

**NEWSLETTER**  
**February 13, 2017**

Dear Member:

The Section's 42<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting was held January 18-20, 2017 at the Bay Club Hotel and Marina, 2131 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego, CA. Attendance was great and to make room for more attendees the hotel staff moved the break refreshments to the room across the hall. The hotel staff "flipped" the room to accommodate more seating. They also had deflectors installed on the heat/air conditioning units to obtain better air flow in the room. Everyone present stated the meeting was a resounding success.

President **Larry Gibbs** conducted the business meeting Wednesday afternoon January 18, 2017 in the Commodore Room – the minutes are attached for your perusal.

President Gibbs opened the technical meeting Thursday morning January 19, 2017, welcoming attendees and speakers, and then introduced the Program Chairman **Bob Lieckfield**, CIH, FAIHA. Bob gave a brief overview of this year's conference theme "**The Wisdom Gift: Thought Leaders Passing on Sage Advice to Future Industrial Hygienists**" he had developed, then presided over the first segment of the Thursday morning program. He introduced the keynote speaker, **Terry Thedell**, PhD, CIH, CSP, FAIHA a Lifetime member of YPSW. Bob had engaged many excellent speakers so we were fortunate to have a day and a half of excellent presentations. No need for me to write about the presenters because Bob provided the attached in-depth summary of the presentations which can also be found on the YPSW website. The meeting concluded with a wonderful banquet. The food was excellent, the wine outstanding and the camaraderie perfect - the only way to conclude another memorable annual meeting. Be sure to read Bob's comments about the banquet in his summary. Our meetings get better each year!

A gentle reminder, you are responsible for calculating your own CM point values and list them on your worksheets, as ABIH discontinued review of CM requests for Category 4 Education Events effective 2011. Additional information can be found at <http://www.abih.org/documents/TerminationofCMPointsReviews.pdf>.

**CHANGE OF YPSW OFFICERS**

**Presenting your 2017 Executive Committee – elected January 20:**

President:	Bob Lieckfield	<u>Directors</u>
President-Elect	Frank Renshaw	Denise Daggett
Past-President	Larry Gibbs	Frank Hearl
Secretary-Treasurer	Anna Davis	Tom Slavin

Sincere thanks to Bill Krebs, who served one year as President and a year as Past-President. A Certificate of Appreciation was signed and presented to Bill by President Gibbs – and a small crystal memento. Sincere thanks also to Marc Kolanz who served three years as a Director – he was awarded a small crystal memento.

## CLAYTON AWARD

The recipient of the 2017 YPSW George and Florence Clayton Award, **Harry Ettinger**, was very appreciative of the Section's acknowledgement of his many years of notable achievements in the field of industrial hygiene and dedicated service to YPSW. President Gibbs made the presentation and Harry's very gracious acceptance speech was greeted with a round of applause. When received, photos taken of the award will be posted on our website along with a short bio on Harry. I will mail the award to him.

## WEBSITE

**Frank Hearl**, our "web master" maintains our website [www.ypswaiha.org](http://www.ypswaiha.org). Frank brings the site up to date by posting data as it is supplied to him – check out the 2017 meeting data Bob provided him for posting and I will send him this letter when it is printed and ready for mailing to the membership. When we receive the pictures members took, they will be sent to Frank to post. The site is specifically for our YPSW members. Thanks, Frank for keeping the website up to date and providing this valuable service to the YPSW membership.

## 2017 DUES PAYMENT

Please pay your 2017 dues promptly. Your cooperation will enable me to prepare the 2017-2018 membership book for mailing in late May/early June along with information pertinent to the 2018 meeting. Please check your current listing in the 2016-2017 membership book (and updates in subsequent newsletters) and **make necessary changes on the dues form**. If you are a **lifetime member and/or paid your dues in advance** I still need your completed form for file and verification of membership book information – **if you are in either of these categories**, you can send this information via email or snail mail. Several members email addresses are not current – **please print all your information legibly** – sometimes it is impossible to decipher some handwriting. Also, please complete additional info requested on the dues form – your credentials, CIH, CSP, PE, PhD, etc., and indicate on the form if you are an AIHA member/AIHA Fellow. If you are not a Fellow and feel you are qualified, download the forms from the AIHA website and send the completed forms to Past President Larry Gibbs for review by the YPSW Executive Committee and submission to AIHA.

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

### **Membership Book Changes:**

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## OBITUARY

Elizabeth Laulusa Rock was born on 19 October 1945 in Pago Pago, Tutuila, American Samoa and died on 7 December 2016 in Houston, TX. During her life she lived in American Samoa, New York, Ohio, Texas, and West Germany. She is survived by her husband of more than 48 years, Col. James C. Rock, USAF, Retired; son Tumu Rock and his wife Kirsty Rock; daughter Peta Rock Dudley and her husband, Bryan Dudley and their four children, Amanda, Jordan, Nathan, and Dara.

She lived her life in service to others, and most recently served communities in Texas by emphasizing a prison ministry called Kairos at the Eastham Unit in Lovelady, TX and the Meals of Love mission based at First United Methodist Church, Bryan in addition to her many other musical and food outreach missions.

The inmates at Eastham Unit who have dedicated their lives to Christ through the Kairos prison ministry are known as the Men in White. They call her Mama Liz. The kitchen volunteers who worked with her cooking for the Men in White, called her El Jefe (beloved boss).

She was a woman so full of love that she refused to quit serving others until her body finally gave in to the ravages of pancreatic cancer. Ten days before her death she was asked how she continues to do everything she does and her matter of fact reply was simply, “Well, you just keep doing what you can, until you can’t.” Five days before she died, only two days before she was admitted to MD Anderson Cancer Center for the final time, she was cooking what became her last Meal of Love in Bryan, TX.

Liz sang with all her might, danced in the light, and over the last 19 months smiled through all manners of personal suffering, always putting others before herself. She was so full of joy, that her smile, if weaponized, could have ended war forever.

Live. Love. Laugh.  
Sing. Serve. Smile.  
Rest well now, Liz, your work here is done.



For those interested, a viewing is scheduled for 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Wednesday 14 Dec 2016 at the Callaway-Jones Funeral Home, 3001 S College Ave, Bryan TX 77801.

The Funeral Service will begin at 11:00 AM on Thursday 15 Dec 2016, in the First United Methodist Church, 506 E 28th St Bryan, TX 77803. A reception and buffet lunch will be available immediately following the service.

Interment will be a private family prayer service, 9:15 AM to 9:35 AM on Friday 16 Dec 2016 in the Ft Sam Houston Military Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd, San Antonio, TX 78209.

At Liz’ request, in lieu of flowers please consider sending donations in her honor to one of her two favorite charitable outreach programs:

For the Liz Rock Youth and Music Endowment, make checks payable to “FUMC-Bryan,” with a memo of “Liz Rock Youth and Music Endowment” and mail to First United Methodist Church, 506 East 28th St, Bryan, TX 77803 - OR

For the Kairos Eastham Prison Ministry, make checks payable to “Kairos of Texas” with a memo, “Eastham, Liz Rock” and mail to Rodney Curry, P.O. Box 1694, Tomball, TX 77377.

(Our sincere condolences to Jim and his family – several members attended the services and we sent a sympathy food basket to Jim – he told me he had lots of fresh fruit so the food basket was more appropriate.)

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### **CalChamber-Supported Expert Appointed to Cal/OSHA Standards Board**

With the support of the business community and the California Chamber of Commerce, Chris Laszcz-Davis was appointed yesterday to the California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. Congratulations Chris. Members, I forwarded the full article to you via email.

## MISCELANEOUS

- “As usual, the recent YPSW meeting and dinner banquet were exceptional. Anna Davis made a special birthday apple pie for newly-elected president Bob Lieckfield. Typical of our members’ generosity and fun loving spirit, Bob “auctioned it off” to those attending the Friday evening banquet. The bidding wars were outrageous! Bob was able to secure \$615.00, matched it with his own funds, and contributed the \$1230.00 to the Stephen C. Davis Memorial Grant on behalf of YPSW. Many of you met our son, Grant, Friday evening and some even commented he resembled Steve (good thing, don’t you think?); in fact,

some of you knew Grant as a young tyke when we brought our kids to the professional conferences over the many years. I just want you to know that both Grant and I were deeply touched by the continued outpouring of generosity and acknowledgement of Steve's many contributions to the profession and his friendship with many of you. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated! Chris Laszcz-Davis".

- Messages from members who could not attend the 2017 meeting are included as an attachment.
- Cards for YPSW members who could not attend for various reasons were circulated at the meeting with members writing notes in each one. These cards were mailed to members after the meeting. Florence and Howard Kusnetz sent a thank you for all the good wishes and said perhaps they will make the 2018 meeting.
- Following the meeting thank you letters were sent to each speaker; the required Roster of new Section Officers was submitted to AIHA; and the required report sent to the IRS.
- Sincere thanks to **Chris Laszcz-Davis**, The Environmental Quality Organization, LLC for buying the excellent banquet wine.
- My deep appreciation to attendees for their acknowledgement and thanks in my handling of the logistics and administrative details of the meeting...and having the hospitality suite well stocked. A special thank you to Marcy Parker, Mary Ann Soule and the others for hosting the hospitality suite while I was ill.

If you took pictures at the meeting and wish to share them with the membership, please send them to me for our albums and to Frank Hearl to post on the website.

Thanks to all YPSW members for keeping the faith and making YPSW a continuing success. Member input and cooperation keeps YPSW alive and flourishing. Information about your travels, accolades, health or any other subject you think would be of interest to fellow members is always welcomed for publication. Since we only meet once a year, it is nice to receive information periodically that I can disseminate to members in the newsletters published throughout the year.

Have a wonderful, enjoyable and safe Spring and Summer. I look forward to seeing you at the Bay Club Hotel and Marina in San Diego for our 2018 meeting, so please mark your calendars – **remember our meeting is ALWAYS the week of the MLK holiday (January 17-19, 2018).**

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Anna V. Davis  
Secretary-Treasurer

Enclosures:  
2017 Technical Meeting Summary  
2017 Business Meeting Minutes  
Annual Financial Statement  
2017 Meeting Regrets  
2017 Dues Form