

LA/OC SMTA CHAPTER NEWS

December 2003 EDITION

2003 Christmas Party

Date

Friday, December 12th, 2003

Time

6:00pm, Social Hour
7:00pm to Closing, Dinner & Dancing

Location

Sarducci's Capistrano Depot

Cost

\$25/person/SMTA member
\$50/couple/SMTA member
\$35/person/Non-SMTA-members

Menu...Your Choice of...

Filet Mignon
Slow-roasted Prime Rib
Citrus Scampi
Papaya-Mango Halibut

UP COMING EVENT

LA/OC SMTA is proud to Present...

January 2004 Dinner & Presentation Meeting Flying Probe Testers - The Evolution of Technology

DATE

Thursday, January 15th, 2004

AGENDA

6:00PM, Social Hour
7:00PM, Dinner/Presentation

MEETING FEES

\$20, Members
\$25, Nonmembers

MENU

TBD

Location

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2003 Annual LA/OC & San Diego SMTA Chapter Christmas Party

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Located in Beautiful Downtown San Juan Capistrano By the AMTRAK Train Station

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Sarducci's

Capistrano Depot



Welcome to Sarducci's Capistrano Depot where you will experience the finest in Italian and American Cuisine while dining in San Juan Capistrano's historic train depot built in 1894.

Within it's stone walls and brick archways; you'll dine while viewing the Los Rios district through floor to ceiling windows.

The districts quaint cottages and 200-year-old adobes are nestled in willows, bougainvillea and cactus with nothing to separate you from the beauty except an occasional train pulling into the station and transporting you into another time. There are several fireplaces and cozy private dining areas making this one of the

most romantic settings for that special occasion and you will be surrounded by the art of many local artists.

Known for its courtyard patio dining, you can take in the beauty of Old San Juan while listening to the soothing fountain enjoying the tastes Sarducci's that made Sarducci's famous.

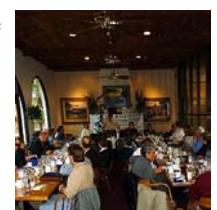
Sarducci's is known for signature dishes such as Papaya-Mango Halibut, Shrimp and Rainbow Tortellini and Lamb Wellington. You will also find an extensive wine list and featured beers



and ales. For dessert you may want to try Hazelnut Mousse and Florentine Cookie Tower or a piece of Sarducci's famous Four Layer Chocolate Cake that will serve 3.

All aboard for an incredibly relaxing and unforgettable dining experience at Sarducci's Capistrano Depot.

Come Join Us and the rest of your Fellow SMTAers for an evening full of fun and relaxation! Hope to see you there!!



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Presidents Message

By: Scott Penin

We have received the election results from National. We would like to thank everyone who voted, as our tally was higher this year than last. We will be reviewing the survey results and lining up speakers for next year. By the way, the board will be essentially the same as last year, with the exception being Kathy Palumbo serving two positions (Secretary and V.P. of Technical Programs). We have also volunteered Dick Garlic to become our V.P. of Education for our Student Chapter formation.

I would like to thank the 2003 Boards of Directors, as this chapter could not have achieved all it wanted to, if they were not part of this experience, especially Chapter of the Year: Riki Brown, Kathy Palumbo, Michelle Ogihara, Atul Mehta and last but not least Frank Kurusi.

I would also like to thank all the members who attended our meetings and gave us input throughout the year.

A special THANKS goes out to all our sponsors who supported the chapter through vendor tables and contributions for the Golf Get Together and the upcoming Christmas Party.

Next week Friday is our Annual Christmas Dinner. We are joining with the San Diego Chapter and therefore have identified a location that is between us, San Juan Capistrano. We are having dinner at Sarducci's Capistrano Depot www.capistranodepot.com.

Michelle is planning for the entertainment for the evening. Since it is a drive for some people we have found a hotel (Mission San Juan Capistrano) that is close by to avoid the drive back that night. There will also be a discount for the rooms if we can achieve 10 reservations. Please go to the their website as it is a beautiful hotel www.missioninnsjc.com. Their toll free number is **866-234-0249**.

Travel down for the night and back either that night or the next day can also be made easier if the Amtrak is taken. The stop is within walking distance from the restaurant and hotel. Please join us for the final get together of the year.

As always, if you have any suggestions for next year's meetings and are looking to volunteer, please contact us at laocsmta@laocsmta.org.

Thank you all and have a great holiday season.
See you next year!

SMTA LA/OC & San Diego Chapter Christmas Party Invitation

"Keeping Christmas is good, but sharing it is better." - Arnold Glasow

"When you get to be a certain age, you come to realize that the real Santa Claus is not the guy who comes down the chimney on Christmas Eve. The real spirit of Santa becomes what you can give rather than what you get. The magic comes from you when Santa lives in your heart." - Patty Hansen

"I am wishing for you this day a happy Christmas. I wish you all laughter; and pure joy, a merry heart and a clear conscience, and love." - Bishop Remington

My dear fellow SMTA'ers,

Aren't the above quotes simply divine? Beautiful words satisfy the soul as nothing else can except for good times shared with loved ones and great friends. That, of course, brings me to this next message.

We cordially invite you to our annual SMTA Christmas Dinner to be held jointly with the LA/OC and San Diego chapters. The party this year will be held on Friday, December 12th from 6:00 pm at Sarducci's Capistrano Depot in San Juan Capistrano. We have a lovely banquet room reserved for our group with a cozy fireplace and excellent views of the Amtrak train depot. Why not take the train in and be dropped off directly in front of the restaurant?

This is an opportunity to get together and share both the bad and good experiences of the past year, . I'm not going into details here about news on the endless layoffs, downsizing, increased competition and workloads, etc. Instead, let us look positively forward as signs of recovery are showing up in both the economy and in our industry. Even our new state leadership(Governator) shows some promise! You know who could REALLY understand what you've been through? That's right! We, the SMTA membership, are here both to rejoice and to lend an ear where required.

Come share or be square! Okay, so that was unnecessary. You get the point.

Details can be found on the following website: www.laocsmta.org

We have also arranged a 20% discount at the wonderful Mission Inn, a quaint B&B within walking distance of the restaurant. Each room is different and beautifully decorated. A deluxe continental breakfast (with protein items, homebaked goods and fresh-squeezed orange juice) is served on real china-ware! Now, that's class. Ms. Kathy has arranged her two-room suite to be the after-party, party site where a mean saxophone performance awaits. Talented lady!

Before we get there, however, please ask Frank K. to take you to any of the fine drinking establishments situated near Sarducci's such as the SJ traincar next door for dancing to live music. Also, there is the Swallow's Inn where you should ask him to treat you to one of their elegant martinis. That's if the bikers will allow you a seat. If not, don't worry, just ask Frank to make it happen.

Joking....really....all kidding aside, please come out and say hello to all of the board members who have hopefully made the SMTA activities worthwhile functions to attend. This party will be our small way of showing how much we've appreciated your support this past year that brought the LA/OC Chapter again to the prestigious "Chapter-of-the Year" title for the third time!

Also, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Christmas party sponsors who have thus far signed up to help us off-set some of the costs of this special event. So far, they are **Express Manufacturing, Mask Technology, OK International, Paradigm Manufacturing, Practical Components, Production Analysis & Learning Services, Production Technology, Safetran Systems, Seika Machinery and SolderMask**. I know that other companies will come on board shortly and we really appreciate it!

Well, I do hope to see you all at Sarducci's next week! Again, please check www.laocsmta.org and call in your reservations with Sheema at Masktek.

Best regards,

Michelle Ogihara

Seika Machinery, Inc.

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Christmas Party

Location: Sarducci's Capistrano Depot / <http://www.capistranodepot.com>
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Featuring: An Award Winning 3 Piece Band

Date: Friday, December 12th, 2003

Time: 6pm to 11pm

Cost: \$25 members / \$35 non-members

Menu: Your Choice...Fillet Mignon, Prime Rib, Citrus Scampi, or Papaya-Mango Halibut