

August 28, 2013

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August Luncheon Speaker

Our Speaker for the **August 28, 2013** luncheon (11:30 am – 1:30 pm at the Hotel Tucson, 475 North Granada Avenue) will be **Douglas Kirkland, Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department**. Mr. Kirkland will discuss the July 18th update to the Industrial Wastewater Ordinance, which was last updated in 1991. Changes include: EPA's 2005 Streamlining Rule changes to the Pretreatment Program; provisions that address SB 1598 Regulatory Bill of Rights; and finally, changes to Pima County's Enforcement Response Plan, which includes a Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) provision.

July Luncheon Summary

Our Speaker at the **July 31, 2013** luncheon was **Maaike ("Mica") Schotborgh**, a Southwest Regional Ecologist with the **Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC)**. The nonprofit WHC is a non-lobbying organization that is "dedicated to increasing the quality and amount of wildlife habitat on corporate, private, and public lands." Ms. Schotborgh discussed different ways that the WHC works with businesses and partners to provide on-the-ground conservation actions on working lands and properties. Businesses who decide to implement conservation programs find that they have better relationships with the community, customers, regulators, and other stakeholders. They also find that it improves employee morale and that employees enjoy getting involved and volunteering in company-sponsored conservation programs. WHC assists with development of a corporate strategy and implementation of business sustainability goals, providing third-party certification, helping link with other projects to create "wildlife corridors" or "habitat pathways," assisting with community engagement and outreach, providing educational tools, providing new avenues to engage with regulatory processes and others. WHC focuses on environmental education for learners of all ages and identifies opportunities to incorporate STEM-based education in outdoor classrooms on working lands.



Highlights from the June SAEMS Luncheon



Previous president Heather Shoemaker handing off the golden bung wrench to new president Dawn Weyer (right)

New and outgoing SAEMS board members: Pat Harrington, Heather Spitzer, Derek Koller, Barb Ricca, Dan Williams, Heather Shoemaker, Pat Hartshorne, and Dawn Weyer



BJ Cordova accepts the SAEMS Volunteer of the Year Award



Full circle -- new president Dawn Weyer of Turner Laboratories with SAEMS founding member Nancy Turner and Mike McGovern, also of Turner Laboratories

Letter from Incoming SAEMS President Dawn Weyer



As we continue in an age where many interpersonal interactions are limited to a mouse click and canned photograph (please see mine attached), I believe professional organizations such as SAEMS are more important than ever. There is no replacement for a face to face conversation. Our organization is teeming with experienced professionals and a plethora of health and safety knowledge. I encourage each of our members to think back to your first SAEMS luncheon and the knowledge you have gained since then; how many SAEMS faces can you associate with that knowledge? As we move through this year I hope to see our membership and participation grow. Our community involvement continues to thrive with increased donations to southern Arizona environmental education programs. I hope to see each of you at our next luncheon or seminar; please come over and say hello. Please feel free to contact me with comments or suggestions at dweyer@turnerlabs.com.

Upcoming P2 Seminar – September 25, 2013

On **September 25, 2013**, SAEMS will host the annual **P2 Seminar** at the Hilton East in Tucson. P2 is a path towards sustainable growth. Excess emissions are waste; waste can become wasted money and lead to an ever-increasing regulatory burden. Eliminating waste and increasing efficiency is a stepping stone toward carbon neutrality. [Click here](#) to go to the SAEMS website seminar page to access the online registration forms (now available – online fillable forms that link directly to PayPal!). For additional information contact Lisa Cuestas (Lisa.Cuestas@tucsonaz.gov) or Heather Shoemaker (520-770-1789 or hpshoemaker@terracon.com).

SAEMS Financial Report

SAEMS finished the fiscal year on May 31, 2013 in a good financial position. We have about \$40,000 in the bank between our savings, checking and CD accounts. In the past fiscal year, we had about \$50,300 in income and \$46,900 in expenses. This leaves us with a financial gain of about \$3,400 last year. The board decided to slightly increase donations to scholarships, Tucson Clean & Beautiful and the SAEMS/Household Hazardous Waste volunteer appreciation event in light of our gain last year. The new financial reports will be posted to the website soon – [Click here](#) for a link to the SAEMS executive committee page to view financial reports.



SAEMS lunch and seminar attendees are requested to use PayPal for payments whenever possible. Financial charges for using PayPal are about 2.7% and the charge for using a credit card averages 4.8%. Last fiscal year SAEMS spent \$1,600 on financial fees. If everyone used 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

The next SAEMS Adopt A Highway Cleanup is scheduled for **Saturday September 21, 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, Dan Williams, at Daniel.Williams@uahealth.com to RSVP or if you have questions.



See the latest information on the SAEMS website, including luncheon and P2 seminar information, Trash & Bash updates, ADOT press release regarding our Trash & Bash volunteers, Executive Committee meeting notes, financial information, News Flash archives, etc.! Members can access the current membership directory under the Members tab on the website (www.saems.org) or [Click Here](#), and then enter the member user name and password.

WRRC Brown Bag Seminars

The University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center will be resuming their 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 or (520) 621-2526.

Hazardous Materials Manager Certification Preparation Course

SAEMS is sponsoring a **Hazardous Materials Manager Certification** preparation course on **November 5-7, 2013** at the ADOSH Tucson Office, 2675 East Broadway Blvd (1st floor training room). The course is applicable to Environmental, Health, and Safety decision makers such as hazardous materials managers, engineers, environmental scientists, industrial hygienists, and safety officers. Education and work experience determine eligibility for the Hazardous Materials Management Technician (HMMT), Certified Hazardous Materials Practitioner (CHMP), or Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM). For more information, contact Richard W. Murphy by telephone at (520) 794-0079 or by email at Richard_W_Murphy@raytheon.com. Within the next week you will be able to download the course registration form from the SAEMS website at http://www.saems.org/seminars_frameset.htm. Once you have completed the registration form, email to Barb Ricca at treasurer@saems.org. The course may be paid for on the SAEMS website using PayPal. If you prefer to pay by credit card, DO NOT email the credit card information -- call Barb Ricca at (520) 799-4433.

Climate Smart Southwest Conference – Ready or Hot?

The upcoming conference “**Public Health and Climate Adaptation**” will be presented by Climate Smart Southwest on Saturday **September 21, 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM**, at the Tucson Convention Center. The conference will cover general and health impacts of climate change in the Southwest as presented by climate scientists and leaders. Participate in afternoon workshops to prepare and respond to climate change. In addition, **author Eric Klinenberg** will speak at a pre-conference free public special event on Friday **September 20 at 7 PM** at the TEP/Unisource Building. For conference registration and more information go to www.psr.org/azclimate. Watch for the conference flier in an upcoming SAEMS News Blast.