

# CHAPTER 27 NEWSLETTER—SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA



## **P**resident's Message

Blandon Granger, SR/WA



**Spring, 2007**

Spring is here and we are quickly heading into Summer. Time is passing quickly especially for the chapter and those on the 2007 Annual Conference committee as the event will be here in only a month. This event is going to be great for those involved and the region. I honestly think we will break a record for attendance this year. The conference has already sold out the Hyatt, the Sheraton Grand Hotel and working on selling out the yet to be opened Marriott Residence Inn at Capitol park! With typically more than 1,000 registrants

If you haven't already done so, register for this Conference as it provides public real estate professionals with unparalleled learning and networking opportunities. Attendees have the opportunity to learn about best practices, share project challenges and hear solutions from the industry's leading professionals. The Chapter also encourages everyone to donate items for the 2007 Auction, proceeds go to the Right of Way International Education Foundation and the Canadian Right of Way Education Foundation. Donations can be sent to Keith D. Shorey, SR/WA, 8312 Mercer Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628, Phone: (916)732- 5336.

Also, The Annual Children's Book Drive, This year's books will be donated to the Sacramento Children's Home, which has been providing services to children and families since 1867.

Donation boxes will be located at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento Hotel during the conference. You can also send children's books to Michael J. Pattison, SR/WA Pattison & Associates, Inc. 8920 Emerald Park Dr. Suite G Elk Grove, CA 95624 Phone: (916)714-3010.

Individuals may also support the Foundations by participating in the Foundations' Golf Tournament held in conjunction with the conference. More information about the golf tournament is available online at <https://www.irwaonline.org/eweb/upload/golf.pdf>.

Mike and Dwight Pattison have also organized a River Cats game vs. Las Vegas 51' on Saturday, June 16, 7:05 p.m. at Raley Field. A limited number of tickets on the 3rd Base side of the park (shade side) at a special price of \$17 each are available. Please contact Mike Pattison at 916)714-3010 if interested.

Our lunch committee is lining up some fantastic venues for our upcoming lunches later this year including, Chops in November and Masque in December. Also, due to the Annual Conference, there will be no meeting in June, however we hope to see many of you as volunteers and attendees of the Conference.

**Enjoy your summer!**

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The SPOTLIGHT  
IS ON:  
Pam Wee  
Chapter 27  
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Chair

Dr. Pamela Wee, D. Env., REA II, has spent 25 years working on environmental projects, conducting and managing site investigations and cleanups, health risk assessments, and Phase I site assessments for real estate transactions. She has provided engineering support for Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) investigations at private and federal CERCLA sites, including the Aerojet facility in Rancho Cordova, and the base closure of the Sacramento Army Depot.

Pam received her BA in Biology from the University of California, Riverside in 1973 and her MA followed shortly thereafter in 1975. In 1981, she received her Doctorate in Environmental Science and Engineering from the University of California, Los Angeles. She is a registered Environmental Assessor II (R.E.A. II), No. 20082, CA. 2000.

Dr. Wee has worked for the firm of Kleinfelder in the Sacramento area for almost 17 years, where she manages the Environmental Department. She serves on the IRWA Board as the Chair for Sponsors and Advertising.

She has 3 daughters and 2 grandchildren. In her spare time, as a newlywed, with her husband, Greg, she enjoys hiking, camping, kayaking and gardening. Her favorite gardening activity is harvesting her pomegranates to make jelly. She also is an avid swimmer, a sport she took up 6 years ago after she was finally sidelined from soccer with one too many ankle injuries.

**BECOME AN IRWA  
MEMBER TODAY!**



Upcoming & Planned  
Events and Education  
Classes for 2007

**June 17 - 20**

53rd Annual International  
Education Conference  
Sacramento, CA.

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IRWA Course 103 -  
Ethics and the R/W Profession  
IRWA Course 200, 400,  
407 or 601

SR/WA Study Session  
Instructor's Clinic

**July Newsletter**  
**Published**

**September 13**  
**IRWA Board Meeting  
& Luncheon**

**October 11**  
**IRWA Board Meeting  
& Luncheon**

**October Newsletter**  
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**November 8**

**IRWA Board Meeting  
& Lucheon**

**December 13**  
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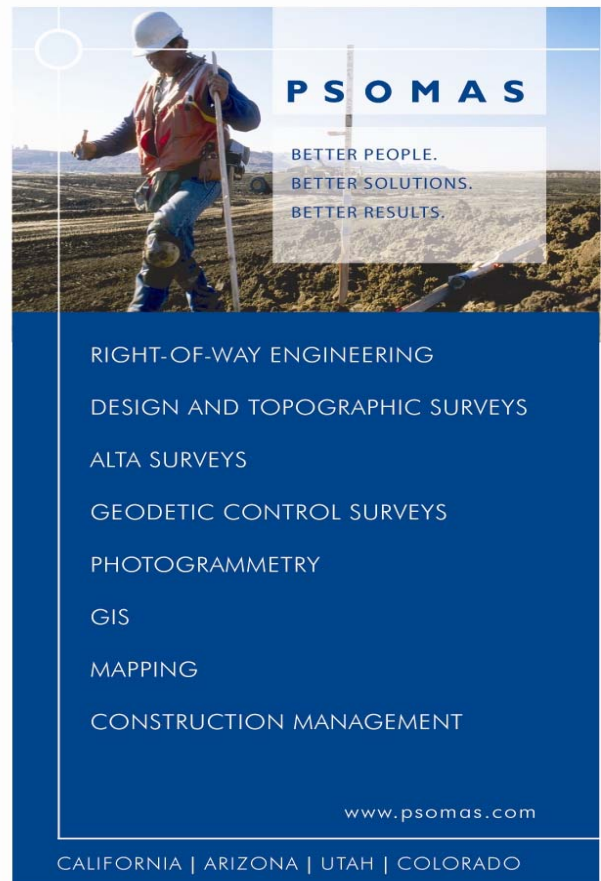
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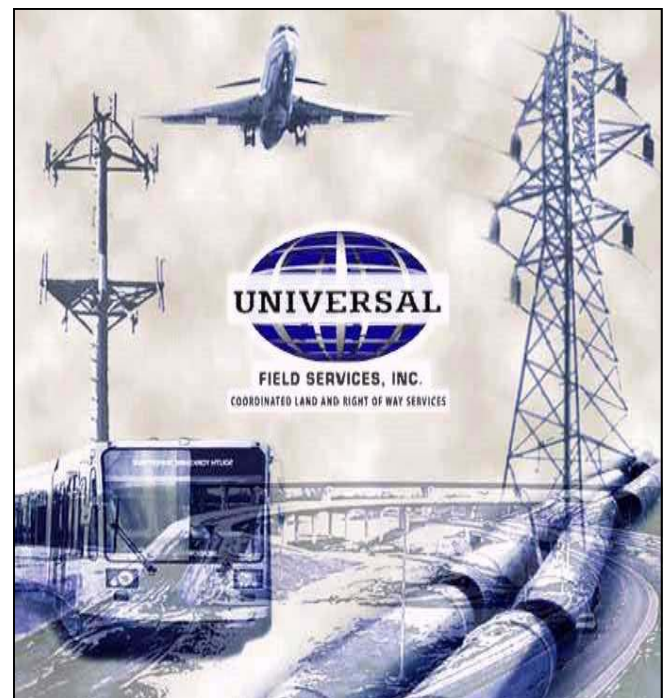


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## **Racing For The Past And Our Future**

Hello All! Thank you for visiting my Team In Training home page! Some of you may know me. Some of you may have heard of me from others. I am here today so that I can let everyone know that a very important man in my life touched my heart and soul and always kept giving and never asked for anything in return.



This special man was my father-in-law, Karl Kerksieck (Dad). Karl was a strong man but not strong enough to beat cancer. He went to heaven with the angels this February.

My heart aches for him but I just remember all the nights he would watch our two boys so that I could go to the gym to exercise. I am training to participate in an Olympic triathlon in Pacific Grove this September. I am doing this in Karl's memory and to give back to others as Karl gave to many.

As a member of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team In Training, I am raising funds to help our local doctors in their research to find a cure for cancer and to help stop cancer from taking more lives. I want to help other families who have been touched by this deadly disease. Please make a donation to support my participation in Team In Training and honor my father-in-law and all his love and devotion to our family and others. I hope you'll visit my web site often. Be sure to check back frequently to see my progress. Thanks for your support! Joanne Kerksieck, Chapter 27 Co-Luncheon Chair.

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**2007 INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

**June 16-20, 2007**

**BULLETIN BOARD**

**AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED**

Each year at the International Conference, which will be held in Sacramento this summer, an auction is held with the proceeds going to the Right of Way International Education Foundation and the Canadian Education Foundation, both tax exempt organizations. These funds are used to update our courses and develop new courses. Since the conference is in Sacramento this year, it gives our chapter the opportunity to provide some of the items that will be auctioned off on Monday night (June 18<sup>th</sup>) of the conference. If any of you would like to donate an item, please inform Tammie Bedlington, our Auction Chair in the next three months. The items can be delivered to Tammie's office prior to the conference (June 16-20). Chapters across the US and Canada along with individuals will donate items for this event. Items in past auctions include art, sports memorabilia, collectables, and many other items. So come on members!!!! If you could donate an item to the auction, it would surely help us raise a record amount.

Last year's auction in Denver raised approximately \$20,000!!!! Dig deep members!

**RIVERCATS GAME ADDED TO IRWA EDUCATION CONFERENCE  
PRE-EVENTS**

**COME JOIN US ON JUNE 16th to cheer on our  
Sacramento Rivercats as they play the  
Las Vegas 51's**

**Game Time is 7:05 p.m.**

**Contact: Mike Pattison at 916-714-3010 to reserve your spot!**



**When you go as a group,  
everybody plays.**



# News Release

April 6, 2007

## **Paragon Partners Ltd. Appoints Tammie Bedlington, R/W-RAC Project Manager**

**Paragon Partners Ltd.** Paragon Partners Ltd. has appointed Tammie Bedlington to the position of Project Manager.

Tammie Bedlington, whose responsibilities include business development, client relations, project management, relocation and acquisition services, has more than 9 years experience in the right-of-way industry. Ms. Bedlington is an active member of the International Right-of-Way Association serving on the International Relocation Committee as the Region 1 Relocation Representative, and locally supports IRWA as the Chapter 27 Vice-President, Relocation Committee Chair and Program Chair. Ms. Bedlington has earned the reputation of unwavering commitment to the Right-of-Way profession. Tammie joins Paragon's Sacramento Right-of-Way Team; where together they will continue to meet the needs of the clients and make them their number one priority.

Paragon provides right-of-way and real estate consulting services to both public and private industry. Industry sectors served include: transportation, municipal public works, development and redevelopment, pipeline, utility, oil and gas, telecommunications, wind energy and other market segments that require the acquisition of property and property rights to support their business activities. Established in 1993, **Paragon Partners Ltd.'s** corporate office is located in Huntington Beach, California. Paragon also maintains offices in Sacramento, Oakland, Riverside and Los Angeles, California, and in Tulsa, Oklahoma and Salt Lake City, Utah.

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**IRWA President Jim Finnegan at the Spring Forum!**

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## 2007 IRWA EDUCATION CONFERENCE BOOK DRIVE

Each year for the past five years, IRWA has held a book drive in conjunction with its' Education Conference. This year, Chapter 27 is in charge of this function right here in Sacramento, June 16 thru the 20th! We are soliciting children's books, either new or gently used, for ages 4 through 12, for our drive. You can send your books to the drive by mailing them to: Dwight or Mike Pattison at Pattison & Associates, 8920 Emerald Park Drive, Suite G, Elk Grove, Ca. 95624. These books will benefit the Sacramento Children's Home. Give a child the gift of a good book to read.



### THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON: **GRETCHEN FRISKE HILDEBRAND** CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP AND LOCAL AGENCIES CHAIR

Gretchen has seven years in the Right of Way arena. In the 1980's she worked in Fort Collins Colorado for a local developer, assisting in all phases of single-family development. From there she moved into the asphalt paving business, where she was the business manager and co owner of Infra Tech Asphalt. It was in the late 1990's when she was recruited to work in Right of Way, it was a natural fit with her experience. Gretchen then pulled up stakes and moved back California and worked as a contractor as a Senior Right of Way Agent for Tierra Right of Way Services Ltd. She performed site selection, easement acquisition through out Northern California for Pacific Bell.

In 2000 Gretchen took a position for WINfirst as the site acquisition coordinator, responsible for all right of way activities that related to the building a state of the art fiber to the home system offering three services, telephone, hi-speed internet and cable television. In 2002 the company was purchased by SureWest Communications where Gretchen is currently employed doing both Right of Way and Permitting in markets that include Sacramento, Elk Grove, Lincoln and Rancho Cordova. SureWest recognized Gretchen as Employee of the Quarter in 2004, and she is currently working towards receiving her SR/WA recognition. Gretchen lives in Roseville, she loves to garden, fish and really enjoys the outdoors with her husband Curtis, they have one dog named Stormy....Woof Woof!

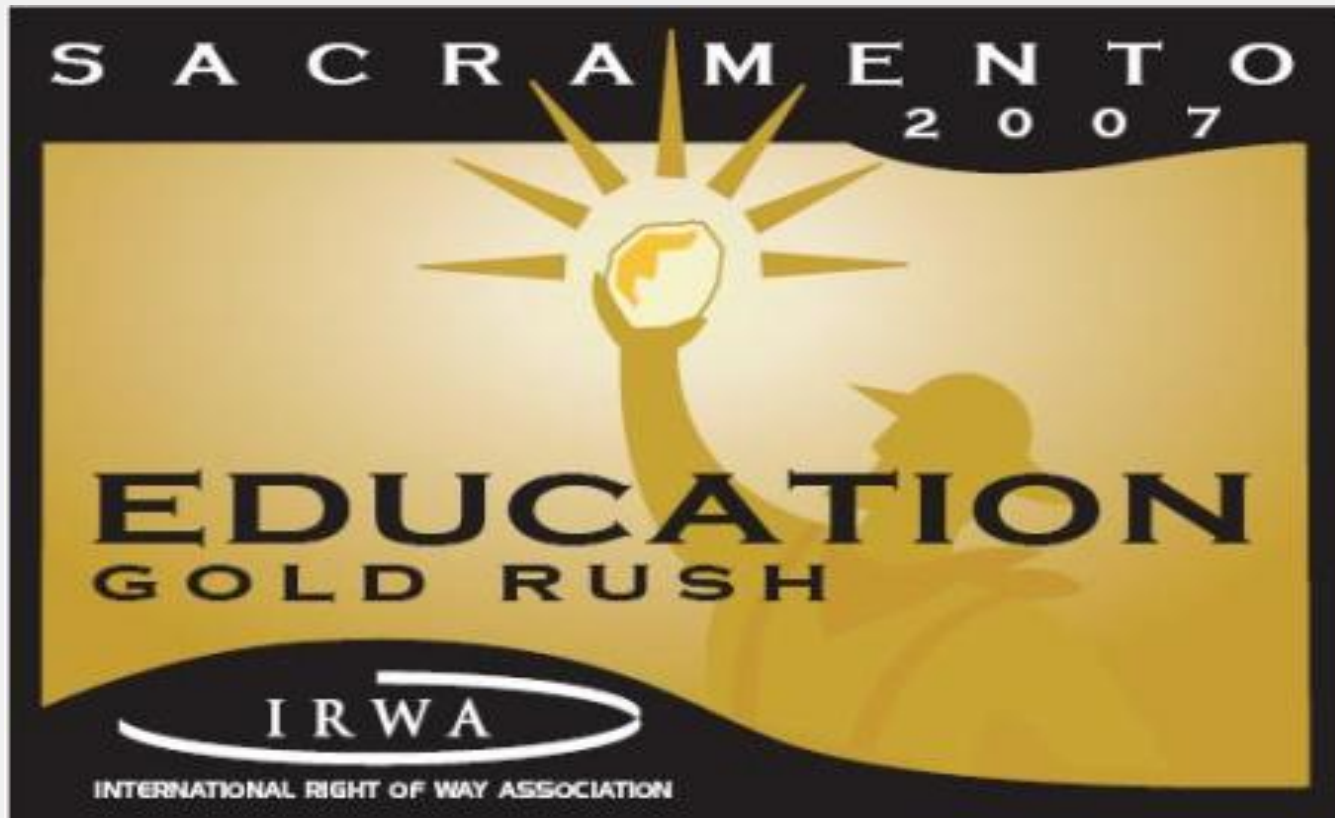


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Each year, IRWA's Annual International Education Conference provides right of way professionals with unparalleled learning and networking opportunities.

With typically more than 1,000 registrants, attendees have the opportunity to learn about best practices, share project challenges and hear solutions from the industry's leading professionals.

*The 53rd Annual Education Conference is slated for Sacramento, California, June 17-20, 2007.*



[Chapter 27 - Region 1](#) will serve as the host chapter.

Dwight Pattison, SR/WA, and Michael Pattison, SR/WA, are co-chairs for this event.

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- Educational Sessions by Industry/Discipline
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- [Conference Packages](#)
- [General Hotel/Travel Information](#)
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- [Future conference dates and locations...](#)
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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**FOR THE UPCOMING IRWA**  
**EDUCATION CONFERENCE**  
**JUNE 16TH THROUGH 20TH, 2007**

**Attention All Chapter Members:**

The 2007 IRWA International Education Conference is coming soon! Thank you for your interest in volunteering to help out with conference registration. Below is a list of the days and times we will need volunteers:

**Saturday, June 16th**

Shift #1: 9:00 am – 1:30 pm

Shift #2: 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

**Sunday, June 17th**

Shift #1: 6:30 am – 12:30 pm

Shift #2: 12:30 pm – 6:30 pm

**Monday, June 18th**

Shift #1: 6:00 am – 11:30 pm

Shift #2: 11:30 pm – 5:00 pm

**Tuesday, June 19th**

Shift #1: 6:30 am – 11:00 am

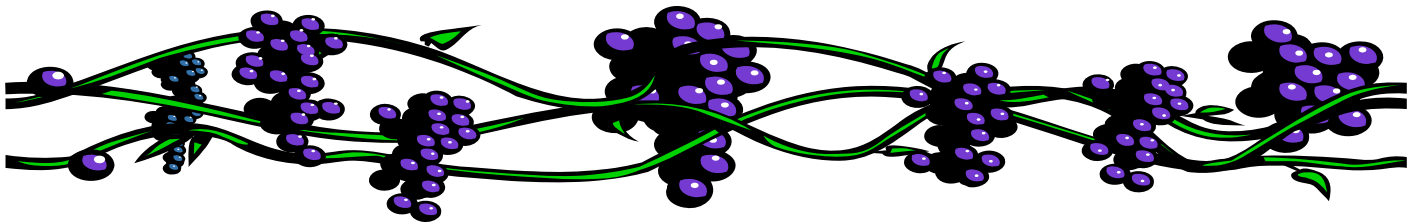
Shift #2: 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Wednesday, June 20th**

Shift #1: 6:30 am – 11:00 am

Shift #2: 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Volunteers are especially needed during both shifts on Saturday and Sunday, as these days will be the busiest for registration.** Please let me know which days and shifts you are available to work. If you have any questions or wish to discuss, please feel free to contact Jennifer Clause' at: [claussej@sacCounty.net](mailto:claussej@sacCounty.net)



**Dear Chapter 27 Members, More Luncheon News:**

As announced at the February, 2007 Luncheon and becoming effective for the March, 2007 Luncheon and all Luncheons thereafter, the new Luncheon cost will be \$20.00.

Additionally, for late reservations, walk-ins and late cancellations, the new cost will be \$25.00. Chapter 27 Board Members hope that you will continue to see these Luncheons as a value considering the Speakers, networking opportunities and nice meal that you are served.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter!

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## Welcome to Sacramento IRWA Chapter 27

Incorporated August 9, 1946, IRWA Chapter 27 serves nearly 200 active and retired members, and serves professionals throughout Northern California. The Chapter holds local monthly meetings September through June, IRWA education classes as scheduled and other events for the membership. In June of 2007, Chapter 27 will host the Annual Education Conference.

Please contact a local chapter board member or attend a monthly meeting to find out more about what the IRWA Chapter 27 can do for you!

For all the up-to-date news, please visit our website and learn about upcoming Events, Membership, Monthly Meetings, Classes, Programs and Services and so much more.

Visit the IRWA Chapter 27 website  
at:[www.irwachapter27.org](http://www.irwachapter27.org)

### TREASURER'S REPORT—May 10, 2007

Monthly Profit & Loss - (\$ 4,876.00)

Balance Sheet - 4-11- 07 - Present Net Equity  
\$43,386.12

ENDING BALANCES: (as of April 11, 2007)

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE: \$23,452.93

SAVINGS: \$24,697.96