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Issues requiring action by the Region 3 Committee or ExCom None at this time.

Successes/Opportunities for Engaging the member, volunteer, non-member, public

- Life Senior member Phil Powell was featured on the local television station, WTVR, as a "Heroes Among Us" for his work with Engineers Without Borders. For the last 12 years, he has been making regular trips to Africa to help bring solar power to communities that lack electricity. You can see the news story at https://www.wtvr.com/heroes-among-us/phil-powell.
- As part of the STEM Outreach that Region 3 has promoted, the Richmond Section is providing a set of the books "Rosie Revere, Engineer," "Rosie Revere's Big Project Book for Bold Engineers," "Ada Twist, Scientist," and "Ada Twist's Big Project Book for Stellar Scientists" to 35 different public elementary schools within the Richmond Section. The Section chose the 35 elementary schools that struggle the most with state accreditation or with low standardized math or science test scores since we felt that these were where sparking an interest in STEM could have the most potential impact. Due to shipping delays, the Section received the books just before the schools' holiday shutdown, so we will wait until the very end of December to ship the books to the schools. That will ensure that the books are delivered when there is someone at the schools to receive them. We are only shipping books to schools where we were able to establish a contact who agreed to receive the books on behalf of their school. In many cases, this required multiple calls to the school to connect with the right person. By having a warm contact at each of these schools, we are hoping to be able to set up a more long-term, impactful relationship.

Notable section activities (positive and negative)

- The Richmond Section just completed its Section elections for the 2022 calendar year. The 2022 officers are as follows:
 - o Chair Allen Jones
 - Vice Chair Shellie Lundquist
 - Secretary James (Jamie) Imanian
 - o Treasurer Marian Do

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