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January 2009 Newsletter

## National Engineers Week

George Washington was a Land Surveyor. In his honor, Engineers Week activities take place in February, during the week that contains his birthday.

This year Engineers Week will take place during the week of February 15<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>.

The San Joaquin Engineers Council (SJEC) sponsors various programs accenting the role of engineering in today's society. The upcoming programs include:

- "Math Counts" competition for middle school students
- San Joaquin Engineers Council Scholarship and Awards Banquet

The SJEC will award scholarships to a number of high school seniors who plan to pursue a career in engineering. Interested students from high schools in San Joaquin, Calaveras, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Amador Counties were contacted and a number of applications were received. Finalists are chosen through an evaluation of their grades, community activities, and personal interviews.

SJEC will also award scholarships to community college students enrolled in an engineering curriculum who will be transferring to a four-year college to complete their education.

## Math Counts Competition

SJEC will conduct the Math Counts Competition for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Math Counts is a statewide event organized by the California Society of Professional Engineers (CSPE). The competition will be held on **Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at 8:00 AM**, in University of the Pacific's Classroom Building at Kensington Way & Mendocino Ave. Teams of students from several local schools will participate. SJEC needs individuals to assist in grading and proctoring the competition. If you are interested please contact Evangelina Paoluccio at 209-824-3222; Evangelina.Paoluccio@Nolte.com or Jasmine Noriega at 209-831-5618 jnoriega@sjgov.org

## Engineer of the Year Award

Each year SJEC accepts nominations from Engineering Societies and the community of candidates who have given freely of their time and services for the benefit of the Engineering profession and the community to receive the Engineer of the Year Award. A committee of past recipients of the Award makes the final selection. The Engineer of the Year will be honored at the SJEC Awards Banquet.

This year, the committee selected Gene Weatherby of Weatherby-Reynolds-Fritson in Jackson. Gene has been practicing in the mother lode area for 50 years and has served in many leadership positions with the Lions Club and CELSOC (now ACEC), plus a host of other professional and community service organizations.

## Distinguished Service Award

The Engineering Profession Distinguished Service Award recognizes individuals who have given freely of their time and services for the benefit of the engineering profession and the community. This year's recipient is John Larson an instructor at San Joaquin Delta College. For the past 25 years. John has taught engineering technology and encouraged his students to pursue an engineering or technical career.

## .SJEC Engineers Week Banquet



Ron Heinzen 2008 Engineer of The Year

The scholarship recipients, Distinguished Service Award recipient and the Engineer of the Year are to be honored during the Engineers Week Banquet.

Speeches given by the scholarship recipients have always proved to be entertaining and interesting. The speech by the Engineer of the Year is always motivating.

The Awards Banquet will be held on **Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009**, at the new University Center at University of the Pacific. The cost is \$35.00 per ticket if paid for in advance and \$40.00 at the door. Student tickets will be \$25.00.

No host cocktails at 5:30 PM.

Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

Choice of:

Maple-soy Marinated skirt steak

Grilled Mahi Mahi

French Chicken Breast Stuffed with Herbs

Roasted Portabella mushroom Napoleon (vegan)

Please return your RSVP, along with payment and your dinner choice by February 9th to SJEC Questions may be directed to Ahmad Haya at (209) 831-5620 [ahaya@sjgov.org](mailto:ahaya@sjgov.org) or Deedee Antypas at (209) 943-2021, [dantypas@siegfriedeng.com](mailto:dantypas@siegfriedeng.com). Please remember that a reservation is a financial commitment and all no-shows will be billed.

Mail your checks with dinner choice by February 9<sup>th</sup> to  
Ahmad Haya, SJEC  
230 S. Sterling Drive, Suite 100  
Mountain House, CA 95391  
Ph. 209-831-5618

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*Louise Stark and Felicia Escalonia, SWE Scholarship Recipient*

## Scholarship Contributions

SJEC's Scholarship Award Program is unique. There is no other similar organization where engineers and allied professionals come together to support students wishing to pursue an engineering education.

SJEC's only source of financial support for scholarship awards given to students is contributions from engineers, businesses, contractors, individuals, and allied professionals. Since 1979, SJEC has awarded \$173,800 in scholarships to 189 deserving students. In 2008, SJEC awarded 7 scholarships totaling \$10,500.

SJEC and its member organizations represent 780 engineers, design firms, and allied professionals.

We would like to expand our scholarship program to grant larger awards. Obviously, this will require additional and larger contributions. We have set up five classes of contributions:

Angel	\$1,000 and more
Sponsor	\$500 to \$999
Benefactor	\$250 to \$499
Patron	\$100 to \$249
Friend	up to \$99

If each engineering firm contributed \$500 and each individual contributed \$25, we could really make a difference for these students.

The Engineers Council asks you to join in supporting this very worthy cause. Contributions of any amount, from individuals and business, will be greatly appreciated.

If you haven't already made a contribution along with your banquet reservation, your tax-deductible contribution may be made to the SJEC Scholarship Fund by mailing a check to:

### **SJEC Scholarship Fund**

c/o Laurence Test, Treasurer

PO Box 4561

Stockton, California 95204

Contributors to the SJEC Scholarship Fund are acknowledged for all to see in the Awards Banquet Program. Special recognition will be given to our Angels.

SJEC thanks all those who made contributions in 2008:

### **Angel (\$1000 & Up)**

Sacramento Chapter American Public Works Association, Central Valley Branch American Society of Civil Engineers, Siegfried Engineering Inc., Teichert Construction, Ronald Skaggs

### **Sponsor (\$500 to \$999)**

A.R Sanguinetti & Assoc., Hensel Phelps Construction Co., Rajappan & Meyer Consulting Engineers, Inc., URS Corporation

### **Benefactor (\$250-\$499)**

Stockton Section Professional Engineers In California Government, Northern California Section Institute Of Transportation Engineers, Sierra Delta Chapter 144 ASHRAE, Condor Earth Technologies, Inc, Carollo Engineers, West Yost Associates, Wong Engineers, Inc., Kleinfelder

### **Patron (\$100-\$249)**

Warren D. Noteware, West Valley Disposal & Recycling Service, Mother Lode Engineering Inc., Goodwin Consulting, Bob Biffel, Bonnie Geib, Todd Greenwood, Helmut Haas, Robert Hamernik, Henry M. Hirata, Miller M. Keplinger, , Dr. Gary Martin, Alex P. Menor, Richard D. Mesa, Richard Prima, Glenn Robison, Jack L. Ronsko, Kathleen K. Tomura, Gary Tsutsumi, Loretta Wilson, Mike Sheridan

### **Friend (\$0-\$99)**

Smith Denison Consulting, Ben Neely, Harris & Associates, Mark Thomas & Co. Inc., Dr. Dave Fletcher, James Giottonini, Dr. James Morgali Thomas Rut, Nader Shareghi, Timothy Karlstrand, Denzle C. Thompson, Ronald Weldum, Dr. Camilla M. Saviz, Harpal Singh, Laurence Test, Albert Frausto

## **Wilson/Sanguinetti Fund**

The Wilson/Sanguinetti Fund was established by CSPE in the honor and memory of Doug Wilson and Al Sanguinetti. Both of these men played a major role in the Engineering community in Stockton.

The purpose of the fund is to serve as a perpetual source of scholarships. The fund is currently at 70% of its \$50,000 goal. If you would like to make a contribution to the Fund in addition to your SJEC contribution, please send it to:

#### **W/S Scholarship Fund**

c/o Laurence Test, Treasurer  
PO Box 4561  
Stockton, California 95204

SJEC thanks all those who made contributions last year:

Carolyn Sanguinetti, Loretta Wilson, James Giottonini, Gabriel Karam, Harris & Associates,

Wong Engineers, Inc., Miller Keplinger, Ken Kjeldsen, Miller M. Keplinger, Nader Shareghi, Denzle C. Thompson, Bonnie B. Geib, Harpal Singh, Mildred Tucker, Paul Sensibaugh and to those who participated in the raffle and auction.

## **Raffle & Silent Auction**

A raffle and silent auction will be held during the Awards Banquet. The silent auction will feature fine wines and other gifts donated by various wineries in Lodi. Raffle tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The proceeds of the raffle and silent auction will be added to Wilson/Sanguinetti Fund.

Special thanks go to Nader Shareghi, his wife Natasha and Evangelina Paoluccio for organizing the raffle and silent auction and getting donations of all of the gifts.



*Unknown student, Loretta Wilson, and Dick Mesa*

## **Volunteers Needed**

SJEC is seeking volunteers to promote engineering in the community through the TOPS and Science Fair programs. Please see the web site for more information.

## **Order of the Engineer**

The School of Engineering and Computer Science at University of the Pacific is pleased to announce that it once again will sponsor the annual Pacific Link of the Order of the Engineer installation ceremony. The Order of the Engineer is a symbolic organization that seeks to promote professionalism, and is founded upon the following two principles:

1. The prime purpose of engineering is to serve the public, and;
2. All members of the engineering profession share a common bond.

This year, the event is planned for **Feb 17th**, at 5:30 PM in the Regents Dining Room at Pacific. If you are interested in attending please contact: Peggy Shubert at 946-3905. E-mail at pshubert@pacific.edu by Jan 31<sup>st</sup>.