

## Letter from the Chairman

Happy New Year everyone. To those of you that don't know me my name is Jimmy Dean and I am proud to be your Chairman for 2017. I have been a member of API-SJVC for 14 years and Membership Chairman for 12 of those years.

We had a good year last year despite the downturn in economy. We awarded \$83,000 to 48 Scholarship recipients. Relay for Life and Pyle's Boys Camp each received significant amounts. All donations were down from previous years but it wasn't because we didn't try. The economy also affected our membership. We lost a lot of members due to layoffs and job relocation. Thus, we have several new Board Members. I am confident that we will get our membership back on the right track.

Bakersfield is a caring community. There are many charitable events that some of our API members participate in and if we give these events more attention to help promote their cause API might get more support. It is my goal for API-SJVC to band together and raise as much money for our Kern County API Scholarship fund as possible.

I want all of us to have a great time supporting our fantastic organization. I'm going to do my best to make this happen. I have a great Board to help make this happen, so please make the first API San Joaquin Valley Dinner Meeting and meet all of us.

Thanks to all of you for making The American Petroleum Institute, San Joaquin Valley Chapter what it is.

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