



CEAC Newsletter

March 2016

Editor: Pat DeChellis

I am excited and honored to serve and lead the County Engineers Association of California as the 2016 President. We all should be proud to be a part of such a great organization. A critical and important part of the organization are the CLODS or California's Loyal Order of Dedicated Servants. Thank you CLODS for selecting me to serve as President, and for selecting a great group of officers for 2016. I look forward to working with John Presleigh, President-Elect, and Jeff Pratt, Secretary (congratulations Jeff!). I would also like to acknowledge our Past President, Mike Penrose, for his leadership and dedication to CEAC over the past year. I am certain that I will be calling him for advice and direction. I will work to continue the traditions and legacies of our membership, while looking for opportunities to further our diverse needs in meeting our responsibilities to the public we serve.

California now has 39 million people, all of which are represented by our 58 Counties. To best serve the public's needs, we need to continue to work together, just as we have done for more than 100 years. It never ceases to amaze me how well we collaborate and work together, all of us being held together by the amazing CSAC and CEAC staff. It seems that we receive weekly emails from Merrin Gerety, Kiana Valentine, or Chris Lee sharing vital information related to California's counties, or emails surveying counties on best practices. Recently I asked for information regarding landfills and road mitigation. Within a few days, I had 22 responses with invaluable and time saving information. That is the power of our organization working together with a common goal.

What can we expect in 2016? Did you know the CLODS are celebrating their 50th anniversary? The CLODS kicked off their anniversary at the CLODS BBQ in Monterey, December 3, 2015. The year-long "Golden Anniversary" celebration went off without a hitch thanks to an amazing committee chaired by Julie Bueren, with assistance from Mehdi Sadjadi, Dave Gravenkamp, and Ken Miller. I would like to give a special thank you to Ken Miller for the new CLODS apparel, and for the great work he did on the CLODS picture board. I would also like to acknowledge Ken for his ten years of service to CEAC as the Newsletter Editor, and welcome Patrick DeChellis as our incoming Newsletter Editor. Congratulations Pat on your new appointment and for your upcoming retirement from Los Angeles County.

On December 4, 2015 President Obama signed into law a five-year authorization of the federal highway, transit and rail programs known as the "Fixing America's Surface Transportation" Act or FAST Act. The FAST Act authorizes \$305B in funding for federal surface transportation programs for fiscal year FY 2016 through FY 2020. Authorized funding for FY 2016 is \$3.6B (6.6%) above FY 2015 levels. The FAST Act ends a long period of flat federal funding and provides for growth at a rate of 3.2% from FY 2015 to FY 2020. It is encouraging to know that our Federal Government is taking a positive step forward to invest and protect our nation's infrastructure.

On the flip side, the State of California has failed to invest and protect our local and state infrastructure. California's Highway User Tax (HUTA) is more than 20 years out-of-date, with revenues on a steady decline. There was a significant downturn in revenue for FY 2015 -2016 from the prior year due largely to falling gasoline prices and consumption, as well as

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President's Message (continued)

“true-ups” under the fuel tax swap system. The Fuel Tax Swap of 2011 eliminated the State's sales and use tax on gasoline, and instead established a variable per gallon rate. This allowed the Legislature to get around limitations in the State Constitution regarding the use of the State's portion of these transportation funds. As a result, the Legislature was able to use transportation fuel tax revenues to pay state transportation debt service, relieving the state general fund of those costs. To further complicate matters, the first allocation from the variable fuel tax revenues is to backfill state transportation programs for weight fees used for transportation debt service. This backfill amount is irrespective of the change in revenues from the variable fuel tax. Consequently as revenues fall, the entire decline impacts the subsequent allocations to local and state roads. Total revenue from HUTA for local roads is down more than 20% in FY 2015-2016 and projected to be lower in FY 2016-2017 by nearly another 10%. We must continue to inform our state representatives of how this is and will continue to devastate our local and state infrastructure.

Another critical issue facing California's Counties is flood control and water resources. Diminishing water supplies and new water regulations - especially storm water regulations - has motivated us to be innovative and collaborative. Fortunately, the drought has created new momentum to make this a top priority in our state. 2016 is a critical year for water; with implementation of Proposition 1 – The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Water Bond), and hopefully a ballot measure for re-defining wastewater to include storm water. We are hopeful that efforts by CEAC's Flood Control and Water Resource Committee, and action by the CEAC Board of Directors will lead us to success in the area of water. Working together we can protect and develop our water resources to a higher level than ever seen before.

The efforts of our Transportation and Flood Control and Water Resources committee, combined with the our Land Use, Resource Recovery and Waste Management, and Surveyor Committees, has validated the value that CEAC brings to each of our Counties.

We will continue our social media “messaging” effort in 2016. Social media is a powerful tool that needs to be used by every county in an effort to get our message out. For the past couple of years, CEAC's leadership has done an excellent job informing and educating us about the uses of social media. Let's continue the use of these modern communication tools to inform our communities and policy makers.

CEAC affords its' members with several opportunities throughout the year to exchange ideas that can make a difference in our industry. I hope to see you in Sacramento, March 9-11 for the CEAC Spring Conference (being held in conjunction with the League of California Cities' Public Works Officers Institute). Other events include the NACE Annual Conference in Tacoma Washington (April 24-28), the CEAC 11th Annual Policy Conference in Sacramento (August 17-18), and the CSAC 122nd Annual Meeting in Riverside County (November 29-December 2).

~ Matt

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Engineer of the Year 2015



Susan Klassen, Sonoma County Director of Transportation and Public Works, receiving “**Engineer of the Year**” award from outgoing CEAC President Mike Penrose, Sacramento County.

Surveyor of the Year 2015



Mike Penrose, outgoing CEAC President, presents 2015 “**Surveyor of the Year**” award to **Michael K. Goetz**, Monterey County Surveyor/Chief of Surveys.

Member Spotlight - Southern California Region

Southern California Region Director's Report, by *Vince Gin*, Manager, Orange County Public Works Regulatory & Policy Division



I had the privilege of serving as the CEAC Southern California Region Director for two terms, 2014 and 2015, and I am mindful that the successes of our region and our entire association are really from the contributions of our members and staff. So when Pat DeChellis, Los Angeles County, as the new CEAC Newsletter Editor, asked me to submit an article about my time as Regional Director, I was eager to return the support in some small measure.

While I had been regularly attending CEAC business meetings for seven years and felt comfortable working with the committee structure--and I had been in leadership roles in other associations--I didn't understand how CEAC governance worked at the time.

The daily work of the organization is in good hands, with Merrin Gerety, our Program Manager, and with the CSAC legislative advocates. But, the organizational governance is with the Board of Directors and the regional efforts with the Region Director. So, the Region Director position came with a learning curve. Fortu-

nately, I soon learned that I wasn't alone and a historic organization with a deep bench of experience was waiting to help.

Doug Wilson, Tulare County (retired), Pat, and Merrin lent me their ears and shared sage advice. What's more, our region's counties were incredibly supportive. Our regional meetings were well attended and the agenda topics, guest speakers and engaging dialogue came from our members. Each meeting agenda was a product of counties providing topics and presentations. Often, a county would reach to industry or into its own organization to find useful presentations. In addition, Riverside County Transportation and Riverside County Flood Control hosted many of our meetings as the central location was more easily reachable, and Ventura County hosted a levee maintenance workshop for us. The group effort from the region resulted in full agenda and the ensuing presentations and conversations pressed our meetings for time--a good problem to have. With such commitment from the region, the demands on my time were surprisingly manageable, and I am ever thankful.

Our discussions were always relevant, mostly contemporary, and sometimes even prescient. We shared the challenges at our footsteps and also mused at issues across the horizon. In the same room, we crossed the domains of transportation, water, solid waste, operations & maintenance, public communications, and of course funding. I was frequently reminded of how diverse our region is, yet how similar our challenges are. But most importantly, we got to know each other, people in our industry, in the same region--and I was particularly pleased that long time employees from different counties met each other for the first time.

Member Spotlight - Circle of Service Award

In a letter of October 22, 2015 to CEAC Treasurer Emeritus, Mehdi Madjd Sadjadi, CSAC's Executive Director, Matt Cate, advised that CSAC would like to honor the California Loyal Order of Dedicated Servants (CLODS) with the prestigious "Circle of Service Award" for the CLODS' ongoing work on behalf of California Counties with the following statement:

"As you approach your 50th Anniversary, your organization has continued to support a strong relationship between CEAC and CSAC from a technical, advisory and supportive role. Our staff has always viewed the CLODS as a great resource - not only on CSAC issues, but also as mentors for the CEAC Membership. You play an integral role in connecting the County Engineers Association to its past, and your involvement ensures a continuity of excellence in the future.

Thank you for all your contributions to CEAC, CSAC and the county family as a whole."



On December 2, 2015, CSAC President, Richard Forster, Supervisor Amador County, presents Mehdi Sadjadi, CEAC Treasurer Emeritus, with the prestigious Circle of Service Award to honor the CLODS for their 50 years of work on behalf of California Counties.

Member Spotlight - New CLOD and Buddy Award

Our newest CLOD, **Mike Penrose**, Director of Transportation, Sacramento County, was first recognized by CEAC incoming President, Matt Machado, Director of Public Works, Stanislaus County, at the CEAC Installation Ceremony on December 4, 2015 at the CEAC Annual Fall Conference.

He was provided with the CEAC tile thanking Mike for his year as President, 2015. Following, Max Bridges, CEAC President 1998, presents to Mike the CLODS Golden Watch and the “official” CLODS Barbecue apron.

Ari DeChellis, wife of Pat DeChellis, Los Angeles County, makes presentation of 2015 “Buddy Award” to **Rose Penrose**, Sacramento County. Mike Penrose accepted the award on behalf of his wife.



The “Buddy Award” was initiated in 1983 when it was presented to R.J. “Rudy” Massman of San Diego County. The award has been presented annually since then to the spouse of a County Engineer who has exhibited his/her dedication, support and love to his/her spouse.

Member Spotlight

Golden Egg Award

The CHICS (California's Honorable Intrepid County Sisters) presented their "Golden Egg Award" to **Pat DeChellis**, CEAC Newsletter Editor and soon-to-be formerly from Los Angeles County, for Exemplary Service in Support of Diversity in Public Works.



The "Golden Egg Award" was created in 2007 to honor individuals that have exhibited outstanding and extraordinary efforts or initiative in fostering

New CEAC Regional Directors

San Joaquin Valley
Richard Swartz
Assistant Public Works Director
Merced County

Southern California
Bill Burnet
Director of Public Works
Imperial County

Bedroll Conference 2016

Tom Hunter advises that this year's conference will be held August 10-12 at Lake Almanor, Plumas County

Mark your calendars!

CEAC in Cuba

From Left to Right: Marlene Demery, Local Public Works Employee, Phil Demery, Pattie McNamee, Terry Herringshaw (Pattie's spouse), Dee Dee Bridges, and Max Bridges



New Affiliates

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In Memoriam

Kenneth L. Edwards
General Manager and Chief Engineer
Riverside County Flood Control
and Water Conservation District

Kenneth L. Edwards, the general manager and chief engineer of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District from 1978 through 1995, passed away on Thursday, February 4, 2016, in Riverside. He was 85.

Mr. Edwards, who lived in Riverside, worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Los Angeles before joining the flood-control district in 1962. He remained with the district for nearly 34 years, the last 17 years as chief engineer. During that time, the need for drainage infrastructure expanded along with Riverside County's tremendous growth. Under Mr. Edwards' direction, the district constructed several hundred miles of open channels and underground storm drains as well as numerous levees, dams and detention basins. All told, those facilities cost more than \$220 million.

As chief engineer, he assembled a professional staff and guided them in their goal to spare Riverside County residents from the devastation of uncontrolled flooding. An accomplished engineer and mentor, he was a strong leader who was highly respected by his peers. In recognition of his contribution to the district and to residents, the Board of Supervisors in 1996 named the district headquarters in Riverside the Kenneth L. Edwards Flood Control Center in his honor.

Mr. Edwards also was instrumental in creating a partnership between the Army Corps and the flood control districts in San Bernardino and Orange counties that led to the Santa Ana Mainstream Project. That effort resulted in a \$1.4 billion authorization in 1986 for a flood-control project spanning 75 miles along the Santa Ana River, from the San Bernardino Mountains downstream to the Pacific Ocean at Newport Beach.

Mr. Edwards was born in Valparaiso, Ind., and graduated from Valparaiso University in 1952 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1956. He received his master's in civil engineering from the University of Southern California in 1965 and a master's degree in public administration from USC in 1976.

Mr. Edwards is survived by his wife, Marilyn; daughter, Cheryl, and son, Paul.

In Memoriam

David Patrick Brand
County Engineer, Madison County, Ohio
NACE Northeast Region Vice President

David Patrick Brand passed away on December 31, 2015 at the age of 49 after battling pancreatic cancer for several months. Dave was the County Engineer for Madison County (Ohio) since 2000. He was very active in the NACE (National Association of County Engineers) for many years and recently served as the Northeast Region Vice President. He was a force on NACE over the years and had a lot of positive influence at the national level.

Dave was one of, if not the most, respected advocate for local highway safety. He was always everyone's first choice to serve on national committees that dealt with this issue.

Brian Roberts, Executive Director of NACE, had this to say about Dave, "Dave was responsible for introducing me to the importance of local road safety. But, his influence went well beyond that. Dave had such a unique combination of traits; I don't think I will ever know anyone quite like him again. He had all the characteristics of an engineer combined with a unique sense of humor, strong passion to do the right thing, high intelligence and a beloved 'quirkiness'. I don't know what I liked best – seeing him get all excited and wound up at meetings or making him laugh. I never had to guess his intentions – they were always honorable. Combine that with his incredibly adventurous spirit – traveling, hiking, racing cars – and you can see why there will only be one David Brand."

Brian continued, "Above all, I admire most was his love for his wonderful wife, Julie, and their children Sophie and Andrew who we were so blessed to have at our Annual Meetings; a reminder of what is most important in our limited time on this earth."

Dave graduated from St. Xavier High School and the University of Cincinnati College of Engineering.

Editor's Note: In recognition of all of the work that Dave Brand did for county engineering in general, and highway safety specifically, CEAC made a contribution to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network in his honor.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



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Centennial Celebration
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- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 11:08am on Friday, December 4, 2015

Meeting Roster

Officer	Office	County
Matt Machado	President	Stanislaus
John Presleigh	President-Elect	Santa Cruz
Jeff Pratt	Secretary	Ventura
Michael Penrose	Past President	Sacramento
Mike Crump	Treasurer	Butte
Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi	Treasurer-Emeritus	Marin (Retired)
Doug Wilson	Parliamentarian	Tulare (Retired)
Pat DeChellis	Newsletter Editor	Los Angeles
Scott McGolpin	NACE Representative	Santa Barbara
David Gravenkamp	Historian	Siskiyou (Retired)
Regional Directors	Region	County
Steven Kowalewski	Bay Area	Contra Costa
Scott DeLeon	Northern California	Lake
Panos Kokkas	Sacramento Mother Lode	Yolo
David Leamon	San Joaquin Valley	Stanislaus
Tom Fayram	Central Coast	Santa Barbara
Vincent Gin	Southern California	Orange
Committee Chairs	Committee	County
Susan Klassen	Transportation	Sonoma
Patty McNamee	Fellowship	Contra Costa (Retired)
Chris Stone	Flood Control/Water Resources	Los Angeles
Brian Balbas	Land Use	Contra Costa
Jim Porter	Oversight	San Mateo
Steven Kowalewski	Scholarship	Contra Costa
Mark Schleich	Resource Recovery & Waste Management	Santa Barbara
Steven Steinhoff	Survey	Los Angeles
CSAC/CEAC Staff	Title	Agency/County
DeAnn Baker	Legislative Director	CSAC
Karen Keene	Senior Legislative Representative	CSAC
Kiana Valentine	Legislative Representative	CSAC
Cara Martinson	Legislative Representative	CSAC
Chris Lee	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Merrin Gerety	CEAC Program Manager	CSAC/CEAC
Other Attendees		County

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Kevin Onuma	CEAC Member	Orange
Regina Hill	CEAC Member	Orange
Phil Jones	CEAC Member	Orange
Joe Yee	CEAC Member	Contra Costa
Julie Bueren	CEAC Member	Contra Costa
Bill Brunet	CEAC Member	Imperial
Richard Schwarz	CEAC Member	Merced
David Fleisch	CEAC Member	Ventura

All Officers, Regional Directors, Committee Chairs and Staff are listed. Those shown shaded were not in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes: (Presleigh)

- A. Wilson – Change “December” to “November” (Item 14.a)

3. Correspondence: (Machado) – NTR

4. CLODS Report: (CLODS)

- A. Sadjadi - 2016 NACE Representative – McGolpin
2016 News Editor – DeChellis
2016 Secretary – Pratt
- Congrats – CSAC “Circle of Service Award”
- B. Bueren - Thank You Ken Miller for CLODS BBQ, Presentation (History of CLODS)

5. NACE Report: (DeChellis)

- A. DeChellis – Recommend all Executive Committee members attend Annual “Laughlin” NACE/AACE Conference
 - Strategic Vision: Develop NACE/AACE President from CEAC ranks, use Western Region VP as vehicle
 - 2016 NACE Conference in Tacoma (West Coast)
 - Questions/comments RE: NACE – see McGolpin

6. CSAC Report: (CSAC Staff)

- A. Buss/Valentine – CSAC short staffed
 - 2016 CSAC 2nd VP – Letitia Perez (Kern County)
 - Top two 2016 priorities: Transportation Funding and Prop. 218 Reforms
- B. Martinson – Thanks CEAC for support of CSAC Resource Recovery Committee

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7. Regional Director's Report:

- A. Bay Area – NTR
- B. Northern California (Tippett)
 - Successful Bedroll
 - Successful Snow Plow Rodeo in Plumas County will continue to rotate between counties
- C. Sacramento Mother Lode (Kokkas) – NTR
- D. San Joaquin Valley (Leamon)
 - 2016 new Regional Director – Richard Schwarz (Merced County)
 - Group picture shots w/County Board of Supervisors next Fall
- E. Central Coast (McGolpin) – NTR
- F. Southern California (Gin)
 - Will select new Regional Director in January
- G. BOD President Request (Machado) – All Regional Directors e-mail 2016 meeting schedules
 - Will attempt to visit all regions in 2016

8. Treasurer's Report: (Crump) – Action Item

- A. Crump - Revenues - Expenditures at expected levels
 - Needs to meet w/Buss/Valentine to discuss amount of contribution to local streets and roads effort
 - Revised 2016 budget send out via e-mail
 - Contingency reduced to balance 2016 budget with available funds of \$753,618.41
 - Will work with Gerety on refining budget revenues, expenditures for future reports
 - Estimated revenues do not include an increase in CEAC membership dues
 - Expenditures increased due to increase in NACE membership dues
- B. DeChellis – Motion to accept expenditure report and approve budget
- C. Presleigh – Motion 2nd
- D. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

9. Committee Reports:

- A. Flood Control and Water Resources:
 - a. Lee – DWR report on programs projects and El Nino with potential costs
 - b. Jones – State OES working to lower disaster recovery reimbursements by increased denial of requests
 - c. Presleigh – Should arrange a meeting to discuss disaster recovery policies with the Governor's office

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- d. Gin – Include high level State Agency heads in CEAC Committee meetings
 - B. Resource Recovery and Waste Management:
 - a. Schleich – Cal Recycle big push to reduce organics in landfills
 - b. Wade – Working on response to Cal Recycle fee increase proposal
 - c. Presleigh – Emerging issue = industrial permit WQ violations at landfills and 3rd party lawsuits
 - C. Surveyor:
 - a. Machado – Surveyor of the Year notified of award during meeting
 - D. Land Use:
 - a. Balbas – Thanks to CSAC staff for work on PGE rule 20A money
 - Committee wants to move forward on PGE Advice letter response (concurs)
 - b. Bueren – No CEAC action required because Committee proposal consistent with CEAC Legislative policy
 - c. All – Consensus Achieved – No action required
 - E. Transportation:
 - a. Klassen – Price based excise tax smoothing efforts dissension. Lee to **crunch numbers and send to all**
 - Election year Transportation issue messaging, education and outreach, Buss/Valentine to prepare summary for discussion
 - Discussion on alternative project delivery methods
 - b. Machado – Outreach should be discussed with Regional Directors
 - c. Sadjadi – Congrats to Klassen on Engineer of the Year Award
 - F. Oversight:
 - a. Porter – Social media discussion especially related to El Nino
 - Discussion on Alternative Project Delivery Methods
10. Other Committee Reports:
- A. Fellowship:
 - a. All – “Great work by all”
 - B. Scholarship:
 - a. Balbas – Several scholarships awarded, see newsletter for details
 - b. Gerety – Should stay in touch with scholarship winners
 - c. Machado – Awarding counties should maintain contact with winners
 - d. DeChellis – Will add, “Where are They Now” section to newsletter to track scholarship winners

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C. Outside Committees – NTR

11. Lifetime Membership: (Action Item)

- a. Machado – Tom Gau Scoring Sheet (Attachment 3) discussion
 - CEAC BOD can add/allow up to 10 points to score (after much discussion)
- b. Crump – Motion to award 8 points or “whatever it takes”
- c. McGolpin – Motion 2nd
- d. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- e. Schwarz will inform Gau of membership and ask Gau to Spring Conference

12. Unfinished Business: (Action Item)

A. Bylaws (Mattson) – NTR

B. Dues and Assessments (Machado for Gin)

- a. Machado – Ensure money available for special projects per suggestion of Gin
- b. Bueren – Need to increase CEAC dues to cover NACE increases of \$24,800
 - Dues Committee proposal (handout) would generate \$26k/year starting 2017
 - Much discussion by all on dues proposal
- c. Machado – Will bring back as Spring Meeting action item
 - CEAC to send letter to all 58 counties in advance of Spring meeting
- d. Bueren will draft letter for Machado’s signature
- e. Wilson/Machado – Bylaw Committee should look at addressing rate increases and required changes to Bylaws for Spring meeting
- f. Machado – Will research Bylaw changes and present to membership

C. NACE Dues (Bueren) – Discussion above

D. Research Bonding Costs for Treasurer (Crump)

- a. Crump – Treasurer must be bonded in amount suitable for Board per Bylaws
 - Two types of bonds
 - Single person \$2,500 to \$5,000/yr. for \$500k bonding
 - Group (up to 10 people) \$2,500 to \$5,000 for \$100k bonding
- b. Machado – Change Bylaws or Purchase Bond?

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- c. DeChellis – Motion to approve \$500 for purchase of \$100k single person bond
- d. Leamon – Motion 2nd
- e. MOTION PASSED – 6 YES, 2 NO, 3 ABSTANATIONS

13. **New Business:** - None

14. **Scheduled Conferences:** - Reviewed, No Action

15. **CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Schedule:** - Reviewed

- A. Machado – Add item d) to list of meetings = “BOD Meeting, Los Angeles, March 31, 2016”

Meeting Adjourned 12:47

Droppings



By

Dave 'Road Runner' Gravenkamp

CEAC Historian

"Verne Davis - CEAC Newsletter Editor #3"

November 2015 marked the last Newsletter under the editorship of Ken Miller with this the first by Pat DeChellis. Ken did a great job during his tenure as editor (2005 to 2015) and I am confident that Pat will do equally as well. After some thought, maybe not quite as well as Ken.

This *Droppings*, however, isn't about either Ken or Pat, but about our third editor, Verne Davis. You will recall that our first editor was Bob Glenn who was not a County Engineer but worked for the Institute of Transportation Studies. Bob was followed by Ed Hanna (yes, that's "the" Ed Hanna, Mr. Penrose), CEAC President in 1957.

Verne served as editor from 1988 to 2005. Not only did he keep us current with CEAC news, but with a bunch of other stuff as well. Verne invented the boneless chicken ranch owned by Wil and Larry Coleman, CEAC President in 1982, and also the Coleman's Indian Trading Post destroyed by a fire in 1991. Verne enjoyed using the Colemans and gave them ownership of a bed and maybe breakfast and the Blue Gum Cherry Plant, which was shut down by the feds and subsequently torched. Verne also promoted the shrimp fleet operated in the Gulf of Mexico by Harry Orfanos and myself. The headless County Engineer was also the brainchild of Verne as well as the posting of a youthful (age 18) picture of Gene Knapp, Solano, County, asking that the readership guess his identity. As I recall, no one was able to correctly guess the identity.

Verne, not the Tres Pinos Committee, was solely responsible for my receiving the Buffalo Bull Award in 1990. Verne and I were exchanging letters and in one, he indicated that CSAC

staff, when attending the office Christmas party, were required to stand under the mistletoe and could not leave until kissed. Verne then suggested that some had to stay for weeks. During the 1990 President's Banquet, I was awarded the "meadow muffin" as the suggestion regarding CSAC staff not being able to go home for weeks was somehow pinned on me.

During the 1984 Spring Conference in Monterey when Verne was our President, he invited all of the guests (ladies) to the President's Banquet which had previously been a male-only affair. Verne's comment was that CEAC spouses were so unattractive that a County Engineer would rather take his wife to the Banquet than kiss her goodbye. Yet, the ladies admired him. Go figure.

It was next to impossible to "put one over" on Verne, but at one President's Banquet, it happened. Verne was roasted (we often times did that at this Banquet) and at the conclusion of the program, he was presented a large, framed poster of Dennis Rodman (Chicago Bulls basketball star) with his arm around Verne, dressed as a Mexican senorita.

Sometime later, I attempted to get back at Verne for my Buffalo Bull Award and devised a plan with the help of CSAC staff to place the Rodman/Davis picture on the cover of the next Newsletter. Everything was in place with 200 copies of the Newsletter ready to go when I received a call from Karen Keene advising that CSAC Executive Director, Steve Szalay, considered the cover to be in poor taste and demanded that the Newsletter not be sent with this picture. He did, however, allow it to be sent to the CLODS. I never understood what Steve was saying. Did he feel that the CLODS were immune to being shocked, or....? I have included the revised cover sheet, assuming it gets by CSAC sensors, to let you be the judge.

Verne was Road Commissioner/Public Works Director for Merced County from 1960 to 1985. He passed away in April 2010 just four months before the passing of Bill McIntosh. I was privileged to attend Verne's retirement as well as the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Verne and Dawn in 1999. Some of you may recall that Verne, along with Bill McIntosh, co-chaired my retirement celebration in 2002.

I was only kidding when I earlier suggested that Pat may not be equal to the task as our Newsletter Editor, but I am sure that he will agree that he has some big shoes to fill.

Hope to see you at the Spring Conference in Sacramento. Our Glorious Leader, Matt Machado, has graciously allowed the CLODS to "take over" the program for the President's Banquet at the Spring Conference. After all, it is the CLODS 50th anniversary!!!

Public Works Secretarial Seminar (PWSS)

31st Annual Public Works Secretarial Seminar

Hosted by Ventura County
April 27, 2016 to April 29, 2016

REGISTRATION FORM



Name: _____ Title: _____

County: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Have you attended a Public Works Secretarial Seminar before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you be attending the Wednesday evening Welcome Dinner? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(Welcome Dinner will start at 6:00 pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.)

Will a guest/spouse accompany you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Guest Name: _____

Registration: \$225.00 per person

Friday OPTIONAL TOUR – Reagan Presidential Library \$27.00 per person

(see next page for more info)

Guest Registration: \$150.00 per guest

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Please make checks payable to:

CEAC

(County Engineers
Association of California)

Mail your registration form and payment to:

CEAC – PWSS 2016

Attention: Adrienne Burks

800 S. Victoria Avenue #1600

Ventura, CA 93009



*Register early to be entered in a drawing for
a free upgrade to an Executive King Suite!*



See next page for more info on upgrade, hotel registration, and Friday tour.

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Additional Information:

Event Agenda is coming soon and will be emailed to you separately.

Details for drawing for free hotel room upgrade to Executive King Suite:

- Room price stays at \$138 per night (same as regular room, single or double occupancy)
- The first 25 people to mail us their registration form by 2/12/16 will be entered in a drawing for the free upgrade.
- Drawing will be held on 2/16/16 and the winner will be announced that day.

Hotel:

Crowne Plaza, Ventura Beach
450 E. Harbor Blvd.
Ventura, CA 93001
Our room price: \$138.00 per night (single or double occupancy)

- **For reservations, please use this link to the booking website:**

https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=14216728

- Or you may call: (805) 648-2100 or (888) 233-9527
You must identify yourself as being part of the "Public Works Secretarial Seminar."
- **Deadline to make your reservation is March 28th!**
(The hotel will not guarantee holding rooms for us after this date.)

Docent-Led Tour of Reagan Library on Friday, April 29th:

1:45 – 3:30 pm (with option to stay until 4:30 to tour on your own)

Address: 40 Presidential Drive, Simi Valley, CA. 93065

Have you ever had the opportunity to visit a Presidential library? We are excited to offer this tour of Ventura County's Reagan Library, which is the final resting place of our 40th president. This optional tour includes visiting the Library, with hundreds of artifacts and interactive displays, Air Force One, a piece of the Berlin Wall on display, and the current temporary exhibit, "Vatican Splendors."

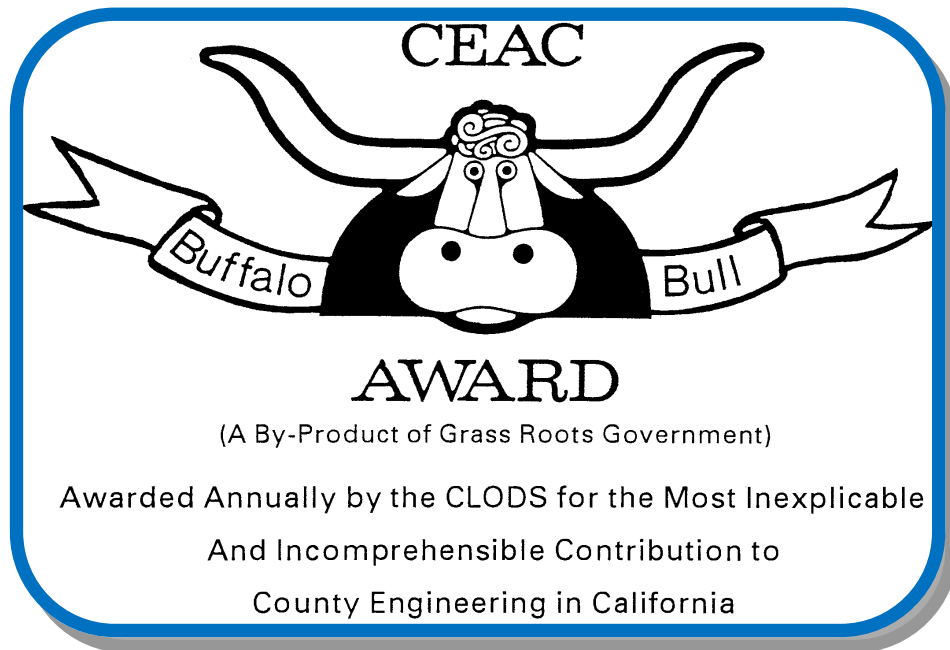
A Little Info on the Vatican Splendors Exhibit:

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum is the exclusive West Coast destination for "Vatican Splendors: A Journey Through Faith and Art." This 12,000 square-foot exhibition, comprising one of the largest Vatican collections ever to tour the United States, includes an extraordinary collection of historical and religious objects, some of which date to the first century, as well as works of art by Michelangelo, Bernini, Guercino and others.

<http://www.reaganfoundation.org/>

Questions?

Contact us at: adrienne.burks@ventura.org or via phone: (805) 654-2076



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**Come to the Spring Conference President's Banquet on the
Evening of March 10th and see who will be Honored with this
Most Prestigious Award for 2016**

**The CLODS
Celebrating 50 Years**

Neil Armstrong - A True Story

On July 20, 1969, as Commander of the Apollo 11 Lunar Module, Neil Armstrong was the first person to set foot on the moon. His first words after stepping on the moon – “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind” – were televised to earth and heard by millions of people. But, just before he re-entered the Lunar Lander, Neil made the baffling remark, “Good luck, Mr. Gorsky.”

Most people at NASA thought it was a casual remark to some rival Soviet cosmonaut. However, upon checking, there was no Gorsky in either the Russian or American Space Programs.

Over the years, many people questioned Armstrong as to what the “Good Luck, Mr. Gorsky” statement meant, but Armstrong always just smiled.

On July 5, 1995, in Tampa Bay, Florida, while answering questions following a speech, a reporter once again brought up the now 26-year old question about Mr. Gorsky to Armstrong. This time he finally felt he could now answer the question because Mr. Gorsky had just died.

Here is the answer to “Who was Mr. Gorsky?”.

In 1938, when Neil was a young kid in a small mid-western town, he was playing baseball with a friend in his backyard. His friend hit the ball and it landed in the neighbor’s backyard next to their bedroom window. His neighbors were Mr. and Mrs. Gorsky. As Neil leaned down to pick up the ball, he heard Mrs. Gorsky shout at Mr. Gorsky, “You want what?!!!! You will get ‘IT’ when that darn kid next door walks on the moon!!!!”



All About Love

There is a beautiful soul working in the dead letter office of our neighborhood post office who understands LOVE.....

Our 14-year-old dog Abbey died last month. The day after she passed away my 4-year-old daughter Meredith was crying and talking about how much she missed Abbey. She asked if we could write a letter to God so that when Abbey got to heaven, God would recognize her. I told her that I thought that we could, so she dictated these words:

Dear God,

*Will you please take care of my dog? Abbey died yesterday and is with you in heaven.
I miss her very much. I'm happy that you let me have her as my dog as long as you did.
I hope you will play with her. She likes to swim and play with balls.*

I am sending a picture of her so when you see her you will know that she is my dog.

I really miss her.

Love, Meredith

We put the letter in an envelope with a picture of Abbey & Meredith, addressed it to God/Heaven. We put our return address on it. Meredith pasted several stamps on the front of the envelope because she said it would take lots of stamps to get the letter all the way to heaven.

That afternoon she dropped it into the letter box at the post office.

A few days later, she asked if God had gotten the letter yet. I told her that I thought He had.

Yesterday, there was a package wrapped in gold paper on our front porch addressed, '**To Meredith**' in an unfamiliar hand.

Meredith opened it. Inside was a book by Mr. Rogers called, 'When a Pet Dies.' Taped to the inside front cover was the letter we had written to God in its opened envelope.

On the opposite page was the picture of Abbey & Meredith and this note:

Dear Meredith,

Abbey arrived safely in heaven. Having the picture was a big help and I recognized her right away. Abbey isn't sick anymore. Her spirit is here with me just like it stays in your heart. Abbey loved being your dog.

Since we don't need our bodies in heaven, I don't have any pockets to keep your picture in so I'm sending it back to you in this little book for you to keep and have something to remember Abbey by.

Thank you for the beautiful letter and thank your mother for helping you write it and sending it to me.

What a wonderful mother you have. I picked her especially for you.

I send my blessings every day and remember that I love you very much.

By the way, I'm easy to find. I am wherever there is love.

Love, God

Trivia Time

TRIVIA TIME!!! - For those of you who are under the age of 55, which of the following can you name/identify?

Please submit your answers to Merrin Gerety at mgerety@counties.org. Include you name and birthdate along with the answers.

1) Which CLOD (not counting our current Newsletter Editor) recently filed their papers to retire from Los Angeles County?

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