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**President's Message**  
By Kevin Gustorf

**Presidents and Engineers**

The theme for the monthly message in February is focused in on two key terms: "Presidents" and "Engineers." Let's start with Engineers. February is a chance for us engineers to do something we don't normally like to do, recognize our profession, ourselves and our accomplishments. February 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> is National Engineer's Week. It is our chance to call attention to the contributions that engineers make on our society. It is also a chance to emphasize the importance of science, technology, engineering and math skills for future generations.

National Engineers Week was first celebrated in 1951 by the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE). Today, National Engineers Week is observed by more than 70 engineering and educational societies. This year's theme for National Engineers Week is "Pioneers of Progress." Most people won't associate engineers as pioneers; however, engineers have been using our knowledge, creativity and problem-solving skills to cross new frontiers for hundreds of years.

Now for the "President" part. Obviously, the Presidential primaries and impeachment

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**Kevin Gustorf**  
Sierra Chapter President  
2019-2020

**Calendar of Events**

Meetings are at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West unless otherwise noted.  
Member Cost: \$50 - Non-Member \$60

**Thursday, February 13, 2020**

ACEC-CA Engineering Excellence Awards  
Los Angeles, CA

**Wednesday, February 19, 2020**

Past Presidents and Tim Fleming Scholarship  
Dinner Meeting

*Guest Speaker:*

**Gary Antonucci**  
ACEC-CA President

[Register Here](#)

**Thursday, February 20th, 2020**

"Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day"  
Calif. State Capital

**Wednesday March 18th, 2020**

Joint ACEC-CA Sierra Chapter &  
Calmentor North Region Dinner Meeting  
Hilton, Sacramento

Registration Details Coming Soon!

**April 15, 2020**

12<sup>th</sup> Annual Ken Kerri Endowment Fund  
Luncheon  
Location: Sac State Alumni Center

*Guest Speaker:*

**Tim Washburn with the Sacramento Area  
Flood Control Agency (SAFCA).**

Please visit [www.acec.org](http://www.acec.org) for a complete list of upcoming webinars and on-line classes.

## President's Message Continued

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hearings are dominating the headlines, but I will not wade into those waters. Did you know that National Engineers Week was founded to coincide with President George Washington's birthday of February 22<sup>nd</sup>?

February is also the time of year we honor the past Presidents of the ACEC Sierra Chapter. It is a chance for us to recognize the contributions of all of those that came before us that dedicated countless hours and energy to better our organization, community and profession. It is always a well-attended event, and it is a chance to mingle with some of the titans of the local engineering industry.

As if that weren't enough presidential talk, our guest speaker at the February Chapter meeting will be none other than the ACEC State President, Mr. Gary Antonucci. Gary will provide us with great depth and insight into the challenges our industry is facing, and the priorities our organization will be tackling in the upcoming year. Please take the opportunity to attend this event, you will surely benefit.

Now let's tie the two terms together. While several of our United States Presidents were educated with science

and engineering backgrounds, Herbert Hoover was the only U.S. President who was a practicing engineer. Herbert Hoover graduated from Stanford University with a degree in geology. Prior to serving as the 31<sup>st</sup> President of the United States (1929-1933), Herbert Hoover interned with the United States Geological Survey, then went on to work as a mining engineer across the globe, including in Australia and China. Herbert Hoover entered politics in 1917 when President Woodrow Wilson appointed Hoover as the head of the U.S. Food Administration.

To bring it back around to the "Engineers," one of the great campaigns occurring this year as a part of National Engineers Week occurs on February 20<sup>th</sup>: Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day. It is a world-wide campaign to engage girls in engineering and educate girls in about how engineers change our world. The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) has found that from 2011 to 2016, the number of women graduating with engineering degrees has increased by 54%. However, women still only make-up 21% of the total number of engineering graduates. While the increase is encouraging, there is still work to do. After all, it's only a matter of time before a woman will be running our country... and hopefully she's an engineer.

## Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day, February 20, 2020

By Rosa Griggs, Chapter Director

Engineers Week is February 16-22 and this year's theme is **Pioneers of ess!** Engineers – like all pioneers – use their knowledge, creativity, and sense of adventure to cross frontiers (space, the deep ocean, etc.). Engineers Week is an annual opportunity to celebrate engineers and how they improve our lives. While we celebrate Engineers Week, we are also shining a spotlight on *Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day*, February 20, 2020.

We are looking for women in the Sacramento area that are willing to be present on the Assembly Floor on February 20, 2020. If you are interested in attending, please email Breanna Pineda at [bpineda@acec-ca.org](mailto:bpineda@acec-ca.org).



## Past President's and Tim Fleming Memorial Scholarship Award Dinner Meeting Wednesday, February 19, 2020

By Marco Palilla, Chapter Director



**Tim Fleming—Past Sierra Chapter President 1995-96**

Please plan to attend our Chapter Past President's Dinner on February 19<sup>th</sup> when we will not only recognize and honor our amazing Past Presidents (a complete list is below), but award the 2019 Tim Fleming Memorial Scholarship! The scholarship, now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year, is dedicated to the memory of one of our

most accomplished and well liked Past Presidents, Tim Fleming, who passed away unexpectedly in 2010. This year's winner is Gena Farley of University of the Pacific (Tim's alma mater!). Gena will be attending the meeting to

receive her scholarship check from Tim's son, Ryan Fleming. Please come out and support this year's winner!

The evening will also include guest speaker Gary Antonucci, who is the current ACEC-CA President and a principal with Moffat & Nichol. Gary will give us an update on what is happening at the State level.

If you attended this event in the past, you know that we have many special guests representing the rich history of our Chapter. This is a meeting you will not want to miss as we award the latest Tim Fleming Memorial Scholarship and rub elbows with the people that created our Chapter's tradition of excellence.



**Gary Antonucci- Current ACEC CA President**

### ACEC/CELSOC Sierra Chapter Past Presidents

Year	First Name	Last Name	Firm (during Presidency)
1992-1993	Jerry	Aplass	Burrell Consulting Group, Inc.
1993-1994	John	Pitalo	Morton & Pitalo, Inc.
1994-1995	Paul	Enneking	Psomas
1995-1996	Tim	Fleming	Mark Thomas & Co., Inc.
1996-1997	Jim	Ray, Jr.	MacKay & Somps
1997-1998	Chuck	Cunningham	Cunningham Engineering
1998-1999	Terry	Lowell	TLA Engineering & Planning, Inc.
1999-2000	Carlos	Espana	Espana Geotechnical
2000-2001	Eddie	Kho	Morton & Pitalo, Inc.
2001-2002	Les	Clark	Nolte
2002-2003	Steve	Sinnock	Kjeldsen, Sinnock & Neudeck, Inc.
2003-2004	Tom	Blackburn	Blackburn Consulting
2004-2005	Rob	Salaber	Salaber Associates, Inc.
2005-2006	Ron	Heinzen	Kleinfelder
2006-2007	Rob	Himes	Mark Thomas & Co., Inc.
2007-2008	Jeff	Patton	Blackburn Consulting
2008-2009	Christopher	Curtis	CBC Surveys, Inc.
2009-2010	Bob	LoRusso	Salaber Associates, Inc.
2010-2011	Marco	Palilla	HDR Engineering, Inc.

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**ACEC/CELSOC Sierra Chapter Past Presidents**

2011-2012	Ed	Henderson	CH2MHill
2012-2013	Steve	Greenfield	Cunningham Engineering
2013-2014	Ted	Hopkins	Shannon & Wilson
2014-2015	Tom	Holdrege	Holdrege & Kull
2015-2016	Harvey	Oslick	Wood Rodgers
2016-2017	Dana	Remington	AndreggPsomas
2017-2018	Landon	Blake	BKF Engineers
2018-2019	Debanik	Chaudhuri	Shannon & Wilson

**Membership**

**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS**

*The Sierra Chapter is proud to announce the Board of Directors approved and welcomed the following new firms in the past year:*

Firm	Month/Yr. Joined	Member Type	City
<b>Culp &amp; Tanner, Inc.</b>	<b>12/2019</b>	<b>Civil Engineering</b>	<b>Chico</b>
<b>Weber Grant</b>	<b>10/2019</b>	<b>Survey</b>	<b>Stockton</b>
<b>RFE Engineering Inc.</b>	<b>08/2019</b>	<b>Civil Engineering</b>	<b>Roseville</b>
<b>GHD</b>	<b>04/2019</b>	<b>Civil Engineering</b>	<b>Roseville</b>
<b>Hydroscience</b>	<b>03/2019</b>	<b>Civil Engineering</b>	<b>Sacramento</b>

## Joint ACEC/APWA January Meeting Recap –Sacramento County Supervisor Sue Frost

By Marco Palilla, Director



We kicked off the new year with our always popular Joint ACEC/APWA lunch meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> at the Dante Club. Our guest speaker was Sacramento County Supervisor Sue Frost who represents the people of the 4th District (the Northern and Western edges of Sacramento County from Rio Linda to Folsom and Rancho Murietta). This was also Darcy Taylor's first meeting as the Sacramento Chapter's APWA President. Darcy is with Ghirardelli and Associates.

As always, the turnout was excellent with many Sierra Chapter members in attendance. President Kevin Gustorf sat at the head table with Darcy Taylor. Supervisor Frost showed up right on time and was introduced by Kevin. She jumped right in to describe her fiscal responsibility and motivation to focus energy on Sacramento County health, welfare and infrastructure issues. She also elaborated on the size of the County's current budget (over \$4 Billion) and how little discretionary money is actually available for non-State mandated programs (around 17%). The audience asked about transportation spending and project priorities of which Supervisor Frost described the process the County uses to distribute State and local funds. The bottom-line is there are way more projects than funds, but they do their best to spread the projects around the County equally. Special thanks to Director JD Christiansen for lining up Supervisor Frost as our guest speaker.

As with past Joint Lunch events with APWA, this was a great event to kick off 2020!

# Member Firm Profile:

# Gannett Fleming

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YEARS**



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65  
COUNTRIES**



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# ACEC California Sierra Chapter

February 2020

*You are cordially invited to attend:*

## **General Membership and BOD “Dinner” Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 19, 2020**

Annual Past President’s Celebration and 9th Annual Tim Fleming  
Memorial Scholarship Award

Guest Speaker:

**Gary Antonucci**  
**President, ACEC-California**

### **On-line Registration/ RSVP:**

[Register Here](#)

*Or you can:*

**\*Pay by check at the door.**

**\*Pay Cash at the door.**

**R.S.V.P. Deadline: Friday  
February 14th - 12:00 noon**

\*If paying by cash or check at the door,  
please either “RSVP Only” at the above  
Eventbrite link, or email [dlocicero@acec-ca-sierra.org](mailto:dlocicero@acec-ca-sierra.org) for reserving your seat.



Meetings are held at the Hilton unless  
otherwise noted.

***Hilton Sacramento Arden West***

**220 Harvard Street  
Sacramento, CA**

**5:00pm - 6:00pm:** BOD Meeting

**6:00pm - 6:30pm:** Networking

**6:30pm - 8:00pm:** General Membership  
Dinner Meeting

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### Would you like to see YOUR FIRM listed in this Newsletter?

ACEC-CA/Sierra Chapter firms in good standing are invited to submit a company profile for inclusion in this newsletter. **Firms that have not been featured in the last two years are invited to participate again.** Contact Jerry Jones, Vice President, for submission details.

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