Dear colleagues,

As I write this, I wish for happy holidays to all. And by the time it is published, I trust all have had and are having wonderful holidays.

Our volunteer appreciation dinner was held at the Artisan works earlier this month. Since December is a holiday month, there have not been many other section or chapter-related meetings.

We are doing well with our planning for the signal processing workshops and the region-wide Stratus workshop. Dr. Steven J. Thomson, National Program Leader, USDA National Institute Food and Agriculture, joins Dr. Sally Rockey, of the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research, as the keynote speakers for the Stratus workshop.

In November, Joe Shaw (Montana State University) presented “All-sky Imaging of Skylight Polarization” at a Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society meeting, Prof. John Nichol (University of Rochester) presented “Quantum Information Processing and Metrology with Electrons in Quantum Dots” at the EDS/Photonics Society conference, and Geert Leus, (SPS distinguished lecturer, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands) discussed “Graph Signal Processing: Distributed Graph Filters”, by.. At the joint PACE/TEMS meeting on "Retirement Savings Strategies", Kellen C. Gambeski, CFP® of Fidelity Investments, informed the 13 attendees about financial planning for retirement.