



# NAWIC NETWORK

NAWIC's core purpose: To enhance the success of women in the construction industry.

Eugene Chapter No. 77 – PO Box 1765, Eugene, OR 97440

January 2007

## 2007- 2008 LEADERSHIP:

### OFFICERS:

*President – Robin Langkamp, CIT*  
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*Corresponding Secretary – Heidi Oldenburg*  
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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

**Sharon Brouillette**  
**Michele Riggs**  
**Twylla Tatum**  
**Carrie Fortier, CPA**

## Important Dates:

- 8<sup>th</sup> - Board Meeting**  
**Location:** River Ranch  
**Time:** 5:30pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> - General Meeting**  
**Topic:** New City Hall building design  
**Location:** Red Lion, Coburg Road  
**Time:** Cocktails 5:30, Meeting 6:00
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Casual Luncheon**  
**Location:** PF Changs China Bistro, 124 Coburg Road  
**Time:** 12:00 noon
- 31<sup>st</sup> – CSI Joint Meeting**

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## Message from the President

January 2008

WOW, It's 2008! And where did 2007 go so quickly?

The next few months will be busy...

Board members...remember our board meeting has been changed to Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> for this month only.

Our January meeting will feature the planners and architects working on the design for a new Eugene City Hall. They want your input, so come prepared. Bring a guest or co-worker!

Our February meeting will be on "Green Building". This should be a very interesting topic for us here in Eugene!

We have the Block-Kids competition coming up on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Science Factory. It will be part of their "Engineers" Day. We will still need judges and members to help that day, so please plan on it and ask your "Construction Professional" co-workers to be a judge. We'll have a sign-up sheet at the February meeting.

The next weekend is the Oregon Chapter's Retreat at the Tolovana Inn at Cannon Beach, OR. Please try to attend this event! It's a great way to meet NAWIC members from other chapters in a very fun and relaxed way. And it's a Pet friendly hotel!

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# IT'S ALL ABOUT THE MEMBERS!

As our membership grows it's important that we celebrate each others lives and accomplishments, please make sure and send me information about something special in your life or in the life of one of our fellow members so we can share that information with the rest of the group ~ Thanks, Carrie

## January NAWIC Anniversaries

Year joined:            # of Years:            Member:

No Anniversaries this month ☹

### January Birthdays



Karen Jones 10<sup>th</sup>

Twylla Tatum 14<sup>th</sup>

Sharon Anderson 16<sup>th</sup>

Diana Corbin 21<sup>st</sup>

### Holiday Family Sponsor:

Thank you to all the members who helped to bring a little Christmas joy to others by making a donation to our sponsor family!

And thank you to Robin for organizing this event for us!

See Robin's note below:

From Robin: We had household items, toys, a gift card and clothes donated And almost \$500 in cash. We even had some general donation to the shelter. Nancy Ograin and I went shopping with the cash and finished almost all the wish lists (they all got shoes, socks, underwear, coats, fleece pullovers, jeans, sweats, shirts, sheets, a set of cookware, dishes bath & kitchen towels and some toys and games. We also gave them gift cards for haircuts, McDonalds, Wal-Mart and to Winco with the balance (we had .11 unspent)! With Ellie's help, we got everything wrapped and loaded into my car...you couldn't see out, the back seat was so full and 4 big bags in the back! When I went to drop off the items, the Mom and youngest, Jayden, were in the office, so I got to meet them and deliver everything right to them! What a little cutie he was and they were both so happy with the piles of packages that covered the floor!

Thanks to all who took the time at this busy season to help out!

Next year we should plan on starting this earlier!

# CHAPTER EVENTS

## MONTHLY LUNCHEON SCHEDULE:

Come join us for Chapter 77's monthly casual lunches, which are always held the 3rd Wednesday of the month, the schedule of locations for the remaining lunches for the year are as follows. The purpose of these lunches is for our members to have a chance to get to know one another better in a casual/social setting; we hope to see you there!

January 16	PF Chang's China Bistro	124 Coburg Road, Eugene
February 29	Turtles Bar and Grill	2690 Willamette Street, Eugene
March 19	Papa's Soul Food Kitchen BBQ	400 Blair Blvd, Eugene
April 16	Izzy's Pizza & Classic Buffet	1930 Mohawk Blvd, Springfield
May 21	Kabuki's	2130 W. 11 <sup>th</sup> , Eugene
June 18	Chapala Mexican Restaurant	68 W 29 <sup>th</sup> , Eugene
July 16	Cafe' Soriah	384 W.13 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Eugene
August 20	Ron's Island Grill	Sheldon Plaza, Eugene
September 17	McMenamins North Bank	22 Club Road, Eugene

\*\*\*\*\* **Membership Notice** \*\*\*\*\*

Don't forget each month we are giving away a **JERRY'S HOME IMPROVEMENT GIFT CARD** to encourage our members to attend meeting... You must be present to win!

### Recap of last month's meeting

Thanks again to Sandee for hosting last year's Christmas party, I know that everyone who attended had a wonderful time. Thank you for opening up your wonderful party room to us – what a fun place to spend time with friends and family

### The Eugene Chapter now has a phone number 541-393-5107

The Eugene chapter now has another avenue for the public to reach our chapter and receive information about our meetings. The phone number is linked to an answering service, no one will be answering the phone directly, however it is our commitment as the board that any messages left will be returned in a timely manner. The message on the phone will change monthly and include information on upcoming chapter meetings and events. If you have any questions regarding our new phone number please contact one of the board members.

# CHAPTER EVENTS, continued

## Message from the President, continued

We are having some great meetings so call up your contacts and invite them to a meeting or lunch. Or give their names to Lyn or Michele and they'll do the inviting. We are now listed in "The Blue Book" have voice mail and a new NAWIC bulletin board at the Eugene Builders Exchange! There's no excuse to not know about NAWIC in Eugene!

Forgot where lunch is or can't remember the topic for our meeting to tell your guest? Call 393-5107 and you'll get the lovely voice of Wendy Cole telling you all you need to know about up-coming chapter activities. Give it a try.

Last but not least...It's not too soon to start making your plans to attend The Region 9 Forum in Anchorage, Alaska! The registration form is in your Director's Newsletter (you should have just received it) or on the regional website ([nawicregion9.org](http://nawicregion9.org) It's pretty snazzy now too!) You can bet it will have great educational meeting/seminars and lots of fun! We should be getting an agenda and info on additional activities for before and after the meeting very soon. It will be well worth the expense!

Robin Langkamp,  
President

## January Meeting details:

**Program:** New City Hall Bldg Design

**Speakers:** Thomas Hacker, Architects; Mike Penwell, City of Eugene, Facilities, Design & Construction Mgr; Ellen Teninty, TNT Consultants

**Details:**

We invite you to join in a dialogue about design and community as we develop concepts for a new City Hall building at 8th and Pearl. The architects are ready to share and receive feedback on draft designs that incorporate sustainable building techniques, address safety issues, and provide for greater efficiency in government. Our program is to listen to your organization's ideas on how to make this building truly the "people's house."

**Members: Please solicit ideas for our meeting from your employers, coworkers or family and neighbors. We welcome any guest that would like to join us for this program.**

Ellie Cooper, Professional Education

## REGION 9 NEWS

### Upcoming regional and national events:

April 24 - 26, 2008: Forum, Anchorage, Alaska

September 3 – 6, 2008: Annual Meeting and Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada

October 2008: Annual Planning Conference, Spokane, Washington

April 16-18, 2009: Forum, Seattle, Washington

August 26 - 29, 2009: Annual Meeting and Convention, Phoenix, Arizona

**Have you ever wanted to see Alaska... Well now is your chance!**  
**Attend Form 2008**, hosted by the Alaska Chapter!

**What:** NAWIC DIVINE Region Nine Forum 2008

**When:** April 24 – 26, 2008 Come Early... or Stay Late... We will make it worth your wait!

**Where:** Join Your Hostesses from the ALASKA Chapter At the Hilton Hotel (downtown) Anchorage as we *EXPLORE NEW FRONTIERS!*

**Why:** Because it will be a great time for seeing old friend, making new friends and learning a little something about the construction industry.

**More details:** For more information on Alaska you can visit [www.alaskatravelgram.com](http://www.alaskatravelgram.com)

### Walking to Las Vegas!

Our regional director Yasmine has put out a challenge to all chapters in our region to walk to Las Vegas. Each chapter is challenged to add up their mileage between now and convention in September to make it from their town to Las Vegas (we have 915 miles from Eugene to Vegas) In order for us to make it to Las Vegas we need **each member to walk 38.125 miles** between November and September 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Robin is keeping track for us so make sure and send her your weekly mileage so we can monitor how far we are!

We will be in GREAT SHAPE for Convention!

I have already logged 53 miles on the treadmill – how far have you gone???

## REGION 9 NEWS, continued

**Subject:** NAWIC Oregon Retreat

To All Chapter 54 Members, Eugene & Salem Chapter Presidents

Anne Cohen tells me we have a date and place for the 2008 Retreat. So please mark your calendars!

**Date:** *Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup>* – Evening, Hospitality Room Open; come register, enjoy mingling with other members. Swap tales.....

*Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>* - Get together for some fun in the meeting room, enjoy lunch. On your own for Saturday evening. Of course you could stay over Saturday night too and enjoy Sunday on your own.

**Place:** Tolovana Inn at Cannon Beach – Great location....we've been here before

So please reserve the date and make plans to attend.

Anne & Megan are firming other things up and we will soon have your registration forms to you with costs, and more hotel room costs.

I really hope you will attend...This is one of my favorite events!

Happy Holidays!

Edie Bales  
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# FROM THE NAWIC NATIONAL OFFICE

## Do you Google?

Did you know if you use the Google search engine on the NAWIC national site [www.nawic.org](http://www.nawic.org) Google donates money to NAWIC to be included in non-dues revenue?

## ? - Did you know - ?

All NAWIC members can go Online at [www.nawic.org](http://www.nawic.org) and download a current chapter or region roster. Here are the steps:

1. Go to [www.nawic.org](http://www.nawic.org) > Member Log In > Member Center > Member Directory.
2. Select chapter name or region number from the pull down menu.
3. Select "Excel" as output.
4. Select "Search."
5. Roster will open in Excel.
6. To sort the data by columns: Highlight all the information, except the first two rows containing merged cells. Select "Data" from the toolbar, select "Sort," and then select the column by which you want to sort.
7. To save the document, select a file name and then "Microsoft Office Excel Workbook" as the file type.

# CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

December 2007

## Received

Nancy Ograin - Thank you card  
Business Connections - Thank you card  
Greenhill Humane Society - Donation request  
Business Connections - Invoice  
Umpqua Bank - Bank statement  
Smith Barney - Bank statement  
QuickBooks - Coupons for upgrade  
The Blue Book - (2) Blue Books  
Jones & Roth - Pre-paid dinners for Carrie Fortier  
Eugene Sand & Gravel - Pre-paid dinners for Lyn Winegar  
Gale Roberts Co. - Pre-paid dinners for Ellen Swetts

## Sent

# INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS IN OUR AREA

## **AGC – Associated General Contractors of Oregon-Columbia**

[www.agc-oregon.org](http://www.agc-oregon.org)

Call 541-826-6610 or contact Jeanne Staton at [jeanne@statonco.com](mailto:jeanne@statonco.com)

## **OSN – Oregon Subcontractors Network**

[www.subcontractor-network.com](http://www.subcontractor-network.com)

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at The Waterfront on MLK Blvd. in Eugene.

Social 6:00 pm, Dinner 6:30, Program 7:30 Cost \$20.00

Call 541-484-5530 or contact Diana Corbin at [kc1022@aol.com](mailto:kc1022@aol.com)

## **CFMA – Construction Financial Management Association**

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

For more information contact Sandee Gerber at [sandee@twinrp.com](mailto:sandee@twinrp.com)

## **CSI – Construction Specification Institute**

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

Meets the last Thursday of each month at the Eugene Hilton, top floor, Vista room.

Social 4:30 pm, Dinner 5:30, Program 6:30 Cost \$10.00

Call 541-687-0129 or contact Brenda at [bab@mrrichards.com](mailto:bab@mrrichards.com)

## **HBA - Home Builders Association**

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

Meets the last Tuesday of every month at the Valley River Inn.

6:00 pm Cost is \$22.00

Call 541-686-6529 or contact Linda at [lindac@hblanecounty.org](mailto:lindac@hblanecounty.org)



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# ARTICLE

Submitted by: Ellie Cooper

## **Who "owns" subcontractor safety?**

Make sure subcontractors understand the distinction between their safety plans and your safety best practices. It's a critical step in establishing accountability on the jobsite.

By Tom Hammel

The general contractor (GC) historically controls the jobsite and is responsible for employees and subcontracted worker safety on the site. But that doesn't mean the GC can or should treat subcontract workers as its own employees. That could create GC liability for potential OSHA violations, injuries and negligence.

Honeywell works with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on several projects and has worked with it to develop a plan that helps assure safety of its workers and other subcontractors on the jobsite. This article shares important plan points and offers resources that can help you better understand and implement a safety program. The article also draws upon the guidance of Safety Advantage, LLC, which provides jobsite safety training on a variety of topics.

The employer is responsible General contractors share the responsibility for safety with their subcontractors, but the employer has primary responsibility for the safety of its employees.

The GC's responsibility and due diligence require active monitoring of subcontractors to confirm they are following OSHA requirements and the GC's own safety standards.

It might seem like a good idea to create a blanket safety plan and hand it out to each subcontractor. But legal experts advise this is a direct route to trouble.

Contractors routinely issue safety guidelines and contract requirements to their subs. But it's best not to jump in and take over the subcontractor's responsibilities as the employer of its workers.

Instead, the GC should review the sub's written safety programs and training as required for competent persons such as scaffold work, cranes, heavy equipment or excavations. These should be a part of the subcontractor's written safety plan.

### Accountability

Who produces the safety plan can be a critical distinction. If it primarily comes from the GC, then the GC can expect liability if something goes wrong.

Subcontractors must own their safety plans and understand the legal responsibility for keeping their plans and workers safe and OSHA-compliant.

Subcontractors must realize that any guidelines from the GC do not constitute a mandated plan, but rather are supplemental practices designed to confirm they are following the OSHA regulations.

Bewildering? It can be, but taking control up front is so much easier than playing catch-up or worse, put into a defensive situation.

Fortunately, help is available and much if it is free to anyone with an Internet connection. Safety plan supplemental guidelines can be downloaded from several sources. They reinforce key elements of comprehensive jobsite safety plans, including:

- Required safety practices and how they are communicated to primary and secondary subcontractors.
- Inspection and reporting processes and accountability.
- The steps to remedy hazardous situations and noncompliance, including consequences for failure such as warnings, citations, fines or expulsion from the jobsite.

The difference between ownership and control of a jobsite safety plan is a fine distinction but a critical one. Don't let it trip you up.

#### Resources

The official resource for jobsite safety plans is the OSHA Construction Subcontractor Safety Policy: It is the foundation of every safety plan. Some OSHA guides are difficult to drill down to online, so here are other excellent resources:

Honeywell Service Subcontract Safety Handbook: A handy 48-page guide in pdf format.

Safety Advantage: This company, located at [www.safetyadvantage.com](http://www.safetyadvantage.com), provides videos, consulting and training including on-site programs on a variety of construction-related activities.

SafeOnProject.com: Produced by Safety Advantage, this site provides basic and advanced safety plan tools and assistance.

The National Center for Construction Education and Research: NCCER ([www.nccer.org](http://www.nccer.org)) is a not-for-profit education foundation that offers training on field safety and technologies, safety management and much more.

ISNetworld: ISNetworld ([www.isnetworld.com](http://www.isnetworld.com)) is a contractor database that helps owners and contractor/suppliers satisfy governmental and operator-specific record keeping requirements.

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## 2008 Economic Forecast

with

**John Mitchell**

M & H Economic Consultants

### **“Year 7 - In the Shadow of Lending Past”**

After a roller-coaster of a year, and daily economic headlines, do you wonder what's in store for 2008? Feeling Bearish? Bullish? John Mitchell, former regional economist with US Bank, will review the national and regional economies, the changing sources of growth, and how the residential real estate decline will end. Longer term issues such as demographic change and climate change will be addressed with their direct implications for construction. It has been several years since John has talked with us, so be sure to come get the scoop from one of the region's leading economists.

**January 31, 2008**

**Eugene Hilton**

CSI Board Meeting 4:30 pm

Social 5:30 pm

Dinner 6:30 pm

Program 7:15 pm

Dinner & Program Cost: \$25.00

Students: \$10.00

**RSVP by January 17 to: [CSIRSVP@kpffcivilpdx.com](mailto:CSIRSVP@kpffcivilpdx.com)**

*AIA Members can earn One Learning Unit which will be reported to AIA/CES  
CSI Members can earn One Learning Unit which will be reported to CSI/CEN*