

# Excellence in Design Firm Management SDA

**Orange County** 

#### President's Corner

By Dee Dee Jackson, President



It has been over ninety days since my presidency began, and what an experience it has been so far! The officer installation was held in December and was hosted at the beautiful home of one of our long-standing members, Wendy Woolsey (and husband Cal). It has been a long-time tradition to combine the installation with a holiday potluck and ornament exchange game. It is fun to reflect back on the many ornaments that I've "won" over the years when decorating my tree. Outgoing president, Penny Nelson, hand made beautiful bracelets for us in her traditional Brighton style using the SDA red and black colors, and gave her creative outgoing speech. I wear the bracelet often, and it reminds me of the great support our chapter provides and the tough act I have to follow! This annual event is one of my favorites that I look forward to all year. A good time is always had by all!

I planned my first Strategic Planning retreat in January, which turned out well. It was really fun to connect with the other board members outside of our regular monthly educational and business meetings. Credit must be given to the excellent foundation from last year's Strategic Planning session and also the huge support system within our chapter. Our beach house rental in Capistrano Beach was a great getaway where we could spend nice blocks of time focusing on the growth of the chapter and how best to meet the needs of our members. And we all got our exercise from the many trips up and down the stairs.

I led my first business meeting in February, and with the support of our awesome board members, it went on without a hitch. We have scheduled educational program topics for most the year, and have also confirmed all business meeting dates and other chapter events.

I attended my first National Quarterly Town Hall Meeting on January 19, 2016, where each chapter is to verbally present a summary of our quarterly Chapter Report. All kinds of things happen behind the scenes that you members may not be aware of. Your chapter leadership is hard at work making sure we all stay connected to the national organization, while learning from other chapters.

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## Meet the 2016 SDA Orange County Board:

## **President: Dee Dee Jackson**

Dee Dee has been the Office Manager and Executive Assistant to the Operating Director of IBI Group, an international Architectural, Engineering and Planning company, for over 25 years. IBI specializes in urban design and planning, building and landscape architecture, advanced transportation management and traffic systems, real estate analysis, communications specializations, and software development. During this time, she has developed and maintained policies and procedures for the Accounting and Human Resource departments. She continues to manage the overall day-to-day operations.

Dee Dee has been a member of the SDA Orange County Chapter intermittently for the last 25 years and believes the training, mentoring, and camaraderie of belonging to such an organization is a great asset.

Dee Dee is married and has two teenage children and three pugs. When not working, she and her husband, Richard, enjoy travelling, paddle boarding, snorkeling, going to the movies, and day spas. Dee Dee also enjoys working in the garden and tending to her chickens.



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#### **Business Meeting Schedule 2016**

April 21, 2016:

Douglas Pancake Architects, Inc.

May 19, 2016:

Gensler

June 16, 2016:

tk1sc

July 21, 2016:

LTSP, Inc.

August 18, 2016:

Ninyo & Moore

September 15, 2016:

JBA Consulting Engineers

October 20, 2016:

Jensen Hughes

November 17, 2016:

Douglas Pancake Architects, Inc.

## **Vice President: Judy Mitchell**



Judy joined Gensler in 1991. In the 25 years that she has worked for Gensler, she has held several positions and has worked in various offices. While in the Santa Monica office, she was the Studio Coordinator for the Entertainment practice area and had experience working with Disney, Paramount and Loews Entertainment. She became a Senior Project Coordinator and was assigned to work on the San Jose International Airport project where responsibilities included Coordination Consultant and Construction Administration. When Gensler won the John Wayne Airport improvement project in 2006, she

permanently moved to the Newport Beach office to assist the team in the role of Senior Project Coordinator. Since moving to Newport Beach, she was promoted to Senior Associate and has worn many hats, including office manager, move coordinator and event planner.

Judy lives in Fountain Valley with her husband, David, and daughter, Nikki. She joined SDA in December 2012, and she is looking forward to making many lasting friendships, as well as business connections.

When she has time to relax, Judy loves to shop, cook and enjoy a night out with the girls whenever she can fit it in.

## **Treasurer: Cheryl Mathes**

Cheryl Mathes has worked in the A&E industry for over 25 years. She recently took the position of Controller for tk1s.

Over the years the SDA has been an integral part in her professional career. The programs offered by the SDA give her the opportunity to meet other administrative design professionals, learn and keep updated with current trends, as well as network within the building industry. She has attended National and Regional conventions, as well as participated on the local Board, monthly seminars, and committees.

Cheryl enjoys participating in the community outreach programs, such as Project Playhouse and CanstructionOC. Cheryl is a proud supporter of the SDA and enjoys participating in all that the SDA has to offer.



## **Recording Secretary: Anna Kordik**



Anna Kordik has been in the A/E/C industry for over 21 years. Currently, she has been working as the Office Manager at IBA Consulting Engineer, Orange County since 2012. JBA is a Global Consulting Engineering firm specializing in MEP, Fire Protection, Acoustics, Audiovisual, Security and Surveillance, and Telecommunications. Aside from maintaining daily office procedures, coordinating travel and office events, she supports the Project Management team with proposals, RFIs, submittals, specifications, and various spreadsheets. She also supports the Accounting Department and HR Department, acting as a liaison between the Orange County office and the corporate office located in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Anna has been attending the SDA Orange County monthly business meetings, seminars and events since 2014, and is on the SDA National Communications Committee. As an advocate of education, Anna views SDA as a wealth of knowledge, covering all facets of professional administration in the A/E/C industry. She values the education and personal relations she has gained through her membership with SDA.

Anna enjoys dining out with her husband, reading, cooking, baking, and learning how to play the guitar.

#### 2016 Lunch Seminar Dates

January 16, 2016

February 25, 2016

March 31, 2016

April 21, 2016

May 19, 2016

June 16, 2016

July 21, 2016

August 18, 2016

September 15, 2016

October 20, 2016

November 17, 2016

All seminars are held at the Lutron Design Center, 2458 Dupont Drive Irvine, CA 92612 11:30 p.m.—1:00 p.m.

Annual Holiday Potluck and Officer Installation will be held December 4, 2016

Visit our website for special event announcements and seminar details:

www.sdaoc.org



Kelly Shoemaker—January 5 Susan Crook—January 13 Debra Vaught—February 5 Vicki Marcellino—February 22 Connie McKenna—February 23 Cindy Loomer—February 25 Yun Day—February 25 Laura McKissick—March 7 Dee Dee Jackson-March 12 Rebecca McCune—May 3 Gail Dyer-May 6 **Kerrie Korfanta—May 17** Diane Sommerville—May 23 Judy Mitchell—June 2 **Brittany Choisnet—June 16** Marcy Fields—June 16



**Orange County** 

## Orange County Member Anniversaries This Quarter:

Wendy Woolsey—19 years
Alicia Igram—17 years
Marcy Fields—14 years
Susan Crook—12 years
Gail Dyer—10 years
Rebecca McCune—9 years
Brittany Choisnet—5 years
Kristin Marshall—1 year
Marsha Bastian—1 year

# SDA Orange County Mission Statement:

To advance and educate administrative and managerial individuals in the A/E/C industry by providing resources, networking and community outreach opportunities to build personal and professional growth.

## **Corresponding Secretary: Betsy Nickless**



Betsy was a co-founder of the Orange County Chapter and has filled all chapter board positions. She was the recipient of SDA's National Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest honor bestowed by SDA.

She is the Business Manager of Mark Scheurer Architect, where she oversees all administrative functions of the company including finance, HR, contracts, and administration of the mid-sized firm that specializes in award-winning residential communities worldwide.

Betsy served on the national Executive Committee as Treasurer, President-Elect, President, and Past President from 2011-2015. She currently chairs the national Bylaws Committee. She has also been a member of Canstruction Orange County's

executive board since its inception in 2007 and looks forward to chairing the 9th Annual Canstruction competition this year. Canstruction has provided nearly \$200,000 and over 400,000 pounds of food to the Orange County Food Bank since its inception.

Betsy and her husband of 34 years, Steve, enjoy trying new local restaurants, and her favorite music is contemporary Christian. She met Steve at the car races on the east coast, where she was in charge of timing and scoring, and he was doing PR work for one of the teams. They have two grown children who were both married within the last two years, so her family doubled!

Betsy is the recipient of SDA's National Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest honor bestowed by SDA

## Past President's Message

By Penny Nelson, Past President, Director

The last three years as chapter president have been an absolute pleasure. I have learned so much, and have felt completely supported by both the members and the board of this chapter. I think we've made some great strides as a chapter these past three years, with new programs, activities, and of course new members. I know that the chapter will continue to thrive under Dee Dee's leadership, and hope she enjoys the position as much as I did.

One of my last official activities was to attend EDSymposium15 in Golden, Colorado, to represent the chapter as president. Although this was a shorter conference in terms of days than prior EDSymposiums, it was nonetheless packed with great educational and networking opportunities. Immediately upon my arrival to the hotel, I was met with a host of familiar faces from all over the U.S. and Canada. It is always such a treat to reconnect and catch up with friends who share such similar work positions and experiences. I don't think it's a stretch to say that each and every member in attendance at any EDSymposium is eager to learn and grow, and to return to their firms armed with new knowledge. It is this this passion to excellence that links us all, and makes SDA such a valuable organization.

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The first evening, a networking and welcome party was hosted by the Denver Chapter and held at Anderson Hallas Architects, a local Golden architecture firm. Their offices are in two buildings, one a remodeled motor hotel, and the other an old house retrofitted into offices. Both were very creative spaces and fun to explore. One of their principals/founders was on hand and was not only very excited to open their firm up for the party, but very enthusiastic about what her employee's membership in SDA had contributed to their firm. It's always great to encounter firm management who truly "get" SDA and the value it brings to their practice.

Friday morning was jam-packed, beginning with *Making Golden 'Golden' Again*, a fascinating presentation about the transformation and revitalization of the city of Golden. The presentation included a slide show documenting the changes, and a

discussion of the strategies and process that brought about the renewal. We were then treated to an enlightening talk by an FBI Special Agent on *Cyber Security and Your Firm*. I was blown away by the information, and learned some great tips to safeguard not only my own information, but that of my firm. Over lunch, sponsored by a/e Pronet, we learned the ins and out of the professional liability application process.

The afternoon sessions were *Building Powerful Relationships* where we were given some great visual reminders to assist us in striking up conversations, as well as tips for building helpful business relationships. Following that, the *9 Steps to Increase Your Fees* provided insightful advice on structuring and justifying professional fees to your clients. Attendees received a free download of the book *Find The Lost Dollars*, which should be required reading

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for every design firm employee. If you haven't yet read this book, go to their website, <a href="http://aecbusiness.com">http://aecbusiness.com</a> for details.

Saturday morning began with a delicious breakfast and sharing by members of SDA chapters who had applied for the 2015 Chapter Excellence Award, including the Seattle chapter, the 2015 winner of the coveted award. I had a nice sidebar discussion with Seattle's president, Judy Beebe, who gave me some great insight into their approach to the submission process. The following session covered Savvy Hiring: Improving Your Organization Through More Effective Hiring Practices, which focused on issues encountered by HR professionals and provided guidance for the more challenging situations. The Annual Recognition Luncheon capped off the morning, and I was, as always, impressed with the quality of not only the awarded SDA chapters, but the leaders and individuals who make SDA such an amazing organization.

A walking tour of downtown Golden was offered Saturday afternoon (see photo below). We were guided by a local historian and Golden expert. He walked us through the city, stopping every block or so to explain the historical significance of various landmarks. He had on hand historical photographs which gave us very visual depictions of the city's progress. We were handed off to another expert at the Colorado College of Mines. This tour guide was the college's architect, who gave us a tour of the campus. He pointed out not only historical landmarks, but also newly developed areas of that beautiful campus.



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## **EDSymposium15 Scholarship Recipient Betsy Nickless**

I hope you've read and enjoyed Penny Nelson's recount of EDSymposium16 in Golden, Colorado, as much as I did!

As one of the recipients of a chapter scholarship, I was honored to represent the chapter and bring back knowledge to share. Rather than review everything I did, saw (and ate...), in Golden, I thought I'd share some of the most useful information I learned at the seminar, *Building Powerful Relationships* by Stacy Stout of Stout Strategies.

The speaker reinforced that we all prefer to work with people we like. Seems simple. But think about it. If you have a relationship with a vendor or a consultant, wouldn't you rather work with them as opposed to someone you've never met or don't particularly care for, even if their price is better? Could explain why your repro firm drops by sweets on occasion, just to remind you that you LIKE working with them (either because they do great work, or they buy sweets at your favorite bakery). Could also explain why SDA is such a great organization – we really like each other and enjoy each other's company, which makes working together so much more enjoyable.



If you're like me, I have a hard time "working a room" at a networking event or making small talk with someone I've just met. But you somehow need to learn what you have in common with people to start to develop that relationship. Once you find something in common, the conversation seems to take off from there.

So here we go – a great visual for getting to know someone, which leads to liking them, which leads to wanting to work with them:

- Imagine a giant name plate on someone's desk. This triggers you to ask their name and put it on that name plate so that you don't forget it.
- On that name plate sits a house with fire coming out the chimney. This triggers you to ask about where they live, where they grew up, etc.
- When you look through the windows of the house, you see people sitting around a table. This reminds you to ask about friends and family.
- As you get closer, you see a work glove sitting on the table that the people are sitting around. Talk about their career, past jobs.
- There's a fireplace with a mantle holding trophies and a miniature airplane model. What are their hobbies; what do they do outside of work?

Got the picture – literally??

"Imagine a giant name plate on someone's desk. This triggers you to ask their name and put it on that name plate so that you don't forget it."



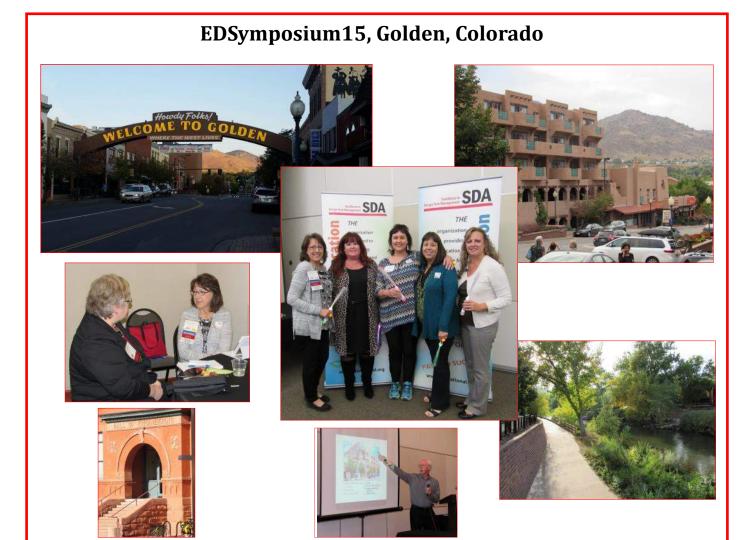
## EDSymposium15 Scholarship Recipient Rebecca McCune



Notes from a first-time attendee:

I had the privilege of attending the EDS15 in Golden, Colorado due to a generous scholarship from my SDA chapter. I had decided on a whim to apply for the scholarship and was excited to have the chance to attend. I found all of the attendees who I met to be friendly and welcoming. I also appreciated the opportunity to get to know my fellow chapter members outside of our regular meetings; it makes my membership and participation in the group more meaningful.

I found everything to be very well organized and planned. It was easy to figure out what was happening when, where to go, etc. I was especially impressed with the quality of the speakers. I found that I learned quite a bit that was relevant to my job. I would definitely recommend the experience to anyone. Sometimes it's hard to break out of our day-to-day routines, figure out how everything at home and work will be managed without us, but it's worth trying to work it out. I think it was a valuable experience and I am sure I will attend again.



#### President's Corner

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Our February general meeting was titled Wordpress 101 and educated the group on how to set up websites. Our speaker was Oscar J. Muro, who is the CEO of Rhino Web Group, LLC based in Irvine. He was generous with his time and offered to answer quick questions over the phone. If you're looking to update your website or change to the WordPress platform, he is a great resource with references from other chapter members.

According to Punxsutawney Phil, spring will arrive early, the California El Nino scare never really happened, and it is the Chinese year of the lucky Monkey. What more could a new SDA/OC president ask for as we LEAP into this new year? Thank you all for making our chapter so awesome, and I look forward to seeing you all at our next business meeting on May 5th or the educational program on May 19th when our EDSymposium 16 attendees will share what they learned at the conference.

Until then, I hope you will let me know how I can serve you in the upcoming year.

Dee Dee Jackson, SDA/OC President

## February Lunch Seminar: WordPress 101

Speaker: Oscar Muro, Rhino Web Group

By Penny Nelson, Past President, Director

Oscar Muro of Rhino Web Group gave a presentation about the WordPress Content Management System – what it is, what it can do, and its advantages and disadvantages. We learned that WordPress is an opensource framework for websites and blogs, which brings website creation abilities to the layman. Oscar presented some of the basic WordPress templates that provide a starting point for developing your own unique website style. He discussed how plug-ins add functionality to the website, however, he cautioned us to take care when using them, as not all are tested thoroughly and could potentially crash your site. We learned how a page can effortlessly be set-up in WordPress without having to know HTML code. In WordPress, photos and text elements are easily incorporated, and page contents have the ability to be categorized and tagged for easy retrieval and use. This seminar provided a great overview to WordPress and the many ways it can be used and customized.



## March Lunch Seminar: 2016 Labor Law Update

Speaker: Erick Becker, Partner, Cummins & White, LLP

By Betsy Nickless, Corresponding Secretary

Erick Becker has always been one of SDA/OC's favorite speakers, and he did not disappoint! With humor and honesty, he reviewed some of the more important California laws that will affect California employers.

He spent a great deal of time discussing the Fair Pay Act. While this has been in effect, there have been amendments that make it easier for an employee to prove discrimination. For example "equal work" has been changed to "substantially similar work." It allows an employee to claim discrimination, even though title and duties vary. Further, "same establishment" has been eliminated, which would allow an employee at a Fresno facility to claim unequal pay compared to an employee in Los Angeles. There are a few valid factors on the employer's side: seniority-based wages, merit increases tied to <u>written</u> performance evaluations, and higher pay for certifications, licensure, or degrees.

Another important change relates to harassment regulations. FEHC (effective April 1) requires written discrimination and harassment policy disseminated to employees (with signed acknowledgment of receipt). Harassment is also prohibited by all parties individuals come in contact with (clients, delivery people, etc.). There is an extensive list of protected classifications – have your HR specialist review your employee handbook to assure that all are included.

There is a new Federal Department of Labor pay threshold for exempt status (increased from current California exempt status of \$41,600 to DOL minimum \$50,440). This obviously will affect employer cost of overtime. Final regulations are expected to be published some time in 2016.

Thank you again, Erick Becker, for leaving us shaking our heads...

## Are you a double spacer?

If you learned to type on an manual typewriter, you probably learned to leave two spaces after a period. However, modern usage denotes that only one space is proper. Unfortunately, old habits don't care about modern usage, and two spaces easily find their way into documents. Fortunately for the habitual two-spacer, Microsoft Word makes this a very easy error to fix:

From anywhere on the Word document, type "Alt" + "e" + "e" this will bring up the Find and Replace function:



In the **Find what:** box, press the **space bar** twice (enter two spaces). In the **Replace what:** box, press the **space bar** once (one space). Click **Replace all** and all of your pesky double spaces will be single.

Thanks to **Betsy Nickless** for passing along this great tip!

# IRS Alerts Payroll and HR Professionals to Phishing Scheme Involving W-2s

WASHINGTON – The Internal Revenue Service today issued an alert to payroll and human resources professionals to beware of an emerging phishing email scheme that purports to be from company executives and requests personal information on employees.

The IRS has learned this scheme – part of the surge in phishing emails seen this year – already has claimed several victims as payroll and human resources offices mistakenly email payroll data including Forms W-2 that contain Social Security numbers and other personally identifiable information to cybercriminals posing as company executives.

"This is a new twist on an old scheme using the cover of the tax season and W-2 filings to try tricking people into sharing personal data. Now the criminals are focusing their schemes on company payroll departments," said IRS Commissioner John Koskinen. "If your CEO appears to be emailing you for a list of company employees, check it out before you respond. Everyone has a responsibility to remain diligent about confirming the identity of people requesting personal information about employees."

IRS Criminal Investigation already is reviewing several cases in which people have been tricked into sharing SSNs with what turned out to be cybercriminals. Criminals using personal information stolen elsewhere seek to monetize data, including by filing fraudulent tax returns for refunds.

This phishing variation is known as a "spoofing" email. It will contain, for example, the actual name of the company chief executive officer. In this variation, the "CEO" sends an email to a company payroll office employee and requests a list of employees and information including SSNs.

The following are some of the details contained in the e-mails:

- ◆ Kindly send me the individual 2015 W-2 (PDF) and earnings summary of all W-2 of our company staff for a quick review
- ◆ Can you send me the updated list of employees with full details (Name, Social Security Number, Date of Birth, Home Address, Salary) as at 2/2/2016.
- ◆ I want you to send me the list of W-2 copy of employees wage and tax statement for 2015, I need them in PDF file type, you can send it as an attachment. Kindly prepare the lists and email them to me asap.

The IRS recently renewed a wider consumer\_alert for e-mail schemes after seeing an approximate 400 percent surge in phishing and malware incidents so far this tax season and other reports of scams targeting others in a wider tax community.

The emails are designed to trick taxpayers into thinking these are official communications from the IRS or others in the tax industry, including tax software companies. The phishing schemes can ask taxpayers about a wide range of topics. E-mails can seek information related to refunds, filing status, confirming personal information, ordering transcripts and verifying PIN information.

The IRS, state tax agencies and tax industry are engaged in a public awareness campaign – Taxes. Security. Together. – to encourage everyone to do more to protect personal, financial and tax data. See <a href="https://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/IRS-Alerts-Payroll-and-HR-Professionals-to-Phishing-Scheme-Involving-W2s">www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/IRS-Alerts-Payroll-and-HR-Professionals-to-Phishing-Scheme-Involving-W2s</a> or Publication 4524 for additional steps you can take to protect yourself.

## **JOB BOARD**

Did you know that SDA maintains a job board? Our board includes current job listings in the A/E industry, as well as qualified personnel looking for a position. As the AIA maintains its own job board for licensed architectural staff, our board includes administrative positions

If your firm is looking for a person with certain qualifications, or if you know of someone who is looking for a position in an A/E firm, please contact Betsy Nickless by email at betsyn@msa-arch.com

## Past President's Message

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The last activity of the conference was a group networking dinner. This was a delightful time of catching up with those who I hadn't had a chance to speak with during the conference. As many people were leaving either that evening or early the next day, it was also a time to say goodbyes and make plans to stay in touch.

Although my flight home occurred on the day Southwest Airlines experienced global computer network failures, the flight arrived without a glitch. My bag, however, didn't. No worries though, as it did finally arrive later in the evening, and Southwest issued a \$50 credit to be used on a future flight since we drove back to the airport to pick up the wayward luggage. I'm sure that will come in handy!

Thank you again for allowing me the privilege of serving as your president. The Orange County Chapter of SDA is one you should all be proud of, and it's built upon your involvement and support.

Penny Nelson, Past President, Director

## **April Lunch Seminar: Emergency Preparedness**

Speaker: Jennifer Stewart-Tai, City Girl Prepper

By Penny Nelson, Past President, Director

Did you know that there are approximately 15 first responders to every 25,000 people in the US? In a disaster situation, this means the more critical emergencies are going to be handled first. Therefore, everyone needs to have the ability to take care of themselves until things normalize, or for at least the first 72 hours. To do so, you need to be prepared. That was the message delivered by Jennifer Stewart-Tai of City Girl Prepper, a local provider of disaster preparedness backpacks and supplies. Jennifer recommended that each person have the following supplies on hand for those critical first hours:

- ☑ Water
- ☑ Emergency food ration
- ☑ Personal hygiene products (toothbrush, toothpaste, feminine supplies, toilet paper, etc.)
- ☑ Basic gear such as tools, rope, matches, flashlight, whistle, gloves
- ☑ Basic first aid supplies
- ☑ Comfortable, sturdy shoes
- ☑ Warmth & shelter items (blanket, tarp)
- ☑ Local maps
- ☑ Comfort item (playing cards, word search something to pass the time and take your mind off of the stress of the situation)

These items should be easily accessible and portable, as in a backpack, so that you are able to easily transport them if you have to be mobile.

She also provided a form to make a family communication plan so that your family can be in touch and meet up, as well as a commuter emergency plan form for traveling between work and home or other commonly visited location. This commuter plan would include alternate routes to or from work, as well as other transportation options (taxi, bus, etc.).

Jennifer provided a list of several educational websites for further details about disaster preparedness:

- Daretoprepare.org
- Shakeout.org
- Scedc.caltwch.edu
- FEMA.gov
- Earthquake.USGS.gov

There is also a service for receiving local police & fire alerts: Text your zip code to 888-777 to receive emergency alerts for your home or work area.

Do you have a pair of sturdy shoes under your desk, just in case of an emergency?

# SDA Orange County Annual Holiday Potluck and Installation of Officers















## 2016 SDA/OC Officers









# Member of the Year Cheryl Mathes



Outgoing President Penny Nelson presenting Cheryl Mathes with the Orange County Member of the Year Award for 2015

Our STAR has been in SDA for many years. She has served in a couple of different Board positions, and is always ready to jump in and lend her expertise and energy to any event. This year, she took on some additional responsibilities when a board member resigned. She is friendly and warm, and greets our seminar and event attendees with a beautiful smile and a welcoming hello. This year, she created two new special events for our chapter, and organized every detail from setting the dates, arranging the venues, lining up the speaker, creating the invitation and receiving the RSVPs. Meanwhile, she looks after our chapter finances and keeps things in perfect balance. Yes, it's our own Treasurer, Cheryl Mathes.

## **Recently Completed Member Firm Projects**





Verlaine Rancho Mirage, CA GHA Communities

Mark Scheurer Architect



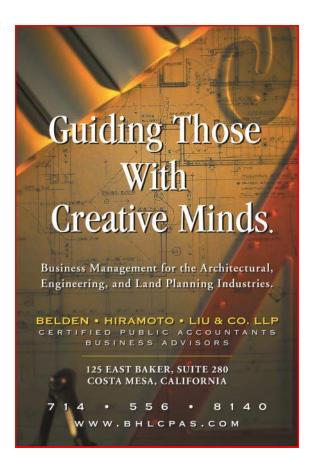
Trellis at Escenia Rancho Mission Viejo, CA Warmington Homes

Mark Scheurer Architect

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5, 2016 Chapter Business Meeting @ Gensler

5:30 p.m., RSVP to Judy Mitchell Judy Mitchell@Gensler.com

May 12-15, 2016 EDSymposium16, SDA's national convention

Hyatt Regency, Cincinnati, OH

May 19, 2016 SDA/OC Seminar: EDSymposium16 Recap

11:30 a.m., Lutron Design Center

June 9, 2016 Chapter Business Meeting @ tk1sc

5:30 p.m., RSVP Cheryl Mathes, CMathes@tk1sc.com

June 16, 2016 **SDA/OC Seminar** 

11:30 a.m., Lutron Design Center

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