MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Have you met Jaslyn Garza?

in her own words...



Hey hey hey! My name is Jaslyn Garza, but you can call me Jazz. I am from the small town of Eagle Pass, Texas and moved to San Antonio in 2014 to Attend the University of Texas at San Antonio. I graduated with a degree in Bilingual Education and by the wonderful wonders of life ended up at Stalwart Contracting. I am now an Assistant Project Manager and Marketing Specialist. My love for this industry has grown so much over the past two years that I decided to attend grad school! I am currently studying for my Project Management Certificate and could not be more excited to develop the knowledge and skills of being a successful PM. Being new to this world has been both wonderful and overwhelming. I am blessed to have met the wonderful members of SDA who have in such short time opened doors to offer friendship, advice, and support. In my free time I hike, drink coffee, brunch, travel, and photograph memories. Thank you, SDA, for welcoming me. I cannot wait to grow and learn alongside all of you. – Jazz ”



Have you met Penny Nelson?

in her own words...



Hi, I'm Penny Nelson, the current SDA National Treasurer, and the ExCom San Antonio chapter liaison this year. I've been a member of the Orange County, California chapter of SDA since 2010. Professionally I am the CFO at Douglas Pancake Architects, Inc., a small design firm specializing in senior housing. We design independent senior housing, assisted living, skilled nursing, and Alzheimer's facilities. I've been able to attend some of our grand opening ceremonies and have met many of the residents in our homes. I love that we're providing a wonderful place for them to live out the remainder of their lives. These aren't the awful "nursing homes" I remember from my teen years when I visited my ailing grandmother. I helped with the start-up of this firm in 2010, after working with Doug Pancake at his prior firm for 2 years.

On a personal front, I have been married to my husband Mike for 34 years, and we have two grown children. Our daughter, Laura, is 30 and will be graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this May with a degree in English and Comparative Literature. She's chosen to remain in North Carolina for a while and thoroughly loves it there. Our son, Jeff, is 28 and is the project manager for a construction firm that builds high-end custom residences in Newport Beach, California. We often get to tour these homes when they are complete, and WOW are they spectacular. Of course, they carry spectacular price tags too (like $14 million for a recent one)! Jeff is studying to take his contractor's state license test in May.

For fun, my husband and I have a 34' trawler named Shindig. This type of boating is new to me so I'm learning everything I can about it. We particularly enjoy boating over to Catalina Island, which is 26 miles offshore. When we're not in Catalina we enjoy spending the weekends on the boat in the harbor, watching the harbor traffic of electric boats, harbor cruises, kayaks, and paddle boarders; there's never a dull moment. At home I'm into quieter pursuits: I'm a crafter and enjoy making handmade greeting cards, practicing brush calligraphy, and making unique t-shirts, bags, and other custom items with my Cricut, an electronic cutting machine.



I have thoroughly enjoyed being the San Antionio ExCom liaison this year. You all have a wonderful and successful chapter – keep up the good work!