



## NAWIC NETWORK

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### President's Message

Time to remember what you're thankful for. I'm thankful for our members who help on our projects to promote the construction industry and encourage the women who would be part of it!

Construction & Utility Career Day on Oct 13<sup>th</sup> was at EWEB downtown. Thanks to Ellie Cooper, Jeanne Staton and Kathy Neckels for helping out at the event (in the pouring rain)!

As they were getting rained on, I was driving in it over to Fall Conference in Boise, Idaho! The Boise chapter did an outstanding job and we had a great time, good speakers and workshops.

Our national President, Connie Leopard, was there on a mission. The board is trying to find out what we, as members, need to learn or get training on to be able to and want to go up the ranks in a chapter and even on to regional or national offices.

Lauline Mitchell from the San Francisco Chapter announced her candidacy for Pacific NW Regional Director! This will be voted on at our Spring Forum in South San Francisco in May. Who will join me in 'SanFran' come the middle of May? Start looking for flights or if enough want to go we could do a road trip!

Our meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November will be on planned Emerald Village Eugene. A 'Tiny House' village for low income occupants. Dan Bryant with Square One Villages will be our speaker, explaining the project. This is in effort with our construction community for designs and project management so feel free to invite guests and co-workers to this program! We are also having a sock drive for Shelter Care at our meeting. Please bring socks of any size to help out those in need.

I'd love to see you all at the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>!



Happy Thanksgiving!!

*Robin*

*As material for the construction of our building, I pledge the agility of my hands, the ability of my mind, and the integrity of my heart.*

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## Upcoming Events

### AIA Educational Seminar

Date Tuesday, Nov. 8th, 2016  
 Location: Baker Downtown Center,  
 975 High Street, Eugene  
 "Acoustic Ceilings: For the Eye, the Ear, and  
 the Mind"  
[Click here](#) for informational flyer.

### NAWIC Monthly Meeting

Date: Wednesday, Nov. 9th, 2016  
 Location: Holiday Inn, Kruse Way, Spfd.

### 30th Anniversary Women in Transition

Date: Wednesday, Nov 16th, 2016  
 Time: 3:00pm - 5:00 pm  
 Location: Main Campus of Lane Commu-  
 nity College, Center Building, Room 202  
 See flyer on page 8.

### 2017 Block Kids

Date: Feb 4, 2017  
 Location: River Road Parks & Recreation  
 Emerald Park, Eugene

### Pacific N.W. Spring Forum

Date: May 19, 2017 –May 20, 2017  
 Location: San Francisco, CA

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, Nancy

### November Anniversaries

<u>Member</u>	<u># of Years</u>	<u>Year Joined</u>
Kathy Neckels	1	2015
Sherry White	1	2015
Linda Joens	2	2014
Nancy Ograin	28	1988



### November Birthdays

Linda Joens	1st
Wendy Hughes	29th

Did we miss your birthday? Please let Nancy know at  
[nancy.ograin@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.ograin@gmail.com)

## NAWIC November Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, November 9th, 2016

**Location:** Holiday Inn, Kruse Way, 919 Kruse Way, Springfield

**Social:** 5:30 pm

**Dinner:** 6:00 pm

**TOPIC:** Guest Speaker Dan Bryant, Executive Director of Square One Village

Dan's presentation is on the planned Emerald Village Eugene, an affordable tiny house community. Square One Villages is a non-profit organization with a mission of creating self-managed communities of low-cost tiny homes for people in need of housing. Please visit their website to learn more about Emerald Village Eugene. <http://www.crowdrise.com>

Guests are invited to attend.

RSVP's to Nancy Ograin [nancy.ograin@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.ograin@gmail.com) by Monday, Nov 7th by noon.

# Chapter News

## NAWIC Links:

Eugene Chapter 77  
[www.nawiceugene.org](http://www.nawiceugene.org)

Pacific NW Region  
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NAWIC National  
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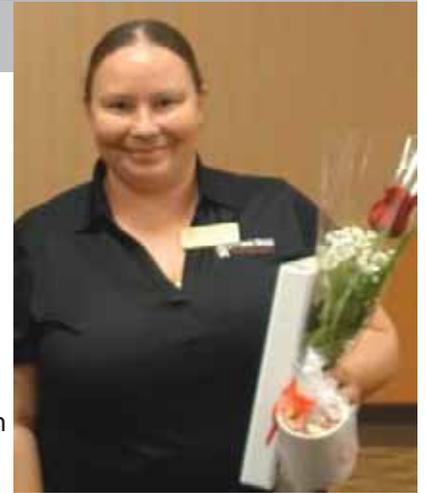
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[NAWIC Eugene, OR #77 Chapter](#)

## Welcome New Member

At the October meeting Nancy Ograin initiated our newest member Coryelle Humes. Coryelle works for Mohawk Metal located in Eugene, Oregon and is their QA Technician and Safety Manager and has worked for them for the past nine years.

Coryelle recently got married and she has a 15 year old daughter. She is totally involved with the Girl Scouts with her daughter who has been in the scouts for 8 years. Coryelle distributed their troop's "Confidence Pledge" which they have all the girls sign. She wants to instill confidence in their girls.

The Eugene chapter welcomes Coryelle into our chapter and we look forward to getting to know her.



## Shelter Care Sock Drive

We are having a sock drive for Shelter Care at our next meeting. Please bring socks of any size from kids to adults. We are going into winter and socks are needed. Thank you.

## CUCD Summary

Construction Utilities and Career Day took place on October 13th. Jeanne Staton, Kathy Neckels and Ellie Cooper helped out at the event along with several former NAWIC members. Over 400 students from schools in Lane County planned to attend our event. Due to the prediction of rain we actually had 347 students from 22 high schools participate. After receiving their hard hats, students could experience various fields of construction and utilities.

Utilities offered a chance to climb a pole, see how to work on electric lines, view bucket trucks, and learn about water lines. In the Heavy Equipment section the students operated equipment with the help of a trained operator. Moving gravel or digging the dirt were some of the choices. Hands-on section allowed students to use a concrete saw, or view underground tunnels with a remote camera, using drills, racing through a skills course. Informational section provided the students contact with professionals in order to learn about the various fields of construction and about training options.

Many companies donated time, equipment, and personnel in order for the students to have these opportunities. Many thanks to all and especially to EWEB who allowed us to use their property. A great lunch was hosted by NW Natural Gas and the weather actually wasn't that bad. It was a fabulous time interacting with these students and other professionals in the construction industry. Pictures on page 6 & 7.

## Job Openings

Farwest Steel has a new opening for a "Contracting Division Manager" which provides installation services in their Vancouver, Washington office. [Click here](#) for Job description. Other open positions are available at the following link: <http://www.farweststeel.com/about/careers/positions>

To view all job openings on NAWIC Eugene website click link. <http://nawiceugene.com/education.shtml#15>

## October Meeting Recap

The October meeting topic was “Make Your Company Known”. Members highlighted their companies and/ or themselves. We also had several guests attend our meeting.

**Lisa Bohanan**, Career and Technical Education (CTE) Student Advisor, Women’s Center and two of her students in the Women’s Transition Program, **Tonya Thompson** and **Amy Johnson** were in attendance. Tonya works at the Willamette Family Treatment Center. She said it was time for her to go back to school and she is just starting her welding program pre-requisites, math and writing. Amy Johnson went thru the Women’s Transitions program. She is currently on the waiting list in the Apprenticeship Plumbers program. She is #10 in the local pool and next in line in Douglas County. Currently she is working at Crescent Village and takes classes at LCC part time. She also made the President’s list this year.

At LCC Lisa is working with women in non-traditional roles and the training staff and facility. Her goal is to help get women into high paying wage jobs and be productive. Lisa also has her own private business, Bohanan Coaching. She is helping people to figure out what they need and also helping companies with job site inequity. She has helped individuals with public speaking and life transitions, such as retiring.

**Erin Moore**, Architect and Associate Professor in the Department of Architecture at the UO, attended our meeting representing **BRING Recycling**. She is on their Board of Directors. Erin also brought **Carole Knapel of Knapel & Associates**, who is a former BRING Recycling Board member. BRING’s mission is “to help people understand how the stuff we use shapes the planet we share.” BRING’s revenue to support education and advocacy comes from community support and from the building materials retail store where they process and sell an impressive amount of reclaimed building material. This material comes from construction sites, manufacturers, and deconstruction. Erin encouraged everyone in the building industry to consider bringing materials to the retail store in Glenwood (4446 Franklin Blvd, Eugene) where they will receive a tax receipt for the donation. You can also call for a pick up at (541) 746-3023. They especially appreciate receiving lumber, roofing materials, siding, and insulation. Erin asked “where do you take your construction leftovers?” She asked if you are not already donating your “leftovers” to give BRING a call. Erin also teaches the required “Introduction to Building Construction” course in the UO Architecture Department. She extended a warm thank you to the construction community for their generosity in hosting her students each year on tours of construction projects (120 architecture students see 3 projects each in the community every year!).

Our newest member Coryelle Humes also brought a guest, **Kay Ewalt with FEI Steel Testing**. Kay started out as a welder in Pasco, Washington. She started her own business (FEI) and is a certified welding inspector and is also certified to do concrete and rebar inspections. She is on the job from the start of the project to the end of the project. They do all the work for OSU and UO and also do some bid work, but most of their jobs are by word of mouth. They are a local company and work from Roseburg to Portland, but mainly work in the Willamette Valley. They have offices in Salem, Corvallis and Bend.

**Mohawk Metal** – Coryelle Humes is the QA Technician and Safety Director at Mohawk Metal and has worked there for 9 years. She has worked in the industry for 13 years and started out on the floor as a welder. She will be taking the exam to be a welding inspector next year. Mohawk Metal is a full service AISC certified general fabricator, offering multiple state of the art laser cutting tables, press breaks, robotic welding cells, and all aspects of general fabrication large and small. They have two locations to serve you both Oregon and Washington.

**Chambers Construction** - Pam Hansen started off at Chambers Construction as an Administrative Assistant. She is now the Contract Administrator and her duties include processing contract documents and completing the close-out manuals for jobs. Pam has worked there for 1 ½ years. Chambers is a general contractor in the commercial construction industry. They are currently working on the Oakway Multi-Use / Hyatt Hotel located at the Oakway Mall. Pam brought a current photo of the construction project and a display showing what the finished project will look like. The facility is 170,000 square feet and consists of one level of below ground parking, the street level is for retail shops and the upper three floors are a public parking facility. The Hyatt hotel is horseshoe – shaped, with 130 upper-end lodging units, meeting spaces, exercise facility, swimming pool, restaurant, bar and additional amenities. The project is due to open mid-summer or fall of next year.

**Delta Sand and Gravel** – Kathy Neckels has worked at Delta as their Human Resources/Safety Director for the past year. Previously she worked at Marathon Coach for 17 years. She said working in construction is quite a new adventure and that her

fellow employees support her and offer her opportunities to use her skills to help provide a safe environment for all employees. Working for Delta Sand and Gravel has allowed Kathy to join in with community activities/outreach programs in educating safety and opportunities for employees and young adults interested in construction fields. Kathy is a mother of 5 and a grandmother of 10.

**Selectemp Employment Services** – Cary Kuvaas has worked at Selectemp for 21 years. She is the Vice President of Sales and said she loves sales. Her focus is to match talent with opportunity. Cary said that using a staffing service allows both the talent and the customer to “try before they buy.” She also loves working with young adults to help them find a job they will like and be good at. Selectemp allows talent to try out different jobs and industries to decide which is best for them. Not only does she help people find the best match for their skill set, but also strives to find the perfect fit for the customer. She said there is work out there if you want to work!

**Edge Construction Supply**, 490 S Bertelsen, Eugene – Ellie Cooper has worked at Edge for accumulative 36 years. Previously she worked for Safway Scaffolding, then Safway Steel as office manager. As of 1996 Safway Supply bought the company and she became inside sales. Safway became Edge Construction Supply in 2007, no longer dealt with scaffolding, and Ellie stayed on. Edge is “the” material supplier for the construction and industrial markets. They do product training, engineered systems, have a rental and service department. Edge has held many safety and training classes at no cost and has provided lunch too. They also do jobsite safety inspection & training. Some of the product lines they carry are DBI Sala, DeWalt, Louisville Ladders, Makita, Milwaukee, Paslode, Ramset, Simpson Strong Tie, Unistrut. They can help you out with any of your needs for construction materials. They have a great website so be sure to check it out at <https://www.edgecs.com/>. Edge has supported NAWIC and has done presentations at our meetings.

**Farwest Steel** – Robin Langkamp has worked at Farwest Steel for 13 years and she is the Accounts Payable Lead for the Steel Division. Farwest’s mission is to be the premier steel provider in the Western U.S. They have 5 companies; steel, reinforcing (rebar), powder coating, contracting and post tensioning. Some of the things they do are laser and high definition cutting, robotic welding, and rebar fabrication and have locations in 6 states. Previously Robin worked for Scharpf’s Twin Oaks Builders Supply for 26 years before it was sold. Robin is also a rep for Tomboy Tools & Mary Kay cosmetics.

**Twin Rivers Plumbing** – Sandee Gerber, co-owner with her husband Dick, said that this year they are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> year of being in business. They do small residential jobs to big commercial jobs and also have a crew that does specialty remodeling. If you have a plumbing issue or want to remodel be sure to give her a call. Sandee said if they are unable to help you out they will find someone who can. Some of Twin Rivers many projects they have worked on are the EMU, U of O Residence Hall and the VA Hospital.

**Wendy Hughes**, retired NAWIC member – Wendy moved to Oregon from a Redondo Beach, California last year. She worked in residential construction most of her working career until the recession in the 90’s. She then worked in the telecommunications industry for a decade before buying a safety equipment franchise, “The Glove Lady”. Once again recession in 08/09 brought about another career change and the closing of her business in 2011; this time working 3 part time jobs just to make ends meet. An opportunity with friends brought her to Oregon, and circumstances allowed her to finally retire. She recently bought a home in Springfield, and is now looking for part time work or volunteer work to fill up her days.

**Nancy Ograin**, retired NAWIC member – Nancy retired from Knife River five years ago. She worked at Knife River for 24 years as an office manager. She also is a beekeeper with her husband and is involved with the Lane County Beekeepers Association as well as NAWIC. She has 4 grandkids that keep her busy.

# Construction and Utilities Career Day

Welcome Students!



CUCD NAWIC Volunteers -  
current & former members



Lisa Bean

Jeanne Staton

Judy Betts

Ellie Cooper



Ellie teaching a student



Electric line demo



Concrete Cutting



Students operating heavy equipment



Learning about water lines



EWEB teaching how to climb a utility pole



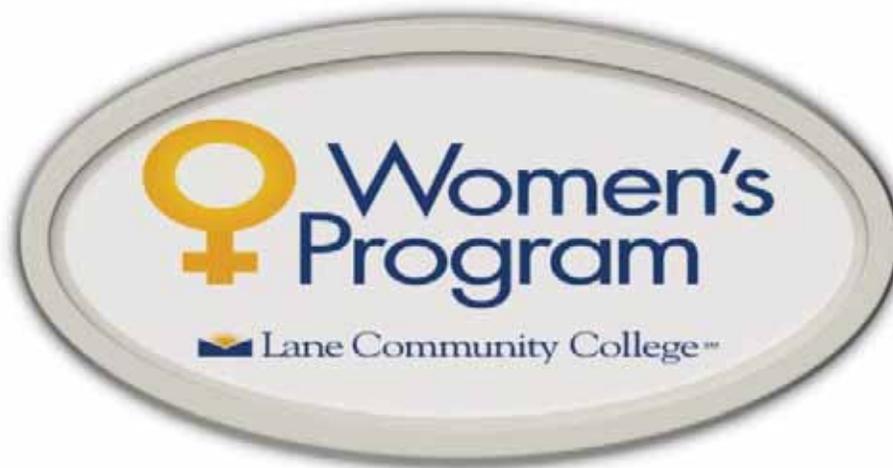
Hammering Contest



Obstacle Course race by McKenzie Commercial



# **30th Anniversary Celebration of Women in Transition!**



**Wednesday, November 16, 2016**

**Lane Community College, Main Campus  
Center Building, Room 202, 3:00—5:00 pm**

**For more info, call 541-463-5353**

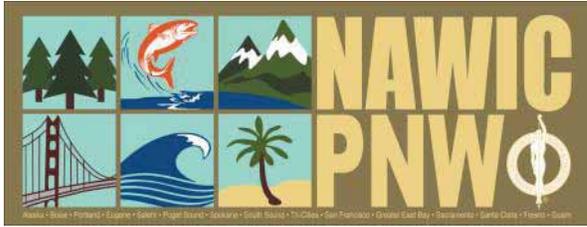
**Door Prizes! Refreshments! Music! Testimonials!**

**Come celebrate with us!**

To request accommodations that will facilitate your full participation in this event, contact the Center for Accessible Resources at least one week in advance at [\(541\) 463-5150](tel:5414635150) or [AccessibleResources@lanecc.edu](mailto:AccessibleResources@lanecc.edu).

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# Pacific NW Region News & Announcements



## 2016 Pacific NW Fall Conference Report: Kathy Neckels

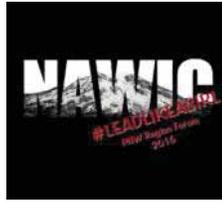
I attended the Pacific Northwest Fall Conference. This was another great educational opportunity for me with NAWIC as I am now a new board member with our chapter. At the conference I attended a couple of classroom seminars that I felt could be applied with our organization here at Delta.

The first seminar was a short summary of LEAN Construction. I felt this was is a very good model I can use and implement at work. Small steps could lead to a big reward in safety and control of projects.

The second seminar was conducted by motivational speaker, Shelli Gartman on Superpowers. Her presentation was enjoyable and very engaging. Her web site is: [SheliG.com](http://SheliG.com).

I look forward to next year's Spring Forum in May in San Francisco and the Fall Conference in Portland.

Thank you, Kathy



## FORUM 2016 RECAP TACOMA , WA

The Pacific NW Region website has posted a summary of the Spring Forum from last May of this year. Click on link below to view highlights of the speaker's presentations.

<http://www.nawicpnw.org/news/2016/5/19/forum-2016-recap>



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## Upcoming Annual Meeting and Convention Dates & Locations:

**August 16-19, 2017:  
Anaheim, CA**

## National Construction Career Days Center

Construction Career Day events are workforce development tools which introduce high school students to the transportation construction industry and support the pipeline that will provide the professionals of tomorrow.

Facebook: [NCCDC](#)

# National NAWIC News

## November Connection Highlights

### Add NAWIC to Your Phone's Home Screen

Just a friendly reminder that you can add the NAWIC website to your home screen on your mobile device so all you have to do is click on the icon to take you there. However, please remember that while it looks like another app on your phone it is still a mobile friendly website. It is not an app you get through the Android or Apple app store. You must use your browser to view it. If you ever have any questions about it please feel free to email Tim Elmore at [time@nawic.org](mailto:time@nawic.org).

### NAWIC Now Has Podcasts

Yes, now members can listen to NAWIC podcasts while on the go or at your desk at work. You can find links to our podcasts at <http://podcast.nawic.org>. NAWIC will be adding more to the list, so keep checking back!

## **TROY** NAWIC Partners with Troy University **UNIVERSITY**

NAWIC is pleased to announce the national agreement between NAWIC and Troy University. This corporate partnership between NAWIC and Troy will encourage both professional and personal development among our members by offering tuition discounts and scholarship opportunities at Troy University to all national NAWIC members and staff.

What began as a seed of inspiration in NAWIC's Montgomery, Ala. Chapter #267 has sprouted into a national partnership. Troy University is an international university with sites all over the world, offering undergraduate degree programs, graduate degree programs, certificates and professional development courses on several campuses and online. Carl Collins and Amy Waters attended a NAWIC Montgomery, Ala. Chapter business meeting where they shared information about Troy University's Corporate Partnership program. Through this program, partnership organization members and staff can receive education benefits at Troy, including waived registration fees, a 10-percent tuition discount, and the opportunity to apply for Corporate Partner Scholarships. These benefits are available to *all* NAWIC members and NAWIC staff. They may be used at any Troy University campus, includ-

Troy University is world renowned for excellence in education. NAWIC's Montgomery, Ala. Chapter members and associates include Troy alumni, parents of current Troy students and alumni, and Troy faculty and staff. NAWIC's ties with Troy run deep and the Montgomery, Ala. Chapter is honored to have a role in the development of this partnership.

NAWIC members can learn more about the Troy Corporate Partnership on Troy's partnership site at [www.troy.edu/partnerships/women-in-construction.html](http://www.troy.edu/partnerships/women-in-construction.html).

### NAWIC Career Center offers employment tools, jobs targeted to NAWIC members

Employers want you. The NAWIC Career Center features hundreds of jobs that employers want you to see. Where do employers go when they want a talented woman with experience in the construction industry? They go to the NAWIC Career Center. You can post a resume, view jobs and set up personal job alerts. Best of all, it's free. Visit the NAWIC Career Center at <http://nawic-jobs.careerwebsite.com/> today.

## November 2016

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