

## 2011 Forum Recap, Robin Langkamp, CIT, President

Thursday tour of Hanford Site Reactor B, a National Historical Landmark. This was awesome from a construction point of view!

With 44 in attendance, we started Friday morning with our Keynote speakers who were also from Hanford, on a project called the VIT Plant. They are building facilities to pump all the old radioactive sludge, 53 million gallons, out of 177 single-wall underground storage tanks, remove the water and then mix in chemicals to turn the sludge into glass, and bury it in double-wall tanks! This is a very simple description of the process, but the speakers were very interesting and informative!

After misc regional reports we picked up a box lunch and then made our way to the 9 Canyon Wind Farm for a site tour. This was very interesting also. Take a look at the pictures on our chapter and the Region 9 Facebook pages. (You'll learn a bit more about these tours and projects from Janet's report).

That evening was the Welcome Party, which was a fundraiser for NEF. We competed in NAWIC Jeopardy, so it was a good refresher and new info for the newer members. We raised over \$800 that night!

On Saturday, after various regional reports, Carol Helms from Portland showed us the almost finished 'Program in a Box' of the Oregon Chapter's Mentor program! Carol and Amanda Wilson put this together for all the NAWIC chapters across the country to follow.

We were then given a preview of convention in St. Louis, and given invitations and voted on future meeting sites, as follows:

2011 APC...Boise, ID, Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, Hampton Inn

<http://hilton.com/en/hp/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=BOIDNHX>

2011 Convention...St.Louis, MO, Aug 31-Sep 3, Renaissance St. Louis Grand Hotel

2012 Forum...Central Comm, Bend, OR, April 27-28, Seventh Mountain Resort (was: Inn at 7<sup>th</sup> Mountain)

<http://www.seventhmountain.com/>

2012 APC...Tacoma, Paulsbo, WA, Oct 19-20, Suquamish Clearwater Casino

<http://www.clearwatercasino.com/>

2013 Forum...Spokane, WA, info to come later...

Future Conventions.....	2012	Denver, CO	Sheraton Downtown
	2013	Bellvue, WA, Aug 28-31	Hyatt Regency
	2014	Indianapolis, IN, Sep 3-6	JW Marriott Downtown
	2015	Nashville, TN, Sept 2-5	Omni Hotel

At the Awards Banquet the following award were presented:

Safety Award	PSI
Future Leader	Samantha Jordon, Portland
WIC of the Year	Dalene Schafer, Portland
Lifetime Achievement	Chris Wigginton, Spokane
45 year pin	Merry Gregory, Spokane
25 year pin	Robin Langkamp, Eugene