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December Luncheon Speaker

SAEMS was privileged to have The Honorable Robert Walkup, former Mayor of Tucson, Arizona as our December luncheon speaker. The Mayor had just completed his third elected term in office and he shared with us a few experiences, including how he originally decided to run for Mayor. Mayor Walkup's Administration was instrumental in adoption of the Residential Gray-Water Ordinance and requiring LEED certification on all new city buildings. One of his proudest accomplishments is securing funding and approval for the Modern Streetcar Project, of which he spoke passionately. He believes we should expect to see additional growth and development as the Streetcar Project moves forward. His Honor also spoke about Tucson's water conservation efforts and that citizens are doing great things as individuals to conserve. He challenged us to look ahead and consider what environmental issues will be facing Tucson in the next ten years. We thank Mayor Bob Walkup for his 12 years of service to the City of Tucson!

January Luncheon Speaker

This month our luncheon speaker will be Zoe Richmond, Director of Public Affairs, for Union Pacific. As a Public Affairs Director for Arizona and New Mexico, she deals with various rail transportation issues ranging from major infrastructure projects to legislative bills to community requests. Previously, she worked as director of media, acting as a spokeswoman for the company. Ms. Richmond also represented Union Pacific during major incidents, such as derailments. Nearly a quarter of U.S. chemical product shipments travel by rail, destined to perhaps generate energy, produce food and disinfect drinking water. SAEMS members should expect to hear about Union Pacific's environmental and safety efforts in rail transportation. Rail is reportedly the safest and most environmentally friendly way to move goods. Technological advances in recent years keep a focus on safety and efficiency that makes the US freight rail network the envy of the world. Please contact Dan Williams at Daniel.Williams@uahealth.com by January 20, 2012 if you plan to attend the luncheon or register by [PayPal](#). Late registrations (received after January 20, 2012) will be charged \$5.00 extra, and may depend on whether seats remain.



The Honorable Robert Walkup, former Mayor of Tucson, speaks to SAEMS members at the December luncheon meeting.



SAEMS members participated in the December 10 Highway Cleanup and enjoyed lunch together afterwards.



Thank you to January's Luncheon Sponsor, Turner Laboratories, Inc.

Annual LEPC Gatekeeper Seminar – Request for Volunteers!

Mark your calendar... the LEPC will host their annual Gatekeeper seminar on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at the Desert Diamond Casino. More information will be available soon on the [LEPC webpage](#). The LEPC has requested that SAEMS co-sponsor the government grant funded Gatekeeper seminar. The LEPC is hoping that SAEMS can coordinate the exhibitors at the conference. This involves contacting the exhibitors and vendors to invite them to participate. Also, the SAEMS representative would track exhibitor registrations and coordinate the setup. The SAEMS treasurer would collect the exhibitor fees. If you are interested in assisting the LEPC by coordinating the seminar exhibitors, please contact Barb Ricca at 799-4433 by January 20. This is a fantastic opportunity for a SAEMS member to get involved. If a SAEMS volunteer cannot be found by January 20, we will have to decline this opportunity to participate in the LEPC Gatekeeper seminar.

February Luncheon Date Change!

The LEPC Gatekeeper Seminar will be held on Wednesday, February 29, and many SAEMS members would like to participate in this event. Because of this, the SAEMS February luncheon has been moved to Wednesday, February 22. Luncheon announcements will be sent out early. Don't forget to RSVP!

SAEMS Announces New Pricing and Membership Benefits

Starting in 2012, membership has some new benefits. Here are three ways:

1. For non-members, lunch prices will be increase from \$20 to \$25 for early registration, and from \$25 to \$30 for late registration.
2. An additional fee of \$10 will be added to each non-member seminar registration.
3. Members will get access to the members-only password protected pages and information on the SAEMS website.

Please be sure to get your membership application and payment processed today!

Luncheon Tips

Please be sure to RSVP, even if it is the day before. We try to keep the staff at the Manning House in the loop. If no RSVP is received and there are too many walk-in registrations, we will ask you to wait until the Manning House can confirm that there is enough food and that seating is available. Remember to use PayPal, that way you will avoid waiting in line!

2012 – 2013 Environmental Scholarships Sponsored by SAEMS

SAEMS is offering up to eight scholarships ranging between \$500 and \$4,000 for the 2012-2013 academic year. To be eligible you must:

- Plan on pursuing a career in the environmental arena;
- Be a current undergraduate or graduate student;
- Be a full or part-time student for the 2012-2013 academic year at the University of Arizona;
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and satisfactory progress toward a degree (a minimum of 12 units completed).

Please see the attached application form for the application process. The application form is also available through the SAEMS website at: http://www.saems.org/scholarships_frameset.htm. Please direct questions to the SAEMS Education Chair, Catherine Schladweiler (cschladweiler@tep.com).

SAEMS Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup

On a windy and very cold day, nine dedicated volunteers tackled the I-10 December 10th highway cleanup. SAEMS participants were: Ken Asch, Mike Block, Michael Dieckhaus (and daughter Laurel), Barb Ricca and Dan Williams. In addition, three U of A students helped: Katherine Weingartner, Rebecca Veach and Nicholas Zehrbach. Lunch at the TTT truck stop was enjoyed by all. A total of 28 bags (about 600 pounds) of trash were collected. Barb won the prize for finding and freeing a small lizard from a reusable, insulated coffee cup. The next cleanup will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us. Contact Barb Ricca at ricca@us.ibm.com to RSVP for the February cleanup.