



# INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION

## Kachina Chapter 28 Phoenix, Arizona

Newsletter

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#### 2006 Kachina Chapter Executive Board

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#### April 2006 Luncheon

**Date:** April 11, 2006

**Place:** Doubletree @ 44th Street & Van Buren


**Cost:** \$19 (Please have exact change or your check made out)


**Menu:** Fresh Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings; Ranch House Pork Crusted with Ground Cornmeal and Dairy Farm Cream; Grain Mustard on the Side; Chefs Selection of Vegetables; Chefs Selection of Desert; Freshly Brewed Iced Tea, Coffee, Decaf and Hot Tea


**Speaker:** Tom Renckly, Maricopa County Flood Control District


**RSVP Deadline:** April 6, 2006

#### APRIL BOARD MEETING

 Wednesday, April 5, 2006

 4:45pm

 3rd Floor Conference Room

 Az State Land

Confirm your attendance with Doc Sterling at docs@mwdaz.com

#### April Luncheon Guest Speaker

Tom Renckly, Maricopa County Flood Control District  
His presentation on the Flood Control District's Dam Safety Program at the luncheon on April 11 will cover:

- FCDMC Dam Safety Program Overview
- Dam Safety Issues such as land subsidence and earth fissures
- Emergency Action Plans for Dams
- Ongoing Dam Rehab Projects
- Right-of-Way Use Permits for utility and roadway crossings at District Dams.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Michael "Doc" Sterling, Chapter President

HOORAY!!!

On March 18, 2006, Carolyn "Chris" Banks, SR/WA and currently Kachina Chapter 28 International Representative was elected to the position of IRWA Region 1 Vice-Chair.

This is an honor and a reward for Chris. She is in her 5<sup>th</sup> year as a Chapter Executive Board Officer and/or International Representative. The honor aspect is that she is being recognized by the other IRWA Chapters in Region 1. The reward is she has been granted another 5 years of service!

The Vice-Chair position has many responsibilities, including the updates for the Region 1 website, which is hosted by our Chapter. She will also be responsible for getting out updated information to all of the Region Chapter representatives to the Region Forums.

The term she has been elected to can last as long as 3 years, as the Region Spring Forum will give a vote of approval in order to keep her in office for the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> years. Following that, she will most likely become the Region Chair, a position held for the past two years by fellow Kachina Chapter 28 member, Mark Keller, SR/WA. In all, she can most likely expect to serve for a total of 5 years.

I had the pleasure of nominating Chris for this position at the Forum. This nomination was made in recognition not only for her years of service to our local Chapter, but because of her excellence in that service. The fringe benefit for the Chapter is her real love of serving the needs of our local membership.

Chapter 28 can look forward to continued recognition throughout the Region and the International, where she already enjoys a certain degree of recognition.

There was another item of importance that came to light at the Spring Forum. IEC Member, Juan Zaragosa and Region 1 Education Chair Mike Pattison, divulged that the IEF [International Education Foundation] has 'donated' over \$200,000 to the International for the purpose of revamping and upgrading the format and content of IRWA's Educational Courses. It also appears that will be some sort of formal, or at least public, divulging of the process is soon to occur. This is something quite new as the Foundation has not always been as forthcoming in the past. The availability of such information will hopefully create a better understanding of the Foundation's function and importance to the future well being of the IRWA in general and should have the added benefit of making it easier for the Foundation to receive continued contributions!

**P.S.** Per information received from International Headquarters on March 23, 2006, 54 of our listed 239 members have not yet paid their IRWA Membership dues for 2006.

## PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Chris Banks, SR/WA

Thanks for all of your help and support throughout the past few years. It was a lot of hard work making my way through the Board and Committee positions but it was a lot of fun as well. I believe you all know by now that at the Spring Forum on March 18 in Riverside, CA, I was elected as Region 1 Vice-Chair. I am absolutely thrilled! Many of you have written to congratulate me on the new position. You have made me feel very appreciated. I will be sworn in this June in Denver. If I were asked to make an acceptance speech (which they don't) I would say that I look at this new position as my opportunity to make a positive impact on the Regional and International level. Just as I promised when I took office as President of our Chapter, I will work hard to learn my duties and fulfill my responsibilities. I won't be a rubber stamp vote for any issue or candidate. I will put great thought and research into anything that will result in a change and requires my input or vote. I have two quotes to leave with you:

"It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the ones most responsive to change." Charles Darwin (*The Origin of the Species*)

"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou

Chris Banks SR/WA  
International Director 2<sup>nd</sup> year

# Thanks!!!

**Hey all you Chapter 28 Members! Here is a chance to have some fun while networking and keeping in touch with other members.**

**It's the IRWA Kachina Chapter 28, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Bring Your Spouse or Friend BBQ**

**Come join in and make this a great event that we can count on every year!**

**When: Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**Where: @ Lake Pleasant Maricopa Water District Facility (No Alcohol)**

**4 pm Reception Table:            Snack table, Ice tea and Sodas  
   Lake Pleasant Information Table**

**Events Starting 4 pm:            Horse Shoe Throwing Tournament  
   Can you Rope ? Competition  
   Dart throw Competition  
   Guided Hikes 4 to 6 pm (Every 1/2 hr)**

**Dinner at 6 pm:    BBQ Chicken or Pork, Coleslaw or Fresh Salad, Beans,  
   Rolls, and Peach Cobbler for Dessert**

**8 pm Drawing for Prizes and Awards for Winners of Competition**

**Music and Dance Instruction 7 to 9 pm**

**\$32 per Couple    \$16 for Singles**

**Must Pre-Pay by April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Calling on all who took the survey – get signed up now!  
The contributions of the members of IRWA Chapter 28,  
Volunteers and Sponsors will make this BBQ possible.  
Adults only (18 yrs and older)    Dress is casual.**

**For more info contact Gayle Leonard at 602-506-1421  
Gayle will be taking money for this event at the April Luncheon.**