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President's Corner

By: Natalie Newman, SDA

This is a special edition of *The Commentary* being sent out to inform our members of the latest happenings in the Orange County Chapter. We have a lot to celebrate and be proud of.

WINNER: Betsy Nickless, SDA/C ~ National Lifetime Achievement Award

**WINNER: Orange County Chapter ~ Honor Award for New Education Project
"2007 Western States Regional Conference"**

**WINNER: Orange County Chapter ~ Members' Choice for New Education Project
"2007 Western States Regional Conference"**

25 Year Anniversary of the SDA Orange County Chapter!

New Chapter Website: www.sdaoc.org

1st Orange County CANstruction Event

I would like to thank all those members who have actively participated in our chapter's success over the past year. For all those on the 2007 WSRC Committee, we applaud you.

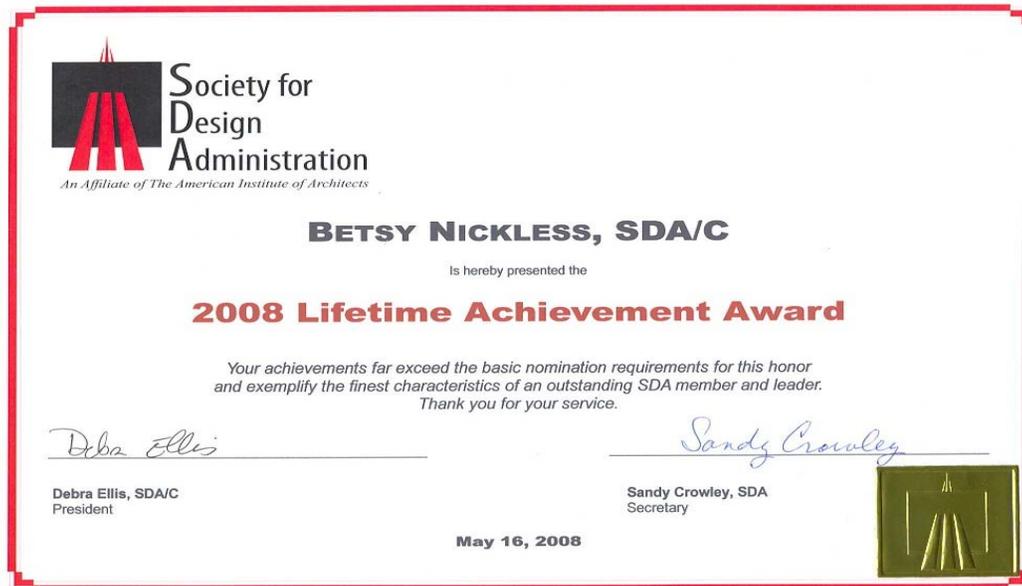
- Betsy Nickless for hotel accommodations
- Nancy Burt for program planning
- Wendy Woolsey and Gina Lesley for the host reception party
- Karen Henderson for marketing and graphics
- Cindy Loomer and Susan Crook for registration
- Diane Sommerville for sponsors
- Cheryl Mathes for raffles
- Debbie Kuhns and Judy Merrill for goodie bags
- Jason Ross for binders

And to all our sponsors whose generosity brought valuable educational and networking experiences to our chapter, we appreciate you.

A special thanks goes to Judy Merrill, SDA/C and Wendy Woolsey, SDA/C who submitted Betsy in the Lifetime Achievement Award category. The time and attention you volunteered to fill out the application, write an essay, get a letter of recommendation from her boss, and to turn in the submittal to the National Awards Committee is very much appreciated. And your hard work paid off!

If you are feeling left out or want to know how you can get involved, notices will be sent out for opportunities to volunteer for upcoming events, so please sign up when you receive these emails or postcard announcements. ~ **Natalie**

I am proud to announce, that Betsy Nickless, SDA/C won the
~ **Lifetime Achievement Award** ~
at the 2008 SDA National Convention in Boston, MA.



Here is Betsy giving her 'thank you' speech.



Here are Judy and Wendy meeting Betsy with champagne & roses on her return to the OC.

Check out our Chapter's Website

www.sdaoc.org

New *Design*

New '*Event Calendar*' Page

New '*Sponsor*' Page

New '*Links*' Page

Go online now to check out all the new and updated information available to you at the touch of your fingers.

Congratulations to the Orange County Chapter in recognition for their significant contributions to the Society for Design Administration for promoting the objectives and professionalism of the organization.

The **Honor Award** and the **Members' Choice Award**
for New Education Project
"2007 Western States Regional Conference"
were presented to the Orange County Chapter at the 2008 SDA National Convention.



Save The Date...

The Society for Design Administration is celebrating its

25th Anniversary
as an Orange County Chapter

Thursday, July 24, 2008

6:00 – 9:00pm

Costa Mesa Marriott ~ Garden Room

This party is open to all past and present SDA Orange County members, firm Principals, Sponsors, and our affiliated AIA Members.

~ Invitations with RSVP information will be sent out at the beginning of July 2008 ~

Come enjoy an evening of networking, appetizers, hosted bar, and get a view of the history of our chapter.

Coming Soon...

The 1st ORANGE COUNTY CANSTRUCTION EVENT September 6 – 21, 2008

CANstruction® is a design/build competition currently held in cities throughout North America and Canada. Each year design teams compete to build fantastic, giant structures made entirely out of canned foods. The resulting structures become an art exhibit that goes on view to the public at **South Coast Plaza**, Costa Mesa, CA, where the competition is held this year. At the end of the exhibition, all of the food used in building the structures will be donated to the Orange County Food Bank for distribution to emergency food programs. Last year's events were held in 75 cities across the country that resulted in over 2.2 million pounds of food that has been donated to aid in the fight against hunger.



Come check out the structures!



For more information or to volunteer, go to: www.canstructionoc.org

Coming Up in October....

The 16th Annual HomeAid's Project Playhouse

www.projectplayhouse.org

Project Playhouse is the unique fundraising event that benefits HomeAid Orange County, a non-profit organization that builds and renovates shelters for the transitionally homeless in the community. With immense imagination and craftsmanship, Southern California's premier homebuilders have designed, constructed, and decorated small whimsical playhouses that look like they have popped from the pages of a fairytale. Each creation is brimming with technology.

To date, more than 1,500 companies and 25,000 volunteers have helped HomeAid raise nearly \$20 million of in-kind, labor and cash donations to add more than 608 beds to assist Orange County's transitionally homeless. Transitionally homeless are defined as those who are in immediate need of food, clothing and temporary shelter due to such factors as sudden job loss, catastrophic illness, or spousal desertion.



The playhouses will be on display at Fashion Island in Newport Beach
Saturday, September 6th through Saturday, October 11th
11:00am - 4:30pm

SDA/OC Volunteer Day will be Saturday, October 11, 2008

If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, please contact:
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~ More information to follow ~