

**August 2017 President's Message** – CSI Santa Clara Valley Chapter  
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Don't we all look forward to summer...no school...going to the beach...lounging in the backyard during a warm summer night? I hope everyone enjoyed a holiday break from our July meeting, but rest assured that your board members and committee leaders are working hard behind the scenes. If our recent annual Strategic Planning Meeting is any indication of what this year is going to look like, we may experience some belly-laughing fun.

During our Strategic Meeting, everyone in the group was completely engaged and innovative ideas were free flowing. The energy level was high for an early Saturday morning and our discussions were motivating. My thanks to the eleven people who devoted a half day to reflect on the past year and strategize for the upcoming year; we will continue to improve upon programs and education events. Stay tuned for our chapter's action plan and upcoming events.

#### REFLECTION

Reflecting on our meeting, here is a quote from a board member that I would like to share, "...I have chosen this chapter because of the innovative spirit. Diverse fields of construction are represented in the Chapter and the members are friendly, fun and encouraging." It is heartwarming that I am not the only one who shares this opinion about our Santa Clara Valley chapter.

#### THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

Our August program will be a presentation by Rich Galliani, Technical Director with TSC Northern California. Rich has a gift for public speaking and will provide a wealth of technical and useful information. Everyone will enjoy hearing about his experiences from when he was a CA licensed tile contractor to serving as a member of the 2017 TCNA Handbook Committee, to his current position as Technical Director for the Tile and Stone Council of Northern California. Please look for the program flyer and join us on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Additionally, at our August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, please join us in celebrating Dennis Kobza's 50-year membership to CSI. Congratulations to Dennis for your dedication and support to CSI!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### West Region Leadership Workshop

November 3-4, 2017 will be held at Embassy Suites in Walnut Creek CA. Chapter leaders should attend this workshop to learn proper procedures and protocols on how to run a chapter and get insight from other chapter leaders in our region. Contact Valerie Harris for more information [valarieh@pacbell.net](mailto:valarieh@pacbell.net).

##### CONSTRUCT 2017

Will be held on September 13-15 in Rhode Island. Registration is now open. This event provides an opportunity for CSI members to meet face-to-face with other members and industry professionals in a world that is increasingly virtual. CONSTRUCT offers an accredited education program, an expansive exhibit hall filled with the latest services, products and technologies. If you are interested in attending the CSI Annual Convention, log onto [www.constructshow.com](http://www.constructshow.com).

Next year's W + NW Region Conference to be held in Alaska. Committee for this conference is working on convention location. More information will be available soon.