



# NAWIC

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

### Mark Your Calendar

*April 11th* - Building the successful community organization *Spring in to Bed*. MBA, Bellevue

*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.*

### "Where Winners Meet"

As we welcome four new members to our chapter this month, I recall a research report I read last summer; "Where the Winners Meet: Why Happier, More Successful People Gravitate Towards Associations." ([PDF of Report](#)) The research was done by The William E. Smith Institute of Association Research and I hope you will take the time to review its findings. This is a great report not only to understand why people join associations, but also what responsibilities associations have to give their members value.

The findings in this report leave no doubt as to why membership is important. It states, "Associations provide a critical venue for successful people in a profession or industry to access resources, identify themselves, network with their peers, and form mutually beneficial communities". Data actually suggests that active members can earn \$10,000 more annually when membership is the

only difference between two individuals. In addition, the positive "winning" atmosphere found in an association encourages higher morale which of course helps with attrition. It is therefore wise of companies to encourage employee participation in associations, especially those that support their industry.

It is also equally important that associations serve their members, keeping up to date with current trends and better ways to serve its membership. Adding value to your membership has been at the core of what your current Board has worked hard to provide for you this year. It is also why you will find in your email this month a survey asking for your input as to what your membership means to you and how we can address your needs. Please take a few minutes to answer the survey. As we start our election process for the next year we want to make sure we have the right people on the Board to

help our association meet the needs of our members.

However, it is not just being a member but being an active member where you receive the greatest benefits to your personal and professional life. We are a growing NAWIC Chapter and need to have more active members to help our association be the best that it can be. In our survey, please let us know if and how you would like to be more involved in your association. What gift can you share? What would you like to become more confident in? Where can we help you safely grow on a personal and professional level?

Your NAWIC Chapter is here to serve you. As a member we hope you feel called to serve your Chapter. To adapt John F. Kennedy's quote, "Ask not what your Chapter can do for you, but what you can do for your Chapter." Our Chapter is not only dedicated to serving our

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

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# Annual Charity: Rampathon 2011

This year, our chapter has chosen to support Rampathon, a program of the Master Builders Care Foundation in which MBA members and volunteers build free wheelchair ramps for disabled low-income homeowners in King and Snohomish counties. Since 1993, Rampathon volunteers have built more than 200 free wheelchair ramps for community neighbors in need.



Our chapter's December meeting specifically raised money for this event. This year's Rampathon will take place on **Saturday, May 14th**. For more information and to find out about volunteering, please visit the [Rampathon 2011 webpage](#).



## March Meeting Recap

In our March Membership meeting we celebrated Women in Construction Awareness Week by doing a wine tasting and offering our guests an opportunity to attend one of our meetings for free. Nicole Martin and Amanda Ring did an amazing job as the lead on putting this fun evening together. Our special guest was Yasmine Branden, NAWIC National Treasurer who shared with everyone the wonderful value of being a NAWIC member. What a treat to have her with us! Nabil & Karen Absi, owners of Seattle Wine Company gave us a great wine tasting tour. We had strong attendance!



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- Phoenix Builders LLC
- PSF Mechanical Inc
- Puget Sound Energy
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# Upcoming Events

**April Meeting:**

Monday, April 11 from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM at MBA in Bellevue. Please join us to learn about **Spring in to Bed**, an exciting new community organization that builds free and subsidized gardens for low income and marginalized people throughout King County.

Also, there will be a drawing for a **Spring gift basket** for those

who turn in their member survey to Sue Maddox by April 8th. [Meeting Flyer](#)

**May Meeting:**

May 9th is our **VIP** meeting at MBA. Please see next page for more information.

**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 Ti-Cities chapter know as soon as possible. It really helps them with their planning.

[Forum Flyer](#)

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

Our 2nd MAGIC (Mentoring a Girl in Construction) is taking shape. The camp will take place on 3 working days towards the end of June. Volunteers will be needed and appreciated!

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**"Where Winners Meet"** *President's Message Continued.....*

members but to serving our community as well. With more active members we can further this mission. Volunteering allows us to be a part of something bigger than ourselves and make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Spring is a great time for new growth. As you answer the survey, I hope you will realize your answers will be the seeds to help us move our Chapter forward. We hope you will be an active part in tending our "garden of growth" and join in its beautiful bounty of successful and happy women.

"Giving of ourselves reaps growth in abundance."

*NAWIC Puget Sound's Core Purpose*

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*Core Values*

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# Monday, May 9th VIP Meeting Details

The Monday, May 9th VIP Meeting will be the BEST EVER!

- Honor your supporters (Very Important Persons)
- Words of wisdom from 3 OUTSTANDING LEADERS in the Construction Industry
- Fun Dessert Dash to Raise \$ for our chapter

Your Supporters can be Bosses/Peers/Customers/Vendors/Family Space is limited to 75 people at the MBA Bellevue offices. Our 3 panelists will speak on "Positive Pivotal Points for Progress"

- ⇒ Kris Beason, Immediate Past President of C.R.E.W., Seattle (Skanska)
- ⇒ Melina Harris, President of Sisters in the Building Trades
- ⇒ Erin Verhoeven, President of Associated Builders and Contractors (Corstone Contractors, LLC)

Our goal is to raise \$8000 to support programs like: M.A.G.I.C. Camp; Block Kids; Scholarship program; and our chapter's participation in Regional and National forums.

Tickets this year are only \$40 per person or sponsor a table of 8 for only \$320.

This event will be held at MBA in Bellevue. Be sure to visit our website for more details about this exciting evening and to find out how you can help sponsor this important event.

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

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**ABC:** [www.ABCWestWA.org](http://www.ABCWestWA.org)

**Ladies:** [www.PearlofWisdom.us](http://www.PearlofWisdom.us)

**ASPE:** [www.ASPEPugetSound.org](http://www.ASPEPugetSound.org)

**AGC:** [www.ConstructionFoundation.org](http://www.ConstructionFoundation.org)

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**MBA Career:** [www.constructionmatch.org](http://www.constructionmatch.org)

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# Industry Accolades

## Spotlight on member company: MacDonald-Miller Facility Solutions

LAS VEGAS – More than 275 sheet metal apprentices and their families from the United States and Canada ventured to Las Vegas March 6-10 for the Annual International Sheet Metal Competition hosted by the International Training Institute (ITI) for the sheet metal and air conditioning industry. ([www.prweb.com](http://www.prweb.com) article)

Five apprentices from Sheet Metal Local Joint Apprenticeship Training Centers around the United States took top honors in the five sheet metal disciplines open to apprentices only: HVAC (heating, ventilating and air conditioning), industrial/welding, service, architectural and TAB (Test Adjust Balance in heating and air conditioning).

The sixth category, detailing, was open to journeymen and apprentices, but only journeymen made it to the contest (after competing regionally for the top 12 detailing spots in the country).

The detailing category was added as a result of a shift in the industry. Detailing skills – which allow sheet metal workers to generate and manage building data on the computer using BIM (building information modeling) software – are becoming increasingly in-demand in the industry.

To encourage sheet metal workers to get certified in ITI's Benchmark BIM training software, ITI awarded the winner of the detailing category with a brand new Dodge truck from Towbin Dodge.

"This contest is proof of the top talent our industry has to offer," said James Shoulders, executive administrator for ITI. "All the contestants did a great job and really showed what they can bring to any job they're hired for."

The first place winners, announced at the banquet the evening of March 9, include:

Industrial: Ryan Burton, 29, of Kansas City, MO  
 Architectural: Matthew Postma, 24, of Everett, WA  
 HVAC: Nick Bundy, 31, of McCleary, WA  
 Service: Daniel See, 27, of Sacramento, CA  
**Testing Adjusting Balancing (TAB): Casey Wilson-Williams, 29, of Gig Harbor, WA (MacDonald-Miller)**

Randy Girard, 38, of Muskego, WI – employed by Illingworth-Kilgust Mechanical out of Madison, WI – received first place in the detailing category and drove away with the big prize – the biggest ever awarded at the contest – the Dodge truck.

Aside from detailing, each category consisted of a written test, sketching projects, a shop project and a blueprint reading test.

"The unionized sheet metal industry is ahead of the curve when it comes to building information modeling in the construction industry," Shoulders said. "It is the future of our industry. The detailing contest demonstrates our level of commitment."

More than 15,000 apprentices are registered at training facilities in the United States and Canada. The International Training Institute (best known as ITI) is jointly sponsored by Sheet Metal Worker's International Association (SMWIA) and the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association (SMACNA). ITI supports apprenticeship and advanced career training for union workers in the sheet metal industry throughout the United States and Canada. Located in Alexandria, Va., ITI produces a standardized sheet metal curriculum supported by a wide variety of training materials free of charge to sheet metal apprentices and journeymen.