

The PECG Golden Gate Section is dedicated to fostering professional growth and camaraderie among its members. In Summer 2023, we organized two section events that brought together members, families, and friends to engage in recreational and professional development activities. This report outlines the key details and outcomes of these events.

### **Boost Your Career with Public Speaking – Member Workshop Event (Virtual)**

We held a public speaking event on June 29th to enhance the communication skills of our members and promote Toastmasters as a beneficial resource with reimbursable dues through our Unit 9 MOU. About 20 members participated in this educational event aimed at improving their public speaking and presentation abilities. Here are some key highlights and outcomes:

- Keynote speech “The Special Places that Motivate Me” by Jeremy Smith, Coastal Commission Engineer
- Toastmonial by Tong Yin, Golden Gate Section Board Member
- Impromptu speeches and interactive activities
- Support from CPUC Pucksters Toastmasters (Matthew Taul and Paul Penney) and Oakland City Center Toastmasters (Wing Lok Engineer at Caltrans)
- Skill enhancement: Participants gained practical insights into effective communication and presentation techniques, benefiting their professional growth.
- Learning from experts: The keynote speech by Jeremy Smith and involvement of experienced speakers provided valuable knowledge and guidance.
- Collaborative learning: Interactions with members from different backgrounds and Toastmasters groups enriched the learning experience. Following the training, two members joined a local Toastmasters club where our section has active involvement.

### **Fun Day with SF Giants vs. Oakland A's Baseball (San Francisco)**

We organized an outing on July 26th to watch one of the last Battle of the Bay baseball games between the San Francisco Giants and the Oakland Athletics at Oracle Park. The event aimed to provide an opportunity for about 70 guests including members, along with their families and friends, to enjoy a thrilling sports event while fostering a sense of community within the organization. Here is a recap:

- The San Francisco Giants emerged victorious in an exciting game.



- Each of our guests appreciated their free ticket and voucher for a ballpark meal.
- Strengthened relationships: The event facilitated bonding among members and their families, promoting a sense of belonging within the PEGC community.
- Having Fun: Attendees enjoyed a memorable day out, promoting a healthy work-life balance. Many members wore their new PEGC Golden Gate Section baseball caps, which were a special swag item sent out earlier this year.



- Networking: Informal interactions during the event encouraged the exchange of ideas and experiences among professionals from diverse engineering backgrounds.

If you would like to get involved to help with planning our membership events, contact one of the officers listed on our [Section webpage](#), where you can also find more resources from our speaking skills training and other past events.