



# NAWIC Divine Region 9 Monthly

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*Enhancing the Success of Women in the Construction Industry*

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## We Rock!

By Yasmine A. Branden, CCA

A big "THANK YOU" to Great Falls for a fantastic APC!! Katie Hanning, Linda Siebel and Beth Windom executed a weekend to remember. They lined up great speakers and sessions, provided good food, and steered through town on one wild scavenger hunt. My drycleaner wasn't happy when he saw my pants.

Jeanne Staton, Eugene Chapter, is the 2007 ASU/NAWIC Outstanding Woman in Construction. She is the principle owner & president of Staton Companies, a demolition firm. She is the foremost woman of influence in the West Coast in the demolition and environmental fields. Join me in congratulating Jeanne (go to her website at [www.statonco.com](http://www.statonco.com)).

Mark your calendar for Forum 2008 to **Explore New Frontiers** in Anchorage, AK **April 24 – 26, 2008**.

Don't read about this Forum in our regional history books. With **frontiers** of education, self-improvement, laughter, learning, and networking, this will be a Forum to remember!

Remember Chris Jett's promise to write a cheque to NEF for our membership drive? Well, she donated \$330!! We recruited 66 new members, and had a retention rate of 82%. Three way tie for recruiting the most members: Tamie Taylor, Judy Jewel and Cathy Brady.

## NAWIC Divine Region 9 Monthly

Founded in 1955, NAWIC is a not for profit organization dedicated to enhancing the success of women in the construction industry. NAWIC serves all women who work in and for the construction industry.

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## WIC Week – March 2-8, 2008

Women in Construction Week will be here before you know it and we all know that a successful celebration of WIC Week entails a lot of planning. Annual Planning Conference (APC) in Great Falls was tremendously informational, constructive – oh, and did I say - FUN! A **handout of suggestions** for WIC Week was distributed, as well as ordering information on some **great 3" buttons celebrating WIC Week** at a very nominal price. Our sister chapter in Las Vegas unveiled the pins at convention in Orlando and the non-profit that makes them has generously offered to waive the art fees for us! Order early! Pass the word of NAWIC around! They are great looking and a very simple way to start off your week of celebration.

If you would like a copy of successful WIC Week ideas, a Commitment Form or more information on the buttons, contact Pamela Keller, Region 9 WIC Chairman at 509-468-8535 X113 or [pamk@westway.cc](mailto:pamk@westway.cc). I would also like to thank the following chapters for submitting their WIC Week Commitment forms – Tri-Cities Chapter #192, Alaska Chapter #197 and Boise Chapter #245.

Come on girls - let's be the first region to pledge 100% participation!

Pamela Keller, CIT  
Region 9 WIC Week Chairman

**Eugene, OR #77**

**Robin Langkamp, CIT**

Congratulations to Jeanne Staton, the 2007 ASU/NAWIC Outstanding Woman in Construction! She has been an inspiration and mentor to so many of our members, we are proud to have her in our chapter!

Our November meeting will be an update on the new CSI Format divisions. Plans have started for the MAGIC Summer Camp for girls, WIC Week and new ideas for marketing NAWIC and our chapter.

**Boise Chapter #245**

**Charlene Meadows**

Just back from Annual Planning Conference in Great Falls, Montana, and what a great one it was. Kudos to Great Falls Chapter – well done! From the keynote speaker Dean Mary Moe from MSU, to Ruth Fritts safety presentation on ergonomics and the importance of stretching, to the Mock Arbitration, to the Scavenger Hunt our full attention was captured and we were enthralled. Got lots of good information and tools to share with our Chapter back in Boise. Our annual Dinner Auction is coming up fast – November 10 - and we are on track for another successful event under the masterful guidance of Molly McClure. The program speaker for our next meeting will be our own Amanda Werth who will talk about Occupational Fraud, which should be extremely interesting. We owe our P.E. chair Brenda Smith a great big thank-you for her hard work in obtaining really great speakers!

**Portland Chapter #54**

**Eddie Bales**

The Portland Chapter had five members participate in the Region 9 APC, not counting our Director, Yasmine. Three of these members were our newest members. All actively participated and came back as official “Montana Bad Girls”! Our thanks to the Great Falls Chapter for doing a fantastic job hosting this event.

We are busy planning our year. Our CAD instructor will be starting her students on NAWIC’s CAD project soon and is very excited about it. We’ll be judging it in April, and hope to have the first three place winners and their instructor at our April or May membership meeting. Our Professional Education committee is planning our programs and meeting locations for the year. We are looking forward to an exciting year!

Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

**Tri-Cities Chapter #192**

**Cathy Brady**

At the beginning of each new NAWIC year we are continually building on the successes of the previous year. We need to take a moment to appreciate our accomplishments. Some of our accomplishments of the previous year include;

1. We manned the “Kidstruction Zone” for the HBA Home and Garden show for the second year.
2. We held our first annual Industry Appreciation Dinner honoring women in the construction industry in celebration of WIC Week.
3. We played a major role in the planning and implementation of Construction Career Day.
4. We held a NAWIC information event to spread the word about NAWIC.
5. We increased our membership by nine new members.
6. We have been working to set up a chapter of Rebuilding Together.
7. We have some great programs at our meetings and most meetings were adjourned by 7:30.
8. The majority of our meetings were listed in the local papers.
9. We were in the black for our Ways and Means project manning the beer gardens at the sprint boat races.
10. We were under budget for the year.
11. We even had time to squeeze in a couple of wine tasting socials.

When it is written down it is very clear that we have a lot to celebrate! Now the question is where we go from here. It is important to know where you want to go so that you can map your way to getting there. Without a destination in mind we will be wandering with no clear purpose.

NAWIC is dedicated to enhancing the success of women in the construction industry by building educations, careers, futures and lives. How are we doing? Are we fulfilling the purpose of our organization? Is your membership in NAWIC fulfilling your expectations? Is your chapter aware of what your expectations are?

Have you heard of the saying **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore? I will give 100% of my NAWIC time to continue to move NAWIC forward. If you can give 1% of your time to NAWIC, then give 100% of that 1% we will have the **TEAM** that we need to build on our successes. I am looking forward to another great year for NAWIC and our chapter.

**Salem Chapter #198****Nancy Carter**

Our October meeting was very informational. Yasmine Branden the Regional Director came and spoke about NAWIC and NEF and I think we all came away with some great information about NAWIC and the CIT and CCA certifications.

The poinsettia sales are in full swing. We plan on selling 300 of these beautiful plants for the holidays. The funds raised will go towards our scholarship fund.

Our November meeting speakers will be Dave Towry and his Mom Pam Towry from New York Life.

In December we will be having our annual Christmas party. We'll be inviting back former chapter members for a great turkey dinner, an evening full of laughter, Bunko and our cookie & recipe exchange.

**Diana Miller, BOMC Chair**

If you are not aware, the Business Owners and Managers Council is now the Business Owners and Managers Committee. We are virtually starting from scratch in regards to this committee.

Are you or do you want to be a Business Owner or Manager??? Then this committee is for you!

The goals for this committee are:

- ❖ Gather information from Regional members – do they want such a committee?
- ❖ What do the Business Owners & Managers in your Region want to see out of this committee?
- ❖ Assist in gathering articles for the BOMC Newsletter.
- ❖ Find out how many business owners and managers you have in your Region.
- ❖ Would they like to see a workshop at convention focusing on the business owner or manager?
- ❖ Provide suggestions on networking.
- ❖ What are some of the problems owners face owning their own business?
- ❖ Find out if there be enough interest from business owners and managers to change this committee back to a council?

We want this committee to be of the members, by the members and for the members so that every member is aware of BOMC's existence. We hope this can be something with meaning and real purpose, but we need everyone's input to accomplish our goal.

We are asking interested parties to submit ideas or questions. We will then make every effort to post those questions and answers in a venue for all members.

Please contact me with questions or comments.  
Diana Miller, BOMC Chair – DLM434@msn.com

**Region 9 Calendar**

**21 - 24 Feb 2008**

Mid-Year Board  
Las Vegas, NV

**24 - 26 April 2008**

Forum  
Anchorage, AK

**3 - 6 Sept 2008**

Annual Meeting & Convention  
Las Vegas, NV

**October 2008**

APC  
Spokane, WA

**16 - 18 April 2009**

Forum  
Seattle, WA

**26 - 29 Aug 2009**

Annual Meeting & Convention  
Phoenix, AZ

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**Deadlines**


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**March 14, 2008**

**Block Kids**  
**Contact Esther Hartshorn**  
**or Kelly Milstead for**  
**details**

**March 28, 2008**

**WIC of the Year**  
**Molly McClure**

**Future Leader**  
**Evie Clark**

**Lifetime Achievement**  
**Pam Wright**

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*Thanks for all you do  
for NAWIC!*

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## Chapter Presidents

- Portland Chapter 54 – Edie Bales
- Puget Sound Chapter 60 – Janice Lawrence
- Eugene Chapter 77 – Robin Langkamp
- Spokane Chapter 143 – Lori Barrick
- Tacoma Chapter 187 – Cathy Hall
- Tri-Cities Chapter 192 – Cathy Brady
- Alaska Chapter 197 – Misty Dawn Crim
- Salem Chapter 198 – Nancy Carter
- Great Falls Chapter 228 – Linda Seibel
- Boise Chapter 245 – Charlene Meadows

## Database

No need for outdated chapter rosters with our swanky new oh-so-accessible database!

Go to [www.nawic.org](http://www.nawic.org)

Enter your username and password

Click on Member Section

Click Member Directory

Choose the region or chapter from the pull down list

Scroll down to the output and select "Excel"

You can now save the worksheet on your computer.

## Regional Committee Leadership

Committee chairs:

- Safety – Ruth Fritts
- Tradeswomen – Kathleen Bugbee
- PR/Marketing – Cathy Hall, Sarah Webb
- Block Kids – Esther Hartshorn, Kelly Milstead
- PE – Gloria Bruning, Fil Spiegel
- CAD/Drafting – Janet Pardee
- **BOMC – ??**
- Membership – Cathy Brady, Chris Jett
- Website – Robin Langkamp
- WIC Week – Pamela Keller
- Lifetime Achievement – Pam Wright\*
- WIC of the Year – Molly McClure\*
- Future Leader – Evie Clark
- Forum 2008 – Misty Dawn Crim, Evie Clark

\* = current awardee

### *Check out this website!*

Kathy Bugbee googled "Tradeswomen" looking for topics to write about in the Newsletter. She found this website which had several good links:

<http://www.tradeswomen.org/links.php>

The NEF Office has moved to a new physical location which is 100 N. Palmetto Blvd, Clemson, SC 29631. However, the **mailing address remains the same: PO Box 549, Clemson, SC 29633.**

This move has necessitated a new phone number, (864) 656-3489, and new fax number, (864) 656-3490. As with any move, there are sometimes transitional issues to deal with. There may be an interruption in service for our toll-free number, 866-277-2883, and e-mail address. If you have problems, with the [nef@bellsouth.net](mailto:nef@bellsouth.net) e-mail address, we have established a temporary email at [nef1973@hotmail.com](mailto:nef1973@hotmail.com). All of this information is posted on the home page of the NEF website, [www.nawiceducation.org](http://www.nawiceducation.org).