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INDUSTRY NEWS

The EGCA Foundation Scholarship Dinner a Huge Success!

Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

This year’s EGCA Foundation (The Foundation) Scholarship Dinner featured a packed house on the lawn of at the San Diego Yacht Club last Thursday night. A well-known industry executive was honored, seven scholarships were awarded, and the dinner and previous fundraising efforts raised funds to support future college scholarships.

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The event was presided over by Matt Pound (Escondido Materials) and emceed by Rocky Qualin (McGriff Insurance Services). Vicki Martin presented the winning ticket for the "Wall of Wine" which was purchased by John Bois (Granite Construction).

Larry McMahon (Alliant Insurance) did the honors of introducing this year's honoree, Thomas L. Brown (Sierra Pacific West Inc.). Mr. Brown was accompanied by his wife of fifty years, Sandy. He remarked on the changes in the construction industry over the years and on the challenges that our younger generation will need to address. To read Mr. Brown's bio, click here.

Three scholarships were awarded to students in the SDSU J. R. Filanc Construction Engineering Management Program. Professor Thais Alves, the Program Chair did the honors of presenting ceremonial checks for $3,000 each. This year's scholarship winners are:
Jackeline Villanueva
Briana Billings
Evan Rossi

Two scholarships were awarded to students in the Palomar Diesel Technology Program. Assistant Professor Sergio Hernandez presented ceremonial checks for $1,500 each. This year's scholarship winners are:
Zachary Pye
Adan Cabrera

The final presentations of the evening were done by Assistant Professor Gene Choe of the Miramar Diesel Technology Program. This is a new scholarship offering by The Foundation. This year's award recipients of two $1,500 scholarships are:
Madigan Adamson
Miguel Castaneda

This year's event was a fantastic experience for all who attended. The scholarship winners and their families have expressed much appreciation for the opportunity afforded them.

Many thanks to The Foundation's Board of Directors: Jason Mordhorst, Chair, Rocky Qualin, Vicki Martin, Wes Wise, and Matt Pound.
Don’t ever think that your one voice cannot make a difference. I decided to take a different route home one day after work and drove to Miramar to Kearny Villa Road to the 163 South. What a mistake!!! I experienced a lengthy wait time (20-25 minutes) and heavy traffic alongside the Marine Corps Base on Kearny Villa Road. I realized the congestion to get to the ramp meter onto the 163 South was due to the ramp meter timing, which was too slow for the demand. What was even more frustrating, was that the traffic was flowing smoothly at 65 mph on SB 163.

My after-work commute usually takes an hour, up to two hours, on our freeways just to drive 18 miles home!! After speaking to my colleague, **Mike McManus**, who had previously worked for Caltrans, he directed me to their website, and helped navigate me to the page where to submit a customer service request.

I was pleasantly surprised that Caltans returned my email promptly, and was willing to work with me to solve this problem, including several follow-up correspondence. I was impressed by Caltrans Division of Maintenance’s efficiency and acknowledgment of this situation.

**From Caltrans:** "Could you please tell me where the queue extends to on Kearny Villa Rd, how long it takes to get to SB 163 after entering the back of the queue, and finally if this happens every day?" - Douglas Hooper, Ramp Metering/VDS Operations/Census

Since I normally do not take this route, I was more than willing to help out with the "investigation" and provide a report on this metering ramp during a different day of the week and earlier time, and convey my results back to Caltrans.

"Thanks for your response and information. I agree that the busiest times are between 1630 - 1730 Monday to Friday. I will plan to
Within two weeks, this was the result!

"In response to your concern regarding the Kearny Villa Rd on-ramp queue backup during ramp metering operation hours of 4-5 pm and request for changing the passage rate from 1 car to 2 cars per green. We investigated the location to confirm the ramp's operation. The operation of the ramp meters is based on the traffic volumes and congestion of the adjacent southbound freeway (Traffic Responsive), as well as the volumes and queue on the ramp. Main intention of ramp metering is to break up the platoon of vehicles and not impact the freeway throughput. During our field investigation as well as checking the system timing we saw the opportunity for optimization of the ramp metering system timing at this location that should bring about improvements on the queue backup, without impact to the freeway throughput and without any change to the number of vehicles per cycle. The timing system optimization should be implemented within the next few weeks. We will also do an after-system timing optimization surveillance to ensure positive improvement. Thank you for taking the time to bring this to our attention and your suggestion."

By taking action about issues with our evening commute/metering systems, I made a small difference to those commuting southbound 163 off of Kearny Villa Road. Afterall, our time is so precious, and it should not be wasted waiting on a ramp meter longer than necessary! We all need to help make our freeways running more efficiently and flowing smoother.

If you have a problem on your commute that you think Caltrans can fix, click on https://csr.dot.ca.gov/

SDSU Aztec Tailgate/Football Game,
Aug. 30 | DEADLINE - BUILD SAN DIEGO ENTRIES

Aug. 31 | SDSU Aztec Tailgate/ Sky Show

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.

**REGISTER**

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:**

**Swinerton**

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.

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**2019 MEMBERSHIP LISTINGS**

**Online Form**

Please notify AGC if your company has relocated, or if there are updates to your company's listing (i.e. contacts, phone/fax, job titles, CSI codes, & certified business listings).

Email Marcy Knopman

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**Apply Now for the 2020 AGC Project Management Certificate Course Scholarship**

The AGC San Diego Chapter will be offering five (5) full scholarships for the 2020-2021 AGC San Diego Construction Project Management Certificate Program. The course is a 26-week program that helps attendees develop the essential skills for managing all elements of a construction project. Course components include Pre-construction Planning/ Partnering, Construction Contracts, Conflict Resolution, Time Management and Technology and more.

Scholarships will be awarded for the following:

- Three Scholarships designated to an individual employed by an AGC San Diego member company (in good standing)
- One Scholarship to be designated to Military Personnel (active, discharged, retired)
- One Scholarship to be designated to San Diego State University J.R. Filanc Construction Engineering and Management Program graduate

Who is eligible to apply?

- Any individual candidate looking to continue their education and/or advance their career by demonstrating the desire to
provide current employer added value. Requirement: Be employed by an AGC San Diego member company in good standing.

DOWNLOAD APPLICATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE - September 13, 2019

CLASSES

August Classes

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 28     CPR, First Aid & AED Training

September Classes

Sept. 5     Beginning Microsoft Excel 2016 (Offsite)
Sept. 5     Fall Protection 8 Hour Competent Person Training
Sept. 5     Foreman & Superintendent Boot Camp
Sept. 10    Intermediate Microsoft Excel 2016 (Offsite)
Sept. 10    Stormwater Breakfast Forum
Sept. 10    Traffic Control Technician (TCT)
Sept. 11    CQM
Sept. 12    Prevailing Wage Specialist
Sept. 13    Conducting an Effective Accident Investigation
Sept. 16-19 OSHA 30-Hour for Construction Outreach
Sept. 16-17 QSD Training
Sept. 16-18 QSP Training
Sept. 16    Rigging & Signal Person Training
Sept. 18    Blueprint Reading for Construction
Sept. 19    Advanced Microsoft Excel 2016 (Offsite)
Sept. 19    Construction Correspondence and Business Writing
Sept. 19    Trenching & Excavating CPT
Sept. 23    Fall Protection 8 Hour CPT Refresher Training
Sept. 24    Construction Law
Sept. 24    Beginning Microsoft Project
Sept. 25    Advanced Microsoft Project
Sept. 25    Blueprint Reading for Construction
Sept. 25    CPR, First Aid & AED Training
Sept. 26    Preventing Sexual & Other Unlawful Harassment
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. 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

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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