

# Times

## IN LOVING MEMORY

**David William Targett, August 1, 1967~March 13, 2018**



New Age Electric mourns the loss of our dear friend and treasured co-worker, Dave Targett, who passed away surrounded by his loved ones in early March. He was 50 years young, with still so much to do, and excited about his future at NAE. We miss him every day.

We asked many of Dave's co-workers what one word comes to mind when they think of Dave, and we received a wide range of replies. Unforgettable. Real. Rare. Kind. Young. Grandfather. Fun. Dependable. Smart. Dedicated. Humble. Exceptional. Ambitious. Sharp. Intelligent. Compassionate. Happy. Amiable. Competitive. Reliable. Brave. A's. Athletic. Cook. Cannonball. Infielder. Invaluable. Respectful. Respected. Selfless. Mellow. Diligent. Friend. Trustworthy.

Tough. Solid. Smiley. Patient. Fearless. Family. Thankful. Courageous. True. Special. Yes he was special, he was all those things and more.

At his beautiful Celebration of Life, we learned that Dave was a man of many talents. Foremost, he was a loving father and his family was his world. His children, Charles, Nicholas, Dakota and William, and his granddaughters Emilia and Stella, are what made Dave shine. We jokingly called him GPA at the office. Dave spent years coaching each one of his kids in baseball and softball, and served not only as a great coach but as an example of strength and sportsmanship to the many young people who also played on his children's teams.

Dave was a ballplayer and competitive athlete in younger years; he played football and baseball and was known for his "major league arm." He was also an avid Bay Area teams' sports fan, and helped the New Age Electric Twin Creeks Softball team bring home two winning Championships. He enjoyed music, the great outdoors, camping and fishing with his friends and family, meaningful discussions, humor, and he took his friendships seriously—he was the kind of friend who was dependable and always there. The many stories we heard about Dave at his life celebration were not just warm and loving, they were inspirational. I think we all left that day feeling even more enriched to know that for a short period of time, he blessed our lives too, and not just with his outstanding work and willingness to do whatever it took to get the job done, but also with his presence...his big-hearted spirit...his generous friendship...and his love.

Dave's beloved children, and his sweet and caring wife Kathy Rich, valiantly stood by his side until the very end. He wasn't alone when he passed and he knew he was loved. Dave touched the lives of many, many people. His beautiful bright light will shine forever in our hearts.

***Loyalty.** In the summer of 2011, out of sheer necessity, we decided to hire a Purchasing Manager, changing the responsibility for purchasing and procurement from PMs and Foremen, to a dedicated person.*

*Our first resume was from Dave and his "two jobs in 19 years", both in electrical materials, made him my first nominee. During the interview, he said "I will save you more money than I will cost you." I thought to myself, "Self, first, awesome resume; second, no one has ever said 'save you money' in an interview; and third, oh yeah, we like the same music!" Only problem I was having a hard time with was the Raider Fan part. Needless to say, I got past it, although over the years I tried in vain to turn him from the dark side, but even after the Vegas announcement he didn't waiver. My point? Loyalty.*

*"I will save you more money than I will cost you." Hard to quantify, but have to tell you, from the man whose office was farthest and not even visible to mine, I never doubted or questioned his promise from day 1 and he kept it 'til the very end. That's the epitome of loyalty, and my word. Miss you, brother.*

*All love, Kurt*



## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

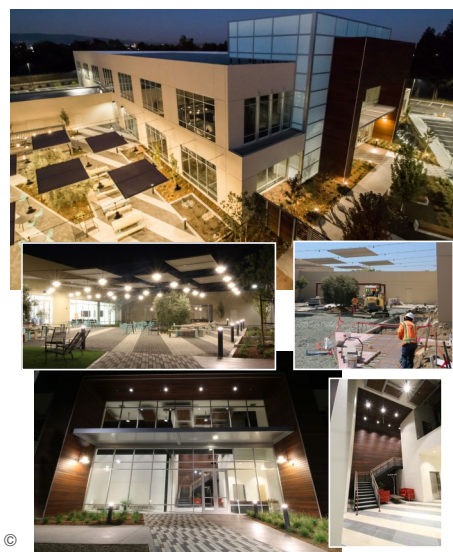
### 2755 & 2777 Orchard Parkway

The winning teams of South Bay Construction and New Age Electric recently completed another Class A+ new mixed use project in the heart of San Jose. The 1-story R&D and 2-story office, totaling 101,171 SF involved design/build and construction of all electrical systems for buildings, parking, associated site and off-site work; and design/build of all electrical systems for landscape enhancements to the entrances and courtyard, including enhanced paving, low accent walls, an overhead shade structure and BBQ, and build-out of the 2-story lobby.

Under leadership of PM, Sean Nuesmeyer, foremen Codey Hughey and Damir Svetic, plus an outstanding team of NAE electricians, the project was completed successfully, on time and in budget. Codey was responsible for initial stub outs for utilities and site electrical, and for setting electrical services, while Damir Svetic completed all remaining design/build electrical services, equipment and circuits for a "cold market ready".

Another great job by an outstanding NAE team!!

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## MEET YOUR NAE TEAM

### Stephen Popejoy



Stephen began his career in 2000, apprenticing for a firm in Castro Valley. A few years later, he met some new friends who convinced him to apply at NAE, where he was hired as field electrician.

In 2013, to fill a much needed vacancy and develop additional professional skills, Stephen made the transition from field to office, where he oversees manpower operations. With his diverse background, Stephen's advice to those new in the trade: "Be a sponge! Listen to those with experience and learn everything you can."

Stephen and his wife Victoria have four beautiful children and a grandson. The family enjoys time at their lake house in Clearlake; they are Raiders fans and like sampling craft IPA's, hoping one day to master the art of brewing. After a favorite trip to Ireland for Victoria's birthday, where they were immersed in the beautiful landscape, culture, food and music, Stephen's retirement goal is to open "Pope's Pub" and fill it with lively Irish music, good friends and great craft beer. 🍷

### Brian Spangle



In 2006, a friend asked Brian which he would prefer, a "job" or "career?" That afternoon, with resume in one hand, he shook Kurt's hand with the other and began his "career" in electrical construction. His eagerness to get to work every day has never faded, and combined with his willingness to learn, has helped him grow from electrician, to foreman, to project manager. Brian has worked hard to develop his skills and as a PM for NAE, knows he's found not just a career, but a home. Brian claims there's never a dull day, and enjoys the hectic pace and challenges this rewarding industry has to offer.

Brian's advice to apprentices: "Since you have zero experience, all you have is your enthusiasm. Constantly ask questions, stay busy. Ask your foreman 'what's next?' and 'what can I do now?'"

When not working, Brian likes to BBQ, cheer on the Florida State Seminoles, and play golf. He loves hanging out with his sons and is excited for his youngest to begin T-Ball this season. 🍷

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**Foremen's Meeting: First Monday Every Month at 6AM**

(unless otherwise noted)

**Sat., August 11—Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk Summer Picnic**

Look for details to follow!



### NEC TEST PREP QUESTIONS:

1. The service disconnecting means for each service shall consist of NOT more than \_\_\_\_ switches or circuit breakers.

- a. One
- b. Two
- c. Four
- d. Six

2. Where the motor controller also serves as a disconnecting means, it shall open all \_\_\_\_ conductors to the motor.

- a. Grounded
- b. Neutral
- c. Grounding
- d. Ungrounded

3. Infrared commercial and industrial heating appliances shall have overcurrent protection NOT exceeding :

- a. 20 amperes
- b. 40 amperes
- c. 50 amperes
- d. 60 amperes

*New baby? Special project? Kudos to a coworker? Send your ideas to NAE Times, Gailline Cristobal, 408.279.8787 or email [gailc@newageelectric.com](mailto:gailc@newageelectric.com).*

### HAPPY (Belated) BIRTHDAY!

March 9 - Oscar Jesse Vallejo  
March 10 - Jeremy Whelan  
March 13 - Bryce Rocklage  
March 21 - Enrique Luis Morales  
March 25 - Ronnie Aguiniga  
March 25 - Rich Aguiniga  
March 25 - Miguel Alanis  
March 25 - Isaias Ornelas  
April 4 - David Mestas  
April 10 - Okitondo Munganga  
April 11 - Chris Shackleton  
April 22 - Tony Martinez  
April 24 - Jason Maxwell  
April 30 - Erick Baires

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Gene Cashman- 22 years—Mar  
Dean Skerlep - 18 years—Mar  
Nick Hughey - 11 years—Mar  
Logan Mandy - 8 years—Mar  
Ronnie Aguiniga - 6 years—Mar  
Roman Lagunas - 5 years—Mar  
Tony Martinez - 5 years—Mar  
Art Hernandez - 5 years—Mar  
Jeff Rocklage - 20 years—Apr  
Abiel Topete - 8 years—Apr  
Bob Smith - 7 years—Apr  
Jesse Castro - 6 years—Apr  
Chloe Brubaker - 5 years—Apr  
Stephen Popejoy - 5 years—Apr  
Lance Taylor - 4 years—Apr  
Jeremy Whelan - 2 years—Apr  
Sam Flores - 2 years—Apr  
Gail Cristobal - 1 year—Apr  
Ray Salinas - 1 year—Apr  
Kenny Hernandez - 1 year—Apr

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

February—Sean and Adiel Nuesmeyer welcomed son Asher Gray.