

2015 President's Message – CSI Santa Clara Valley Chapter

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WOW, it's hard to believe that the holidays are approaching. This is a time to reflect and be thankful for all we have and be conscious of the poor and less fortunate. **Happy Holidays to you and your family!** May you enjoy the holiday with the spirit of giving.

This year has honestly flown by too quickly! CSI Santa Clara Valley held their Board Meeting on December 3rd discussing plans for 2016. I am very excited and fortunate to work with such a dedicated group of leaders. The Chapter has been busy planning programs, an education seminar and talking about what type of event do we do after the Construction Expo at Levi Stadium. If anyone has any ideas you would like to share please contact any board member. We would love to hear from you.

December's Program will be the Tri-Chapter Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 15th at Scott's Seafood Restaurant, Jack London Square in Oakland. This is a wonderful time to join East Bay Oakland and San Francisco Chapter for an evening of good food and dancing. There will be a Silent Auction, just in time to pick up a holiday gift!! Also, help spread holiday cheer to the needy children in our community by bringing a new, unwrapped toy for donation to the US Marine Corps Toys for Tots campaign.

Our West Region Certification Chair, Kathryn Marek with the Los Angeles Chapter is proposing to put together a West Region CDT class by webinar. She realizes that it's difficult for any single chapter to put together a full CDT class without burning out volunteers. Kathryn feels that together with the technology, we can build a better system. She proposes that each Chapter that wants to participate in the classes would contribute one or two teachers. Each week, alternate who's teaching, so we spread the load and get the best teachers from all over the region. The mechanics of this is being figured out. Do we have members in Santa Clara Valley interested in studying for the CDT exam in the Spring? We would love to hear from you if you are interested.

REMINDERS: SAVE THE DATES

Wednesday, January 13th, 2016

We will ring in the New Year with a joint meeting with San Francisco Chapter at Vivace Restaurant in Belmont. We look forward to LEED Version 4 and HPD's (Healthy Product Declaration) program presented by Heather Gadonniex. More information and registration will be available on CSI SCV website.

Thursday, February 4, 2016

NEW VENUE: FIORILLO'S Restaurant, 638 El Camino Real, Santa Clara

Program will be the Restoration of Leland Stanford Mansion presented by Hank Dunlop. Program information will be posted on the CSI SCV website.

MAKE A NOTE: CSI SCV new monthly meeting location at Fiorillo's Restaurant, 638 El Camino Real, Santa Clara. CSI Santa Clara Valley meets on the first Thursday of every month; with the exception of our January meeting with San Francisco Chapter and our joint meeting with AIA Santa Clara Valley. April 20th, a panel discussion on ZNE process.

If you have a great presentation or someone you would like to share their knowledge at a CSI SCV dinner meeting; please contact us.

As we enter into 2016, I look forward to see what we accomplish in the New Year. I am thankful for the wonderful friends I have gotten to know through CSI and the professional opportunities that this organization provides.

Happy Holidays!