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# NAWIC

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### CORE PURPOSE:

To Enhance the Success of Women in the Construction Industry

## President's Message

By Nicole Martin



[www.nawicpugetsound.org](http://www.nawicpugetsound.org)

Where did May go? It was a busy month for all of us. The Habitat for Humanity Women Build was a huge success with two houses getting framed over Mother's Day weekend. Thanks to all that were involved in that project. It turned out to be a great event with a lot of young ladies trying out their new skills. Read Sue Hart's article for all the details!

Our May meeting in Bothell with presenter Kelle Powell of Southsound Permit was well attended. We enjoyed the QA at the end of program and are thankful for Kelle's insight and enthusiasm about the permitting process.

### VIP & Industry Appreciation Night:

Don't forget to RSVP by **June 3<sup>rd</sup>** for VIP and Industry Appreciation Night at the Rock Salt Restaurant on Lake Union. Our keynote speaker is Pam Worner of Green Dog Enterprises, the marketing genius

behind Shirey Contracting's Zero Energy Idea House. You won't want to miss hearing about this exciting project!

Just visit our website and click on RSVP. ([www.nawicpugetsound.org](http://www.nawicpugetsound.org))

### Jobsite Tour:

We also have 5 spots left and open to members and guests for our jobsite tour of the Snoqualmie Casino. Please contact me directly if you'd like to join us. The tour is Thursday, **June 12<sup>th</sup>** starting at 3 PM sharp from the jobsite. ([nicole.martin@macmillan.com](mailto:nicole.martin@macmillan.com))

### July Meeting:

This July we will not have our regular business meeting. Instead we'll have our strategic planning session which is a free potluck event. Everyone is encouraged to attend. It's a great

way to learn about NAWIC if you are new, and a great way to get recharged if you are not.

### Ballots:

You should have received your ballot in the mail from National. Please mail it back in! Candidate profiles are enclosed.

Our chapter remains strong and connected. The most exciting news is that we have 5 new members this month! Please introduce yourself when we all meet again! I look forward to seeing you all on June 9<sup>th</sup> to celebrate all the people that help us attain our goals & successes.

## Upcoming Meetings

On Monday, June 9th, NAWIC will be holding our VIP night, including an Italian buffet at Rock Salt Steak & Seafood, 1232 Westlake Ave N., Seattle, WA. The evening will wrap up with a "DESSERT DASH". For more information about the event, visit our website. Please invite a guest and RSVP at [www.info.nawicps@gmail.com](mailto:www.info.nawicps@gmail.com) or contact Gwyn Hart at 425-867-1234.

# Forum Report, Alaska - Part 2

By Maureen Byrnes

Spring Forum was a blast again this year! Each year Forum seems to get better than the year before. Anchorage had 20 members in attendance and they were wonderful hosts to the forty-eight Regional members and guests.

Having two plus days to network with other regional attendees, to participate in the processes of Forum, to learn from the presenters, and to have fun is an appropriate amount of time. It's enough time to feel relaxed and get to know everyone and yet they pack in a lot and keep everyone focused. It's a great opportunity to experience more of what

NAWIC has to offer.

The speakers this year were top notch. The "Green" theme is wide and deep as evidenced by the topics: Engineering and building environmentally sensitive airplane de-icing; Living "off-grid" and leveraging all available resources to create power; Climate change and its effect on forensic evidence; Easily reconfigurable interiors with DIRT (Do It Right This Time) walls; and Earned value methodology. They were really interesting and worthwhile!

Regional business was also conducted. There were various

reports and announcements, including the official invitation to next year's Forum. Judy and I handed out the Seattle postcards, "green" pencils and Hotel Monaco information while I invited everyone to Seattle and gave a few of the many reasons they will want to attend.

Judy's and my final activity was a "lessons learned" session with Misty Dawn Crim, Alaska Chapter President and 2008 Forum Coordinator, on Sunday morning. That should prove to be very valuable for our Forum planning. I hope we have a huge Chapter showing next year so mark your calendars for April 17 & 18, 2009.

## Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, July 12th from 10am—2pm will be our Annual Strategic Planning Session for the Puget Sound Chapter. All we ask is that you bring your ideas and a potluck item to share for lunch. This event is being hosted by Judy Jewell at her home.

This is where the magic happens! We decide on our goals for the year, the type of speakers and programs we'd like, and then we make it happen. Come help us brainstorm!!!

We'll be forming committees, creating ideas and making a path for NAWIC to follow for the next year. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend! Even if you don't want to be on a committee- your ideas are gold to us! Please join us!!!!



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# Women Build Habitat for Humanity

By Sue Hart

## They Had a Dream

On Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 East King County Habitat for Humanity hosted a one day Women Build at Snoqualmie Ridge but the plans started almost a year ago with Julia Cordero, Executive Director of the Construction Center of Excellence, Cathy Feole, Executive Director of Master Builders Career Connections and Sue Z. Hart, Project Coordinator for Building Beyond the Walls, a volunteer construction training program. A short time later National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) members Judy Jewell, Darylene Dennon and Gwyn Hart joined the team.

The next step was to find a Habitat affiliate who would be able and willing to work with this enthusiastic team. In March of this year Lowes announced a special promotion giving any affiliate \$5,000 who held a Women Build during the week before Mother's Day. East King County Habitat for Humanity jumped on the opportunity, working long hours to ensure foundations were poured and the site ready.

What made this Women Build unique was the commitment to giving women the skills in advance that they would need for the day of the actual build. Master Builders Career Connections hired Building Beyond the Walls to develop a one day training specific for the event. The training was heavy in safety and required for volunteers to participate. Project Coordinator Hart knows the value of advance training is more than just giving participant's skills, "it creates cohesiveness amongst strangers to produce a sense of community and a common purpose." Hart said, "It's a big part of what made the day

so successful, second only to the heart of the volunteers."

Training volunteer construction workers is very different than training for the profession but instructors Dave McKnight and Warren Sandvig find it much more rewarding. "I enjoy helping our participants learn basic skills. It's wonderful how eager they are to learn and how empowered they become," said Sandvig, "it's why I love doing it."

Despite snow and hail on her day of training volunteer Rosanna Hall said, "I really appreciated the fact that power tools (saws, specifically) were discussed and we were trained on them. Prior to then, I was scared of them, mostly from lack of knowledge. On the day of the build, it was necessary for me to use one of the saws. The training made it to where I was capable of doing that, without being scared or unsafe in the process. The training is a necessity; the skills training helped me be a more efficient volunteer on the day of the build." Her words are echoed of all who participated.

Women Build, underwritten by Lowes, is a program of Habitat for Humanity International that encourages women to address the crisis of children in poverty. According to the Corporation for National & Community Service, women across the United States volunteer at higher rates than men. Nationally, women make up 50 percent of Habitat's volunteer force, yet women account for only 15 percent of volunteers actively doing construction. By involving more women in construction more homes can be built for families in need.

Women Build is not meant to exclude men but to empower and include women by providing a



safe environment for them to learn. While men were on site they focused on supporting and assisting women.

During the event volunteers worked on two homes of this 50 home development which is the largest in the Northwest and made possible with a 10 acre land donation from Weyerhaeuser Real Estate Company.

Through the sound of pounding hammers and buzzing saws there was constant chatter, but weaved within the words is developing a special connection that happens when people of all walks of life come together for a bigger purpose than themselves. From Marysville to Tacoma, ages 16 to "it's not polite to ask", mothers and daughters jumped at the opportunity to help a family build their home. Maybe we can't solve all the problems of the world but on this day we helped a family move a little closer to their dream of having a home to call their own and with the determination of this amazing team the rest of the problems of the world are made a little smaller.

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## Race for the Cure

Join our president, Nicole Martin, as she teams with the "Sisters in The Trade" team for this worthwhile fundraiser on June 21st. Their goal is to raise \$2000. To date they have \$400. For further details go to [www.pugetsoundraceforthecure.org](http://www.pugetsoundraceforthecure.org).

# New Chapter Members

Welcome our five (5) newest members:

**Sue Hart**, Little Red Wagon University, **Diane Utz**, Oles Morrison, Rinker & Baker, LLP; **LeAnn Cochran**, Cochran Electric; **Mryna Bacon**, MKB Promotions and **Kate Rubin**, Otto Rosenau & Associates

## New Member Highlight

**Sue Z. Hart, CCL, PMA**  
Owner

Little Red Wagon University  
Building Beyond the Walls

Ms. Hart has over 24 years of successful Direct Sales experience earning many local, regional and national awards. Currently Sue does motivational speaking, laughter classes, sales and customer service training through her own company, Little Red Wagon University. Sue works part-time at Edmonds Community College

where she does the recruiting and marketing for the Construction Industry Training program. She volunteers her time as the Training Coordinator for Habitat's Cornerstone Training Program. In 2004, Sue envisioned "Building Beyond the Walls", a project to build community through service. Sue and her team took this project to New Orleans in January where they taught homeowners how to rebuild their homes in community groups.

Ms. Hart heard about NAWIC through Julie Cordero, a NAWIC member. Sue is

interested in learning more about other areas of construction, especially sustainable and visitable building design.

Outside of work Sue loves being a grandma, traveling and volunteering. Sue is a Certified Laughter Leader and loves teaching Laughter Therapy. She is a published author and loves to see people empowered. She usually carries a clown nose with her.

## New Member Highlight

**Diane C. Utz**  
Attorney

Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker, LLP

Ms. Utz joined Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker, LLP, one of the oldest law firms in Seattle, in September of 2007. Prior to law school, Diane worked as an in-house Construction Consultant for another law firm that practices construction litigation in Seattle.

Ms. Utz's received her undergraduate degree in Construction Management from Purdue University. Upon graduation, she

went to work for Hensel Phelps Construction Company in Colorado. While there she held the positions of Field Engineer, Office Engineer, Project Engineer, Area Superintendent and Lead Estimator.

Diane's current responsibilities include drafting and reviewing contracts, as well as prosecuting and defending claims on behalf of their clients. These claims involve such things as liens, breach of contract, employment, differing site conditions, and improper notice.

Ms. Utz has been involved with NAWIC on and off since her days at Purdue University. Diane joined NAWIC because she always appreciated the unique camaraderie shared among women who work in such a male dominated field. She enjoys being surrounded by intelligent women who can share the same experiences and concerns, as well as successes, within this industry.

Outside of work Diane is married with two wonderful sons, ages 4 and 11.

## No Frills Putting Tournament

If you've put any thought on attending the NAWIC National Convention in Las Vegas this year, the following is an advertisement for a NAWIC fundraising event, with all proceeds going to the NAWIC Education Fund (NEF):

Beginner or Old Pro, you will enjoy an afternoon of fun in the sun at one of Las Vegas' 18 hole golf courses on Wednesday, September 3rd, 2008 from Noon to 5pm. Cost is \$75/person, balls and transportation from hotel is provided.

Afterwards, you will be treated to an Ice Cream Social, just before you're back in

the hotel for the "First Timers' Meeting" and "Welcome Party".

Transportation from the convention hotel is provided by Golf Clubs.

Please pre-register by July 31st and include the following information:

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**Region:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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