



NAWIC NETWORK

Eugene Chapter No. 77

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December 2009

Important Dates:

9th General Meeting

Topic: Annual Christmas Party

Location: Carrie Fortier's home (directions will be included in rsvp e-mail)

Time: 5:30

16th - Casual Luncheon

Location: Louie's Village, 947 Franklin blvd, Eugene

Time: 12:00 noon

23rd - Board Meeting

Location: Knife River

Time: 5:30pm

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Message from the President

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Christmas is just around the corner and this can be a stressful and hectic time of year. I'm sure all of us are counting our blessings through these difficult times. There are so many without jobs. We have adopted a family to provide a Christmas to this year through Shelter Care. We will be providing Christmas gifts and dinner for a single Mom with two boys ages 5 & 10. (More information in our newsletter.) Please bring your donations to our Christmas party and we will deliver them before Christmas.

Carrie has graciously offered to have our Christmas party at her new home on Dec. 9th and it will be a lot of fun with great food and friends so be sure to join us. We will also have an ornament exchange (under \$10 please). Directions to her home will be in the RSVP that Twylla will be sending out this week.

The Block Kids competition is tentatively set for Saturday, Feb. 6th at the Gateway Mall. We are partnering with the Science Factory again and having it at Gateway Mall will give us a lot more room.

Diana is working on the Oregon Retreat and it will be at the Adobe in Yachats on March 6th. Job Corp will be giving us a tour of their Yachats job training facility. This will be a very interesting tour especially since we just learned all about Job Corp from Kristi and Sarah at our November meeting. Be sure to mark your calendar for this fun weekend.

I want to wish EVERYONE a Wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Nancy

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE MEMBERS!

As our membership grows it's important that we celebrate each other's 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

December NAWIC Anniversaries

Member	# of Years	Year Joined
Ellie Cooper	27	1982
Jeanne Staton	23	1986
Debbie Creager	10	1999
Jenny West	2	2007



Birthdays

- Wendy Cole 2nd
- Heather Hayes 11th
- Nancy Ograin 12th
- Amanda Ring 12th
- Anne Thompson 14th
- Janet Spriggs 21st

Mystery Member of the Month

Sam Elliot is my hero. Purple is my favorite color. A fun fact about my family is Growing up we went to Texas for Christmas every 3 years. We were out of school for 3 weeks. 2) All my child's cousins on her father's side, including my child have holiday birthdays (Veterans Day, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick Day, New Years, Last Day of the Year, 4th of July). I was born in Eugene but if I could live anywhere it would be Oregon. If I won the lottery I would Definitely retire NOW, travel, teach (knitting, horse stuff, crafts) My favorite way to relax is to Knit, Read a book and work in garden When I was growing up I wanted to be an Olympic track and field sprinter and high jumper then reality set in and numbers were my game. My favorite movie is "Gone with the Wind". My hobby is Knitting, Writing knitting patterns, sewing, crafting in general, and watching my girls show their horses

If you believe you know this month's mystery member email your guess to cfortier@jrca.com, at the General meeting the "Mystery Member" will be announced and a drawing will be done for all persons who guessed correctly to win a gift card.

Jeanne Staton named Woman Business Leader of the Year for 2009

A capacity crowd of business leaders turned out for the second annual Woman Business Leader of the Year luncheon and award ceremony on November 12th. The award ceremony honored five extraordinary women business leaders as finalists for their business success, career achievements and contribution to the community, we are ecstatic to congratulate Jeanne Staton, President of Staton Companies as the 2009 Woman Business Leader of the Year!!

OUR CHAPTER

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!

- December 16 Louie's Village 947 Franklin Blvd.
- January 20 Taste of India 2495 Hilyard St.
- February 17 Izzy's Pizza (Buffet) 1930 Mohawk Blvd.
- March 17 Empire Buffet 1933 Franklin Blvd.
- April 21 Applebee's 3024 Gateway St.
- May 19 P.F. Chang's China Bistro Oakway Center
- June 16 Don Juan's 2650 River Rd.
- July 21 Kabuki's 2130 W 11th Ave.
- August 18 Sushi Domo 1020 Green Acres Rd.
- September 15 Kuraya's Thai Cuisine 1410 Mohawk Blvd.

2009- 2010 LEADERSHIP:

OFFICERS:

President – Nancy Ograin

President Elect – Open

Vice President – Amanda Ring

Recording Secretary – Robin Langkamp, CIT

Corresponding Secretary – Ellie Cooper

Treasurer – Jenny West

Immediate Past President – Anne Thompson

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Jan Sandusky, CIT

Michele Riggs

Twylla Tatum

Sharon Anderson

NAWIC's Core Purpose

To enhance the success of women in the construction industry.

NAWIC's Core Values

- **Believe in ourselves**
- **Persevere with the strength of our convictions**
- **Dare to move into new horizons**

OUR CHAPTER, continued

Christmas party details:

Where: Carrie Fortier's Home – see e-mail for address and directions

When: Cocktails start at 5:30, dinner at 6:00, Ornament exchange 6:30

What: A Party

Why: Because it's FUN!

How the Game is played:

- Everyone participating brings a wrapped gift and leaves it at the Christmas tree and checks off their name (so we know who is playing).
- At the beginning of the exchange, those participating draw a number. That is the order of the exchange.
- #1 picks a gift, opens it and displays to all.
- #2 has the choice of picking a new gift or "stealing" the gift from #1. If they "steal" then #1 then gets to pick a new gift.
- #3 has the choice of picking a new gift or "stealing" the gift from #1 or #2. If they "steal" then whoever is stolen from gets to pick a new gift or steal from anyone besides #3.
- Etc, Etc, Etc. until all numbers have chosen a gift.

Also:

- You cannot steal back what has just been stolen from you.
- A gift may only be stolen three times (or have 4 owners).
- #1 has the choice to "steal" a gift after all the numbers have finished (they didn't have the chance at the beginning).

Shelter Care Family:

Our Christmas Family is a single Mom with 2 boys ages 5 & 10. Shelter Care has requested that each gift should not be over \$20

Person :	<u>Mom age 30 (Shalena) :</u>	<u>Son age 10 (Tyler):</u>	<u>Son age 5 (Jaiden):</u>
Wants:	Nice candle Set, Vanilla Bath towels	Gift card to Wal-Mart	Leap Frog/Leapster Age appropriate toys
Favorite Color:	Pink	Blue	Red
Shoe size:	8	4	12
Shirt:	Large	8/10	6/7
Pants:	15	12	6

We will be collecting money to purchase the food items for the Christmas dinner if that is easier for you. Please bring all items to the Christmas party on the 9th, if you can't make it please contact Nancy Ograin for a time to get her the gift items.

OUR CHAPTER, continued

This is the response we just received from the Family we sponsored in 2007

Hi my name is Shalena and I am the mother of the family your company sponsored at shelter care in 2007. I am writing you with a long overdue thank you to your company for all you did for us. The help your company gave to me and my family was so overwhelming and much appreciated I remember the day like it was yesterday and it still brings tears to my eyes when I think about it. I am a single mother of 2 boys and our journey that brought us to the shelter was long and hard, in 2005 i gave birth to my daughter Noelle on Christmas morning in my home, she was 8 weeks premature and very small, although she became healthy enough to leave the hospital 4 weeks later sadly when she was just 2 months old she passed away from RSV. As a mother I fell apart and lost all sense of way and in the process of my grief I lost everything, my job, my home and everything we had. My children and I stayed wherever we could lay our heads at for the next 2 years until all options had ran out for us and we sought help with shelter care. I remember in 2007 not even having \$1.00 to spend on my children for Christmas, but your company provided for us above and beyond what we ever could have imagined and I am just so thankful to you all for opening your hearts to us.

Since leaving the shelter 2 years ago I have maintained employment and was able to leave the shelter and move into a low income duplex in a nice area for my children, although I still struggle and I am proud to say i am doing quite well for me and my children and at least can provide our basic needs if nothing else. I just wanted you to know that you guys are amazing and may god bless each of you for all you do to help families in need...I am enclosing a picture of our family thank you and god bless

Recap of last month's meeting

Our speakers for the November meeting were Kristi Durant and Sarah Micheli from Job Corp and Cary Kuvaas from Selectemp.

Kristi and Sarah talked about the Job Corp training program for young adult ages 16-24. There are some eligibility requirements to get in the program and currently there is a waiting list as this program. Job Corp is a two year program which provides job skills, life skills and career opportunities. This program provides free job training along with housing, food, and health care. After you graduate they also work with you for up to 18 months to help you during the transition period. Some of the hands on training skills they provide are in the fields in construction, automotive, nursing, and information technology. Job Corp prepares you for a successful career and helps you get there. It was amazing to hear all they do and how they prepare young adults for a success career. If you would like more information please contact Kristi at Job Corp.

Cary Kuvaas from Selectemp talked about the new company she works for. Cary asked us why we used temporary agencies to hire some of our employees. The basic reasons were to save time, not wanting to interview, needing someone to fill in due to sickness, vacation, maternity leave, or just to try someone out before hiring them on permanently. Cary also said that most injuries occur within the first 90 days with a new hire. Some of the hiring procedures are: interviews, check references, check 5 year work history, background checks, and of course drug screening. Cary also asked us to think about the unemployment costs associated with laying off employees during the economic slow times. Cary would like you to think of Selectemp as your 'Business Partner'.

Thanks to Kristi, Sarah and Cary for sharing with us information on their companies.

FROM THE NAWIC NATIONAL OFFICE

Highlights from the December The Connection

Happy Holidays!

The holiday season is now in full swing. NAWIC wishes you and your families a very happy and safe holiday season. We hope to be an important part of your success in the new year!

Candidates for NAWIC Office

NAWIC is seeking qualified members to submit for candidacy for the national offices of President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. We encourage any member interested in a leadership role with NAWIC to apply. To obtain an application or to learn more about the guidelines and qualifications, [click here](#). Qualified applicants must postmark their applications by Feb. 1. All candidates will be verified and announced prior to Feb. 15.

REGION 9 NEWS

Regional Chairs:

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Block Kids	Amanda Ring	amanda.ring@gcinc.com

NAWIC CALENDAR

Upcoming Local, Regional and National events:

2010

February 6, 2010: Block Kids, Gateway Mall, Spfd, OR

March 6, 2010: Oregon Coast Retreat, Adobe in Yachats, OR

May 14-15, 2010: Forum, Eugene, Oregon

September 1-4, 2010: Annual Meeting and Convention,
Louisville, Kentucky

Fall 2010: Annual Planning Conference, Salem, OR

2011

August 31 – Sept. 3, 2011: Annual Meeting and Convention, St.
Louis, Mo.

Do you have a NAWIC event that needs to be added to the
calendar – please let me know!

Quote of the Month

A hug is a great gift - one size fits all, and it's easy to exchange. ~Author Unknown

May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through! ~Author Unknown

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AGC – Associated General Contractors of Oregon-Columbia www.agc-oregon.org

Call 541-826-6610 or contact Jeanne Staton at jeanne@statonco.com

OSN – Oregon Subcontractors Network www.subcontractor-network.com

Meets the 2nd 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 kcdc1022@aol.com

CFMA – Construction Financial Management Association www.cfma.org

Meeting times and dates vary

For more information contact Sandee Gerber at sandee@twinrp.com

CSI – Construction Specification Institute 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

HBA - Home Builders Association 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

** Check out the website links for information and registration information for two series of classes CSI is holding on contract documents and contract administration