

The **Region 1 Spring Forum 2010** that was held in San Diego last weekend was a great success. Many thanks go out to the Chapter 11 officers and members, led by Jim Anthony, SR/WA, who put the location and other arrangements together for us. They did an outstanding job and we really appreciate all of their hard work. I also want to say “Thank you” to all of the sponsors who made this a success: **Overland, Pacific and Cutler, Inc. (OPC), Project Design Consultants (PDC), Coates Field Service, Inc., Wiggans Group, Inc.,** and **San Diego Chapter 11**. These sponsors donated money and items to make the Forum more fun for everyone!

Several important and noteworthy things occurred at the Forum:

- The elections for **Region Chair** and **Vice Chair** were held for the year 2010-2011. **Carolyn “Chris” Banks, SR/WA** was elected for a second year as Region Chair and **Renee Marruffo, SR/WA, RW-NAC** was elected Region Vice Chair.
- **Chapter 11 San Diego** announced their bid for the **International Conference in 2015**. We heard a rumor that their competition will be Anchorage Alaska.
- **Sandra Durbin, SR/WA**, Chapter 11, was the recipient of the 2010 Region 1 Professional of the Year. Congratulations, Sandra!
- The two **Newsletters of the Year** award winners for 2010 were chosen – **Chapter 50 Fresno** (chapters under 100 members) and **Chapter 11 San Diego** (chapters over 100 members). However, to give credit where it is due, there were many other very fine newsletters submitted for consideration and the race was a close one!
- A new program, “**Make Change Work**”, was developed by Randy Pennington of the Pennington Performance Group and the abbreviated version of the program was presented at the Forum. The program will also be offered to leaders at the Calgary Conference.
- Region 9 Chair, **Lee Satterfield Hamre, SR/WA, R/W-RAC**, flew in from Colorado with her husband, Austin, and announced her candidacy for the IEC.
- Also in attendance were IEC International Secretary, **Pat Petitto SR/WA, R/W-RAC**, International Executive Committee Member, **Lisa Harrison, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC**, IRWA Executive Vice President **Mark Rieck**, IEF Representative **Mike Pattison**, and IPDC Representative, **William Kyle Ray**. Their input at the meeting was invaluable.
- The **2010 Fall Forum** date and location were announced – it will be hosted by Chapter 27 in Sacramento on Oct 1-2, with the Region meeting on October 2. More information will be forthcoming soon.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Calgary. Thanks again to everyone who attended the Forum. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did!

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