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# Summary

December 2009

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*First Course*

2005 Lake County 'Wappo Loam' Chardonnay  
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or

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*Fourth Course*

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Pecan Caramel New York Cheesecake

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY HANNAH MOYER, CSI CDT AIA LEED

The fall air is turning crisp and cold, the days are getting shorter, and the holiday season is revving up. The Halloween get-togethers are immediately behind us, and there's Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, or New Year's celebrations to look forward to. No matter what your established traditions are, no one can deny this is a special time of year. And because these are trying times, sometimes beyond comprehension, it's the little things in our personal and professional lives we need to focus on, in order to truly appreciate our good fortunes.

What do you have to be thankful for? Who do you appreciate, both at home and at the office? Do you still have a roof over your head and food on the table? Have the layoffs slowed down, at least a little bit? I, for one, am thankful we have such dedicated and energetic chapter Board and Committee members who work very hard at creating the best experience for our chapter members and program attendees as possible. I'm thankful to the advisors who have nothing but the most admirable intentions for the success of the chapter's Board. I'm also thankful the chapter's finances are in the black.

One of the chapter's treasured traditions is the Holiday Dinner. For the past five years the chapter has hosted a wine-paired four-course dinner with great success. The event offers not only an opportunity for fellowship with other members and their significant others, but also to learn a little bit about wines and wine making. This year we'll be hosting the La Honda Winery, an award-winning winery from the Santa Cruz Mountains. The pairing will be courtesy of Ron Ronconi, one of the

chapter's wine connoisseurs. Also, in our chapter's typical giving fashion, a Toys for Tots collection barrel will be offered.

I, and the Santa Clara Valley Chapter Board, wish all members a happy, safe, and peaceful holiday season. Enjoy all of your treasured traditions, or make new ones.

### Housekeeping Notes:

On January 14th, 2010 the newest chapter in the West Region, the Inland Empire, will be having their inaugural chapter meeting. Jan Piccola, FCSI, of the LA chapter, has been working diligently on getting this chapter established.

CSI Institute's Strategic Plan is nearly finalized. In the process of development, extensive discussions ensued regarding CSI's mission, goals, and objectives. Other themes discussed were "the future of construction documentation", "diversity of the construction team", and "communication excellence". The final Strategic Plan is scheduled for Board approval by the end of the year. To see the current draft of the strategic plan, go to [www.csinet.org/membership](http://www.csinet.org/membership), click "Strategic Plan" and log in. To comment on the draft, visit [www.csinet.org/forums](http://www.csinet.org/forums) and log in to enter the Strategic Plan discussion.

Look out for the February 2010 ballot, to be issued early in February. Included will be a Bylaws Amendment changing "Professional Member" and "Industry/Associate Member" classifications to a single "Member" classification. This is to reflect CSI's core value of building teamwork among construction professionals. ♡

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## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Have you recently joined CSI and are now wondering what is next? Or have you been a long time member and would like to know more about the opportunities and activities of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of CSI? New and continuing members are welcome to join us February 4th from 6 to 6:30pm for our Member Orientation. Everyone can benefit from this informal, fast paced orientation briefing, including discussion of certification and networking opportunities, committees and opportunities for participation and professional outreach. Hear from existing members and voice your interests too. The Orientation will be conveniently right before the Chapter Meeting in February, hope to see you there!

Hannah Moyer, CSI,  
CDT, AIA, LEED and Chris  
Valverde at the November  
Chapter Meeting



# MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

CSI, Santa Clara Valley  
(Draft, Board Approval Pending)  
Place: Biltmore Hotel, Santa Clara  
Date: November 5, 2009

## Opening

The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Hannah Moyer at 5:02 p.m.

## Attendees

### Board Members

Hannah Moyer, CSI, CDT, AIA, LEED, President; Jim Morelan, CSI, AIA, Vice President; Cindy Faust-Scholz, CSI, Treasurer; Maia Gendreau, AIA, CSI, CDT, Secretary; Jim O'Keefe, CSI, Immediate Past President; Joe Cota, CSI, Industry Director; Rietta McCain, CSI, CCCA, AIA, Professional Director; Kevin Norman, CSI, AIA, LEED, Professional Director; Rose Garrison, CSI, Industry Director

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### Committee Chairs

Krista Nelson, CSI, CDT, LEED;  
Dave Ingram, CSI

## Minutes

The minutes of the October meeting were reviewed by those present.  
Minutes are approved as distributed

## Treasurer's Report

Hannah has got the chapter signed up on Quick Books online and most of the data is input. The cost will be approximately \$25 per month. Next week Cindy and Hannah will review the details and then maybe get with Albert to develop the annual budget.

The monthly reports and annual budget should be available next month.

All board members will be able to access the account as read-only when the set up is complete.

## Region Director's Report

Julie has not heard anything on the outcome of the West Region vote. Board members report the ballots were delivered quite close to the deadline.

## President's Report

Hannah did send a letter to the San Francisco Chapter. San Francisco Chapter meets next Thursday. Hannah is seeking some ideas for a co-chair.

The 50/50 membership program deadline is coming up.

West Region has requested that Chapter Presidents submit possible budget items.

NAWIC has invited CSI SCV to join them at their Industry Roundtable

Dinner on November 18. Hannah and Rose are planning to have a table-top. Joe Cota will be there with San Jose City College.

## Unfinished Business

Chapter Bylaws: Maia did not receive an update from Sheryl on the status of our Chapter bylaw revisions.

Review Best Practices from the West Region Conference:

The Board reviews the Best Practices list from the Non-profit Financial Management seminar from the West Region Conference. Many of the issues on the recommended practices list are resolved by the use of the Quick Books Online.

The tax issue is briefly discussed, and it is agreed that we are not obligated to pay taxes, or to file.

San Francisco Chapter is having a financial review by an accountant, it is possible that we could consider this also.

The two possible items the board considers changing our process are; adding a second signatory to the checks, and having a financial review by an outside person, on an annual or bi-annual basis.

Krista delivers the Statement of Information for a Non-Profit Corporation to Maia. It is suggested

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to add this item to the Quick Books calendar, as it is paid on an every other year basis. The state will not remind non-profits to do this anymore.

Discussion of the Board Book: we agree we do not need a Board Book, and the Operating Guide is adequate to describe the Board responsibilities.

Board Insurance: Hannah will look in to the insurance further.

**New Business**

None.

**Committee Reports****Membership**

We are down by one member, 64 home, 22 non-home. Baseline from July was 68.

The new member orientation is scheduled for February 4, from 6 to 6:30, during the networking time prior to the Chapter meeting. The orientation task team will schedule a practice session. Some ideas for getting attendance are offered; personally invite new members, write a blurb for the newsletter to invite all members, and add the orientation to the February meeting flyer.

Another idea discussed is to divide the member list and have board members remind members of the meeting.

**Education Seminar**

See written report and expense report.

**Programs/Technical**

Still seeking sponsors for the December holiday dinner. January and February have been scheduled.

**Continuing Education**

Tonight's program is registered with CSI and AIA.

**Greeter/Raffle**

Joe and Rose will greet. There are 3 bottles of wine for the raffle.

**Annual Roster**

Chair seat open.

**Editor**

Deadline is Tuesday, November 10th, at noon.

**Historian:** No report.

**Awards:** No report.

**Website**

It is unknown if the ISP issue is resolved.

**Operating/House**

Contract for next year is delivered to Maia. Attendance is 25 tonight with speaker.

**Toys-for-Tots**

Flyer has been published to CSI and AIA.

**Marketing Committee**

Chair seat is open.

**PLANNING  
CALENDAR****CHAPTER MEETINGS**

<b>DEC 3</b>	<b>HOLIDAY DINNER</b>
<b>JAN 7</b>	<b>ACOUSTICS</b>
<b>FEB 4</b>	<b>PHOTO-RESPONSIVE CONTROLS FOR DAYLIGHT HARVESTING</b>

JOIN US FOR OUR MEMBER  
ORIENTATION AT 6PM!

**PLAN AHEAD****CSI Annual Convention:**

Construct 2010  
May 11-14, 2010  
Philadelphia, PA

**West Region Conference:**

"Forces for Change"  
Sept 30 - Oct 3, 2010  
Yosemite, CA

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Where has the year gone? Was it not just the other day we were celebrating New Year's Eve? I am just realizing the number of deadlines coming up so soon. Region elections are just around the corner and all us candidates must have Biographies to Institute by November 7th. I guess things do not change from year to year.

I hope all of you that attended the Region Conference in Berkeley came away a little more educated. I especially enjoyed the trip on the bay and the program on the new Bay Bridge. I guess they are having a little trouble

with that bridge lately. It has been closed for four days now to repair the repair they made last month. My hat is off to the East Bay Oakland Chapter for providing a great conference as we weather thru this "recession." "From Here To There" was very appropriate for this conference theme. We need to keep on keeping on from here to a better future. Those of you that attended reinforce this most timely theme. Next year we hope to provide some "Forces for Change."

You all might want to know what is going on regarding future West Region Conferences starting in 2011. We currently have a West Region task team looking into future conflicts between the West Region Conference and Institute Conference. Starting in 2011 the Institute conference will be held in the fall, probably mid-September, which will affect the North and West Regions' historical conference dates. The task team has all ready had one conference call to discuss potential substitute dates, and another is scheduled for November 10th. A number of options have been discussed and we are now discussing the pros and cons for these options. The team will make every attempt to recommend a best case scenario in the near future.

I have been sending out requests to

all the Chapters in the north for their board meeting dates and times. My plan is to visit each chapter's board meetings at least once prior to our fiscal year end on June 30, 2010. I have heard from four so far with three to go. I will put together an agenda for visits starting after January 1, 2010.

We have a big deal coming up very soon down in the Inland Empire. The new Inland Chapters inaugural meeting will be Thursday January 14, 2010. Jan Piccola has been leading this effort. Good job. I will plan to attend this exciting event.

As I am a man of few words, I will say bye for now. Have a great Holiday Season. ♡

**"Perhaps the  
best Yuletide  
decoration is  
being wreathed  
in smiles."  
Unknown**



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## CURMUDGEON'S CORNER A ROSE IS A ROSE

BY SHELDON WOLFE, RA FCSI CCS CCCS

*What's in a name? that  
which we call a rose  
By any other name would  
smell as sweet  
William Shakespeare*

On your next Institute ballot you will be asked to vote on elimination of the Professional, Industry, and Associate Member categories. Other than a vague suggestion that the result "better reflects CSI's core value of building teamwork" - a questionable proposition in itself - I'm not sure what the justification will be, but I don't believe the benefits outweigh the cost. To put this issue in perspective, let's take a look at the history of CSI member categories. (To make things easier, I will refer to these three member categories as "full members" to distinguish them from Intermediate Members and Student Members, who are not allowed to vote or hold elective office. And to avoid having to continually express this exception, I acknowledge that member categories are used when discussing the makeup of CSI boards of directors and committees.)

Today, CSI's original members would be considered Professional Members; they were specifiers who formed an organization to improve construction documents. There were no Industry, Associate, Intermediate, or Student Members. However, even though CSI's Certificate of Incorporation did not define any member categories, it anticipated the possible need for them and allowed their creation.

It isn't clear when CSI expanded its ranks to include Industry Members, but I think it's fair to say that for many years they were not treated as well as they should have been. According to

a reliable source, it wasn't until 1966 that Industry Members were eligible for Fellowship; not until 1975 were members other than Professional Members allowed to vote; and it wasn't until 1988 that an Industry Member was voted in as president-elect.

When I became a member in 1987, virtually all of that was past history, a history I did not learn of for many years. When I submitted my membership application, I easily chose the appropriate member category; the fact that there were three categories of full members did not concern me. Later, when I became more active in my chapter, I saw the member categories as a convenience for achieving balanced representation on the board of directors, a balance I consider to be one of our strengths.

Although we do have member categories, all full members now have the same rights and responsibilities. In practice, there is no difference, and there is nothing to suggest there is a difference. The terms Professional Member, Industry Member, and Associate Member do not appear on business cards, nor are they used in publications. After joining CSI, a member is a member is a member.

The only complaint I have heard about member categories came from a few Industry Members, who asked, "So we're not professional?" It was not the existence of member categories that disturbed them, but the titles. Not long after hearing that question, almost twenty years ago, I began referring to "industry professionals" and "design professionals", a practice I continue today. Had our predecessors used these or similar terms, I doubt we

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#### Operating Guide Task Team

The Operating Guide was edited based on the information we got from the West Region Conference.

#### 50th Anniversary Task Team (2010)

Dave presented a copy of the budget. The event will be March 20th at the De Anza Hotel in the Palm Room. A non-refundable deposit of \$2800 is required to the hotel. A formal request for expenditures is made for \$5000. A motion is made to advance up to \$5000 to the 50th Anniversary Task Team. The motion is amended to approve a \$12,000 budget and allow for \$5000 immediately available for expenses specifically to the hotel. There is one industry partner now, and several others in the works. Motion seconded. Motion carries.

#### Announcements

None.

#### Closing

The meeting was adjourned by Hannah Moyer at 6:04 p.m. ♡

**"Write it on your  
heart that every  
day is the best  
day in the year."**

**Ralph Waldo**

**Emerson**

## BUCH NOTES WATER IN BUILDINGS

BY ED BUCH, CSI CCS AIA

An Architect's Guide to Moisture & Mold, by William B. Rose, challenges many of our long held ideas about the sources of moisture problems in buildings. He does this by reviewing the science of water and moisture vapor and the mechanisms by which both move through buildings. In this analysis he shows how commonly held ideas, (and building code requirements), about vapor barriers and ventilation requirements for attics and crawl spaces are based on incomplete research going back to the late 1930s. This section of the book is followed by a detailed consideration of water and moisture vapor acting on various building components: roofs, attics, and exterior walls, and the effects of wet ground on foundations and crawl spaces.

Research on the problems related to moisture inside buildings came about in the 1930s with the advent of the use of building insulation in exterior walls and attics. The research was intended to understand why paint had begun to peel from wood siding on insulated houses located in cold climates. Research at the US Forest Service, Forest Products Lab showed that insulated walls were warmer on the inside and much colder on the outside of the insulation, at the exterior sheathing, when compared with un-insulated walls. This resulted in moisture condensing much more readily on the exterior sheathing at insulated walls which in turn caused the paint to peel. The results of this research lead to the use of vapor retarders on the warm side of the insulation in exterior walls. Based on more recent research and a more thorough understanding of the physics of moisture vapor, Rose concludes

that the use of vapor retarders is beneficial in cold climates, but is unnecessary in many instances in exterior walls in other climates. He argues for architects and mechanical engineers to do an analysis using the exterior wall design and weather data specific for the locale of each project.

Examining the ventilation requirements included in the model building codes for both attics and crawl spaces, Rose reports that the science used for these prescriptive requirements are overly simplistic and should be reconsidered.

The book begins with what I think is its strongest feature: three chapters on the science of water and water vapor. Vapor pressure, surface tension, capillary action, humidity, osmotic pressure, adsorption vs. absorption are some of the topics explained. This is good stuff! Thankfully, Rose explains these in terms lay people can understand, and with a minimum use of formulas. The psychometric chart is presented. Some history of the early research on the topic of moisture in buildings is included. It is noted that modern buildings are more prone to moisture and water intrusion problems than their 19th ancestors simply because they are lighter in weight and built with exterior walls that are significantly thinner. As a result, in contemporary buildings, there is much less room for error. In older buildings with thicker walls, there was a much greater capacity to hold the water until it could evaporate to the exterior before the wet walls could cause problems at the interior of the building.

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Contact Julie Brown if you are interested in purchasing a chevron. She can be reached at (408) 778-0633 or julie@jkb-specs.com.



## CSI VACATION

BY KRISTA NELSON, CSI CDT RA LEED

Another year, another West Region Conference – did I really want to use my precious vacation time for another conference? I was very tempted to just take off to the hockey rink for pick-up hockey rather than going to the Thursday afternoon leadership session. I'm so glad, I didn't succumb to temptation. I learned so much especially from the CPA. Even though I'm no longer on the board, it was beneficial for our soon to be redistributed Operating Guide. I highly recommend that you request and look for this topic next year if you're serving on the board for your chapter, or for that matter, any non-profit board.

Friday was like a vacation day for me. It started with the lunchtime speaker, Marty Lurie. I've always enjoyed listening to his radio show so I was thrilled to get to hear him speak about his passion for baseball. A good CSI friend even offered to trade seats with me so I had a chance to talk to him personally. I was riding high going into the afternoon education sessions. I enjoyed both sessions that I attended.

They were both quite relevant to my practice in architecture.

The vacation feeling continued into the evening. I've been on the Bay Cruise a few times so I knew it would be enjoyable, but there were new twists that made it even more fun this time around. It was quite interesting hearing about the Bay Bridge replacement, but I'll save that for others to write about.

As we sailed away from Treasure Island it looked like we were heading straight for PacBell Park. (Sorry, I'm old school and refuse to switch to the new name.) I've been in the park at least a 100 times, but have never seen it from this vantage point. I'd always wanted to go to McCovey Cove and finally was getting the opportunity.

The game was in the first inning with Tim Lincecum on the mound against the Chicago Cubs. You could see the crowd, the baseball field through the arches and the game on the big screen. What a treat for a big time baseball fan. We ended the evening dancing the boat back into the dock until they had to kick us off. Another successful region conference. ♡



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Tom Dusza and Xiaoxi  
Luo of Rolf Jensen  
and Associates,  
November's Technical  
Program Speakers



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would be having this discussion today.

When you vote, consider the following:

- CSI is one of only a few construction industry organizations that embrace everyone in the construction industry and give all full members equal rights and responsibilities. In contrast, others, such as AIA and NSPE, allow only specific members or groups to vote or hold office. Eliminating our member categories would have no practical effect on members.
- If there is value in our existing requirements for representation of different member types, the existing classification method is a benefit as it makes it easy to identify those who fit into the member categories. It's much easier to say "Associate Member" than "those members whose primary function is to provide service, support, and assistance to the construction industry" or list a long series of occupation codes. The same thing could be accomplished by other means, but to change would require a fair amount of administrative work to create and define new terms to replace the ones we now use, and to change all the policies and documents that mention member categories. In its simplest form, the result might merely be using lowercase names, e.g., "professional member" for "Professional Member."
- Because member categories are not mentioned outside of membership forms and those policies that are related to makeup of boards and committees, there would be no visible change in CSI's general publications.

Without a press release, few would know of the change, and fewer still would care about it.

- Although having a single member category for full members may more accurately reflect the way we feel about teamwork, does it affect membership? Have we lost or failed to attract any members who were offended by the member categories? If so, how many? If potential members are confused by the definitions of membership categories, perhaps a better explanation would eliminate the problem.
- This change would affect not only Institute bylaws. Region and chapter bylaws, as well as Institute, region, and chapter policies, operating guides, and documents would have to be reviewed for potential revisions.

I have no objection to a single member category, only to the effort required to implement it for the small impact it would have. If we had but a single member category, I would have the same objections to a change to multiple categories.

It may well be that there are compelling reasons to change to a single member category, reasons that make the work required to change bylaws, policies, and other documents worthwhile. If that is the case, we need to know what those reasons are well before the ballots are issued. It will be easy to say "yes", but it will take a lot of time and effort to finish the job.

We have enough to do in addressing far more significant issues; we don't need to spend time on things that will have little effect. ♡

**BUCH NOTES • from pg 7**

The book concludes with a chapter on building HVAC systems and one on mold. The chapter on HVAC systems includes an explanation of the comfort zone and the critical nature of humidity control. The chapter on rot and mold describes the problems that can result when water and moisture in buildings are not controlled. Descriptions of the various types of rot, fungi, and mold are provided along with explanations of the effects of mold and how it can be remediated.

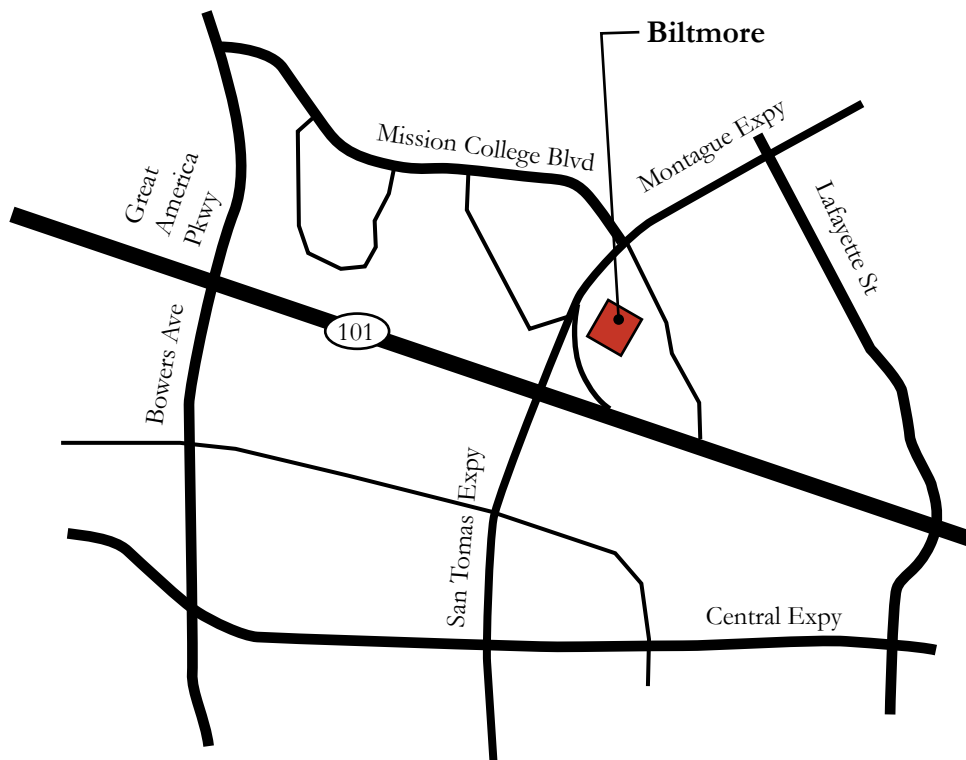
The author, William B. Rose, is a research architect at the Building Research Council at the University of Illinois. He also does building envelope consulting for historic buildings and museums. The book was published in 2005 by John Wiley & Sons. It has 270 pages and includes excellent illustrations and references. This is a great book and one that really should be read by architects before it lands on the bookshelf. ♡

**"The smallest act  
of kindness is  
worth more than  
the grandest  
intention."  
Oscar Wilde**

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**HOLIDAY DINNER • DIRECTIONS & INFORMATION****Biltmore Hotel & Suites**

2151 Laurelwood Road • Santa Clara

**Directions****From Southbound 101**

Take the Montague Expressway/San Tomas Expressway Exit  
Go under the overpass and turn right onto Montague Expressway  
Turn right on Laurelwood Road  
Hotel is on the left

**From Northbound 101**

Take the Montague Expressway/San Tomas Expressway Exit  
Turn right onto Montague Expressway  
Turn right again immediately on Laurelwood Road  
Hotel is on the left

**Toys for Tots**

Help spread holiday cheer to needy children in our community by bringing a new, unwrapped toy for donation to the US Marine Corps Toys for Tots campaign.

**La Honda Winery**

Our Holiday Dinner will be paired with one-of-a-kind La Honda wines. Each cuvee has unique attributes that are highlighted by blending state-of-the-art equipment with old-world, hand-crafted wine making expertise. Their headquarters is located in Redwood City with private vineyards throughout the Santa Cruz Mountains.



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**T**his Holiday Season the Santa Clara Valley chapters of Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) and American Institute of Architects (AIA) are joining forces again with United States Marine Corps of San Jose for their **TOYS FOR TOTS** campaign to help the less fortunate in our community.

**T**hey request toys that are new and in their original packages. Please do not wrap the packages.

**S**ee below for drop-off barrels in your area. These barrels will be placed around the Bay Area, so it will be easy to find a container to place the new toys in. Over the past ten years we have donated just about three hundred thirty-five barrels of toys. Great Work!

**D**rop-off barrels will be at the following locations:

Date In	Date Out	Company	Street Address	City
11/30/09	12/18/09	AIA Santa Clara Office	325 South First St., 1 <sup>st</sup> Flr.	San Jose
11/30/09	12/18/09	CAS Architects	1023 No. Shoreline Bl.	Mtn. View
11/30/09	12/18/09	DGA Architects	550 Ellis Street	Mtn. View
11/30/09	12/18/09	Devcon Construction	690 Gibraltar Dr.	Milpitas
11/30/09	12/18/09	HDR Architecture	150 Matilda Place	Sunnyvale
11/30/09	12/18/09	Dennis Kobza & Assoc.	2083 Old Middlefield Way, #100	Mtn. View
11/30/09	12/18/09	Muller Constr. Supply	1230 Yard Ct.	San Jose
11/30/09	12/18/09	Watry Design Group	1700 Seaport Blvd. Ste. 210	Redwood City
11/30/09	12/18/09	Santa Clara Builders Exchange	400 Reed Street	Santa Clara
11/30/09	12/18/09	Sugimura & Associates	2155 S. Bascom Av. #200	Campbell
11/30/09	12/18/09	HMC Architects	1570 Alameda #330	San Jose
11/30/09	12/18/09	Hill Brother Chemicals	410 Charcot Avenue	San Jose
11/30/09	12/18/09	O'Donnell Plastering	2318 Lafayette Street	Santa Clara
11/30/09	12/18/09	AEDIS Architecture	1494 Hamilton Avenue	San Jose
11/30/09	12/18/09	Steinberg Group	60 Pierce Avenue	San Jose
12/17/09	12/17/09	AIA Holiday Party	Reel Grobman, 96 No. 2 <sup>nd</sup> St.	San Jose
12/03/09	12/03/09	CSI Holiday Party	Biltmore, 2151 Laurelwood	Santa Clara

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Call Ron Adams 408.838.6773 or Julie Brown 408.778.0633 with questions.

**H**ave a Happy and Safe Holiday Season