

## SOUTHERN - CALIFORNIA - SECTION NEWSLETTER

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#### DINNER MEETING

- Tuesday, July 8, 1986
- Stevens Steak House 5332 Stevens Place Commerce, California (T.G. 53 F2)
- •\$14.00 (Includes Tip)
- For Reservations, call:
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  PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON
  THE FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE MEETING
- •5:30 Social Hour
  - 6:30 Dinner
  - 7:30 AEG Business
  - 8:00 Speaker
- 9:00 Section Affairs

#### SPEAKER AND TOPIC

On the day the newsletter layout was delivered to the printer, the Vice Chairman had not informed the editor as to the speaker and topic for the July 8 program. If those details are known by the time the newsletter is mailed, that information will appear on an insert.

2550 Beverly Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90057 The Southern California Section is pleased to announce the selection of Alice Campbell as our nominee for the Douglas R. Piteau Outstanding Young Member Award. Alice will compete with the nominees from other sections at the Association level. The award is being given for the first time this year. The winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting in October. Congratulations and good luck, Alice! We would also like to congratulate Bob Hollingsworth who was also considered for the Section nomination. It was a very close decision, as both Alice and Bob were equally well qualified.

At the June 10 meeting, Buzz Spellman introduced Rick Kent (AEG Newsletter Editor) and Mavis Kent (AEG Membership Committee Chairman). Rick and Mavis, along with their son, Chris, have just moved to the L.A. area from College Station, Texas. They both will be welcome additions to the Southern California Section.

#### NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

In my first effort as newsletter editor, I'm writing to request your assistance. In order to create a file of "Member News" to be included in the quarterly AEG Newsletter, I need to hear from you. Please send me information regarding...any honors you receive; new degrees you earn; interesting projects in which you're involved; job changes; speaking engagements at other organizations' meetings; personal news, such as marriages, births...etcetera, etcetera, etcetera. This is your chance to become famous. And, if you have any suggestions to improve the section newsletter, please let me know those too. Below is a schedule of deadlines for receipt by me of information to be included in section newsletters through December, 1986.

August Newsletter.....July 11
September Newsletter....August 21
November Newsletter....October 23
December Newsletter....November 20

Any information to be included in the fall issue of the  $\underline{AEG\ Newsletter}$  must reach me by September 1.

Thanks. Charlie Daugherty

Nominations are now being accepted for the upcoming slate of section officers. Your nominations should be given to: Alice Campbell (Leroy Crandall & Associates, 711 Alvarado, Los Angeles, CA 90026/213-413-3550) or Gary Guacci (601 Quincy Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90814/213-433-5865).

It was announced that, even though the published deadline was May 3, you can still submit abstracts for the AEG 1986 Annual Meeting. Instructions and details regarding submitting abstracts can be found on page 41 of the April, 1986, issue of the  $\underline{\text{AEG}}$   $\underline{\text{Newsletter}}$ .

It was suggested that section members contact PSA and Air Cal to check on the availability of a \$99 round trip fare...LA-San Francisco-LA.... Since such a fare probably requires a 30-day advance reservation, be sure to call the airlines as soon as you know your Annual Meeting travel plans.

It was also suggested that the list of "non-paid" members be divided among paid members. Fallen away, former members could then be personally contacted in an effort to get them to renew their memberships.

Larry Cann was the lucky winner of a Perma Plaque for the document or photo of his choice. It's worth \$34+. And guess who won the case of Miller's beer for the second month in a row? You're right! It was Charlie Daugherty--your new editor

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Computer Oriented Geological Society (COGS) wants members...COGS is a professional or-ganization which actively encourages the application of computers in the field of geology. Membership is diverse, including geologists who are merely curious about the use of computers, as well as expert geologist/programmers who write and market commercial software. Most members own or have access to a computer--often a microcomputer. For more information about COGS activities, publications, programs, membership and dues, contact: Computer-Oriented Geological Society, P.O. Box 1317, Denver, Colorado 80201.

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The new address and phone number for direct communication with the  $\underline{AEG}$  Newsletter editor:

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Leighton and Associates has expanded and relocated their Riverside office to 1989 Atlanta Avenue, Suite 1, Riverside, CA.

Schaefer Dixon Associates (SDA) has acquired the operating assets of Medall, Worswick & Associates, effective January 1, 1986.

The ASCE is holding an international conference on "The 1985 Mexico Earthquakes—Factors Involved and Lessons Learned," September 19-21, 1986, in Mexico City. This conference brings together experts in engineering seismology and seismic effects from such disciplines as structural, geotechnical and lifeline earthquake engineering. They will discuss the factors involved, lessons learned and resultant actions aimed at mitigating the effects of future earthquakes. For details and registration information, contact: ASCE, 345 East 47 Street, New York, NY 10017/(212) 705-7139.

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LONG BEACH, California (Guacci Press) -- It was reported this morning that the July 8 speaker will be JOSEPH W. COBARRUBIAS (City of Los Angeles, Department of Building and Safety), whose topic will be the FAIRFAX GAS INCURSION. Joe will present information relating the occurrence of the methane gas incursion and the subsequent explosion, fire, and injury to approximately 26 people, that took place in the Fairfax District in the spring of 1985. The city's response to this event was to establish a task force, chaired by the Department of Building and Safety, with technical committees to assist the task force investigation. The Fairfax District is situated over the old Salt Lake Oil Field, abandoned on or around the early 1900s, and subsequently urbanized. The gas was determined to be from natural sources emanating from a rather complex, near-surface groundwater regime. The attempt to a solution involved interpretation of geological factors and relating these to methane gas control systems as available.

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