



# Constructively Speaking

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

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## Events Calendar

- 09/6-9 - National Convention
- 09/21 - September Membership Meeting - Officer Installation
- 10/2 - Board Meeting
- 10/19 - Membership Meeting
- 10/20-21 - Annual Planning Conference, Salem
- 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.

## September Membership Meeting Notice "2006-2007 Chapter Office Installation"!

**Date: September 21, 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: Charbroiled Chicken Caesar Salad Service with Soup Dujour.  
Coffee, Tea and Dessert**

**Program: Installation of Chapter 54 Officers for 2006-2007**

**Contact Evelyn Stratton *by noon, Sept. 18th*, 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!)**

## President's Message

*By: Shelley Richards, P.E., CIT, CCA*

Wow, I just can't believe my year has come to an end. I want to take this time to express my heartfelt thank you to my board. I had a lot going on this year and the support and help I received from the board cannot be expressed enough. You were amazing and really made things go pretty smooth. A special thank you to Gloria for being there as my back-up more often than she had hoped!

This last year has been amazing for me. Our Portland chapter has a great set of members and I just love how well our new members and seasoned members share information, stories, thoughts and ideas. Every meeting is a great

adventure. Annette did such a wonderful job setting up speakers. Julie and her team pulled off the best golf tournament I have been too. I know my company thought it was a great time and well worth their commute from Salem! I heard all positives and am looking forward to next year's event. Judy did a great job with the employer's appreciation night. My company could not attend, but both Craig and Jason enjoyed receiving their certificates. I cannot thank all of you enough for the amazing year.

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Next year will be a great year as well. I am looking forward to Gloria's presidency as I know she has a lot of great ideas in mind. The chapter will benefit so much from her experience in NAWIC and her wonderful leadership abilities. Her board is full of seasoned members and new members. It is very exciting to see how many new members have been elected to the board. It is so important to share the experiences and bring in new ideas. I know Gloria can always use help on committees, so please make sure you sign up for one. There are so many opportunities out there.

Gloria, Yasmine and I leave next week for National Convention in Kansas City. If you have not attended a Convention yet, you really should plan to attend next years. This is such a great experience and opportunity. Talking to the NAWIC women from across the country, and around the globe, is an incredible experience.

Well, I look forward to seeing all of you at meetings next year. I will be concentrating on helping Gloria where I can as Past President and working in my role as the National Chair for PR/Marketing. If you have any PR/Marketing advice that I can share with NAWIC, please send me an email or give me a call. I hope you all have a great month and see you at the membership meeting!

Thank you!

Shelley D. Richards

### NAWIC National Officer Results!

Congratulations to our 2006-2007 NAWIC National Officers!

President -

**Christine Wigginton, CIT**

President Elect -

**Tamie K. Taylor, CDT, CIT**

Vice President -

**Pat J. McDonald, CIT**

Secretary -

**Robin Fulton Meyer, CIT**

Treasurer -

**Debra M. Gregoire, CIT**

### 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.

Welcome to **Cheryl Appelman** who will be attending our monthly meeting for Berg Electric while Leanne is out on maternity leave.

### Position Open on Board

The Position of Corresponding Secretary is open on the board. This position takes care of Chapter correspondence. (sending cards, sometimes letters)

It's a great position for someone, because it requires a minimal time commitment. If you are interested, contact Gloria Bruning @

[GBruning@anchorias.com](mailto:GBruning@anchorias.com) or 503.224.2500

**A Little About Gloria Bruning, our New President**

By Edie Bales



I have known Gloria since 1979. We were mere children when captured and forced to work in the Surety Industry as child laborers. We found a friendship that has grown over the years and probably one of the reasons we were able to keep our sanity in this crazy business to say nothing of our youthful glow! Some think she's older than I, since she started in the Surety business in 1977. Fact is I'm actually a smidgen older, but a fast learner. Gloria has earned the respect of many in the Surety Business and is among the top few that are known throughout the area by other agencies, carriers and contractors. Gloria has been employed with Anchor Ins. & Surety since

1992. She is a Bond Customer Service Representative.

In 1978, Gloria married her high school sweetheart, Tim. They've been married 28 years and they still love each other! Quite feat in today's world. Two children were born of this union, TJ and Amy. TJ is married now and just moved north with his wife and two children...Yes, Gloria has two Grandsons! Amy is now out of college and pursuing a career in the legal profession in New York City.

Gloria joined Chapter 54 in July, 1996. Over the last ten years she has held various board positions and chaired and served on numerous NAWIC committees. She has attended several National Conventions, Regional Annual Planning & Forum Conferences, and let us not forget the many Oregon Retreats. I have seen her confidence grow thanks to NAWIC. A few years ago she would be very uneasy talking to a group and probably would not have even considered becoming president...but look at her now!

**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)

**Region 9 Annual Planning  
Conference**

The Annual Planning Conference (APC) is being hosted by our Salem Chapter. It will be held October 20 & 21<sup>st</sup>. They will be sending out registration forms soon.

This is always a very informative event and attended by all chapters in our Region. Salem is not far away which makes it easier for Portland members to attend. If you have not ever gone to a regional meeting this is your opportunity!



**EVENTS OF INTEREST**



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

**Date:** Tuesday, September 19th  
**Location:** University Place Restaurant  
310 SW Lincoln, Portland  
503.221.0140

**Program:** What Happens to the Estimate in the Field?  
Cless Woodward, Project Manager  
Westech Construction

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

**Cost:** \$25 with Reservation; \$30 without.

**Reservations:**

<http://www.aspeportland.org/Reservation.asp>  
Reservations due by noon Fri., 08/11/06  
Questions: Curt Kolar, 503.368.8291

**NAWIC UPCOMING EVENTS!**

Sept. 6 - 9 - National Convention, Kansas City, Missouri

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

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

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

**Girl Fest!**

**Saturday, September 30, 2006**  
**10:00 am to 6:00 pm**  
**The Portland Expo Center**  
*Hosted by Girl Scouts*  
**FREE Admission**

***“ Everything Cool about being a Girl!”***

Geared towards girls 5 - 18, most attend as family units. An opportunity for girls to try new things and sample the wide range of opportunities available to them. Girl Fest is free and open to all Girls and their families. Vendors and concessions will have booths and some will have products for sale.

**Society of Women Engineers (SWE)**

**Date:** September 20<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday

**Location:** Greek Cuisiana, Minoan Room  
404 SW Washington St., Portland, OR

**Time:** 6 - 8:30pm

**Program:** Taking Control of Your Work Day  
Presented by: Lynn Valenter

<b>Cost:</b>	<b>Pre-paid</b>	<b>At the Door</b>
SWE Member	\$25	\$30
Non-Member	\$30	\$35

(Cash or Check only)

RSVP by 9/13 to [ann.e.simmons@boeing.com](mailto:ann.e.simmons@boeing.com)

**Oregon Small Business Fair**

**September 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**  
**Oregon Convention Center**  
**777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.**  
**Free Admission**

This is the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Oregon Small Business Fair, a free event for small business owners and those thinking about becoming small-business owners to get free counseling on topics critical to them. Information booths will be staffed by agency representatives.

Questions about the Fair?

Phone: 503.329-4260

Email: [linda.c.repp@state.or.us](mailto:linda.c.repp@state.or.us)

See Website with brochure on Fair:

[http://oregon.gov/DCBS/SBO/docs/fair\\_bro\\_6\\_06.pdf](http://oregon.gov/DCBS/SBO/docs/fair_bro_6_06.pdf)



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



**September Anniversaries!**



No anniversaries  
 in September.

**September Birthdays**



Toni Pinkston	9/9
Bonnie Riddle	9/13
Janna Brown	9/14
Judy Redford	9/16
Gloria Bruning	9/27

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

**NAWIC National Winners of Block Kids and CAD Competitions**

**Block Kids**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Region 13 - **Dakota Nelson**, Rapid City, SD  
 Award: \$500 Bond
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Region 7 - **Spencer Ridling**, Waco, TX  
 Award: \$300 Bond
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Region 3 - **James Spinella**, Verco Beach, FL  
 Award: \$200 Bond

**CAD**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Region 7 - **Agustin Ramos**, Mirando City, TX. Award: \$1,500
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Region 4 - **Shawn Lettow**, Kalamazoo, MI. Award: \$1,000
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Region 2 - **Travis Voyles**, Douglasville, GA Award: \$500

**Chapter Sales**

The Portland Chapter Sales Committee, may have just the thing you've been wanting.

- NAWIC Keychains** - Sturdy key ring with a lovely small plastic level filled with red liquid and NAWIC written on the side
  - Stress Relievers** - Small White Rubber Hard Hats with NAWIC and a rose on them. Feeling stress...just squeeze the heck out of them!
  - Polo Shirts & Vests** - Polo shirts are in white & black. Vests are black. You too could look as fashionable as Helen, Gloria or others!  
 See Yasmine Branden if interested! [Yasmine.branden@nwnatural.com](mailto:Yasmine.branden@nwnatural.com)
- Also, NAWIC National Website has many sales items available.

## **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.*

Anchor Ins. & Surety  
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Coffman Excavation, Inc.  
Columbia Wire & Iron Works, Inc.  
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Halton Co.  
HDR Engineering  
J-2 Blueprint Supply Co.  
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Lampros Steel  
Modern Machinery  
NW Natural  
Pape Machinery  
Portland General Electric  
Rose City Blueprint  
RSC Rental Service Corp.  
Safeco Surety  
Sunbelt Rentals  
VOCI, Vancouver Oil  
Wheels in Motion  
Williamson & Bleid

*If you would like to become a Sponsor, please contact Edie Bales at 503.697.0171 or [edibal@safeco.com](mailto:edibal@safeco.com).*

## **Web 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)

Oregon Dept. of Transportation  
<http://egov.oregon.gov/ODOT>

City of Portland  
[www.portlandonline.com](http://www.portlandonline.com)

AGC - Oregon Columbia Chapter  
[www.agc-oregon.org](http://www.agc-oregon.org)

Daily Journal of Commerce  
[www.djc.or.com](http://www.djc.or.com)

Listing of US Federal, State, US Foreign, Political Parties, & other related web sites:  
[www.gksoft.com/govt/en/us.html](http://www.gksoft.com/govt/en/us.html)

## Portland Chapter 54 2005 - 2006

### Officers and Directors



#### 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)

President	<i>Shelley Richards, P.E., CIT, CCA</i>
President Elect	<i>Gloria Bruning</i>
Vice President	<i>De Dishman</i>
Treasurer	<i>Helen Newcomb</i>
Recording Secretary	<i>Karen Johnson</i>
Corresponding Secretary	<i>Bonnie Riddle</i>
Directors	<i>Julie Puderbaugh, Betty Spencer, Judy Redford, Edie Bales</i>
Parliamentarian	<i>Anne Wagner</i>
Immediate Past President	<i>Yasmine Branden, CCA</i>

### Committees

**Finance:** *Yasmine Branden, Helen Newcomb, Evelyn Stratton, Shelley Richards*

**Construction Industry:** *Annette Hill-Onstott, Chair*

**Membership:** *Gloria Bruning & Julie Puderbaugh, Co-Chairs; Betty Spencer  
Evelyn Stratton – Membership Roster*

**Professional Education:** *Judy Redford Chairs  
Evelyn Stratton, (Reservations Only)*

**Audit:** *Evelyn Stratton*

**Ways & Means:** *Julie Puderbaugh, Chair of Golf Tournament; Helen Newcomb, Judy Redford*

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

**Block Kids:** *Bonnie Riddle, Chair; Betty Spencer*

**Bylaws:** *Evelyn Stratton, Chair*

**CAD:** *Sherri McCurdy, Chair; Edie Bales*

**Chapter Sales:** *Yasmine Branden, Chair; Betty Spencer*

**Girl Scout Badge Program:** *Karen Johnson, Chair*

**Newsletter:** *Edie Bales, Chair*

**Public Relations:** *Yasmine Branden*

**Oregon Retreat 2006:**

**Scholarship:** *Gloria Bruning, Chair*

**WIC Week:** *Edie Bales & Gloria Bruning, Co-Chairs*

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