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Annual June Luncheon

The Annual SAEMS Luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, June 25, 2014** from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm at the Hotel Tucson, 475 North Granada Avenue. This is the annual luncheon, which features passing of the gold bung wrench to the new President and introduction of the new SAEMS Board. In addition, Ms. Shari Popen from Sky Islands Public High School will introduce their school and present their mini-grant project. The mini-grants for Tucson area schools were jointly funded by Tucson Clean and Beautiful (TCB), SAEMS, and the Arizona Native Plant Society. In addition, the SAEMS 2014 Scholarship winners Derek Koller, Yee Huang, and Chris Olivares will be presented.



Annual RCRA Seminar – SAEMS & RCRA: In Focus

SAEMS held the annual one day RCRA Seminar on Thursday May 15, 2014 at the Tucson Hilton East. The seminar was a great success! The event was attended by 150 people, including one student scholarship winner. Net income of over \$12,000 was raised for the SAEMS scholarship fund. Topics included RCRA basics, universal waste, Tier II reporting, a virtual inspection, Pima County rules update, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Waste Programs and Southern Regional Office Updates, common inspection errors, and a compliance case study. Please use the following links to the ADEQ website for more information:

Checklists: <http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/waste/hazwaste/icu.html>; Hazardous Waste: <http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/waste/hazwaste/download/managehw.pdf> ; Universal Wastes: <http://www.epa.gov/osw/hazard/wastetypes/universal/>; and P2: <http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/waste/p2/index.html>

Thanks to our fearless committee for all their hard work in making this seminar a success !!!!

New SAEMS Executive Committee



Welcome the new SAEMS Executive Committee: President, **Patrick Harrington**; Vice President, **Ami Kidder**; President Elect, **Derek Koller**; Treasurer, **Barbara Ricca**; Secretary, **Jean E. Bierwirth**; and Communications Coordinator, **Patricia Hartshorne**. We would like to extend a huge thank you to our volunteer of the year **Heather Shoemaker**.

Message from Outgoing SAEMS President Dawn Weyer

I would like to say it has been a busy year for SAEMS but I realize that our organization is one busy year after another. It has been my pleasure to be president of an organization that is as active in its community as SAEMS. We had two successful seminars this year, continued on with our tradition of U of A scholarships, and grew our young mini-grant program with Tucson Clean and Beautiful. Those items only scratch the surface of what SAEMS has accomplished this year and a brief sampling of our service to the southern Arizona community.

It is truly our dedicated membership and volunteers that allow SAEMS to be a force in this community. Trash n bash would not be possible without our Saturday cleanup crews. It has been two years (one as president-elect and one as president) full of getting to know members better and reconnecting with people face to face. Thank you to each member of SAEMS because it wouldn't have been possible without you. I am happy to hand the golden bung wrench over to Patrick Harrington to carry on the tradition and maybe create a few new ones along his way.



PAYMENT TIP:

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.

WRRRC Brown Bag Seminars

Attend the **University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center** 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.

The upcoming seminar topic is *Dusty Dry to Sopping Wet? Summer and Fall Climate Outlook for Southern Arizona*, to be held on **Thursday July 10, 2014** at 12:00 PM.



Members will be able to access the current membership directory (to be updated by the end of June) under the Members tab on the website (www.saems.org) or [Click Here](#), and then enter the member user name and password. New passwords will be sent out to current members, so watch your inboxes. Latest information will also be updated soon on the SAEMS website, including seminar, luncheon, and scholarship information, previous luncheon presentations, Trash & Bash updates, ADOT press release regarding our Trash & Bash volunteers, Executive Committee meeting notes, financial information, News Flash archives, etc.!