

July 2014 President's Message - CSI Santa Clara Valley

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MEETING MUSINGS

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our June Member Appreciation Event. It was a wonderful evening spent celebrating all of you, our Chapter Members, who make CSI Santa Clara Valley such a great organization. If you enjoyed the evening, please join me in thanking **Jim O'Keefe, Rose Garrison, and Katia Griggs** for all their hard work in planning and organizing the event. I would also like to thank the sponsors that made it possible to host such a memorable mixer:

- **Dunn Edwards Paint**, Rose Garrison
- **Behr Pro**, Randy Agno
- **Rain Guard**, Garrett Florent
- **GAF**, Dennis Sandhurst
- **Morin**, Lori Morrow
- **AWV**, Fraser Campbell
- **Hickman Engineered Systems**, Katia Griggs
- **Peninsula Building Materials**, Brenda Hunsinger
- **CPI Daylighting**, Katia Griggs

BOARD BRIEF

Instigated by the Biltmore Hotel raising the cost of our monthly meals, the Board spent many months this past fiscal year discussing our monthly meal costs and annual Chapter dues. After much analysis, deliberation, and consideration, **the Board decided to lower the regular monthly meal cost for Chapter members (from \$36 to \$21) and raise the annual dues (from \$45 to \$65)**. The goal of this decision is to encourage more of our Chapter members to attend our meetings by reducing the monthly out-of-pocket cost. Raising the annual Chapter dues seeks to provide more funds for Chapter operations, activities, and events, including offsetting some of the added meal cost the Chapter will be paying on behalf of its members.

The net impact to members who attend all regular Chapter meetings for the year is a \$130 savings. Look for these cost adjustments being implemented on July 1, 2014. The Board has currently approved to try this cost model for the July through November 2014 meetings. At that time, the Board will assess the success and viability of the adjusted costs. If you would like to share your thoughts on these changes, please reach out to me (rietta.csi@gmail.com).

ONE LAST THING

As we start out on this adventure of another fiscal year as CSI Santa Clara Valley, I would like to thank **Julie Barrett** for her dedicated service as Chapter President these past two years. She has ably lead the Chapter, and I look forward to her voice of wisdom continuing on the Board as an advisor this year. I would also like to thank our new Board Members, **Katia Griggs and Dave Ingram**, for agreeing to join (or re-join, as the case may be) the leadership of the Chapter as Directors.

It is a special honor and privilege to begin my term as President. Thank you for your continued support, and please let me know what you think will make CSI Santa Clara Valley even better.