

# NAWIC Divine Region 9 Monthly

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## DIRECTORS NOTES

This is a reminder that some chapters have not turned in their credentials. They are due to the national office by 5 pm on July 6. Please get them in before the deadline. And, thank you to those of you who have already sent them in.

Check the [NAWIC website](#) on July 5 to discover which candidates will become your 2011-2012 national officers.

### **Register for Convention before July 5 to get pre-registration discount**

You don't want to miss NAWIC's Annual Meeting and Convention in St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2011. NAWIC's Convention is a wonderful opportunity to experience the power of NAWIC!

The Convention Promo piece was mailed to all members in May. This is a great tool to show your employer to solicit support to attend this educational event. Please refer to the "Convention Schedule" panel for a complete schedule of events.

### **How to Get Approval from Your Employer to Attend Convention**

In our current economic climate, getting approval to attend meetings may be more challenging for you now than it has been in the past. Here are four steps you can use to build a business case for attending NAWIC's Annual Meeting.

1. Write down the top three to five most important issues being addressed in your organization right now.
2. Think about how you personally contribute to addressing those issues. How is your work aligned with the larger organization's strategy or mission? Make a list of these "personal contributions to issue resolution."
3. Look at the proposed agenda for the meeting, and mark the sessions you want to attend that relate to your list of personal contributions to issue resolution.
4. Write a short business case for how attending these sessions will help you contribute to the organization's strategy. Use this business case to make your request for attending the meeting.

Download a letter to your employer from NAWIC President Debra Gregoire, CIT

Sincerely,

Cathy Brady, Region 9 Director

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- *Successful leaders are learners. And the learning process is ongoing, a result of self discipline and perseverance.*

John C Maxwell

Leadership 101

## **Chapter News:**

### **Anchorage #197– Darla Hall**

Hello from up North – Our early summer has been great up here. Our Alaska Chapter was able to celebrate our 38<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary with a wonderful BBQ held at a beautiful park. We had all of our families and friends – it was nice to just gather and take a step back to enjoy each other.

We held our elections in May and we are excited about our new board members coming aboard – President – Darla Hall, Vice President – Lynn Barrett, Recording Secretary – Judy Montgomery, Correspondence Secretary – Evie Clark, Treasurer – Teri Mentzer, Directors – Katherine Anderson, April Friedly, Tia Quilter

We are having our annual NEF Scholarship Fundraising Golf Tournament on July 13<sup>th</sup> –wish us good luck for weather that day.

We have elected not to have a General July meeting due to our short Alaska Summer – so until August....

### **Puget Sound #60– Sue Z. Hart**

Hope you are all able to find a patch of sunshine somewhere now that summer has begun!

Puget Sound Chapter had a great June meeting. We decided to do something fun and took our meeting Underground... Seattle Underground Tour to be precise. What a great evening we had. The tour provided a great opportunity to see and hear of this incredible city's construction past. Construction today in Seattle still has its challenges but at least the toilets work better now. If you are in the area, I recommend checking it out this unique tour of Seattle's beginning.

After the fun, we had our Board elections and I am happy to report the upcoming officers are:

Treasurer ~ Judy Jewell

Secretary ~ Gwyn Hart

Director1/Membership ~ Kris Beason

Director2/Programs ~ Lily Ifner

Director3 ~ Ahn Tu Vu

Director4 ~ Sue Maddox

President ~ Sue Z. Hart

We are looking forward to another exciting year and will be holding our Annual Planning Retreat on July 12, 2011 at Cadman in Redmond.

June 27<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>, we held our second annual MAGIC Camp in Everett. I will have more to report on that next month but at the time of this writing, things are looking very exciting! Nicole Martin has been doing a great job as lead on this!

Have a safe Fourth of July, where we can celebrate what a great country we live in! Hope you are able to get out and enjoy it!

## **Portland #54– Carol Helms**

Summer is here and our June meeting got us outside with a Job Tour and initiation of new members who have joined us in 2011. The new members who were initiated during our meeting were Emma Gordon, Susan Firpo, Rynni Henderson, Misty Toulouse, Elizabeth Gibson, and Kelley Keith. The new members who could not make the ceremony were Patricia Dunn, Hayley Brown, Sarah McLaughlin, Vanessa Thompson, Adele Henry, and Diana Agon. I would like to welcome all of our new members and thank their employers for supporting NAWIC.

Lauren Holmes, President Elect and Project Manager for Howard S. Wright Constructors gave us a great tour of her Job site. The new Valley Catholic K-8 Education Center will uphold the Sisters' mission of excellence in education by providing the platform for nurturing the whole student in mind, body and spirit. This project is a 67,000 square feet two-story building with basement and the new K-8 green building opens in September 2011. Lauren has been working night and day to keep this project on schedule to achieve the owner's dreams.

July is almost upon us and it will be exciting with MAGIC Camp and our July Family Picnic at Cook's Park in Tigard. With twelve newer members we decided we need to have a family picnic and BBQ for our next meeting so we can meet everyone's families and just have fun. No meeting or business just socializing in the park. See you all then!!

## **Salem #198– Vickie Tewalt**

The consensus was that Salem's Boss's Night celebration this year was the best ever! We had a wonderful turn out; everyone dressed for a great luau. The setting was perfect thanks to the decorating expertise of Tricia Mosier, and the beautiful background music provided by Madison Hall. Madison is a delightful young musician who also sang and played her ukulele for our entertainment of the evening. We had some great raffle items donated by members and their companies, and Susan Wood got everyone involved in a fun icebreaker. Our scholarship recipients, Lindsey Devine and Katherine Britsch, joined us and were awarded their scholarships.

Lori Klopfenstein from Salem Contractors Exchange was chosen as our Future Leader of the Year, and Mark Fox, President of White Oak Development and Construction, was chosen as Boss of the Year. Denise Torres was our choice for WIC of the Year, but sadly she was not able to attend. We will be honoring her at our next meeting. Thanks to the great committee of Chick Sadowski, Susan Wood, Kay Evans, and Tricia Mosier for putting together a very successful event.

*Our July meeting will be a tour of a new construction project in Salem, followed by pizza at a local restaurant.*

*We are planning a very exciting time for our August meeting, which will be my last as President of the Salem Chapter. We will be honored to have Yas, our future National Vice President, and Dalene, our next Region 9 Director at this meeting, we plan to have some past members attending, and also hope to install two new members. More details to follow.*

*I wish everyone a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, and a beautiful summer.*

## **Spokane Chapter 143 - Hillary Chrisman**

Well it looks like summer is finally in the air; the sun has decided to stick around! Our Annual NAWIC Golf Tournament was a lot of fun and we couldn't have asked for nicer weather. It was a great day of golf and prizes! I would like to thank all of the golf committee for doing a terrific job and look forward to next year's.

We decided to mix it up a little for our June meeting and "Spread the Word about NAWIC" with a BE OUR GUEST event at Polka Dot Pottery. With many different things to choose from to paint it was sure to be an enjoyable evening. We had a Mexican fiesta with some very tasty margaritas. Over 30 women were able to show their creative side and have some fun!

I would also like to congratulate elected Traci Kadoya (President), Cheryl Johnson (Vice President), Karen Silver (Secretary), LeeAnna Caldwell (Treasurer), and Kathy Gurley, Kerry Palmer, Bev Wood, & Frances Mangarella (Directors). I know that each of you will do an amazing job.

This month's meeting you won't want to miss. Doug Tweedy, the Spokane Economist from the Labor Market and Economic Analysis branch of the Washington State Employment Security Department will be presenting on Spokane's Winding "Road to Recovery", Economic Perspective, Jobless Recovery, New Normal...just to name a few. It will be a very heated topic with lots of questions and debate. Hope to see you all there!

Hope you all have a safe and fun 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

## **Eugene #77 – Robin Langkamp**

Welcome to our newest member, Susan Phillips with Phillips & Koch Construction! Susan was introduced to NAWIC by a member in Portland!

Our July program will be a job-site tour of the Willamette River Bridge on I-5. As we all see this project on a regular basis it will be interesting to be able to view it close up and ask all of our questions we've wondered about driving next to or under it!

Have a wonderful & safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

**Boise #245– Cecyle Brock**

**Tacoma #187– Deborah Hickman**

**Tri-Cities #192—Pam Wright**



Region 9  
 Director - Elect  
 2011-2013  
 Dalene L. Schafer



Thank you to all the members of Region 9 for electing me to serve as your Director for 2011-2013.

I'm looking forward to working with all of you as Region 9 and NAWIC moves forward! I very much enjoyed getting to know those who attended Forum in the Tri-Cities in May, and looking forward to meeting more of you at the coming events and as I serve you and your chapters, and continuing to grow the friendships I have made already.

As we head into the new year, planning is underway. I would like each of you to think about serving as a chair of one of the Region committees. If you aren't sure about serving as a chair for this year, but are interested in serving in the future, think about co-chairing this year to learn the ropes for the next year! I already have a few volunteers, and they would love a co-chair as well.

Committee:	Chair	Co-Chair
Membership:	_____	_____
PR/Marketing:	_____	_____
Safety:	_____	_____
WIC Week:	_____	_____
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If you have any questions about any of the Committees, please contact me or the current chairs (listed in the latest Region 9 Newsletter).

Planning for Annual Planning Conference in Boise, ID is underway, more information to come soon!

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Thank you again for all your support - I'm so excited for our journey together!

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**Mark Your Calendars**

**Region 9 APC 2011, October 21-22 Boise ID**

**Region 9 Forum 2012 April 13-14 Bend Or**

**Region 9 APC 2012 Paulsboro WA**

**Region 9 Forum 2013 Spokane WA**

**Future National Convention Sites**

**2011—Aug. 31-Sept. 3: St. Louis, MO Renaissance Grand Suites Hotel**

**2012-Aug. 29-Sept. 1: Denver, CO, Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel**

**2013—Aug. 28-Aug. 31: Bellevue, WA, Hyatt Regency Bellevue**

**2014– Sept. 3-6, Indianapolis, IN, J.W. Marriott Indianapolis Downtown**

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