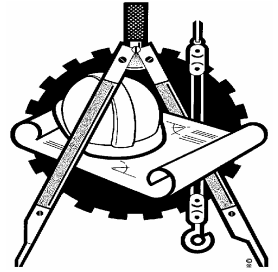

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FORMAL LUNCH MEETINGS

August 5/September 2/October 7

*: Skip 1st Tuesday due to holiday conflicts

Meeting Times: 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Formal Meeting Location: **S.O.S. Club, 819
Sunset Ave.** (near Dryden Golf Course)

INFORMAL MEETINGS

Members regularly meet on Tuesdays, 11:30a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Old Mill Café, corner of 9th & F Street in Modesto for camaraderie. No formal program is presented.

BOARD MEETINGS

(7–8:15am, Old Mill Café)

Next Meeting: No Meeting for August

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ATTENDANCE: Last Meeting...

20 members, 3 guests

August Freeloader – Stan Adkins

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Joe Muratore of centerracapital.com has asked MEC to endorse the “Better Roads / Safer Streets” initiative. We will be given a short overview and

have a brief opportunity to ask questions prior to voting. I don't recall MEC taking political stances, however, this ½ cent sales tax hits close to home.

May I bring your attention to an excerpt from our bylaws: *See website for bylaws.*

ARTICLE II - Preamble and Purpose

SECTION 1: The object of this club, primarily, is to provide an organization in which the Engineers of all branches of the profession may come together, and through which they may cooperate and foster fellowship and the development of the engineering profession, **and promote the participation of the engineering profession in public affairs and community welfare.**

I'm sure we all take pride in our work to better our city, county, and overall quality of life. If there's a simple majority to support this then I will sign the endorsement regardless of my position.

Finally, I'm please to welcome Councilmember Dave Lopez as our speaker this month.

Mike Rieben - President

THIS MONTH'S PRESENTATION/VP MESSAGE

I will be taking a small vacation to Portugal during the first two weeks of August and therefore unable to attend our next meeting. As Mike did recently on his vacation I am also taking the little ones. I am bravely taking my 2 ½ year old son (Sebastian) and my 1 year old daughter (Isabella) on a 13 hour trans Atlantic plane ride (please pass the doggy bag). With any luck they will sleep the entire plane ride. I was looking forward to our August speaker Modesto City Councilman David Lopez, who seems to be a really interesting person. An updated list of upcoming speakers will be coming next month.

David Castro – Vice President

Presenter: Dave Lopez, Modesto City Council Member

Company: City of Modesto, City Council

SECRETARY'S NOTES



June Notes: The club announced the 2008 Scholarship Recipient. Steve Davis also announced a significant donation made to the scholarship fund from our very loyal member Gene Lee. Gene, our club sincerely appreciates your generosity and loyalty to the club and to future engineers. Thanks Gene!

The Dean of Engineering at UC Merced spoke of the Engineering Departments growth to date and future development.

July Notes: Numbers were down for the July meeting. 20 members and 3 guests were in attendance. It is understood that summer is a difficult time to make any commitments other than vacations. Hopefully numbers will be back up with summer wrapping up.

One application was read at the meeting – please welcome Andrew Malizia to the Modesto Engineer's Club. The club is

seeking '08/'09 nominations for secretary/treasurer. Please contact a member of the board with any nominations – I'm sure we'll have outstanding numbers to choose from as always.

The speaker for July was Steve Phillips from the US Geologic Survey. Steve spoke about the development of a simulation model of the Modesto Area Ground Water Basin. He discussed the need for the model and how it could help ensure adequate long-term water supplies by providing one management strategy.

STANDBY AGENDAS

The Board would like three standby speakers for the monthly meetings. The standby presentations should be from the existing membership. These presentations would be in case the guest speaker has an emergency or is sick and cannot make it. Standby speakers would receive as little as 2 hours of notification (A real Toastmaster challenge). If you would consider being a standby speaker, please contact David Castro.

MEETING LOCATION

Our formal meetings are at the SOS Club, 819 Sunset Avenue (near Dryden Golf Course), ph. 578-5801. Tuesday's menu features a buffet style meal. **Please pay the \$10.00** to the treasurer, Jennifer Pratt, (half off for Students). The beverage, tax and tip are included. We have the Mellis Room reserved. The main courses will vary each week. Please park in the street or at Dryden Golf Course. The club parking lot is for SOS Club members only.

OUTREACH EFFORTS FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Outreach committee is designed to market the Club to potential new members. Every member can be a part of this effort by forwarding along our monthly newsletter and talking about the club. Please extend offers to join the club to your colleagues.

ABOUT THE ENGINEERS CLUB

AN INVITATION

The Modesto Engineers Club is pleased to invite you to join its membership.

PURPOSE OF THE CLUB

The preamble of the club by-laws is quoted: "The object of this club, primarily, is to provide an organization in which Engineers of all branches of the profession may come together, and through which they may cooperate and foster fellowship and the development of the engineering profession in public affairs and community welfare".

WHO MAY JOIN

The by-laws are further quoted: "The membership shall consist of those who are or have been engaged in the direction or prosecution of engineering or architecture, or teachers of students of engineering or other allied sciences".

CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Club meets once a month on the first Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the SOS club. The program usually consists of a speaker on technical subjects and local affairs of interest to engineers. There are several social affairs during the year, which include the annual President's Steak Fry, A Valentines Day luncheon, the annual trip to Woolgrowers restaurant in Los Banos the annual Officers Installation Dinner and the Christmas Stag Party. Spouses and guests are welcome at most functions.

THE COST

A \$25.00 initiation fee and first years dues of \$25.00, \$50.00 total is payable with the submission of application. Thereafter the dues are \$25.00 per year to renew. New members will receive a certificate of membership and a nametag will be provided for our formal lunch

meetings. Members pay for their own lunches, and for meals at other events.

SIZE OF CLUB

The club, having been founded in 1932 enjoys a wealth of former members, and approximately **64** active members. They represent many of the public works engineers, consultants, utility companies, and suppliers of construction and engineering materials.

THE APPLICATION

We would be pleased if you complete the application. Please obtain the signatures of two active members. After submittal of your application, it will be read at the meeting. At the next meeting at which the applicant is present, membership will be based on a two-thirds affirmative vote of members present. You will then be inducted. The ceremony is simple, but dignified. Applicants are welcome to attend weekly meetings while their applications are pending.