

July 2015 President's Message

As we start the new fiscal year for 2015/2016, I would like to take a moment to thank Rietta McCain for her past year of presidency for Santa Clara Valley CSI. Rietta's accomplishments and the volunteer work of the board members; have moved our Chapter in the right direction of membership growth. I would also like to welcome our new board members Tina Gonzales, Terri Sudbrook and Nick Vadasz. Our dedicated volunteers devote hours to create programs and events at the local level.

Our June Awards Meeting was a wonderful event. We celebrated the success of the past year and mingled with CSI members, spouses and friends to reflect on what CSI is all about. The Chapter had the pleasure of Eric Camin, West Region President, to install the new officers. We got to show off our Championship Trophy for the Chapter Challenge from the Tri-Region Conference held in San Diego. It is the first time Santa Clara Valley has won! Thank you Honolulu Chapter for the delicious chocolate macadamia nuts, too.

I attended the CSI San Francisco Chapter's 60th Anniversary and Annual Awards banquet. On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter, we would like to congratulate you! It was nice to hear the stories of the Fellows and what they achieved through the past 60 years.

Being a member of CSI for 10 years has given me a wealth of benefits in the construction industry as well as developing long lasting friendships. I believe in the mission of CSI in advancing the process of creating and sustaining the built environment.

Our Board will be conducting a Strategic Planning meeting in July to bring ideas and develop great programs for our Chapter. Please feel free to contact anyone on the Board if you have ideas you would like to share.

Mark your calendars, Wednesday, September 16, 2015. Santa Clara Valley CSI is hosting a Construction Expo at Levi Stadium. Thanks to Katia Griggs and Rietta McCain for their leadership to making this happen and to the Board for supporting and helping out. There are still some tabletops available. All booths are sold out. Thank you to all sponsors and product representatives who have already supported this event.

My vision is a collaboration of trades in construction to meet and develop strong relationships through education and programs. It is a privilege to serve the community as your President and I look forward to a year of continued growth in our Chapter.

Sincerely,

Rose Garrison
President, CSI Santa Clara Valley Chapter