



Meeting Notice and Newsletter

July 2009

July Luncheon Notice:

We are pleased to announce this month's guest speaker is Ms. Gina Neilson from Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA), who will be speaking on the topic of "World and Colorado River Water Issues, White Pine County to Las Vegas Waterline". The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at Lawry's Prime Rib at 4043 Howard Hughes Parkway.



Ms. Gina Neilson is an engineering project manager for the Southern Nevada Water Authority. Her primary responsibilities include overseeing design and construction management of Southern Nevada's regional water facilities. She is responsible for the departments master planning efforts, which involves comparing the regions short and long-term water demand projects to capacity of the Southern Nevada Water System and identifying new capital improvement programs. Gina has more than 17 years of engineering experience with the Authority and the Las Vegas Valley Water District.

Gina is a member of Tau Beta Pi, the American Water Works Association and the Water Environment Federation. She received both her Bachelors and Masters of Science degrees in civil engineering from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

A native Las Vegan, Gina is married with two young boys. She enjoys all outdoor activities, especially sand volleyball, hiking and mountain biking.

The lunch will be held from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and the cost is \$25.00 for those who RSVP before 12:00 P.M. on Friday, July 17, 2009 and \$27.00 for those who register thereafter. If you would like to attend the July luncheon, please RSVP on the NSPE website http://www.nspenv.org/south/lunch-rsvp.html or contact Brook Demitropoulos at (702) 804-2042.

July Luncheon Sponsor:

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Calendar of Events:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Activity / Location, Time. Rows include NSPE 2009 Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MI (7/15/09, 6:00 PM), NSPE Monthly Luncheon Speaker Gina Neilson (7/21/09, 11:30 AM), and NSPE Monthly Luncheon (8/18/09, 11:30 AM).

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Thank You to Tony Hills and Southwest Gas Corporation for sponsoring the June luncheon. The NSPE Southern Nevada Chapter and our Officers are grateful to all the local companies like Southwest Gas who continue to support NSPE efforts. If your company is interested in being a sponsor in 2009, please contact Allen Pavelka at apavelka@co.clark.nv.us.



Give Back Get Back:

NSPE members can "get back" their membership fees by getting other engineers to join!! By encouraging other engineers to join NSPE, you will save \$125. Not only will you "get back" \$125, but you will "give back" by supporting other individuals in their careers. While you add to your Society's reach and prestige, you will also increase your own network of information, influence, and career opportunities.

Refer two colleagues or friends and NSPE will waive your national dues for one year. Your name will also be recognized on the NSPE Web site as one of our sponsors in keeping the NSPE community strong.

If you have any questions, contact NSPE's Member Services Department using any of the following methods:

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Website: <http://www.nspe.org/ReferAFriend/index.html>.

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sent to potential employers. Experienced engineers can seek advice on career changes and discuss new opportunities with peers from around the country in our online career transitioning forum.

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If you are interested in joining NSPE, please visit: www.nspe.org/ssl/membership/join_contact_info.asp

NSPE Celebrates 75 Years:

In May 1934, renowned bridge engineer David Steinman (pictured left) called together four engineering organizations to discuss the formation of a new national engineering society. Representatives of those organizations - the New Jersey Association of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, the New York State Society of Professional Engineers, the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers and the Connecticut Society of Professional Engineers - met at the Columbia University Club in New York City on May 25 and decided to form a new, nontechnical organization that would be dedicated to the interests of licensed professional engineers.

A little over three months later, on September 3, the National Society of Professional Engineers was officially formed. In a keynote address, Steinman, who had been elected president, spoke of protecting engineers from unqualified practitioners, building recognition for engineers, and standing against unethical practices and inadequate compensation.

"Through membership and active participation in NSPE," Steinman said, "the individual engineer renders his contribution toward making engineering a better and more satisfying profession than he found it."

To learn more about NSPE's beginnings visit: <http://www.nspe.org/Anniversary/index.html>.



Ideas & Feedback – Southern NV Chapter:



NSPE Members – We are planning the upcoming luncheons and workshops and we would appreciate your ideas, input and feedback on what you would be interested in hearing and learning about. We would like to try and have 1.0 PDH luncheons and charge \$25 for workshops to try and offer the most bang for your buck. Please check out

the list below as suggestions, but we are most interested in your ideas and feedback.

Feel free to submit any responses or suggestions to Brook at BDemitropoulos@gcwallace.com.

Upcoming Luncheons

- Concrete Mix Designs and Case Studies
- Wastewater Panel from CLV, CC, CNLV, & COH
- NV Energy: The big picture, energy grids, plants, future energy requirements
- Mitch Fox: Economic Impacts to Retirement and Mobility
- What's going on in the Valley? Public Works Update
- Engineer's Without Borders
- Emergency Preparedness Management
- Hydrogen Power in Nevada
- Nuclear Energy
- Robotics

Possible Workshop Ideas

- Industrial Hygiene - OSHA 10 and OSHA 30
- Writing Powerful Resumes
- Brand Yourself for Success: Form an effective image
- Becoming a Dream Team Member: Team work and organization
- Time Management
- Keeping Your Priorities Straight
- Critical Thinking
- Generational Issues in the Workforce

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