

# Engineering firm celebrates 30 years in business

North Coast Engineering recently celebrated their 30th anniversary serving San Luis Obispo County with a gala get-together at their 725

**Partial List of NCE Major Projects**

- Barney Schwartz Park – lead design
- Paso Robles City Hall
- Walmart/Albertsons/Kohl's/J.C. Penney (Woodland Plaza I and II)
- Montebello Oaks (Phases 1-4/5)
- Shadow Canyon
- Cool Valley
- Meadowlark Estates
- Spanish Camp
- Senior/Veteran's Center
- Creston Village
- Union Road
- Paso Robles Hot Springs & Spa
- Cuesta College, North County Campus
- Cal Poly
- Cambria Crosstown Trail (Phase 3)
- Cambria Main Street Widening Project
- Morro Bay Twin Bridges

**Partial List of Current NCE Major Projects**

- Destino Paso Resort
- SunPower – California Valley
- Cantinas Camp, Lake Nacimiento
- Paso Robles Motorcoach Resort
- Shandon Community Plan
- Chandler Ranch
- Niner Winery

Creston Road office in Paso Robles. The company was started in 1979 by Steve Sylvester and his wife Dyana in Cambria. Larry Werner joined the company in 1985 and in

the same year they opened an office in Paso Robles, on 13th St. across from the Fire Station. "Managing two offices was challenging and since most of our work was in Paso, we moved out of the Cambria office and consolidated in Paso," said Werner. "After a few years on 13th St. we moved to the Lone Oak Center, at 24th and Park. Then, about 15 years ago we moved to our current location in the Creston Professional Center and have expanded three times within this building."

Steve Sylvester, the founder, is currently President and CFO. "He has transitioned into working half time and is the core of our quality control program," said Werner. "Since I, as CEO, have taken over the day to day operations of the business two years ago, it allows Steve to attend to the continued quality of our plans, designs as well as the training of younger engineers. It is an excellent arrangement. Quality Control is the keystone to our business philosophy. Now that Steve does not have to manage day to day operations, he can focus on Quality Control and new business."

"We are very proud of our reputation of quality engineering and surveying. The other keystone philosophy is the size of our company. We have never had any ambitions of being a large company and have mostly been in the range of 18-24 people. This allows us the personnel

to work on large projects but have direct understanding and control of all the projects we do. It is an ideal size for our profession." The company's efforts were recently recognized with a special award from the American Society of Civil Engineers for Left-Hand Turn Lane on Highway 1 in Harmony.

There are now five owners of North Coast Engineering, in addition to Sylvester and Werner. John Sanders (22 years with NCE) is Survey Manager with over a quarter century of survey experience. Greg Jaeger (10 years) and Christy Gabler (5 years) have extensive experience as Senior Civil Engineers.

"We believe in giving back to our community," said Werner, who has served nearly a decade on the Chamber Board and recently joined the Elks Club.

Steve is on the Housing Authority Board, Christy is a youth soccer coordinator and Greg is involved with helping people by providing meals through his church. These are just a few of the things the company is involved in locally.

"We are committed to the families

of our company and try to provide flexibility for their busy lives." added Werner. "We have a few social activities that involve the families during the year including Annual Bike To Work Day (with prizes), Semi-Annual Softball Games, Annual Golf Day (closing up the office for half a day), Bowling Nights, Potluck Lunch w/ Games – Guess the Baby Photo Contest and more."

For further information, contact North Coast Engineering at 725 Creston Road, Suite B in Paso Robles, phone 239-3127.



The crew of North Coast Engineering pose for a group photo during the 30th Anniversary Celebration, front row, from left: James Wenzel, Joe DeChellis, Danny McCamish, and Ken Brown. Middle Row: Dustin Idler, Pamela Horton, Dan Ruisi, Kathy Bartley, Christy Gabler, Jackie Stiegler, and Caty Tsu. Back row: Greg Jaeger, Larry Werner, Steve Sylvester, John Sanders, Scott Yoshida, John Luttmann, and Chris Barber.