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AGC's EGCA Scholarships Awards Dinner - This Thursday, August 15 - Still Time to Register

Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

The 2019 scholarship winners will be presented on August 15, 2019 at the Honoree and Scholarship Awards Mixer & Dinner. This year's event will be held at the San Diego Yacht Club, with the social hour starting at 4:30 p.m., followed by the dinner and awards program.

This year's Honoree is Thomas L. Brown, President of Sierra Pacific West, Inc. Mr. Brown has been a longtime leader in the construction industry, not only in San Diego but nationwide.

Some of his notable accomplishments and involvements are:

- An AGC National Life Governor
- 2006 AGC San Diego Chapter President
- 2011 SIR Award Recipient
- Vice-Chair of AGC Charities Inc.
- 2019 Chair of AGC America Highway Work Zone Safety Committee
- Chairman of AGC San Diego Apprenticeship & Training Trust

In past years, the annual scholarships were awarded to students enrolled in the SDSU J.R. Filanc Construction Engineering and Management Program and the Palomar Diesel Technology Program.
Three $3,000 scholarships to the SDSU students

- Two $1,500 scholarships for the Palomar students
- This year, additional $1,500 scholarships to students enrolled in the Miramar Diesel Technology Program,
- Three $1,000 scholarships for Apprenticeship students at the completion of their first year in the program.

Don't forget to purchase tickets for the raffle to win 48 bottles of premium wine and an under the counter wine refrigerator! The winner will be announced at the event.

We hope to see you there to support students from our local colleges and to honor Thomas L. Brown.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Sweetwater UHSD Board Hid Their Poor Finances to Benefit Political Donors, Allegedly....

Eddie Sprecco, CEO

Well, Sweetwater Union High School District is in trouble some more. While they were claiming a year ago that the $30 million budget hole "snuck up on them," internal documents show that this problem was known over TWO YEARS AGO. The details continue to come out due to a great investigative series by Voice of San Diego's, Will Huntsberry (hopefully this compliment does not lead to his firing...)

So, Sweetwater was hiding the state of their poor finances - shocking, but not surprising. I am sure staff was just finding ways to shore up their situation and present solutions, instead of problems, to their elected board members. So, let's look back at what they have done to improve their situation since 2015 - the year the State of California told them to stop skyrocketing costs; they gave large raises to staff, and added a costly Project Labor Agreement to their construction program...Bravo Sweetwater - way to right the ship for your students...

Of course, as an avid reader of Monday Morning Quarterback, you know this Board hasn't cared much about their students when it comes to kicking back favors to the Teachers Unions and Building Trades Unions that got them elected. Even while forcing kids to hike to school due to cuts in the bussing budget, powerful unions got their payday. Of course, Board members have played it dumb by pointing fingers at district staff who, for some reason, took it upon themselves to hide damaging information prior to labor negotiations, and an important election season. Riiiiight....
Well, the truth will come out about Sweetwater - it tends to when a District is under audit by The County Office of Education, the State of California, and the Securities and Exchange Commission....

In the meantime, the Sweetwater Board, and the County Office of Education overseeing them, have some tough choices to make to shore up their books; Make cuts to teachers’ salaries’ - and upset political donors. Roll back the costly PLA - and upset political donors. Looks like the kids will be hiking a bit longer...

This unfortunate Sweetwater situation is brought to you by having union interests prioritized on both sides of the bargaining table, with students and taxpayers a distant third. School districts that operate this way, looking at you Vista Unified, are inviting the same spectacular fiscal collapse.

Call to Action - Oppose Vista Unified's Bait and Switch on Construction Bond Program

On Thursday afternoon, the Governing Board of the Vista Unified School District will hold a workshop on a potential Project Labor Agreement (PLA) on the District’s $247 million Measure LL Bond Program. Measure LL passed in November 2018 by 64.2% of the voters, and the Governing Board committed to fair and open competition in a separate Board Resolution:

As stewards of public funds...the Board desires to develop and implement a fiscally responsible, accountable and transparent bond-funded construction program, and commits to conducting such a program with the following principles and actions: The District will promote fair and open competition for all capital projects funded with bond proceeds...the District does not intend to enter into a Project Labor Agreement for the construction of bond-funded projects.

This promise for fair and open competition, which was one of the criteria to get support for Measure LL from the San Diego County Taxpayers Association, is on the verge of being broken. Three of the five current Board Members, Rosemary Smithfield, Cipriano Vargas, and Rich Alderson made a commitment to the voters, students, parents, and teachers, and they, along with the two Board Members who were not in office at that time, need to take ownership of that commitment.

A quote at a recent District meeting related to PLAs says it all: “This is about values, and the trust in the Board members to do what is in the best interest of all students.” The Board Members need to be reminded of this, and the fact that a number of schools promised to voters won’t be completed if there is a PLA. They can expect to see:
MEMBER DISCOUNTS
Are you aware of the many discounts available to AGC Members?

Don’t Miss AGC’s 2019 Highway and Utility Contractors Conference - November 6-8 - Tucson, Arizona
Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

Registration is open for AGC’s 2019 Highway and Utility Contractors Conference. The Conference is part of the Joint Contractors Conference, and is the place to get ahead of your competition on all the issues impacting the highway, bridge, transit and utility construction markets.

Find out the latest information from industry experts about:

- The 2020 Elections
- Federal legislation
- Addressing worker recruitment and retention
- Compatica: AGC's Underground Utility Safety Initiative
- Fully Autonomous Excavators and Dozers
- Industry Trends
- Weather Analytics to reduce risk
- and more

This year’s conference is scheduled for November 6-8, 2019 at the Lowes Ventana Canyon Desert Resort in Tucson, Arizona. Visit the
Aug. 15 | Scholarship Awards Dinner

Aug. 30 | DEADLINE TODAY - BUILD SAN DIEGO ENTRIES

Aug. 31 | SDSU Aztec Tailgate/ Sky Show

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### Hot Rods Showcased at Summer Mixer

**Kellie Korhonen, Digital Communications and Technology Manager**

A colorful variety of classic cars, trucks, and hot rods lined up the AGC San Diego parking lot for the 7th Annual Summer Mixer & Car Show hosted by AGC's Construction Leadership Council (CLC). The event brought over 230 AGC members and industry partners together for an evening of networking and competition by the cars on display.

Attendees enjoyed the local microbreweries on tap, margaritas, and delicious eats from local food trucks. **Big thanks to CLC Chair Dusan Selezan, the CLC volunteers, and SDSU students who helped make this event a success!**

The event serves as an open house for the wide range of activities and services offered by AGC San Diego. Several elected officials, public agency representatives and special guests attended: County Supervisors Jim Desmond and Kristin Gaspar; San Marcos Mayor Rebecca Jones, Palomar College Trustees Mark Evilsizer and John Halcon, and representatives from San Diego State University, MTS, and the San Diego County Water Authority.

Determined by attendee votes, awards were given to car participants in three categories:

- **Best in Show**
  - 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle SS - Owner Jim Sofios

- **Best Classic**
  - 1958 Chevrolet Corvette - Owner Jamie Awford

- **Best in Mod Rod**
  - 1972 International-FORD InterRaptor - Owner Bob Mowry

Students from J.R. Filanc Construction Engineering and Management Program at San Diego State University mingled with the crowd to sell raffle tickets to support the RENO Competition teams headed to the Associated Schools of Construction competition in February 2020.
Thanks to all who supported the raffle and helped the students raise $895.

Many thanks to the sponsors who made this mixer a free event!

**Food & Beverage Sponsor:** NECA San Diego  
**Platinum Sponsors:** Balfour Beatty Construction, Clark Construction, Dynalectric San Diego, Granite Construction  
**Gold Sponsors:** Alliant Insurance Services, Bob Stall Chevrolet, PlanGrid, Swinerton  
**Silver Sponsors:** Aldrich Construction CPA's & Advisors, Hanson Aggregates, Pacific Advocacy Group and PCL Construction Services

Thanks to Acme Safety & Supply Co. for providing the car show signage holders.

Missed the event check out photos from the event!

*The CLC is part of the nationwide AGC organization that provides an open forum for early to mid-career construction professionals to receive training, network, socialize with peers, and exchange ideas on special issues facing the construction industry. For more information or to join, please contact Kellie Korhonen.*

The Annual SDSU Aztec Tailgate / Game and Sky Show is set for Saturday, August 31 at SDCCU Stadium....Make it a Company Party and Invite your Employees.

**ORDERS NEED TO BE IN BY AUGUST 20 to get in on this GREAT EVENT!**
We are proud to be celebrating the 19th Anniversary of the Annual AGC/SDSU Aztec Tailgate! Your employees & family will enjoy great food, entertainment, a football game, and fireworks!

At the same time, you are supporting the AGC/SDSU Education and Training Program, and engineering students at SDSU's Construction Engineering Management (CEM) Program with their Annual Reno Competition.

**Tailgate begins at 3:30 PM, and Game time is 6:00 PM! Location is Section C2, parking lot, just inside the main entrance to the right.**

The best fireworks in town will start after the game.

**Thank you to our returning Title Sponsor:**

If you've never been to this event, the Tailgate Party is a fantastic way to spend the day with family, friends and co-workers, while you partake in the following:

- **Tender tri-tip**, grilled to perfection by the Specialty Contractor Council members on a 20-foot long stainless-steel BBQ, with all the trimmings.
- **Lots of cold beverages** designed to meet anyone's thirst
- **Inflatable jumpy and giant slide** for the kids.
- **An ice cream truck** for the kid in all of us!
- **Secret recipe baked beans** cooked in a 30-gallon cast iron jambalaya pot that will knock your socks off *By Johnson Finch McClure/Burner Sheet Metal!*
- **Conveniently located** right across from the "Aztec Village" where guests can enjoy fun rides and other activities
- **Music** by DJ Michael Ales
- **Aztec Football!**
- **The KGB Sky Show** - the best fireworks in town

Thank you to the **Specialty Contractors Council** for their service as cooks and servers, **Acme Safety & Supply** for providing the barricades and signage, **Bergelectric Corporation** for providing the stainless-steel BBQ grill, **Casper Company** for providing the portable restrooms, and to **FenceWorks** for providing the event fencing!!

Please contact AGC staff member, **Rae Krushensky** with any questions.
CLASSES

August Classes

Aug 14-15  CQM
Aug 15  Confined Space Entry Training
Aug 15  Supervisory Training
Aug 19-21  Fall Protection 24 Hour Competent Person
Aug 20  Flagger 4 Hour Certification Training
Aug 21  Heat Illness Awareness Training
Aug 21  Prevailing Wage Certified Payroll & Compliance Training
Aug 22  Silica Standard for Construction
Aug 26-30  Hazwoper 40 Hour
Aug 26  Fall Protection Competent Person Refresher Course
Aug 27  Microsoft Project Workshop
Aug 28  CPR, First Aid & AED Training

For more information on classes, contact: Becca Schaffer at (858) 731-8155.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings are held at the AGC office (6212 Ferris Square, San Diego, CA 92121) unless otherwise noted in red.

August Meetings

Aug. 13  4:00 p.m.  Construction Leadership Council (CLC)
Aug. 14  11:30 a.m.  Education Committee
Aug. 23  12:00 p.m.  Technology Committee

September Meetings

Sept. 4  7:00 a.m.  Safety
Sept. 4  7:00 a.m.  Public Building
Sept. 11  7:30 a.m.  Build & Service Charitable Alliance
Sept. 11  11:15 a.m.  Airport @ Airport Facility
Sept. 18  10:00 a.m.  Government Relations
Sept. 27  7:30 a.m.  Caltrans @ Caltrans Office

COMMITTEE REGISTRATION
About Monday Morning Quarterback
AGC San Diego Chapter's Monday Morning Quarterback is a "hot off the press" and to the point Monday morning briefing on the important issues facing San Diego's construction industry. It is prepared by AGC Chief Executive Officer, Eddie Sprecco, and Executive Vice President, Brad Barnum.

Please contact Eddie Sprecco or Brad Barnum with your comments, or with information that should be conveyed to the industry through this service. Well over 3,000 individuals employed by AGC member firms are part of this system.

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