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### January Luncheon Speaker

**Business Continuity Planning and Update on Pima County LEPC Activities** - Our speaker this month is **John E. Wisner, Jr.**, Program Coordinator for the Pima County Office of Emergency Management. John also serves as the District Emergency Coordinator for the Arizona State Emergency Response Commission in Pima County. His role is to work with the businesses, responders, and citizens on issues relating to Hazardous Materials in Pima County. He is the liaison to the Pima County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), ensuring that the committee, businesses, and the county is compliant to roles and responsibilities as outlined in the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III and the Arizona State Statutes.

### December Luncheon Seminar Summary

The December luncheon speaker was **Henry Darwin**, Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). Director Darwin summarized the ADEQ FY2014-2018 Strategic Plan to a full meeting room: Shift from maintaining core programs during tough economic times to restoring capacity with the new reality over the next several years; Deploy Lean principles as part of process improvement; Leverage E-Technology to improve customer services related to permits and reporting; Increase Outreach; and Strengthen Core Programs. You will find the entire Strategic Plan at the ADEQ website: [http://www.azdeq.gov/function/forms/download/strategic\\_plan-2012.pdf](http://www.azdeq.gov/function/forms/download/strategic_plan-2012.pdf) We also officially welcomed our guest, Amanda Stone as the ADEQ Southern Regional Office Director. A brief Q & A session completed the talk. Our thanks to Director Darwin for joining us at SAEMS!



### PAYMENT TIP:

SAEMS members are requested to use **PayPal** for lunch and seminar payments whenever possible. Financial charges for using PayPal are about 2.5% and the charge for using a credit card averages 6%. Last fiscal year SAEMS spent \$1,700 on financial fees. If we could use PayPal, we could cut the costs in half and have \$1,000 more for scholarships. As an added bonus, pre-paying on PayPal allows members to fast forward through the lunch or seminar check-in line.

### SAEMS Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup

Join us for the next SAEMS Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup, to be held on **February 9, 2013**. Volunteers will meet at 8:00 AM sharp, at the Sonoita exit, off of I-10. Park in the dirt lot south of I-10. We will leave the parking area by 8:10 after the safety meeting. SAEMS volunteers for a one-mile stretch of highway east of the Sonoita exit. Volunteers must be 12 years of age or older and if under 18, accompanied by a parent or guardian. Volunteers should wear long pants, long sleeves, closed toe shoes, hat, and sunscreen. SAEMS will provide safety vests, leather gloves, litter grabbers, and collection bags. Also bottled water and snacks will be available. SAEMS will host a lunch at the Triple T truck stop after the cleanup. A prize will be given for the most interesting treasure found. Please contact the event coordinator, Barbara Ricca, at [ricca@us.ibm.com](mailto:ricca@us.ibm.com) or 799-4433 to RSVP or if you have questions.

### 2013 LEPC Seminar

On **January 30th, 2013** the Pima County LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) will be holding their annual **Emergency Planning - Business Education Seminar**. The seminar is free and includes a free lunch for attendees. More information can be obtained on the LEPC webpage at <http://www.pima.gov/lepc/training.shtml>. The webpage includes a link to RSVP to John Wisner. The January SAEMS lunch will be held in conjunction with the LEPC seminar. Those who cannot attend the entire seminar can attend the lunch only. More information will follow in January.

Are you interested in getting more involved in the community? The LEPC is looking for a volunteer to assist with exhibitors for the January 30th seminar. Volunteering is a great way to meet new environmental professionals in the community. To volunteer, contact John Wisner at [john.wisner@pima.gov](mailto:john.wisner@pima.gov) or 520-798-0600.

Arizona emergency response businesses who wish to be an exhibitor at the LEPC seminar should contact John Wisner. The seminar is an excellent way to showcase your products and services to many potential customers.

### WRRC Brown Bag Seminars

The **University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center** holds weekly brown bag lunch seminars at the Sol Resnick Conference Room at 350 North Campbell Avenue. Please see their website at <http://wrrc.arizona.edu/events/brownbag> for a schedule of topics. For more information, contact Jane Cripps at [jcripps@cals.arizona.edu](mailto:jcripps@cals.arizona.edu) or 520-621-2526.

### Combat Buffelgrass

Join hundreds of other volunteers to combat invasive buffelgrass in Tucson, Saturday **January 26, 2013**. To sign up to volunteer, visit the Southern Arizona Buffelgrass Coordination Center website at [www.buffelgrass.org/](http://www.buffelgrass.org/).

### New SAEMS Communications Coordinator

**Pat Hartshorne** recently took over the Executive Board position of Communication Coordinator from Sarah Hartwell, who regrettably submitted her resignation for the position. Pat is a Project Manager at SCS Engineers and is a long-time member and past Secretary for SAEMS. Pat can be contacted at [communications@saems.org](mailto:communications@saems.org).



### SAEMS Scholarships

SAEMS is pleased to announce the availability of **University of Arizona 2013-2014 academic year scholarships** for undergraduate and graduate students pursuing a career in the environmental field. Scholarship awards will range between \$500 and \$4,000 (approximately \$10,000 in scholarship funds available). Up to four undergraduate and four graduate finalists will be selected for interviews by early April 2013. Interviews will be scheduled in late April or early May 2013, with awards determined by the Scholarship Committee following soon after the interview process. Scholarship winners also receive a complimentary SAEMS student membership and are asked to attend the May 29, 2013 SAEMS luncheon to be introduced to the SAEMS membership. 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 2013-2014 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).

**Applications are due March 3, 2013-11:59 pm.** This year, to reduce the environmental impact due to printing, the scholarship information and application page have been combined into a three-page document that may be submitted via email. For more information on SAEMS scholarships and other programs, visit [www.saems.org/](http://www.saems.org/) - contact B. J. Cordova at (520) 837-6832 or [bj.cordova@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:bj.cordova@tucsonaz.gov).