



NAWIC Divine Region 9 Monthly

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Enhancing the Success of Women in the Construction Industry

Director's Note...

By Yasmine A. Branden, CCA

Nothing will work unless you do.

Maya Angelou

Dues Renewals

You should have either renewed online or mailed your renewal for National to have received it by Oct. 1. If not, you will be assessed a \$25 late fee.

If you have questions about renewal or new membership, contact Sandy Fite at the NAWIC Office:
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Welcome to the new NAWIC year! Our region is off to a great start. Chapter Board members have been installed. Annual Planning Conference (APC) preparation is almost complete...like everything in our lives, there is always just one last detail to refine. 2009 Forum is ahead of schedule. Construction Career Days planning is in full swing.

A big THANK YOU to our outgoing chapter leadership!! They have all accomplished a great deal for their chapters and our region. Some are continuing in a leadership role; others are stepping down to allow those members they've mentored to take the helm.

With the new year, we have new faces, new opportunities, new challenges. As you know, Mary Weaver has joined the NAWIC staff as our Education Director. We have a new resource page on the national website; check it out:

http://www.nawic.org/nawic/Construction_Sector_Statistics.asp?SnID=1294222806

Due to the economy, many of us are seeing an initial decline in chapter member numbers. Our greatest strength is our unique placement in our industry. By offering interesting and relevant speakers & topics, we can reach many more potential members. Do you have an "elevator speech"? Can you tell someone, in 30 seconds, enough about NAWIC to peak their interest and have them ask you for more information? Do you invite every woman who may be a potential member to your next meeting or event? How are your marketing efforts? You can find "Active and Passive Marketing" on the NAWIC website: <http://www.nawic.org/nawic/Programs-In-A-Box.asp?SnID=1294222806>

President McDonald's theme -- **The Power of NAWIC – Building Strong Leaders** – encourages us to be all we can be!

While we're in Seattle for 2009 Forum, we will be electing a new Region 9 Director. I'm sure you all have questions you'd like to toss at our three candidates – Katie Hanning, Cathy Brady and Fil Spiegel. Saturday afternoon at APC, these brave women will be made available to answer your questions. Additionally, send questions you might have for them to me. You never know if it will be the next question in the newsletter!

We're in the home stretch of the election season. Please register to vote (if you aren't already), get informed, and cast your ballot. Our foremothers sacrificed and suffered greatly to win the franchise for us. Whether you vote Democrat, Republican, Independent, Green, or other party – just do it. And when people ask you who you will or have voted for, just tell them what my mom says, "The winner, of course!"

NAWIC Core Values:

Believe in ourselves
Persevere with the strength of our convictions
Dare to move into new horizons

Portland #54**Puget Sound #60 (Nicole Martin)**

Convention was a blast. I am so glad that 4 of our members were able to join me. We are charged up and ready to go and I know we all got a lot out of it. We are looking forward to getting to know more of Region 9 in October at APC!

Our September meeting was a cruise around Lake Washington compliments of Mr. Frank Young Jr. from GLY Construction who let us take over his yacht! We were able to meet with a lot of our new members and brainstorm about Forum 2009 and our Oktoberfest event happening on Oct. 13th. Our crew is just fantastic and we're all pretty excited about what's in store for us over the next year. Starting in November we'll have a regular meeting spot on Mercer Island instead of the two alternating places like last year. We've also opted to start our meetings a bit earlier this year to help alleviate some of the traffic problems we all face and to get everyone home to their families a bit earlier. We'll let you know how it goes!

Eugene #77**Spokane #143****Tacoma #187****Tri-Cities #192 (Stacey Keller)**

The Tri-Cities Chapter received 3 new members in the month of September. We had a QuickBooks in Construction presentation for our September meeting which was very informative. We are currently working with the Tri-Cities Americans (our local hockey team) to do a fundraiser. We have selected a game date to sell tickets for and every ticket we sell we get a kick back for. Keep your fingers crossed that this turns out to be a good fundraiser for us. Also, this is something that the other chapters may want to know for their fund raisers.

Anchorage #197**Salem #198 (Nancy Carter)**

The 2008-2009 NAWIC year has begun. We had our installation of Officers and Board of Directors on September 17th. President-Nancy Carter, Vice President-Jaysa Nesbitt, Secretary-Denise Torres, and Treasurer-Vickie Tewalt. Board of Directors-Joy Kyllingmark and Linda Almendinger. Thank you ladies for all the hard work.

The Salem Contractors Exchange banquet was held on Saturday, September 13th at Chinook Winds Casino. We sold raffle items again this year to raise money for our scholarship fund. We raised \$1,118.00 for our scholarship fund. Thank you to all of you for the donations and all the hard work selling raffle tickets and for the donations.

It's that time of year again. Renew your membership by October 1st to avoid the \$25 late fee being assessed by National.

Nikki Towry continues to collect old cell phones as one of our fundraisers this year. What a great way to raise money and get rid of the old cell phones sitting around the office. Way to go Nikki!!

In October we hope to take a tour of the Salem Hospital project. Denise Torres is working to arrange this. More details will follow.

Great Falls #228 (Barb Woith)

NAWIC in Montana is going strong. We just had a new member mixer and are looking forward to new members joining.

My first meeting as president is next week. I am excited about my board and the possibilities of networking with other industry organization to "spread the good news of NAWIC", locally and statewide.

I know I will be learning on the job, but that is nothing to us, is it? Our success will depend on all of us, and I am looking forward to leading the great team that we have.

Boise #245 (Brenda Smith)

Preparations for our Dinner Auction on Nov. 1 are in full swing. We are looking forward to a successful and fun event once again. Thanks to Molly McClure, Charlene Meadows and the rest of the committee for their hard work on this important event. We are excited to have three new members join our chapter – Toni Brown with Shadow Mountain Management, LLC, Tammy Schissel with SimplexGrinnell LP, and Leah Soloman with Tomaska Construction, Inc. Welcome ladies! We look forward to getting to know you. The program for our October meeting is Networking. Our presenter is our fabulous member Vivian Otero-Epley with Meuleman Mollerup LLP. She will be helping us learn more about networking protocol, conversation conclusions and follow-up activities.

From Boise Immediate Past President Charlene Meadows:

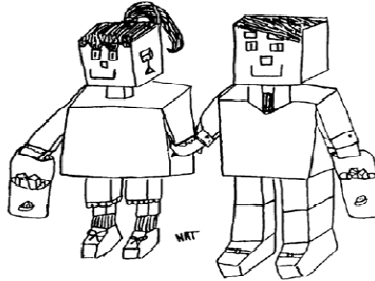
It's hard to believe my year as President is drawing to an end already. I have thoroughly enjoyed my term; all successes achieved by our Chapter are due entirely to our awesome members. We had a job site tour in August of the Boise Capitol building. It was very informative, interesting, and sometimes amazing. We saw where they have cut out part of the actual building foundation, put in steel plates to take the weight, and made a huge opening where there was none before down in the basement area. The marble & wood restorations are just incredible.

National Convention will have occurred by the time this comes out; we have 6 members able to attend this year. I know that they will come back re-charged and full of great information to share with the rest of us!

We will be installing our new President Brenda Smith and her Board at the next membership meeting September 10, and will also get to see the DVD from MAGIC Camp held in June. I know that Brenda will do a fantastic job and lead our Chapter to ever greater heights.

BLOCK KIDS PROGRAM 08-09

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Construction Requires Imagination & Thought

The Block Kids program was created in 1990 to introduce children in grades 1 - 6 to the construction industry. Since launching the program, more than 300,000 children have participated.

- A fun, creative program that will engage your students.
- NOVA award winning program.

Program Guidelines

Kids are given a maximum of one hour to use their blocks & selected items to build a project that is in some way related to the construction industry.

Items used:

- Interlocking blocks
- 3 of the following items: • Small rock • String • Foil • Poster board

Once completed, judges will ask the participants about their project.

- Why did they choose to build this project?
- What do you like about it?
- Is there anything you would change?
- How will it be used?

Projects are scored on:

- Oral Presentation • Use of materials • Enthusiasm • Attention to detail • Creativity • Reason for participation

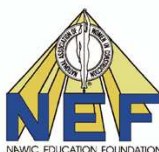
Projects are judged at the local, regional and national level. Prizes are awarded to the top three national winners.

Regional submissions must be received no later than March 1, 2008 mail to

Chris Jett – Region 9 Block kid's chair 08-09
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Questions regarding this program are welcome! Contact Chris Jett at cjett@gci.net or by phone at 907- 346-1999

Guidelines for this program can be found on the NEF website. Choose the K-12 program tab where you'll find everything you need to get your program going. Please review the guidelines all rules will be strictly adhered to.



NAWIC Education Foundation



Educating the Construction Industry Today . . . and Tomorrow.

From the Desk of NAWIC President Pat McDonald, CCA, CIT

Our NAWIC year is off and running with enthusiasm in each of our regions. I am so delighted that I will be with you at your APC but couldn't wait until then to relay some exciting news.

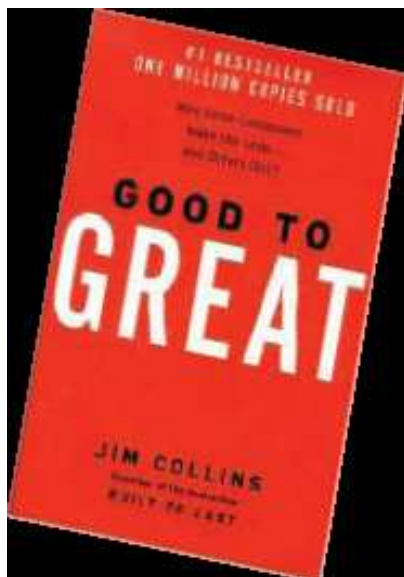
While at Convention, Immediate Past President Taylor, Executive Vice President Hughes and myself met with Melina Harris, Chair of the Sister Alliance Project. This project brings together tradeswomen associations from all over the United States to share information and networking opportunities. The groups linked together are many and varied and go from Cleveland to Missouri, from Iron Workers to League of Women Voters, from Alaska Women's Network to Department of Labor. NAWIC is excited to join this group to support the women in the trades. Please check out their website at www.SistersintheBuildingTrades.org.

One very important part of NAWIC supporting these women is to remove barriers to having Tradeswomen actively involved in our functions. I am urging you to welcome trades women to your chapter and regional meetings and functions at member prices. The Sisters Alliance will be given addresses for NAWIC chapter presidents, so you may receive a call asking about meetings -- what a great time to welcome a visitor with open arms!

Additionally, as we become familiar with each other, these ladies will be a huge resource to YOU as speakers and as workshop presenters to offer a wider range of activities and knowledge to NAWIC members that we cannot provide ourselves. Many of our chapters have tradeswomen, but this alliance gives us a much bigger pool to draw from. Take advantage of their expertise and let them take advantage of what NAWIC offers. Truly the Power of Women is that we *can* help each other -- and the Power of NAWIC is that we *must*.

Let's have a Powerful APC!!!

Pat



"If we have cracked the code on good to great, then we might see good schools become great schools, good government become great government, good companies become great companies and perhaps even a number of good lives become great lives."

Jim Collins

How does an organization go from *Good to Great*?

Who should be on the bus?

Can the insights in this book help us move NAWIC from good to GREAT?

Join us during 2009 Forum as Tacoma Chapter member Sarah Webb facilitates a regional book club discussion.

For more info: swebb@wavecable.com

FIL SPIEGEL IS STUDYING FOR THE NEXT CDS TEST (NOV 1). ANYONE ELSE STUDYING FOR IT? WILL YOU BE AT APC? WANT TO HAVE AN INFORMAL STUDY GROUP?
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2007 - 2008 Chapter Presidents:

IRS Compliance Certification Forms are due in October. You must also file an E-Card on line with the IRS. It does not matter how much or how little revenues your chapter had during the year.

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Leadership Academy

An intensive 3-day Leadership Academy for women in construction will be held at Clemson University on Oct. 25 – 28 in Clemson, SC. This is a joint venture between NAWIC and the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER).

Participants work with women from across the country, reinforcing leadership skill through case studies, group projects, team building exercises and, yes, evening homework assignments!

Topics include: leadership and management styles, negotiation techniques, time management, conflict resolution, and facilitating effective meetings.

Tuition is \$1,295 which includes lodging, meals, course materials, transportation to/from the airport, and nightly activities. For registration forms call NCCER at 888.622.3720 or click:

[www.http://www.nawic.org/images/nawic/LA/LA_Register_Form.pdf](http://www.nawic.org/images/nawic/LA/LA_Register_Form.pdf)

Participants will earn 3 CEUs and a certificate of completion. Space is limited to the first 30 registrants.

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