

## **June 2017 President's Message – CSI Santa Clara Valley Chapter**

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Foremost, I would like to thank Maia Gendreau for her volunteer service as President FY16-17, as well as the thoughtful and collaborative effort she has prepared for our *Changing of the Guard*. Most of you may not know that Maia was wearing two hats last year as President and Secretary. Making this kind of commitment is remarkable and I am convinced that passing the torch to other volunteers will be a welcome break. I am confident that Maia will make Tim Deal's transition to our new chapter Secretary a smooth one. Additionally, I would like to thank, Jim O'Keefe for his years of volunteer service as chapter Treasurer. Jim is working closely with Nick Vadasz so that our chapter will have a seamless transition.

Our newly elected Board, Directors and Committee Chairs will meet in early July and have our annual Strategic Planning meeting. The event will be held early morning on Saturday the 8th in San Mateo. In this meeting, we will reflect on the past year and strategize for the next year. We will roll up our sleeves and work on setting some goals for our chapter. This will include improving upon programs and education, we will consider having special events with sister chapters and we will discuss a member's request for a chapter supported golf tournament. Stay tuned for more information as we plunge into developing our plan for next year. Thank you in advance to everyone who will be participating in this event.

### **REFLECTION**

Our Santa Clara chapter is a strong, dedicated and energetic volunteer group. I am optimistic that we will continue our upward trajectory of providing noteworthy speakers and outstanding education events. I am proud to be a member of Santa Clara Valley and I hope my year as president will be as meaningful as past presidents'. Please take the time each month and check out the newsletter. Chapter website is [www.santaclaravalley.csinet.org](http://www.santaclaravalley.csinet.org).

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

There are several events for Institute and Region, so mark your calendars and plan to attend.

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. There are networking opportunities that no other national event can boast. If you are interested in attending the CSI Annual Convention, log onto [www.constructshow.com](http://www.constructshow.com).

West Region Leadership Workshop November 3, 2017 will be in southern CA. Chapter leaders should attend this workshop to learn 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).

NW + W Region Conference to be held in Alaska. The planning committee for this conference is working on convention location. More information will be available soon.

### **NEXT CHAPTER MEETING**

Santa Clara Valley Chapter will take a hiatus for the month of July and will return to our regular meeting on August 3. At our August meeting, we will celebrate a very special CSI Milestone Membership. Come celebrate with us on this astounding accomplishment.

50 years for Dennis Kobza

Congratulations to Dennis for your dedication and support to CSI.