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

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A topic that bleeds heavy on my heart this month is the state of the economy. I know we have been here a while, and there are some signs that it is starting to slowly turn around. Money and position have never been a driving force for me, and yet it is a very important part of how we are able to live. People on the other hand are a priority. How the economy is affecting people I care about bothers me.

This is not the place to talk politics. We need to do our part by voting and being involved. Sometimes who and what we vote for isn't enough, and then we must work within those guidelines.

Mother Theresa was known to turn down invitations to attend anti-war rallies but said she would be happy to attend a rally for peace. Some would say they are the same thing, but no, they are not. One focuses the attention to what we don't like and the other focuses

on what we want. Which do you think generates a more progressive energy? If we are fighting, we are losing. Regardless of the economy and our politics "we all bleed red." Believe and be passionate in what you do but not at the cost of another persons life, physically or emotionally.

Let us focus on what we can do in this moment. How can we survive and even flourish in the months and years to come? I believe we must help each other and partnerships are a great way to do just that. I know most people look at partnerships as a way to further **their** agenda and this is not a bad thing. My challenge to you is to look at it from another perspective; we can increase our opportunities if we also look for partnerships where we can add value to them. When we look at who makes sense for us to partner with from the perspectives of 'who can we help **and** who can help us' we have, at the very least, doubled our pos-

sibilities. Partnerships allow us to diversify and generate new areas of revenue.

At the core of all we do are human beings who, when given the opportunity to be a part of the solution, will rise to new heights. Your employees should be the first you think of when you think partnerships. Have you asked your employees their opinions on how to save money and generate income? Are your employees your best advertising? Employees talk about their employers... what are yours saying about you? Are they proud to work for you? One of the key reasons people stay with a company is because they feel valued. Yes, they need to earn a living wage, but they will shine when they feel a part of the company, are given sincere appreciation and acknowledgement.

I hope you will join us on March 14th as we celebrate Women in Construction

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Mark Your Calendar

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

April 11th - TBD

May 9th - VIP Night, MBA
"Pivotal Progress Points from Leaders in the Construction Industry"

May 12th-14th Annual Forum, Tri-Cities

June 13th - Jobsite Tour, TBD

July 9th - Strategic Planning, TBD

September 12th

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

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Daring to move into new horizons * Caring for each other & our community*

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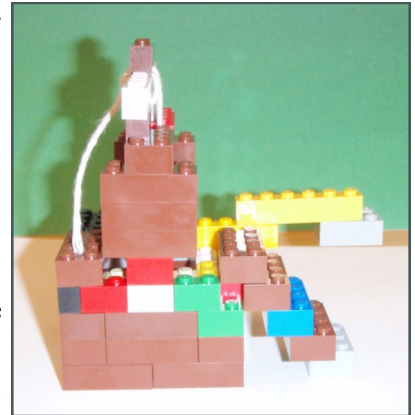
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deadline is the 25th,
monthly ****

Block Kids Recap

The fifth graders at our Block Kids competition were so excited to have us and were a joy to work with. They helped us get everything ready and appeared to have a great time working on their creations. It was really tough to choose the winners, because there were so many creative and clever projects. We selected 3 honorable mentions, in addition to the usual first through third place winners. Our top scoring project, built by **Savannah Kunkel**, was a very detailed well complete with stairs, a pump handle, and bucket.



First Place 2011 Block Kids winner



Robert Frost fifth graders hard at work on their Block Kids projects.

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Upcoming Events

March Meeting:

Join us March 14th for a **Wine and Cheese Membership Open House** at Master Builders Association in Bellevue. Members are half off and

GUESTS ARE FREE!

April Meeting:

TBD



May Meeting:

May 9th is our **VIP** meeting at MBA. The panel topic will be **Pivotal Progress Points from Leaders in the Construction Industry**. The panel will include **Kris Beason**, Project Executive, Skanska USA Building, Inc.; **Melina Harris**, President at Sisters in the Building Trades; and **Erin VerHoeven**, Vice President, Corstone, LLC. We hope to have another dessert dash, so check back later for more details and sponsorship opportunities.

Annual Forum:

Forum will be May 13-14 in **Tri-Cities**. The Hanford tour is the day before: Thursday, May 12, at 10:30 a.m. This is a very popular tour and will be a great start to Forum, an event that everyone finds educational, inspirational, and great fun! If you haven't attended a Forum yet, you should highly consider giving it a try. Also, if you think you will go, let the Tri-Cities chapter know as soon as possible. It really helps them with their planning.

**WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION
 WEEK MARCH 6-12, 2011**

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Awareness. I am truly grateful for the value women add to the construction industry. The women I am privileged to know through NAWIC never cease to amaze me with their dedication, insight and knowledge! I know firsthand the struggles we all, men and women, have and continue to go through in our quest to find our place in this industry. When we learn to embrace our differences we can achieve great things. Remember, at our very core we are all the same: “We all bleed red.”

MAGIC Camp tentative dates: **June 27-29, 2011**

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Core Values

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February Meeting Recap

We want to thank **Cadman** for sponsoring our February membership meeting. George Volker shared with us the advantages of Insulated Concrete Forms complete with amazing photos of finished projects ranging from storage buildings to condos! He showed us amazing product and provided an informative presentation.

