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### **February Luncheon Speakers**

Our speakers for the February 27, 2013 luncheon (11:30 am – 1:30 pm at the Hotel Tucson, 475 North Granada Avenue) will be **Fran LaSala** and **David Hertzberg**, who will present a talk on the mission of **Arizona Recycling Coalition (AzRC)** in the State of Arizona and possible goals for the upcoming year. Fran LaSala is the Waste Diversion Manager for the City of Tucson. He currently manages the recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Programs. He has been employed in the local environmental field for over 25 years, the last 18 with the City of Tucson. He is an elected Board member of the AzRC. David Hertzberg is the owner of Sonoran Waste Disposal, a solid waste and recycling company that specializes in: collection and processing of commercial rubbish, construction and demolition debris; LEED Projects; and recycling solutions and waste audits. David is currently serving as the President of the AzRC. Under David's guidance, AzRC held its first Recycling Conference last November. David's leadership has provided AzRC with a solid foundation on which to build and expand.



### **January Luncheon Seminar Summary**

SAEMS would like to thank **John Wisner** of the Pima County Office of Emergency Management for his lunch presentation at the January 30, 2013 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Business Education Seminar at Desert Diamond Casino Conference Center. John provided attendees with a "Business Continuity Planning Tool Kit," which highlights 5 simple steps to protecting your business, should disaster strike. You can find a similar tool kit at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). We also thank the many SAEMS members who attended the seminar or just joined us for lunch!

### **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 – Rescheduled!**

The SAEMS Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup scheduled for February 9, 2013 had to be cancelled due to SNOW! The new date for the cleanup is **Saturday February 23, 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 AM 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 Catalina Foothills High School Agri-Science Fair**

The 2013 Catalina Foothills High School Agri-Science Fair is rapidly approaching and community members with science backgrounds are being recruited to help interview students and judge their projects. The fair will be held on **March 7th from 4-7 PM** in the science building at Catalina Foothills High School. If you're available to help with judging and interviews, please contact Lisa Osinga at [losinga@cfsd16.org](mailto:losinga@cfsd16.org).

### **WRRRC 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.

### **Coming Soon:**

The SAEMS website will be undergoing some updating over the next few weeks to make sure all information is up to date and all links are correct. Information that is currently or will soon be posted include the June-November 2012 financial results, current and past board meeting minutes, back issues of the News Flash, and the current membership directory, to list just a few. So stay tuned for a future News Blast!

### **SAEMS Scholarships – Applications Due March 3**

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 June 26, 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 to 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).

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**Only electronic submissions are being accepted. Please be sure to save and print a copy of your scholarship submission for your records. Email the saved copy or a scanned PDF, jpg, or other common/legible file format to: [bj.cordova@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:bj.cordova@tucsonaz.gov). A reply email will be sent when the application has been logged for review by the scholarship committee. If you don't receive confirmation within 2 business days, please email [bj.cordova@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:bj.cordova@tucsonaz.gov) or call (520) 837-6832 for assistance.**