on the River, Jantzen Beach

For more information & on-line registration:  
[www.ccee.oregonstate.edu/nexcon](http://www.ccee.oregonstate.edu/nexcon)

Questions: Call Greg Baker at 541.737.5059 or e-mail: [NexCon@oregonstate.edu](mailto:NexCon@oregonstate.edu)

**Halloween Events!**

**Halloween Fantasy Trail: Wenzel Farm, 19754 South Ridge Rd., Oregon City. 503.631.2047**

Take a walk on a lighted fantasy trail winding through woods that's decorated with spooky sites & sounds. Also a walk through castle. Pumpkins & treats for sale.  
Cost: \$3 - \$3.50 per person

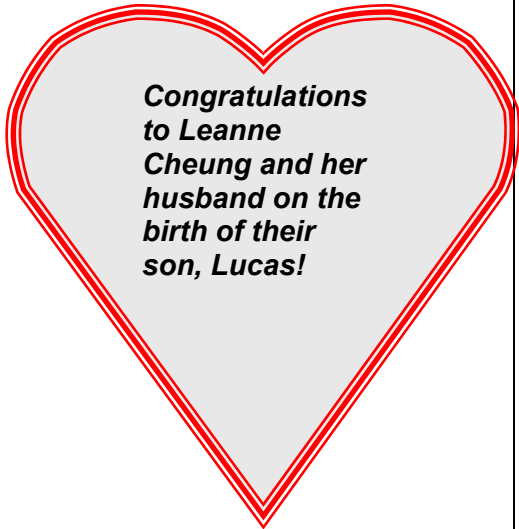
**Scream at the Beach: Jantzen Beach Center**

Several haunted attractions to choose from, including family friendly events. Cost: \$8-\$23  
<http://www.screamatthebeach.com>

**13<sup>th</sup> Door Haunted House: 10125 SW Washington Square Rd., Tigard 503.730.4579 Cost: \$15**



**NAWIC CHAPTER 54 - Milestones & Interesting Facts!**



**Congratulations to Leanne Cheung and her husband on the birth of their son, Lucas!**

**October Anniversaries!**



- Annette Hill-Onstott  
1 year w/our Chapter
- Lauren Holmes 1 year
- Karen Brown 2 years
- Joy Kyllingmark 1 year
- Maureen Stone 19 years
- Anne Wagner 24 years

**October Birthdays**



- Barbara Freeman – Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>
- Evelyn Stratton - Oct. 20th

*If we overlooked your Birthday, we apologize! We may not know when it is. Let Edie know!*  
[edibal@safeco.com](mailto: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](http://www.nawicportland54.org)

NAWIC Region 9  
[www.nawicregion9.org](http://www.nawicregion9.org)

NAWIC National  
[www.nawic.org](http://www.nawic.org)

NEF  
[www.nawiceducation.org](http://www.nawiceducation.org)

NAWIC Eugene Chapter 77  
[www.nawiceugene.com](http://www.nawiceugene.com)

**Non-Union Electrician Needed**

Nancy Cunningham, President of Jameson Electric Co is looking for non-union electricians. Contact her at: 503.524.3381 or [nancy@jamesonelectric.com](mailto:nancy@jamesonelectric.com) for further information.

## 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](mailto: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  
 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](http://www.nawicportland54.org)

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| 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*

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*

Oregon Retreat 2006:

Scholarship: *Shelley Richards, Chair*

WIC Week: *Anne Wagner and Shelley Richards*

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