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IRWA Chapter 8 Gulf States
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings!

It has been a great privilege and honor to serve as President of IRWA Chapter 8, and I am truly grateful for the opportunity and support from each of you, my fellow officers, past and present, and the Committee Chairs.

There have been many changes since entering into the officer succession such as moving monthly meetings from Fridays to Thursdays, increasing the meeting registration rates and hosting the first Oil & Gas Pipeline Symposium in the history of IRWA. Initially, change is difficult; however, these revolutions have proven to be beneficial and profitable for the Chapter. I have gained so much knowledge and wisdom from many of you and at the same time, I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

A special thanks to my employer, Enterprise Products Company, in particular, Lori Keeter and my fellow colleagues who have provided countless support and encouragement.

As I transition to International Director, I look forward to working with the new President, Brandon Hodge, and his leadership team and co-chairing the next Oil & Gas Pipeline Symposium.

With gratitude,

Rebecca Equia



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Kirby Ewing, Project Manager, Contract Land Staff

What advice would you give to someone new in the industry?

Confidence. While you will never have all the answers and will learn more with each day in ROW, have the confidence to portray the knowledge that you have accrued thus far. Insecurity is a part of all of us, but confidence in yourself and your knowledge of your industry or project is very transparent. Also, have the confidence to tell someone that you may not know, but always look for the answers to better yourself and your team.

Which of your accomplishments makes you the proudest?

I am very proud and thankful for all that I have been through which has brought me to where I am in life. I am a huge advocate of adversity building you into the person that you are. That being said, becoming a father to my daughter Austen wins hands down. I will give my wife all the credit for bringing her into this world and being an awesome mother. Seeing someone grow, and us having a hand in shaping her as a person, is the most rewarding aspect in my life.

Who is the person or persons who have had the greatest influence on your life and why?

Where to begin? My entire family has greatly influenced me. My mother taught me strength through all that life throws at you. She is, by far, the strongest person I know, and I admire her greatly. My sister taught me that smiling through life will always keep you one step ahead. My wife has taught me patience and thinking things through before taking a leap. My daughter has taught me to enjoy life and gives me perspective on life balance. Finally, my father, who was very active in the ROW community, taught me a great deal. He taught me to never take yourself too seriously and always value and treat others with respect and kindness. I am who I am today because of their influences and am greatly appreciative of the love and lessons that they have shown me.

Tell us something about yourself that would surprise people.

Before ROW, I sold wine for distribution in Dallas and Houston. It taught me a great deal about product knowledge and dealing with people.

What are some qualities that you value in a coworker?

Honesty is a quality that is undervalued in my opinion. Going back to my previous comments, being able to say 'I don't know' is not a sign of weakness, but rather an admittance of wanting to improve yourself. When we begin to shoot from the hip is when we can get ourselves up a creek. No one has all the answers. Be honest about your knowledge and who you are, and always be willing to learn more, and success will follow.

MAY MEETING RECAP

CHAPTER 8 MEETING RECAP – MAY 9, 2019

- 60 in attendance / total chapter membership 509
- YP social event on May 23 from 5:30-7:30pm at St. Arnold Beer Garden. Sponsored by Morris P. Hebert, Inc (MPH).
- We'll be back! Summer break for the monthly chapter 8 meetings runs June-August, they will return in September.
- Thank you to all the sponsors and golfers and everyone's generous donations that supported the 2019 Dan Ewing Memorial Golf Tournament. It was a huge success! Stay tuned for more details, the final numbers will be announced at the September meeting.
- The annual Region 2 Refresher Seminar is July 31 – August 2 in College Station. Sponsor opportunities are available for the Seminar and the YP event on August 1st. Information is location on the Region 2 website.
- Beginning in July, the Education Committee will begin offering two courses a month.



**THANK YOU TO TRC SOLUTIONS AND STATESIDE RIGHT OF WAY
FOR DONATING ITEMS FOR OUR LUNCHEON RAFFLE!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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05/01 - Alan D. Wurtz Scholarship Application Due
 05/02 - 27th DEMGT, Wildcat Golf Course
 05/09 - Ch. 8 Monthly Meeting, HESS Club

05/12 - Happy Mother's Day!
 05/13-14 - IRWA Course 400, Audubon Companies
 05/23 - YP Networking Event, Saint Arnold Beer Garden

JUNE

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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06/09-06/12 - 65th Annual IRWA International Conference, Portland, OR
 06/10 - Monday Night Event, Pioneer Square

06/11 - The Rose City Classic Golf Tournament
 06/16 - Happy Father's Day!

JULY

AUGUST

07/04 - Independence Day
 07/31-8/02 - IRWA Region 2 Refresher, College Station

08/01 - 7th Annual YP Networking Event, The Backyard

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Rose City Classic

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club



In conjunction with the 65th Annual International Education Conference in Portland, Oregon, the Right of Way International Education Foundation (RWIEF) and the Canadian Right of Way Education Foundation (CRWEF) are hosting their 23rd annual golf tournament on June 11, 2019. The tournament will be held at The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club, a semi-private facility located only 15 miles from the conference host hotel.

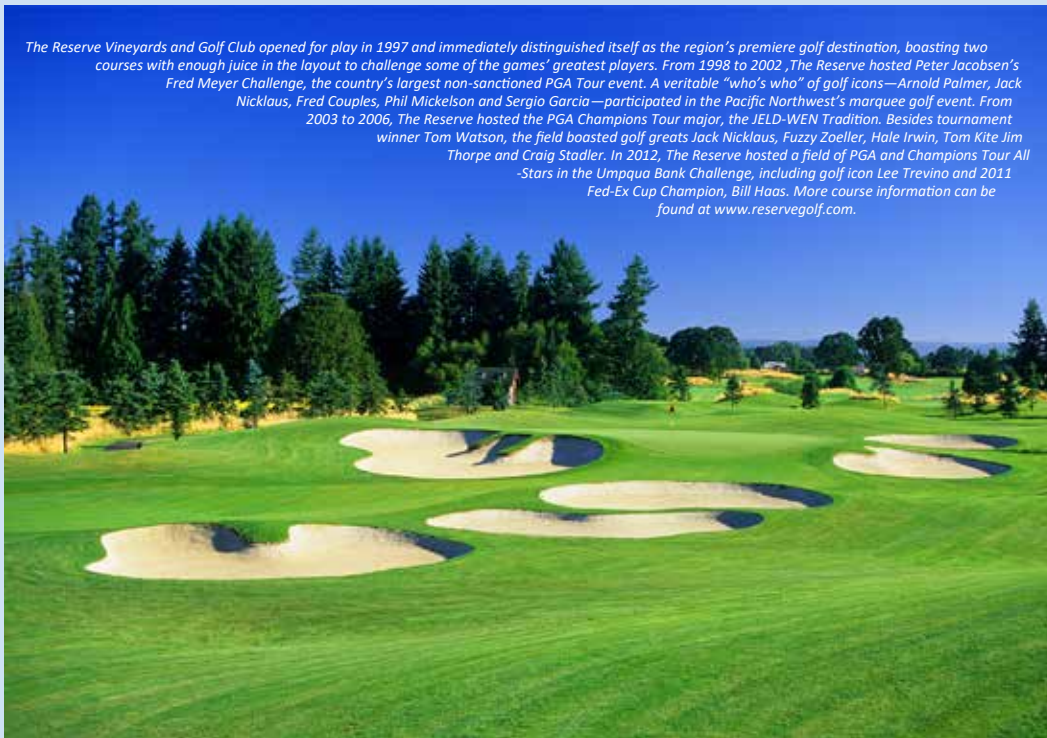
Limited to 144 participants, check in will begin at 8 AM with use of the range as well as a chipping contest before the 10 AM tee time. Prizes will be given for closest to the pin on the par 3's, long drive for men and women, as well as the top three tournament places. A large raffle will also follow the event. All net proceeds are donated to the Education Foundations.

Registration for general membership will open on March 1, 2019. Go to www.rwief.org to register online and pay by check or credit card. The fee is \$125 and includes green fees, golf cart, lunch, range balls, and transportation to/from the conference host hotel. Rental clubs are available at a cost of \$50 per set. Note you must arrange and pay for rental clubs through the tournament chair, Mike Pattison.

Sponsorships range from the Platinum level at \$2,500 to sponsoring individual holes for \$300. Sponsors will have the opportunity to preregister before general membership. For more information go to www.rwief.org.

Contact Mike Pattison for additional information at mike@pattisonappraisals.com

The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club opened for play in 1997 and immediately distinguished itself as the region's premiere golf destination, boasting two courses with enough juice in the layout to challenge some of the game's greatest players. From 1998 to 2002, The Reserve hosted Peter Jacobsen's Fred Meyer Challenge, the country's largest non-sanctioned PGA Tour event. A veritable "who's who" of golf icons—Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Fred Couples, Phil Mickelson and Sergio Garcia—participated in the Pacific Northwest's marquee golf event. From 2003 to 2006, The Reserve hosted the PGA Champions Tour major, the JELD-WEN Tradition. Besides tournament winner Tom Watson, the field boasted golf greats Jack Nicklaus, Fuzzy Zoeller, Hale Irwin, Tom Kite, Jim Thorpe and Craig Stadler. In 2012, The Reserve hosted a field of PGA and Champions Tour All-Stars in the Umpqua Bank Challenge, including golf icon Lee Trevino and 2011 Fed-Ex Cup Champion, Bill Haas. More course information can be found at www.reservegolf.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS

monday night @ the square

Pioneer Square, Portland, Oregon

Monday, June 10, 6 to 10 PM

Hosted by RWIEF, CRWEF and Chapter 3

Join us at Pioneer Square for a fun, family-friendly evening at the Foundations' annual fundraiser. Located only a block from our host hotel, you can walk to and from the event. Your all-access wristband allows you to leave, enjoy other downtown sites, and re-enter the square at your convenience.

Adults \$60/Youth 6-18 \$20/Children under 6 free

- ◆ full buffet, non-alcoholic beverages and two beer/wine tickets
- ◆ all-access wristband for your come and go convenience
- ◆ live music by "Five Guys Named Moe"
- ◆ silent auction using the fun, real-time electronic app by Handbid



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**MONDAY NIGHT EVENT
SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES
Pioneer Square, Portland, Oregon
Monday, June 10, 6 to 10 PM**

PLATINUM SPONSOR – \$10,000 (ONLY THREE AVAILABLE)

- ◇ Exclusive use of reserved area at Pioneer Square.
- ◇ Announcement from stage, “our evening’s next segment sponsored by **YOUR COMPANY**”.
- ◇ Logo on splash page of electronic auction app.
- ◇ 100 beer/wine tickets.
- ◇ Year long advertisement on RWIEF website.
- ◇ Advertisement on sponsor boards at MNE registration booth and Pioneer Square.

GOLD SPONSOR – \$7,500

- ◇ Logo on splash page of electronic auction app.
- ◇ 75 beer/wine tickets.
- ◇ Year long advertisement on RWIEF website.
- ◇ Advertisement on sponsor boards at MNE registration booth and Pioneer Square.

SILVER SPONSOR FOR WRISTBANDS – \$5,000 (ONLY ONE AVAILABLE)

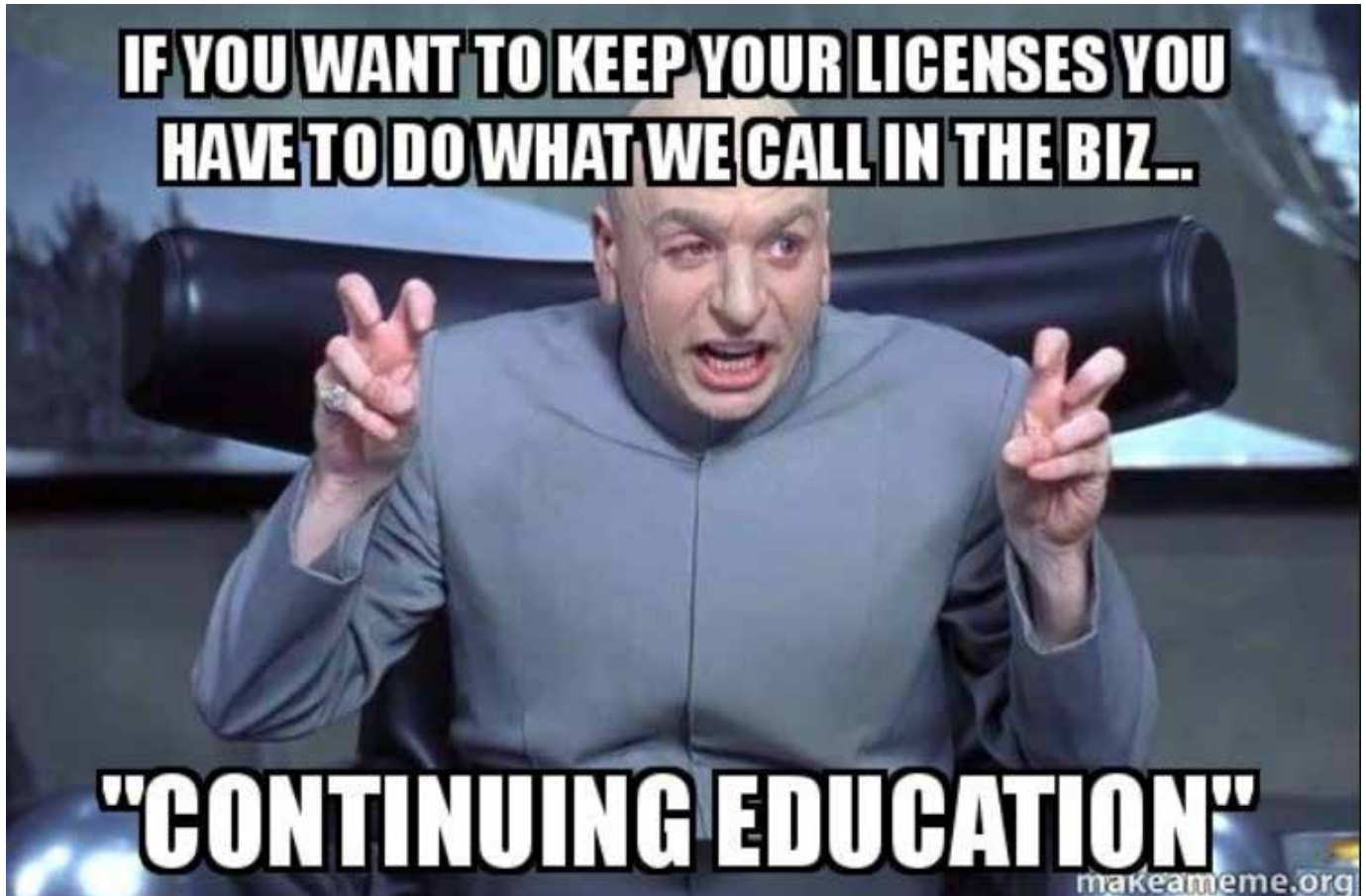
- ◇ Company name on wristbands.
- ◇ Logo on splash page of electronic auction app.
- ◇ 50 beer/wine tickets.
- ◇ Year long advertisement on RWIEF website.
- ◇ Advertisement on sponsor boards at MNE registration booth and Pioneer Square.

BRONZE SPONSOR – \$2,500

- ◇ Logo on splash page of electronic auction app.
- ◇ 25 beer/wine tickets.
- ◇ Year long advertisement on RWIEF website.
- ◇ Advertisement on sponsor boards at MNE registration booth and Pioneer Square.

WRISTBANDS ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER/REENTER THE SQUARE AND ARE NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE PRICES. CONTACT CARMELITA DELGADO FOR SPONSORSHIPS OR MORE INFORMATION AT 619.371.1985 or Carmelita.Delgado@percheronllc.com.

EDUCATION



Chapter 8 will hold several courses over the summer. Details will be sent via chapter distribution list, posted on LinkedIn and the website.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

YP Events will return in September!



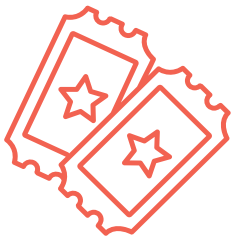
THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Chapter News



Chapter Luncheons Moved to Thursday

After a few test runs during the previous fiscal year, we have officially changed chapter luncheons to Thursday. The chapter newsletter and website will have a list of upcoming luncheon dates to make planning ahead easy!



Gift Cards Needed for Chapter Luncheon Raffle

The Chapter is looking for companies to donate gift cards for our raffles at each of our luncheons. If you or your company are interested, please contact Rebecca Eguia via email at reguia@eprod.com



IRWA Luncheons Approved for SR/WA Recertification Credits

As you may know, the IRWA International Credentialing Committee has moved to a "Self Reporting" model. Meaning, IRWA members simply report that they attended X amount of meetings for X amount of hours on their CE forms. Each luncheon attended will earn you one (1) hour re-certification credit. Be sure to pick up a form you can fill out and retain for your records at your next IRWA Chapter 8 Meeting!



Want a Free Lunch?

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 articles to kjbreitinger@eprod.com

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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.

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