

## CHAPTER CHALKBOARD

An Electronic Member News Update from the California Chapter, ASFMRA  
October 1, 2018

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### Chapter President's Welcome...

It's hard to believe that a new fiscal year is already underway and the transition to the Chapter's new board of directors officially was made October 1<sup>st</sup>. I want to thank the following members for their commitment to the organization and their willingness to serve in these leadership positions:

President-Elect: Martin Seanez, ARA – *Edwards, Lien & Toso, Inc. (Fresno, CA)*  
First Vice President: Jim Pisani, ARA – *Farm Credit West (Woodland, CA)*  
Second Vice President: Mike Merkley, ARA – *American AgCredit (Fallon, NV)*  
At Large Board Member: Scott Bozzo, AFM – *UBS Farmland Investors LLC (Lodi, CA)*  
Immediate Past President: Dan Whisenhunt, AAC, MBA – *Agcom, LLC; Dan Whisenhunt Consulting (Turlock, CA)*  
Secretary/Treasurer: Peter Holmes, Jr., AAC – *Valley Ag Loans, Inc. (Woodland, CA)*

Looking ahead to the very near future, I encourage everyone to attend the upcoming Fall Meeting in Lodi. The Chapter's Annual Membership Meeting will be held during the Installation and Awards Reception and we hope that you will make it a priority to sign up for this event as well as the excellent courses and Ag Tour that will round out the week. I also encourage you to consider attending the ASFMRA Annual Conference coming up in Chandler, AZ. With the proximity of the meeting so close, this is a great opportunity to experience another great meeting.

You will find much information in our monthly Chapter Chalkboard emails and we hope that you will take the time to read through them. We try to keep them short and concise, giving you the information you need in an efficient format. If you have ideas on how to improve our communications, please let us know.

I look forward to serving as your President during the next twelve months. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time with your thoughts, comments and/or concerns.

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### What the Heck BBQ October 4<sup>th</sup> in Bakersfield

Today is the last day to sign up for this week's What the Heck BBQ - an evening of food, fun and networking! Join Chapter members and other ag professionals for a delicious Tri Tip BBQ dinner. Guest speaker will be Eric Averett with the latest information on SGMA. All proceeds from the event will benefit the California Chapter, ASFMRA Scholarship Foundation.

**When:** Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** 824 Fairway Drive, Bakersfield (Ming Residence)

**Cost:** \$40 per person (includes dinner, beverages, dessert)

[Click here to register on-line.](#) Or call (209) 368-3672. Remember – today (October 1) is the last day to sign up!

### Chico Round Table Meeting October 10<sup>th</sup>

The next Chico Round Table Breakfast Meeting Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at Nash's Restaurant in Chico (1717 Esplanade) starting at 8:30 a.m. Bill Carriere from Borges of California & Carriere Family Farms will speak on tariffs and their effect on commodity prices. Round Table Meetings are a place for agribusiness professionals to gather to discuss timely topics related to local and/or statewide agriculture over breakfast. Invite a client or colleague to join you! Attendees are responsible for their own breakfast. While reservations

are not required, if you would like to let us know you are attending, please drop a note to [info@calasfmra.com](mailto:info@calasfmra.com).

### **Register Now Open for CA Chapter 2018 Fall Meeting**

Register now for the Chapter's Fall Meeting November 13 – 16 at Wine & Roses Hotel in the Heart of the Lodi Wine Country. You will find opportunities for continuing education and networking from a brand new Soils Seminar, Valuation of Lease Interests Seminar and Succession Planning Seminar to the full day Ag Tour, a new Networking Event and a more informal Member Meeting, Installation & Awards Reception. See the [Conference Brochure](#) for complete details pricing and CE Hour approvals. [Click here](#) to register on-line! (Note – there is also a Registration Form in the Conference Brochure).

Rooms at Wine & Roses will run \$179 for king/double queen and \$184 for king with a fireplace. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at (209) 334-6988. Mention the group ASFMRA, California Chapter when booking your room to receive the discounted rate. The deadline is October 15<sup>th</sup>. You can see more about the property at [www.winerose.com](http://www.winerose.com).

### **THANK YOU 2018 Fall Meeting Sponsors!**

Thank you to the following companies who have committed to sponsorships for this year's Fall Meeting...

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### **Register Now for ASFMRA Annual Meeting**

You won't want to miss this year's ASFMRA Annual Meeting October 29 – November 2 at the beautiful Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass in Chandler, AZ. For full details and links to the hotel, registration and agenda please [click here](#). Be sure to register early and save!

### **Committee Chair Openings for 2018 - 2019**

We currently have Chairperson openings on the Marketing, Newly Accredited/Professional Advancement and Retired Members Committees. Please call Suzie in the Chapter Office for more information at (209) 368-3672 or email [sroget@calasfmra.com](mailto:sroget@calasfmra.com). Be sure to watch for information in the coming months for committees who will be looking for members!

### **Looking for Ag Products for 'California Bounty Basket'**

Reminder...the California Chapter will be donating a gift basket filled with non-perishable California ag products to the Education Foundation Auction at the ASFMRA Meeting in Chandler, AZ. If you have something you would like to donate to help us showcase agriculture in the Golden State, please contact the Chapter Office. Suzie will be collecting the items and assembling the final basket to be donated. So far, we have wine, pistachios, almonds, olive oil, honey, raisins and beef jerky. Thank you to all who have donated!!

### **2019 Distinguished Agriculturalist and Agricultural Stewardship Award Nominations**

Reminder...each year, the California Chapter recognizes individuals and/or companies who excel in their contributions to California Agriculture with the Distinguished Agriculturalist and Agricultural Stewardship Awards. Chapter members are encouraged to review the award recipient criteria and consider nominating an individual or company who they feel are deserving of these special honors which are presented at the Spring Outlook Conference. Click on the award name to view the award applications. [Distinguished California Agriculturalist Award](#). [Agricultural Stewardship Award](#). Questions may be directed to Suzie in the Chapter Office at (209) 368-3672 or [sroget@calasfmra.com](mailto:sroget@calasfmra.com).

## **Reserve Your Space in the 2019 Trends® Report!**

The time is now to reserve sponsor ad space in the 2019 Trends® in Agricultural Land and Lease Values Report due to be released next April. Sponsor ad pricing remains the same with business card size space starting at just \$375. [Click here to download contract/rate card.](#) To reserve your space on-line, [click here.](#)

## **Passing of Mike Jewett**

The Chapter was notified of the passing of Mike Jewett on September 19<sup>th</sup> from complications of Parkinson's Disease. Mike was born and raised in Ventura, attending local schools and graduating from UC Davis. He worked for many years as manager of the Federal Land Bank in the Tri-Counties before it combined with Production Credit to become Farm Credit. Mike worked as an independent fee appraiser and was active in both the Chapter and the national ASFMRA. His reputation was unparalleled as he helped guide the occupation of farm appraiser from an informal, loose-knit group to a professional, well-educated, organized and disciplined industry. Upon his retirement, he and his wife, Pat, moved to Fallbrook where they have lived for the past several years. (Thank you to Art Bliss for providing the Chapter with this information).

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

October 4	What the Heck BBQ – Bakersfield
October 10	Round Table Breakfast Meeting - Chico
Oct. 29 – Nov. 2	ASFMRA Annual Conference – Chandler, AZ
November 13 – 15	California Chapter, ASFMRA 2018 Fall Meeting – Lodi
April 23 - 25, 2019	Outlook 2019 Agribusiness Conference – Sacramento
July 21 – 26, 2019	ASFMRA Education Week – La Vista, Nebraska

Please don't hesitate to contact the chapter office for more information on any of the items included in the Chapter Chalkboard.

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