

## Letter From the President

Greetings Chapter 8!

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and are off to a tremendous New Year. As we came into 2018, I reflected on 2017. At first, I kind of sneered because 2017 was rough.

While life was busy, it wasn't crazy. When things aren't crazy I get bored. When I get bored, I get into trouble. See where I'm going here?

There were a lot of great things in 2017:

Our economy started going crazy / The Trump Bump  
The overwhelming outpouring of volunteers and help that came from all walks of life in response to Hurricane Harvey  
The Astros won the World Series  
Price of Oil started creeping up  
I finally got my wife to agree a minivan

In all seriousness, I think we all have good reason to be optimistic in 2018. With our economy taking off combined with the future infrastructure projects and energy projects coming; I remain very positive on 2018.

Is everyone ready for another Thursday luncheon? If this one turns out as well as the last, I think we will be moving most all of our meetings to Thursdays.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

*Bruce Trepl*



*Bruce Trepl, SR/WA  
IRWA Chapter 8 President*

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- On Demand Classes- online audio/ppt classes
- Education-to-Go- mini-enrichment online classes
- Classroom-based classes- traditional in person classes

[IRWA Education Link](#)

# Calendar of Events

## January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Jan 5 - Chapter 8 Monthly Luncheon

Hess Club

### CLASSES:

**Beginning April 2018, Chapter 8 will no longer be accepting educational vouchers for its classes. We encourage you to utilize them on classes prior to April.**



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## February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

**Feb 1 - Chapter 8 Monthly Luncheon**

**Hess Club**

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# Chapter 8 Monthly Meeting Recap

## IRWA Chapter 8 Meeting Recap – January 5, 2018

By Teri Cameron, Contract Land Staff

**Speaker:** Gregg Eckhart, San Antonio Water System



Our kick-off to the New Year, brought in Gregg Eckhardt with the San Antonio Water System to talk to our group about the history of water as it relates to San Antonio.

Gregg addressed some common questions he receives on a regular basis:

### **Will we run out of water?**

Unless we start mining the resource by using more than goes in on a long term basis, we will always be able to get plenty of good water for critical uses like eating and bathing. We have never seen the Aquifer less than 90-95% full, so there is lots of water down there we can use if we have to in an extreme drought. However, we sometimes DO run out of water in the top 5-10% of the Edwards formation, and when that happens the springs stop flowing. Lots of people, along with endangered plants and animals, depend on water from the springs. To keep them flowing we have to keep the Aquifer almost full.

### **Do we have a water shortage?**

Maybe it's more correct to call it a *money* shortage. If money were no object, we could do very expensive things like desalinate ocean water and have an unlimited supply. What we are running short on is the cheap, seemingly limitless aquifer water that we have been used to using without restriction. All of the alternative water sources seem very expensive by comparison.

**So is our water shortage more related to environmental protection and economics and equitable sharing than an actual physical shortage of water?** Yes.

**Some people say there is enough water in the aquifer to supply our needs for several hundred years, even if it never rains again. Is that true?**

If there's 25-55 million acre feet of water available, and if we use only 450,000 acre feet a year, then it sounds like there's enough water to last more than 100 years! However, the aquifer contains a lot of water that we can't really get to in legal or practical terms. The problem is the springs go dry when the aquifer is still 95% full. So as long as we are going to maintain at least minimal natural springflows for the sake of endangered species, recreational economies, downstream ecosystems, and downstream economies, then the large amount of water below the level of the springs is essentially unavailable to us. Even if we did decide to let all the springs go dry and pump out as much water as we need, it is very expensive to pump large amounts of water up from great depths and it would soon get prohibitively expensive.

**What sort of treatment does Edwards water receive before distribution to customers?**

None. Well, it receives chlorination, and that's a treatment, but Edwards water does not require the kind of conventional treatment that costs most other cities millions every year. All surface water sources require treatment, as do many other groundwater sources, but Edwards water is drinkable straight from the ground. It **wasn't** drinkable when it went into the ground, so Aquifer protection is all about protecting the ability of the Edwards to naturally filter and cleanse stormwater runoff, so that we don't have to pay for it.

**Gregg Eckhardt** is an environmental scientist who has been studying the Edwards Aquifer and issues surrounding it since 1972. In 1994 he perceived a need for internet based resources on the Edwards that would be unbiased, educational, and non-technical, so he created the Edwards Aquifer Website in 1995.

## Chapter 8 Monthly Meeting Recap

He has undergraduate degrees in Geography and English, and a Master of Science degree in Natural Resources from the University of Texas at San Antonio. He has 27 years of experience in environmental modeling and analysis, water resource planning and development, state and federal permitting, and water treatment. He is a Registered Environmental Manager and holds Texas "A" level licenses for both water and wastewater operations. For more than four decades he has been an avid student of aquifer studies and the natural Texas environment. He has also been a dedicated computer hack since the early days of personal computing. He serves on numerous local boards and committees and has served several State appointments to scientific and educational panels.

The Edwards pages have been adopted as part of the curriculum for many earth science classes and laboratories all over the world, and over the years about 15,000 of you have emailed appreciative comments. In 2007 the Texas Water Utilities Association awarded his Edwards Aquifer Website their prestigious Exemplary Service in Public Education Award. In 2008, 2009, and 2010, the website was named as a Finalist for the Texas Environmental Excellence Awards, one of the State's highest honors. Having been a Finalist three times without winning makes Gregg the official 'Susan Lucci' of the TEEA Awards.



February Speaker Judge Debra Ibarra Mayfield is a two-time judicial appointee of Governor Greg Abbott. Judge Mayfield became Abbott's first judicial appointee in Harris County when he tapped her for the 165th District Court. Most recently, Governor Abbott appointed Judge Mayfield to the 190th District Court, a post to which she is running for re-election in November 2018.

# Chapter 8 Monthly Meeting Recap—December



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# Young Professionals



IRWA Chapter 8 Young Professionals

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Chapter 8 Young Professionals Present ...

**YP Educational Luncheon Series**

Wednesday, January 17th, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Sponsored By:



**The Appraisal Process and its Role in Right of Way**

Presented by:

Michael Miggins, Managing Director  
Callie Howard, Senior Valuation Specialist  
Colliers International

**WHERE:** **LOCATION CHANGE:** Maggiano's Little Italy- 2019 Post Oak Blvd, Houston, TX 77056-Tuscany Room

**RSVP:** In order to accurately prepare for guests, please kindly reserve a seat at [irwaypc8@gmail.com](mailto:irwaypc8@gmail.com) by Wednesday, January 10, 2018.



## **Chapter 8 Members,**

The Chapter 8 Board has decided to offer its members the opportunity to receive a free lunch for the submission, acceptance and publication of a newsletter article.

To Qualify:

1. You must be a current IRWA Chapter 8 member.  
(Chapter Chairs and Executive Officers excluded)
2. Submit a newsletter article and have it published in the Award Winning The Centerline.
3. You receive a free lunch voucher for one of the regularly scheduled lunch meetings.

Submit your article today to  
[teri.cameron@contractlandstaff.com!](mailto:teri.cameron@contractlandstaff.com)



# C201 - Communications in R.E. Acquisition

**Start Date:** 3/27/2018

**End Date:** 3/29/2018

**No. of Days:** 3 days

**Course Level:** Intermediate

**CEU Credits:** 24.00

**Class Time:** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Tuition:** \$565.00 Member/\$7100.00 Non-Member

**Sponsored By:** Chapter 8

**Course Description:** [C201 Communication in Real Estate Acquisition](#)

## INSTRUCTOR:

**Ana B. Rausch, SR/WA, R/W-RAC**, is a Senior Vice President with Percheron. She has over 25 years of project management experience in the right of way industry. Her areas of expertise include project management, feasibility studies, negotiation and acquisition, title research, title curative, permitting, relocation assistance, damage and claim settlement, construction support, condemnation support, due diligence and budgeting for the pipeline, electric utility, telecommunications, transit, wind, rail and public sector projects. Over her career Ana has worked as a consultant as well as the Vice President of Real Estate for a majority Transit Authority. Ana received a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) along with a Bachelor of Science (BS) from the University of Houston. She is a Licensed Texas Real Estate Broker. Ana is a member of the IRWA International Electric and Utilities Committee and served as Chair of IRWA Region 2 from 2015-2017. Ana is a Certified IRWA Climb Instructor and is a past President and Professional of the Year for IRWA Chapter 8. Ana was recently elected as the IEC Secretary for the IRWA.



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## PARTICIPAN CAPACITY: 25

## HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS:

Participants are responsible for their own accommodations.

# C219 - Introduction to Presentation, Instruction and Facilitation

**Start Date:** 4/9/2018

**End Date:** 4/10/2018

**No. of Days:** 2 days

**Course Level:** Intermediate

**CEU Credits:** 16.00

**Class Time:** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Tuition:** \$415.00 Member/\$520.00 Non-Member

**Sponsored By:** Chapter 8

**Course Description:** [C219 Introduction to Presentation Instruction and Facilitation](#)

## INSTRUCTOR:

**Donald J. Sherwood, SR/WA, MAI**, is the owner of Donald J. Sherwood LLC focusing on appraisal review and education. Mr. Sherwood is the former Managing Director of the Fort Worth office of Integra Realty Resources DFW, LLC, a full-service real estate consulting and appraisal firm. Mr. Sherwood has been an appraiser of all types of real property since December 1978. Donnie has performed appraisals on various properties including, but not limited to, shopping centers, apartment complexes, industrial facilities, a nuclear bomb storage site, an air force base, automobile race track, raw and developed land, office complexes, motels, hotels, marinas, cemeteries, bowling alley, amusement parks and mixed use developments. Donnie is a CLIMB certified instructor and is a past recipient of IRWA's Balfour Award and author of several courses and articles. He served as an adjunct professor at TCU for nine years.



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# Fun & Games

*“Life is*

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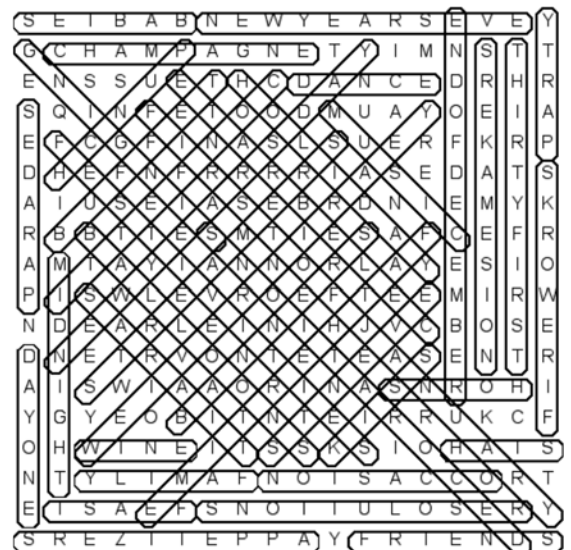
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| Appetizers  | End of December  | Horns         | Resolutions    |
| Babies      | Events           | Kiss          | Singing        |
| Balloons    | Family           | Midnight      | Streamers      |
| Banners     | Father Time      | Music         | Thirty First   |
| Buffet      | Feast            | New Years Day | Tiaras         |
| Celebrate   | Festivities      | New Years Eve | Wine           |
| Champagne   | Fireworks        | Noisemakers   | Year In Review |
| Confetti    | First of January | Occasion      |                |
| Dance       | Friends          | Parades       |                |
| Day One     | Hats             | Party         |                |
| Decorations | Holiday          | Punch         |                |

*Answers are on the next page!*

# Fun & Games

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## About the IRWA

Since its inception as a not-for-profit association in 1934, the IRWA has united the efforts of its members toward professional development, strong ethics and improved service to employers and the public, along with advancements within the right of way profession. IRWA is the

unsurpassed source of right of way educational programs and professional services worldwide.

## Our Members

Dedicated exclusively to the right of way profession, IRWA has nearly 10,000 members throughout the US, Canada and Africa. Our members are multi-disciplined professionals employed by private industry and government agencies as Acquisition Agents, Appraisers, Environment Professionals, Engineers, Lawyers, Property Managers, Relocation Assistance Agents, Surveyors and Title Experts.

## Please welcome our newest Chapter Members:



William C Boone IV	Danielle LeBlanc
Mark Johnson	Jarred McGhee
Blake Allen	Anabeli Salinas
Bob Prukop	LaRhett Ann Tise
Krista Affolter	Andrew Kim
Melanie Vargas	Cherita Peeler
Charles Thomas Davis Jr	
Joseph Shane Jenkins	

## Please help us congratulate the following Educational Milestone, Recertification's and Candidacy's:

### New RWA Designation's

Suzy Romoser R/W-RAC

### **\*\*REMINDER\*\***

All current holders of SR/WA/s and Certifications, please check your expiration date to insure you take the necessary steps to insure your recertification.

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