



Fall 2021 Newsletter

Chapter #54 Portland NAWIC

Fall Check-in, Plans and Information Galore!





Welcome 2021-2022 Members and New Board Members!!!

Hello and welcome to the new year. We have made it through most of the (once again) new and crazy year 2021, and I am glad you are here. I wanted to take a minute to introduce myself. I have been in NAWIC almost as long as I have been in construction, and that is not long. I come from a retail sales management background and have been working with United Rentals in the Fluid Solutions division, helping to Transfer, Treat and Contain any kind of liquid on a jobsite. We have pumps, tanks and filtration. I started in February 2017 and by that October I was here, finding my support and sometimes sanity. I am this years' President and I am going to be learning as we go with the support of some incredible women. Charris Sonney-Phinney is our Immediate Past President and is already a huge help. Yasmine Branden is our Parliamentarian this year and going to help keep me out of trouble, hopefully! The new board has Erin Holmes returning as our Vice President, Amy Nemetz is now our Treasurer, Audra Petrie is our Recording Secretary and Leanna Smith has moved into the corresponding Secretary role. We have three new ladies joining as Directors, Rebekah Kilgore, Kandice Marks and Lauren Holmes, with Sara Quitugua returning as a Director to show us the ropes. We are excited to help lead the chapter this year and hope you will reach out anytime with any questions, comments or ideas.

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Coast Retreat and Fall Conference 2021

Our Coast Retreat last month was a great time while we learned some wonderful emergency preparedness techniques. Everyone made home-made filtration units in a water bottle, had some great bingo games and speed networking events, and candy was had by all. We had dinner, drinks and s'mores while connecting with our friends in Salem, Eugene, Tri-Cities and even Alaska and San Francisco were there. Next year I hope more of you can join us.

Fall Conference conducted by our new Regional Director Julie Salinas from San Francisco #19 and hosted by the South Sound chapter, was in Tacoma October 14th-16th was also an incredible time. We heard from WASDOT, we went on a historical tour, we ate well and raffled hard. We had two very packed days with fun tossed in and there may have been some singing and dancing by a few people. We connected with ladies from all over our PNW Region as well as had our National President, National President-Elect and our National Secretary all join in the festivities.



Events

- Coming up next we have the Girl Scout STEM day event in Salem 11/13/21 9am-1pm where we will be hosting a table with the Salem Chapter and are looking for more volunteers to join us. Come for 2 hours or come for the day! We are going to be teaching safe habits with hammers, drills, levels and letting them know about women in construction. There will be Daisy's in kindergarten – first grade, Brownie's in 2nd-3rd grade, Juniors 4-5th grade and Cadet's 6th – 8th grade. Let's let some girls know that there are more than the “traditional” roles out there.
- November's board meeting will be November 17th Virtual and all are welcome to audit any time, just let me know. The membership meeting will be November 18th. We will be meeting at a venue that requires vaccination or negative Covid test with in 24 hours shown at the door. Invite to be sent shortly with more information.
- December – Ugly Sweater party with CIS! Details to follow.

Committee Updates

- Membership- Have you renewed? Remember to order your incentive gifts.
- WIC week-Taylor Pawley/Kandice Marks-job site tours, lunch and learns, networking events. What can you or your team help us with?
- Fundraising-Rebekah Kilgore- March 19th 2022 to kick off WIC week
- Emerging Professionals-Taylor Pawley/Kandice Marks Webinars coming! Do you want to get involved? Reach out to Kandice at KandiceM@totalmechanical.com .
- Diversity & Inclusion-Charris- Who wants to join and help get going? Reach out to Charris at csonne-phinney@anchorias.com
- Community Service-GS Event needs volunteers on 11/13/21 9am-1pm. Reach me at mburdine@ur.com
- Fall Conference Planning 2022- Who knows people or wants to get involved? Reach out to me and I will get you in contact with the people helping me plan! mburdine@ur.com
- Bend Outreach/Charter- Same question. Who knows people and wants to get involved? Reach out to me or Juli Fuscoli at juli@southtownglass.com .

I appreciate you reading through all the exciting things we have done, what we will be doing soon and ways to get involved! I am excited to see what the year will bring and where we will go. As of right now the plan is to offer some virtual options, some in person opportunities and figure it out as we navigate the COVID pandemic still affecting so many of us. I know we have some of our members who have restrictions on whether they can meet in group settings so I am trying to find a balance that will allow everyone to find something that works for them. If you would like to see something, have a speaker you have heard who is amazing and we should see, a job you want to brag about or a service you provide that you want us to come see, please reach out any time.

Thank you and See you soon!

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