

# AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION

## YUMA PACIFIC - SOUTHWEST SECTION

NEWSLETTER  
October 10, 2019

Dear Member:

### JANUARY 2020 ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

Your meeting registration form is attached, please complete and return to me with your check at your earliest convenience. Remember to complete the information on the back for the Levitate Technologies tour. The number of participants will determine the size bus we require. Please return your registration form and check to me no later than **December 19, 2019**.

The 2020 annual meeting will be held at The Bay Club Hotel and Marina, 2131 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego, CA 92106. A contract was signed and a block of twenty (20) rooms secured - the required deposit of \$1,500.00 will be made prior to November 1. The meeting will be held **Wednesday, January 22 through Friday, January 24, 2020** (i.e., the week of the Martin Luther King holiday).

Daily room rates negotiated for single or double are:

- \$139.00 plus 12.5% occupancy tax (\$17.38) = \$156.38 per night (Sunday thru Thursday).
- \$149.00 plus 12.5% occupancy tax (\$18.63) = \$167.63 per night (Friday-Saturday-weekend rate)
- The group rate will be honored for three days pre and three days post conference stays.
- Other available rates - \$149.00 triple, \$159.00 quad, \$229.00 suite - plus the 12.5% occupancy tax (add \$10.00 plus tax per night for Friday and Saturday)
- Complimentary Parking
- Breaks, lunch for Thursday and Friday, and the banquet are discussed later in this newsletter - these costs largely determine the conference registration fee(s).
- All rooms offer coffee makers, hair dryers, iron/ironing board, mini safes, etc.
- Complimentary WiFi throughout the hotel
- Access to Pool, Jacuzzi and Fitness Center
- Hospitality suite complimentary
- Meeting Room complimentary
- Complimentary airport and AMTRAK shuttle service is available from 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily by calling the hotel direct at (619) 224-8888 after your luggage has been claimed.
- USA Today and complimentary coffee served in the lobby.
- Members voted to return to this venue at the 2019 business meeting. The Bay Club hotel staff is great, very attentive to our needs contributing greatly to make our annual meeting successful and memorable.

**Please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible so, if needed, I can request additional rooms at the group rate.** To make room reservations call The Bay Club Hotel and Marina at (800) 672-0800 or (619) 224-8888. Whichever number you use you must identify yourself as part of the YPSW-AIHA group attending the Jan 22-24, 2020 meeting to receive the special negotiated rate and have the reservation counted in the YPSW-AIHA room block. Remember, the hotel will also accept pre and post extensions of stay at the group rate in a limited capacity; check on availability when making your hotel reservations. An



advance deposit or credit card guarantee for the first night's room and tax is required for our "group negotiated" rates by **January 2, 2020**; after that date rooms will be on a space and rate availability basis. **NOTE:** Check in time is 4:00 PM, if rooms are ready earlier, you will be accommodated. Early check in and late check out are provided on availability and arrangements must be made with the front desk - some charges may apply.

### **MEAL INFORMATION**

Breakfast will be on your own each day – it is **NOT included in the room rate or meeting registration**. The hotel offers a variety of great selections to start your day.

AM and PM breaks will be available for attendees in the meeting room: mornings - coffee and assorted teas; afternoons – coffee, tea, cookies and soft drinks.

Lunch on Thursday will be a Bay Club Buffet: Garden Salad with House Dressing, Sliced Sirloin of Beef topped with Creamy Peppercorn Sauce, Filet of Salmon with Creamy Dill Sauce, Steamed Seasonal Vegetables, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Rolls and Butter, Coffee, Ice Tea, Chocolate Cake.

Lunch on Friday will be a Luau Buffet: Garden Salad with Mandarin Oranges and Sesame Dressing, Teriyaki Chicken, Wahoo with Pineapple Salsa, Stir Fried Vegetables, Fried Rice, Sweet Hawaiian Bread and Butter; Coffee, Iced Tea; Carrot Cake.

Friday Banquet: We have **three** excellent selections to choose from: (1) 8 oz Filet Mignon Wrapped in Bacon and Finished with a Béarnaise Sauce; (2) Sea Bass Seasoned with Salt and Pepper – Garlic Lemon Butter Sauce, or (3) a Petite Cut Filet Mignon Finished with a Béarnaise Sauce Served with three Shrimp Scampi Style. All banquet entrees include a Caesar Salad, Oven Roasted Potatoes with Beef and Wild Rice with the Sea Bass; Steamed Vegetables, Bread and Butter; Cheesecake with Strawberry Sauce; Coffee and Iced Tea. Special selection of wines to be served with the banquet: *Courtesy of Chris Laszcz-Davis, The Environmental Quality Organization, LLC*. Thank you once again Chris for your generosity.

### **UPDATE ON 2020 MEETING AND TOUR INFORMATION by TOM SLAVIN, PROGRAM MANAGER**

#### **The 2020 Meeting theme is "2020 VISION – A LOOK AHEAD AT KEY IH ISSUES"**

The program will include speakers on a variety of timely topics including robotics, climate change, psychosocial health, leading health metrics and talc. In addition to updates from the major IH professional organizations, highlights of the 2020 vision program include:

- Health impacts of the microbiome. Star biologist, professor at UC San Diego, co-founder of the American Gut Project, and renowned speaker, Dr. Rob Knight will tell us about breakthroughs in understanding how the microbiome is related to health and disease.
- Exploration of threshold theory. Expect a spirited exploration of risk science from Dr. Ed Calabrese, the UMass Amherst environmental toxicologist who has long been a critic of the current linear no-threshold (LNT) approach to risk assessment for radiation and toxic chemicals, and Dr. Scott Dotson who will take us beyond risk assessment for exposure management.

**Technical Tour:** Thursday afternoon tour 2:00-5:00 PM - Join us for an afternoon of learning at Levitate Technologies, one of the leading designers of exoskeletons and maker of the "AIRFRAME" a wearable, lightweight technology engineered to improve upper extremity musculoskeletal health in workers who engage in repetitive arm motion and/or static elevation of the arms. Levitate helps clients such as Toyota, BMW and John Deere make workers safer and more productive.

We will board a bus from the hotel at 2:00 PM arrive at the Levitate site to:

- Learn about the device, review information on its application and see data on results

- See how exoskeletons are designed and developed for specific applications
- Experience the device; each person will be able to try on a device and adjust it for their body to see what it feels like and what it can do.

We will then board the bus for the return trip, arriving back at the hotel by 5:00 PM.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### 2019-2020 Membership Book Changes (Please keep your membership book up-to-date):

A warm welcome to new members since the book was published: **Haifa Hughes, Martin Jones, Alan Leibowitz and Justine Parker**, their contact information is listed below.

#### ADD NEW MEMBERS:

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#### UPDATES EXISTING MEMBERS:

**Barbara Cohrsen**: Delete fax number

**Judy Freyman**: - new address – 2424 Cody Court. Rocklin, CA 95757

**Shannon Gaffney**: - new address 531 Dalewood Dr, Orinda, CA 94563

**Thomas Goob**: - Delete – deceased September 11, 2019

**Paul Hewett**: - Delete land line (304) 292-2129; Cell (304) 685-7050 **only**

**Mark Hoover**: Add affiliation: Mark D Hoover LLC; Email: markdhoover@comcast.net

**David Roskelley** – correct address number to 565 East Ridge Dr

**Terry Thedell**: - Delete – he “Retired from YPSW”

#### MEMBER NEWS:

**Mark Hoover** wrote: “I’m enjoying my first year of retirement from NIOSH very much. I’m keeping my hands in some interesting things like plutonium safety reviews for the Mars 2020 Mission, but I am very much liking the extra time to think and enjoy being home with Martha, and talking to the kids and grandkids. Fun times.” Wishing you luck and success in your new “retirement” ventures, Mark.

**Terry Thedell** wrote: “I have long appreciated the opportunity to be a member of the YPSW over these many years, however, current circumstances require that I retire my membership in the local section. I have enjoyed many sincere friendships and wish for the continued success of the section in the years to come. Warm regards.” Terry, we will miss your smiling face at the meetings, your many years of service and all the work you have done for YPSW.

**Thomas Goob II** – his obituary is attached for your information. FYI: I obtained this obituary from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. Tom was listed in the 2019-2020 YPSW Membership Book as inactive as we lost touch with him when he moved from Honolulu. For the 2002 annual meeting held in Kona, HI –Tom brought the electronic equipment we needed from Honolulu to Kona – ensuring the 2002 meeting was a success – and that was before he became a member.

## WEBSITE

**Frank Hearl** continues to keep the website current for our enjoyment and information. If you haven't checked it out lately – you really should - [www.ypswaiha.org](http://www.ypswaiha.org). Many thanks to Frank for his continuing dedication in maintaining our website.

## MISCELLANEOUS

An Executive Committee Meeting was held September 13, 2019 – several items need to be clarified and that will be done at another EC meeting later this month.

The Oct 1, 2019 News Release from the Safety Health Historical Society is attached for your perusal.

My deep appreciation to Barbara Dawson for volunteering and reformatting Tom's program into the regular YPSW format. Her willingness to step in, and my gratitude, cannot be adequately expressed in words.

Final important gentle reminders: **please (1) mail your registration form and check to me as soon as possible; and (2) make your hotel reservations as soon as possible so, if needed, I can request additional rooms at the group rate.** To make room reservations call The Bay Club Hotel and Marina at **(800) 672-0800 or (619) 224-8888 (Hotel Operator)**. Whichever number you use you must identify yourself as part of the **YPSW-AIHA group attending the Jan 22-24, 2020 meeting to receive the special negotiated rate and have the reservation counted in the YPSW-AIHA room block.**

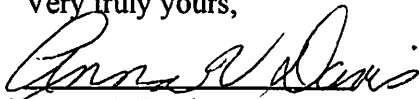
Do send me any and all information you feel would be interesting to share with YPSW members in these membership letters.

I hope each of you have happy, safe and very enjoyable celebrations for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, watch the ball drop on New Year's Eve and then a prosperous New Year surrounded by family and friends. Don't miss an opportunity with family and friends whenever possible – life is too short to put off important things – so, enjoy every day to the fullest.

Be an active member of your community watch group – you and your neighbors are what make your community successful and safe for everyone. With the holidays approaching, thieves will no doubt redouble their efforts to steal any unattended packages/mail left at your doorstep; and, of course always put packages in the locked trunk of your car while shopping. Don't make thievery easy for these unsavory folks. For added security, I can tell you my Ring Doorbell is wonderful!

Happy travels, stay safe and always be extra aware of your surroundings when you are out and about. I look forward to seeing you all in January in beautiful San Diego.

Very truly yours,



Anna V. Davis  
Secretary-Treasurer

Enclosures

2020 Meeting Registration Form  
2020 Preliminary Program  
Oct 1, 2019 SHHS News Release  
Obituary for Thomas Goob