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President's Message By Sue Z. Hart, Building Beyond the Walls

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, February 15th* - Insulated Concrete Forms, MBA

March 14th - Wine & Cheese Membership Open House, MBA

April 11th - TBD

May 9th - VIP Night, MBA

June 13th - Jobsite Tour, TBD

July 9th - Strategic Planning, TBD

August 8th

September 12th

NAWIC Puget Sound meets the 2nd Monday of each month, 12 months a year. *NOTE: Exceptions.

Is Your Why Big Enough?

"If your why doesn't make you cry, it isn't big enough." - Bobby Bakshi

February is the month everyone thinks about love. When I say 'love' I would bet the first thing you think of is romantic love. Secondly, you probably wonder why I am writing about it here! For me, there is a fine line between a personal and professional life. Yes, we all live two lives to some degree, but where I think we get into trouble is when we think one does not affect the other.

Growing up with the last name 'Hart', my mother celebrated Valentine's Day like it was our own special holiday. As I have been single on more Valentine's Day than not, I have always been grateful to my mother for instilling in me the greater love that isn't measured by flowers and chocolate. It is the love **of** and **for** family, friends and strangers.

I am not entirely sure why I feel compelled to write on this topic now, other than of course Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Also, in case you haven't heard, we changed our regular meeting day to Febru-

ary 15th to accommodate all of those wishing to celebrate it with someone special. Oh, there it is... our personal and professional lives do affect each other.

With this in mind, I would like to suggest we all look at the balance I talked about last month. How are you doing? This month I would like you to look beyond the traditional romantic love on this 'holiday' and open your heart to a co-worker or a stranger. Stretch your definition and traditions of Valentine's Day to enrich the life of someone around you. It can be as simple as looking someone in the eyes when you greet them, or asking them how their day was. Connect on a safe level. Jobs come and go, but connecting with another human being, even momentarily, enriches lives. I know you have all enriched mine. The relationships I formed with NAWIC members are 'why' I became a member and 'why' I stepped up to be President when asked.

When I think of love today, I think of my NAWIC family. Giving generously of your time and talent is one of the

reasons I 'love' this organization. I think of all the people with diverse backgrounds, stories, and political agendas who came together at the Construction Challenge on January 15th to work for a greater purpose.

Love does include my family...when I spend time with my grandchildren love is never more clearly defined than in their sweet innocence and open hearts. My belief in people is 'why' I do what I do and 'why' I get all teary as I think about what we accomplish when we work for a greater purpose. What is your 'why'? Come and see what I'm talking about at our meetings.

May you all have a heartfelt February and, just for the record, I still **love** flowers and chocolate on any occasion!



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January Meeting Recap

Our memorable January membership meeting featured Linea Laird from the Washington State Department of Transportation as our speaker. Linea Laird is the Director of Central and North Projects for the WSDOT Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement project and gave a dynamic presentation on the Alaskan Way Viaduct project. This has been a much debated project and Ms. Laird conveyed the care, sensitivity and thought WSDOT seems to have put into understanding and addressing the affects this project has and will have on our community.

A popular part of the presentation was the video that simulated the tunnel boring and placement of the concrete walls in a seemingly seamless motion. Amazing how technology has advanced! To watch the video and get more information, visit the WSDOT Alaskan Way Viaduct project page at www.alaskanwayviaduct.org.



Chapter members and guests gathered for the January meeting dinner and presentation at Master Builders Association in Bellevue.

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February and March Event Notes

February Meeting:

Our February meeting will take place on **Tuesday (2/15)** this year so our members can celebrate Valentine's Day with their sweethearts. George Volker from LOGIX Insulated Concrete Forms will join us for a presentation titled: *Advantages of Building Structures with Concrete & How Making*

Concrete Gray Became GREEN.

Also in February, we will conduct our **Block Kids Competition**. We could still use sponsors for the event in the amount of \$50 or \$100. If you would like to help support this great event for kids, please contact Maureen at [cast.net. The event will take place on a Friday afternoon at Robert Frost Elementary in Kirkland.](mailto:mjbyrnes21@com-</p>
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March Meeting: For our March 14th meeting, join us for a **Wine and Cheese Membership Open House** at Master Builders Association in Bellevue.

Construction Challenge 2011 Update

The 2011 Construction Challenge was a resounding success! As a NAWIC volunteer for the January 15th, Construction Challenge Seattle Rally, I was proud to be one of seven members adding to Saturday's success. Sue Z. Hart, (our President), was the Seattle Rally Leader. Also volunteering were: Maureen Byrnes, Nicole Martin, Jenni Wakida, Sue Maddox, Amanda Ring, and Gwyn Hart.

The Construction Challenge has three components to the competition. Teams of 5-7 youths (without adult assistance) are tasked with developing and testing new transportation and water infrastructure, and creating a policy infrastructure 30 second presentation that requires social media participation and advance research. The 30 second commercial created by the teams will be aired at the Championships being held at CONEXPO/CONAGG in Las Vegas this March. Objective and subjective judging on each of the challenges is part of the event.

The excitement and mind expanding dedication of the students were awesome to behold. We were able to make sure that the winners were deserving. But even more importantly, every student had a great experience and gained a vision of construction as a valuable career option.

-Judy Jewell, Construction Challenge 2011 Volunteer

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Core Values

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Construction Challenge 2011 Notes

Additional comments from Sue Z. Hart, NAWIC President and Construction Challenge Rally Leader

On Saturday January 15th, 2011 the Pacific Northwest experienced true team spirit as teams and incredible volunteers gathered from across Washington State, California and Canada to be a part of the Association of Equipment Manufacturers' (AEM) Construction Challenge Seattle Regional Rally.

It was within the walls of the Western Washington Sheet Metal JATC in Everett, WA that we were able to provide an opportunity of a lifetime for 23 teams of high school students. Each team competed in three Challenges designed by Destination ImagiNation to bring a better understanding of what the construction industry is all about. Students used critical thinking, creative problem solving and collaboration skills to solve real life infrastructure issues facing our communities. Using very unusual items to simulate roadway, water, bridges etc. each team created a very unique approach to solve the problems they were given.

The top three teams will join 21 other top teams from across the United States and Canada to compete for the Championship title and awards where they will be showcased at the world's largest tradeshow, CONEXPO/CONAGG in Las Vegas, NV this March. The top three teams are 1st place Construction Careers Academy in Bellingham, WA and sponsored by BOSS Construction of Bellingham; 2nd place is Lakewood High School in Marysville, WA and 3rd place team Dana Hills High School from Dana Point, CA.

Volunteers, sponsors and teams have all commented on what an amazing experience this was for them to be a part of. Imann Nejad, a participating student, posted on the Seattle Rally Facebook page "*Truly a life changing event. Thank you everyone.*" For me, it really doesn't get any better than that and 'why' we do what we do... and yes, it made me cry.

For more information please go to www.constructionchallenge.org or the Seattle Rally Facebook page <http://tinyurl.com/SeattleCC> where I have posted more pictures and videos. Also listed (under the note tab) are all the generous local sponsors who made the Seattle Rally one of a kind! Simply an extraordinary day for all!

