

Dear Pikes Peak Executive Committee and Guests:

I just wanted to review our recent LMAG Meeting and Section Meeting on July 16 with you. I want to remind you of upcoming Excom meeting next Wednesday evening at 6:30pm. Please put on your schedule. The Webex link and agenda will be forthcoming.

Pikes Peak LMAG Meeting - July 16, 2024

The Pikes Peak LMAG held its July meeting at The Peel House at First Lutheran in Colorado Springs on July 16 at lunchtime. The Peel House is the former Jewett Mansion located in the Old North End of Colorado Springs.



Lunch was catered from Jersey Mike's Subs and we brought in soft drinks to supplement the water and lemonade provide with the room. The meeting room is offered for a \$100 donations to First Lutheran. The meeting was attended by 8 IEEE Members which included our speaker, IEEE Distinguished Lecture, James Mercier, from the Central Texas Section and Faye Kann, IEEE Region 5 West Area Coordinator.



Russ Bogardus, Jim Lauffenburger, David Bondurant, Jim Mikkelson, William Boles, Gene Freeman, and Jim Mercier (Faye Kann, not shown).

Jim Mercier, an IAS Distinguished Lecturer from Central Texas Section, talked to the group about the Queen Isabella Causeway Memorial Bridge Collapse Detection and Motorist Warning System that he developed for Texas Department of Transportation.

Pikes Peak Section Meeting, July 16

IEEE Pikes Peak Section held their July 2024 meeting on the evening of July 16 at The Peel House at First Lutheran. The Peel House is the former Jewett Mansion located in the Old North End area of Colorado Springs.



The meeting was attended by 32 Pikes Peak Section members and their spouses. People started arriving at about 6 pm and networked with other members. At 6:30 pm dinner was served in the elegant dining room of the mansion. It was a catered Italian buffet dinner provided by Andiamo, the catering arm of Paravincini Bistro of Old Colorado City, rated as the best Italian in town by the Gazette. Everyone retired to the parlor for dinner. Following Dinner, Pikes Peak Section chair, David Bondurant, introduced our Speaker, Jim Mercier, from the Central Texas Section; Faye Kann, West Area Coordinator for IEEE Region 5. He also introduced Section officers in attendance which included:

John Reinert, Treasurer; John Santiago, Past Chair & Current Webmaster; Bailey Heyman, Student Activities Coordinator; Russ Bogardus, Program Committee Chair; Jude Depalma, Student Advisor at CSU-Pueblo (now retired); Senthil Mehalingam, Computer Society Vice-Chair. David recognized guests, Rebecca and James Spearot, Rebecca is Director of Future City Colorado, a mid-school STEM program that Pikes Peak Section participated in last year for the first time. They have moved to Colorado Springs to live.

Russ Bogardus, recognized Steve Schaarschmidt from Colorado Springs Utilities and Past PES Chapter Chair, for his support of the recent Pike Solar Array presentation and tour. He was presented a plaque in recognition of his support.

Following this presentation, every other member in attendance introduced themselves and their spouse if in attendance.

David Bondurant made a short presentation on the **History of the Jewett Mansion**. He described the development of Colorado Springs in the 1871, how the land North of downtown was set aside by William Jackson Palmer, our founder, for a College (Colorado College). He described how Colorado Springs became wealthy with the discovery of gold in Cripple Creek in 1886 which lead to many gold millionaires. Colorado Springs became home of the Mining Exchange and a major gold mill. The new gold millionaires began building their houses in the Old North End, the land north of Colorado College on Cascade Boulevard. William and Patty Jewett moved to Colorado Springs from NYC in 1883. He was president of a Mining company and one of the founders of the Colorado National Bank, the largest bank in town. The Jewett's contracted Gove & Walsh of Denver (they designed Union Station in Denver) to design a 15-room Italian Renaissance Mansion on one-half city block in Old North End. It was known as Mira de Flowers.

William Jewett also purchased a near bankrupt Town and Gown golf course that was established in Colorado Springs in 1898. This became the Colorado Springs Golf Club. On the death of his wife, Patty, he donated the club to the city of Colorado Springs. Today it is known as the Patty Jewett Golf Course, the city municipal golf course.

The Jewett mansion was sold to the Gidding's family in 1927, owners of the largest department store in town at that time. It would become vacant from 1948-58. First Lutheran Church purchased the building in 1958 and it served as their church until 1966 when an education building and sanctuary were built on the gardens of the mansion. By 2016, the mansion was over 100 years old and in need of renovation. The church raised \$3.6M and the building was fully renovated with new HVAC, Plumbing, and Electrical. It was made accessible with the addition of an elevator. The mansion was renamed The Peel House at First Lutheran for long time pastor, Paul Peel, who served the church for 48-years. The facility now serves as meeting space for non-profit organizations.

Jim Mercier, talked about **IEEE Senior Member Elevation**. He has been Chair of the Central Texas Senior Upgrade Panel and serves as Region 5 representative on the Senior Member panel that does the final review of all applications. 11 Attendees at the meeting are interested in working with the Section Senior Member Upgrade Panel to become Senior Members. The Section will be putting together a meeting between the candidates and the panel after this meeting to complete the process of their elevation.



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