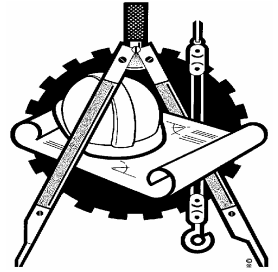

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FORMAL LUNCH MEETINGS

June 3/July 1/August 5

*: 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: TBA

2007-08 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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Steve Davis, Earl Kleinfelder, Ryan Carrel, Doug Samski, Rapunzel Lewis, David Leamon

ATTENDANCE: Last Meeting...

20 members, 3 guests

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I would like to thank David for setting up our tour of the Modesto Waste Water Treatment Plant last month. A special thanks to Will Wong with the City of

Modesto for being a last minute substitute to give our tour and to Dan England for securing 2 city vans for transportation. I should have pictures up on the site soon. Look for the link on our home page. I apologize; I will not be at our next meeting. My wife and I will be celebrating our 10 year anniversary on a cruise to Catalina Island & Ensenada. I leave the gavel to David to lead the charge. The first time I subbed for our President I had to introduce our Mayor as our speaker behind a podium with a microphone. Did I mention we had a joint meeting with ASCE.

Approximately 60 people in attendance. I figured this would be cruel and unusual punishment to make that a tradition. If God willing I shall return.

The time is drawing nigh to select a new Secretary/Treasurer for next term. It's never too soon to start hunting for the next candidate.

Mike Rieben - President

THIS MONTH'S PRESENTATION

Jeff R. Wright

*Dean of Engineering University of California,
Merced*



JEFF R. WRIGHT is founding Dean of Engineering at the University of California, Merced (since September, 2001), Director of the UC Merced Energy Institute, and the Campus Director of the Center for Computer and Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society (CITRIS). He was formerly Associate Dean for Research, Professor of Civil Engineering, and Director of the Indiana Water Resources Research Center, at Purdue University. Dean Wright holds undergraduate degrees in social psychology and in Civil Engineering from the University of Washington, an MSE in Environmental Engineering also from the University of Washington, and a Doctorate from The Johns Hopkins University through the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering. Professor Wright is a noted authority on the design and implementation of decision support systems for public-sector engineering planning and management, particularly spatial analysis and distributed decision support modeling for natural resources and environmental engineering.

Dr. Wright is a member of the Action Forum on Diversity of the National Academy of Engineering, and served for 10 years as founding Editor-in-Chief of the American Society of Civil Engineer's Journal of Infrastructure Systems. He is co-author of a leading textbook entitled Civil and Environmental Systems Engineering.

SECRETARY'S NOTES



In order to keep up past efforts in communication going, I would like to hear from any members that care to share their personal biographies. I found these very interesting and fun to read.

This month I will start with my own biography.

I am the middle of three children in my family – I have an older brother and a younger sister. I was born March 13, 1979 in Madera, CA where my father tended a turkey ranch. Shortly thereafter, my family moved to Ceres which was where I was raised (minus the three years in Redmond, WA during high school). I graduated high school in 1997 in Ceres and my husband Jeff and I had our first child in 1998 (yes, I was young – but I survived!). I began taking classes at Modesto Jr. College and later transferred to University of the Pacific where I obtained my B.S. in Civil Engineering in 2003. During my college years I worked at a few local engineering firms, but my mainstay was Hawkins Engineering. Upon graduation I took a job with the City of Modesto, bought a house, finally got married and became pregnant with our second child all within three months! My daughter, Kayley, is now 9 and my son, Michael, is 3. These days I stay busy with all my daughter's activities – dance, soccer, swimming, etc – and I expect my son's activities will start soon too. During the summer we enjoy camping and boating. This year my husband and I both obtained our professional licenses (my husband is an architect). Now that life is starting to settle down for the first time in 10 years, I'm thinking I need to go back to school. We'll see...I should probably just sit back, relax, and watch my kids grow!

See you Tuesday!

Jennifer Pratt – Secretary/Treasurer

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 **71** 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.