January 15, 2018

I hope everyone had an excellent holiday and Happy New Year! We had a great time at our Holiday Party this year and gave out a lot of prizes. Thanks for all of you that participated in such a successful event.

The first meeting of the year was exciting as we had two great projects competing for Project of the Year. Thanks to Snohomish County and CLS for participating and congratulations to Snohomish County for winning the Project of the Year! Their presentation of the Seattle Hill Road Improvement Project was a great example of project challenges, cooperation, and strategic problem solving.

Coming up in February we have our "Bring your coworker to lunch" event at Miller Nash Graham and Dunn at Pier 70 in Seattle. This will be a chance to bring your nonmember coworker to our event and expose them to our great chapter. This is always a great venue especially when the weather is nice.

In March we will be meeting at the PSE offices in Bellevue for a luncheon in their large conference room. Lunch will be catered, and we have a great speaker, Andy Wappler.

My Challenge to the members from my previous message is still ongoing. If you don't remember, it was to get involved. We have had 18 new members join Chapter 4 since September, and we would like to see some new faces helping put on our events and participating in our chapter. I would still like to see everyone do three things for the Chapter, even if that means coming to three meetings.

I hope everyone has gotten a chance to see our new format on our weekly news blasts. Julie Aune has been working feverishly on a new way to view events, classes, and general

announcements. We also have updated our website to include a scrolling feature for our sponsors.

As I stated earlier, we had 18 new members join us since September. I want to welcome all of those who have decided to join our great chapter and look forward to seeing you get involved at our monthly meetings and other events.

See you in February!

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