

Chapter News

San Diego Chapter begins new educational series

The success of the San Diego Chapter's 2008 series of informational presentations leads to the announcement of a collaborative 2009 series focusing on "Project Optimization—Tools and Techniques". Three dates are scheduled:

- **March 19: ASPE.** Topics will address elements of a good estimate and how to use them, tracking costs and managing your budget, and cost targets.

- **April 16: SAVE.** Topics include when and why to apply the value methodology, elements of a value workshop, and VECsPs.
- **May 21: CMAA.** Topics are partnering, setting milestone and tracking progress, managing change, and establishing value/implications.

These Thursday evening meetings will present the contributions of the disciplines represented by each of these professional

organizations. These sessions are a must for project managers, project engineers, construction managers, and key agency and company staff with project responsibilities.

Sessions will be held at The Courtyard by Marriott in Kearney Mesa. Attendees will enjoy dinner, with cocktails and a social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. The cost to participate in all three sessions is \$125 per person. The per-session cost is \$50 per person. Registrations must be received in advance; no walk-in registrations will be accepted.

See the chapter's website at www.sdsave.org or contact George Bartolomei, CVS-Life, at gbartolomei@sbcglobal.net for the registration form and additional information.

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Odette Park sculpture

second busiest crossing in North America. It is an underwater tunnel of almost a mile long (1,573 m) and at the lowest point, 75 feet under the river's surface. Once you cross to Windsor, Canada, you will have the chance to walk along the Windsor riverside and admire the Detroit skyline as you see it in most post cards, and promotional pictures. Windsor has a variety of free access parks along the river that will allow you to admire art and nature.

Odette Sculpture Park is one of them; it has up to 28 sculptures of modern art along a three-mile span. Windsor Casino is another of the most popular attractions for visitors. A variety of shopping, gambling, and shows are always available for visitors.

Windsor has been a close partner of Detroit's economy and development. Its people and industry helped make the Detroit metro area one amazing site to visit. As we always recommend, come prepared to take advantage of this unique chance to explore new territory, so when you head home you will take with you an unforgettable experience.

Check out the following websites for more information on Windsor and its many attractions:

- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windsor,_Ontario
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Detroit_Windsor_Tunnel
- <http://www.citywindsor.ca/002104.asp>
- <http://www.caesarswindsor.com>

SAVE INTERNATIONAL EVENTS CALENDAR

- **28 FEB 2009:** Speaker agreement and copyright transfer forms due to society business office.
- **3 APR 2009:** SAVE election of officers begins.
- **1 MAY 2009:** Finished papers and digital presentations for inclusion in the 2009 conference proceedings due to the society business office.
- **5 JUN 2009:** Cut-off date for group discount hotel reservations at SAVE conference.
- **29 JUN - 2 JUL 2009:** SAVE International 49th Annual Conference, Marriott Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan USA