NAWIC

As material for the construction of our building, I pledge the agility of my hands, the ability of my mind, and the integrity of my heart.

PORTLAND CHAPTER 54, AUGUST 2015

Message From Your President

Summer is coming to an end and so it the NAWIC year (as it ends September 30). Hope you have been able to enjoy the summer weather as well as the NAWIC year

By now, you should have started receiving the renewal emails from National. I really hope that you and your companies have found value in NAWIC and continue to support the organization and your membership! The renewal fee is $255, which is the same as last year.

We have (8) ladies attending AMEC in just a few weeks! I am so excited to see such a large group of ladies attending and can't wait to descend upon Nashville! So excited to learn more about NAWIC, our industry and COUNTY MUSIC! Stay tuned to the September meeting to hear more about the trip and AMEC.

Also, fast approaching is APC which is being held in Reno, Nevada in October. We will be voting for our delegates to attend at our August meeting, so let me know if you are interested in attending.

Also fast approaching is BREWFEST!! We are well underway gathering sponsorships, but we still need your help. Please help spread the word about Sponsorships, Auction Items and about attending the event. It is our only fundraiser, so let's all pull together to make it GREAT!! Please let me know if you are interested in helping out at the event! We will need greeters/ check-in, ladies to man the wine wall, check out and general support throughout.

Also, please look for an email from Adele regarding a survey. We are looking for member input on what they would like to see for the new year, and your input is greatly appreciated.

Lauren Holmes – President, Portland Chapter 54
Project Manager – Special Projects Division
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Upcoming Events

BREWFEST

Please see the attached NAWIC Brew-fest Flier for our 7th Annual Brewfest and Silent Auction to be held Thursday October 15th at Bridgeport Brewery.

Get out and spread the word now! This is a fun event and you don't want to miss it!

OCTOBER 15, 2015

ANNUAL PLANNING CONFERENCE

Save the date for APC in Reno, NV

OCTOBER 23-25, 2015

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Jeannie Spencer

CONTROLLER

BREMIK CONSTRUCTION

Born and raised in Oregon, I married a Hawaii native and we have one son (11) and a boxer named Kona. I've been told I'm a bit of a helicopter mom and with only one, I'm afraid it's true.

This year marked my 10 year anniversary with a great company, Bremik Construction. As a Controller, I pride myself in providing clean and consistent financial management across multiple companies. In addition to Finance, I manage the Office, Human Resources and provide overall corporate support for the owners.

When away from work I enjoy: weekends at the beach with my family, supporting my sons sports activities, volunteer work for school & most important shopping!

Other things about me:

When I have free time I like to: take a nap or binge watch on Netflix

My favorite holiday: Christmas, I love to see my child smile

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up: a police detective

A place I would like to visit: Spain, Australia, Bora Bora, to name a few…

I've never: been stung by a bee

NEW MEMBERS

Bring a friend!

INDUSTRY RELATED | LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

CSI - Golf Tournament
Tuesday August 27, 2015
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Lewis River Golf Course
More info: http://portland.csinet.org/

ASPE – Construction Fraud Program
Tuesday August 18, 2015
5:30 PM
University Place, Portland
More info: http://aspe54.org/

NAIOP Oregon –Golf Tournament
August 17, 2015
11:00 AM to 7:30 PM
Tualatin Country Club
http://naioporegon.org/meetinginfo.php?id=62&ts=1426280537

AGC - Black Tie Blue Jean Dinner & Auction
Saturday September 12, 2015
4:30 PM
World of Speed, Wilsonville
http://www.agc-oregon.org/events/

Meeting Schedule

AUGUST MEETING

August 20th 7:30-9:00 am Chapter Meeting
Where Elephant's Delicatessen, 115 NW 22nd Ave, Portland Cost
NAWIC Member $35, Non-Member $40

Women Strength Personal Safety Workshops are designed to introduce adults to a variety of self-protective options in a short, non-physical, discussion format. The basic workshop covers:

prevention strategies
recognizing when one is being targeted for an attach
the pros and cons of various options for ending an attack

Women Strength program is a program of the Portland Police Bureau. Since 1979, we have provided free self-defense classes and personal safety workshops to people around the Portland area. We have taught self-defense skills to approximately 30,000 women and teenage girls, and personal safety workshops to over 100,000 women and men.

RSVP Please RSVP Lauren Holmes | Lauren.Holmes@lewisbuilds.com

Please note: If you RSVP yes and cancel after 17th or are a no-show, you will be invoiced

SEPTEMBER MEETING

September 17th 5:30pm - 8:00pm **Chapter Meeting**
Where Elephant's Delicatessen, 115 NW 22nd Ave, Portland Cost
NAWIC Member $35, Non-Member $40

2015-2016 Incoming Board Installation Ceremony

Please join us in welcoming in the new chapter board members at our annual installation ceremony.

OCTOBER MEETING

Brewfest
October 15th at Bridgeport Brewery

Chapter 54 Committee Chairs 2014-2015

Professional Education
Elizabeth Rhode, Marilyn Morrison

Membership
Aryn Ferguson

Finance
Linda Spongberg

Nominating
Marilyn Morrison, Adele Henry & Samantha Jordan

Outreach

WIC Week
Marilyn Morrison

Newsletter/ Website
Samantha Jordan
Charris Sonne-Phinney

Brewfest
Lauren Holmes

Block Kids
Gloria Bruning & Nicole Fronk

CAD
Erin Holmes

Magic Camp
Adele Henry

Girl Scout program
Samantha Jordan, Kelly Aust

Please contact the Chairs if you are interested in joining any of these committees.

Anniversaries

No August Anniversaries

Birthdays

The National roster no longer features Birthdays, please send yours along so we can celebrate with you!

Please let Charris know
csphinney@anchorias.com

Chapter News & Announcements

CHAPTER MEETING SURVEY

As a NAWIC chapter we seek continuous improvement in creating an organization that all members find satisfying, educational and rewarding. Your positive experience as a member is a top priority of our board.

All member should have recently received an online survey request by email. Please take a few minutes and provide us with your feedback by completing the short survey by August 31st.

Thank you for participating!

PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION CHAIRS

Ruth Fritz is currently looking for the following regional committee chairs:

Block Kids, Membership

If Interested please contact Ruth Fritz ruthf@mcalvain.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

We appreciate your membership in the National Association of Women in Construction. We hope you will renew your membership this year.

According to our bylaws, your NAWIC membership is renewable every year by October 1. *Renewals are due by October 1, renewals received after this date will obtain a $25 late fee.*

Get started by going to www.nawic.org, and login to the Member Center with your username and password, click on Pay Dues Renewal, select your membership type, verify/ change your contact information, choose your payment option, and click submit. A link to your invoice will be sent to the email address listed in the NAWIC database (be sure and check your junk/spam mail.) *Once we approve the transaction, the system will send you a second email with a link to your paid receipt.* If you selected check as the form of payment, you can print the invoice and submit it to your employer. **Your renewal will not be complete until we payment is received.**

Thank you for your continued support of women employed in the construction industry.

60TH ANNIVERSARY TIME CAPSULE

NAWIC is celebrating 60 years this year at AMEC. As part of the celebration we are asking for your help in putting together a Time Capsule that will be opened in 15 years at the 75th AMEC. To show off all the current chapters we are asking Chapters to create one scrapbook page (front and back) highlighting the history of your chapter from chartering to now! The details for the page are:

- 8 ½ x 11" 65 lb white cardstock page (acid and lignin free)
- You can cover both sides of the page but must use acid free tape and glue
- **No** embellishments or anything that increases the thickness of the paper (due to size limitation of the capsule – it is only 12" wide X 12" high X 18" long)
- ***Remember*** to leave space to one side (left on front/right on back) to allow for three hole punching the page for the scrapbook.

We will also accept small mementos such as pins – but not items like koozies or other larger items. Other items that will be included are the 2015 WIC Week Pin and Poster, Photo of current NAWIC Staff, AMEC program, pin, t-shirt and 60th Anniversary bag, photos of the founders, early chapter charters including Fort Worth on Sept. 11, 1953.

DUE DATE: Please bring all items and your scrapbook page to AMEC and dropped them off with the NAWIC Office staff. If you are unable to attend please mail your page and any items to the **NAWIC Office** *attention: Autumn* by September 15th.

Let's show the Future NAWIC members our commitment to the Association and have 100% participation!!

August 2015

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Contact Information

NAWIC NEWS

Please send all articles and content recommendations for this chapter to csphinney@anchorias.com by the 25th of each month.

CONTACT INFO UPDATE

Members can update contact information through the member center which can be found after signing in at **www.nawic.org**.

IDEAS FOR OUR CHAPTER?

Contact the board members listed on the front page of this newsletter if you have any ideas for the future of our chapter.

WEBSITE

Visit our NEW website at **http://www.nawicportland54.org/**

FACEBOOK

Connect with us on Facebook at **www.facebook.com/NawicPDX54**

MAILING ADDRESS

NAWIC Portland #54
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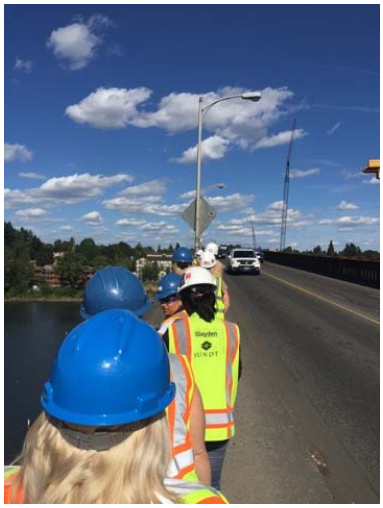
Portland, OR 97240

SELLWOOD BRIDGE JOB WALK

July 2015 Chapter Meeting

A Big Thank you to Multnomah County & Slayden Sundt, Joint Venture



Portland NAWIC

Chapter #54

7th Annual

Brewfest & Silent Auction

October 15, 2015, 6:00 pm

Bridgeport Brewery
1313 NW Marshall Street • Portland, OR 97209

BRIDGEPORT BREW PUB

Register online at: www.nawicportland54.org/events

$45 by Oct 14th; $55 after & at the Door

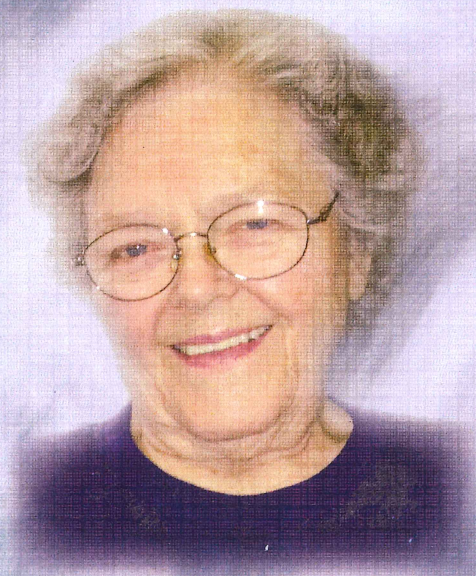
For more information or to register by cash or check contact

Lauren Holmes (503) 869-7933, Lauren.Holmes@lewisbuilds.com

In loving memory of Evelyn Stratton
October 26, 1926 to July 18, 2015

Find solace in nature.

Evelyn Louise (Aston) Stratton



October 20,1926

July 18, 2015

Evelyn began working for Oregon Portland Cement Co. in 1947 retired briefly in 1957 when daughter, Lorraine, was born. She then returned to work "temporary" for OPC and continued under new owner Ash Grove Cement Co. until really retirement in 1996. She took off work for eight months when son, David, was born in 1964. She held various positions mostly as an accounting secretary and finally as accounts payable supervisor for the western region.

She was an active member of National Association of Women in Construction's Portland Chapter 54 holding various offices since 1974 including .chapter president for three terms, 1982-83, 1993-94, and 1994-95. She was chosen the Region 9 WIC of the year at the 1993 Annual Region 9 Forum. Evelyn was given a very special honor of Life Membership in Portland Chapter 54.

Over the years, she considered it a real privilege to associate with the special women that made up the NAWIC association. Their networking and friendship meant very much to her and she never forget the warmth and support given her when she became president the first time in 1982 when her husband, Lloyd, died suddenly from a heart attack.

In addition to working her activities surrounded her children and nature. She was a member of the Portland Audubon Society for many years, and enjoyed some of the Audubon Society wildflower hikes in the Columbia Gorge and various Oregon and Washington wildlife sanctuaries with her family. Evelyn enjoyed participating as an OMSI member in trips related to geology and marine life at the coast and at some quarries looking for fossils in the Vernonia area. She even found a fossilized shark's tooth, 10,000 years old. She was a member of the Oregon Historical Society, Oregon Zoo, Oregon Aquarium, The Nature Conservancy, Yaquina Lights, Inc. (providing support to preserve the two lighthouses in the Newport area), and the Portland Macintosh Users Group.

Before working in the Construction Industry, Evelyn graduated from Washington High School in January 1944 to attend Reed College majoring Chemistry. After a year lack of funds forced her to leave and she went to work for the Federal Selective Service and War Assets Administration for about two years. She also started working evenings and weekends and full time one summer at the Oaks Amusement Park both as a park cashier and in their office.

Roller skating became her passion during the 1940's and early 1950's and she really enjoyed dance skating (loved to do a slinky tango on skates). She did a little competitive dance skating, but especially enjoyed skating in the floor shows designed to raise money to assist skaters attending national competitions. The precision skating involved in the chorus numbers was great but her special interest involved the comedy animal numbers in those floor shows. She designed the costumes, choreographed, and skated in those numbers in quite a variety of "critters" such as Petunia the Skunk, Paddy Penguin, Panda Bear, and Katie the Kangaroo including her 2-year-old Lorraine in Katie Kangaroo's pouch.

In addition to the single animals, Evelyn also built four legged ones for two fellows to skate in, and also accompanied them in some capacity. She was a milkmaid with Clarabelle cow, a Mexican senorita with Tequila the donkey, and a little girl with her dog, Samuel the Spaniel. She also helped sew other costumes and once installed 24 zippers up the back of 24 white chorus costumes in one weekend.

Evelyn & Lorraine in 1959 at Oaks Park promo shot for floor show.

She was active as a group advisor, day camp counselor, and also served on the board during 10 years with Camp Fire Girls, Inc. Later during the summer months of 2000 and 2001 she volunteered as a greeter and volunteer coordinator for the Oaks Park Museum.

Her mother taught her to play the piano at an early age and Evelyn also played the guitar as a teenager, but had to give up on the guitar due to arthritis. She later enjoyed playing a keyboard for her own amusement. Other special interests include photography and bird watching.

Evelyn & David in 1967 at Western Washington State Fair, Puyallup

Evelyn is survived by her daughter, Lorraine Stratton and son, David Stratton. And Lorraine's wife, Cheryl.