

Palm Beach Branch Update

The Newsletter of the Palm Beach Branch, Florida Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers

Monthly Meetings

WHEN: Tuesday, April 12, 2005 from 12:00-1:00 P.M. (2nd Tuesday)

LUNCH MENU:

The FAU students will be providing Pizza instead of subs for this lunch meeting. Please call **Calvin Giordano & Associates**, at (561) 684-6161 and ask for **Michaela Silliman-Nash**. Please make your reservation prior to 9:30 A.M. on the day of the meeting so that the students can be sure to have the appropriate amount pizza.

WHERE: Void for April Meeting

Florida Dept. Env. Protection
2nd Floor Conference Room
400 North Congress Avenue
West Palm Beach, Florida



(From I-95, go east on Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., then south on Congress Avenue, past Fire Station. Building is on the east side)

SPEAKER: *Dr. Sarkar, FAU
Department of Civil Engineering*

TOPIC: "Leaders of the Future: Why we need more Women Engineers".

April 2005



Dates to Remember:

Palm Beach/Broward
Joint Lunch meeting at
FAU Boca Campus
April 12, 2005

**21st Annual ASCE
Water Resources
Seminar on Friday,
April 8, 2005**

**Engineers in
Government Night April
20, 2005**

**Rebuilding Together
(Christmas in April)
April 30, 2005**

**For more info contact
the chapter officers.
Please come out and
support your community**

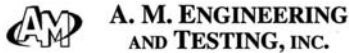
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sponsor a house for
Christmas in April**

President's Message

April is here! Along with it comes beautiful weather and many ASCE events. The month of April is typically our busiest month of the year! It starts off with our monthly lunch meeting on April 12th, being held at FAU and hosted by the FAU ASCE Student Chapter. The Palm Beach Branch and Broward Branch attend this event. This gives the students an opportunity to network with local professionals and it gives the local professions an opportunity to network with the soon-to-be young Engineers and their Broward peers! Please show your support of the students by attending this upcoming meeting.

The following weekend (April 16th) is the FES Drop It, Build It, Fly It Event, of which I am a committee chair. (So if you are interested in volunteering, please let me know.) This has always been one of my favorite events. We typically have 50+ students participate. It's fun to watch how excited and serious the students take this event. It's a great way to introduce middle and high school aged children to Science and Engineering. And, all participants and volunteers get free admission to the Science Museum for the day!

The next week is our Annual 17th Engineers in Government Night Banquet. This is a free event that is always a good time. Typically about 150 people turn out to this event in honor of our local Government Engineers. The night starts off with beverages and substantial hors d'oeuvres (you're not going home hungry), which is all catered by the FAU ASCE Student Chapter (with some help from Publix). Next is the always enjoyable presentation by Bob Weisman.



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17th Annual Engineer's in Government Night

The 17th Annual Engineer's in Government Night will be held on the third Wednesday, April 20, 2005. ASCE is joined by Florida Engineering Society Palm Beach Branch for this special event to honor Engineers employed in Public Practice and the contributions that they've made to our profession.

The importance of leadership in the engineering profession is recognized annually at this event. Awards for both organizations include the following categories: Government Civil Engineer of the Year, Civil Engineer of the Year, Young Civil Engineer of the Year, and Outstanding Project of the Year.

WHEN:

Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.;
 Program to begin at 6:30 p.m.

BUFFET MENU:

Various hors d'oeuvre, sandwiches, desserts, and beverages will be provided **FREE** to all attendees.

WHERE:

South Florida Water Management District
 3301 Gun Club Road
 West Palm Beach, Florida
 (For directions, please visit SFWMD website at <http://www.sfwmd.gov>)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Mr. Robert Weisman, P.E., F.ASCE, Palm Beach County Administrator

Check out the Section News

Welcome to the **APRIL** Issue of the *'Section Informant!'*

The Geographic Services Department is pleased to provide you this month's issue, linked below!
http://www.asce.org/pdf/sec_informant.pdf

President's message continued....

Bob is a strong speaker that is very open with the group and is always entertaining. Following Bob's presentation will be the ASCE and FES awards ceremony. You won't want to miss it!

After that you get about a week and a half off. Then it is time for Rebuilding Together with Christmas in April (April 30th). The Palm Beach Branch will again be sponsoring half of a house (\$1200) and providing free labor on the day of the event (that is, if we can count on you for your support). I have participated with this event for several years now. You actually get to work side by side with the people that you are helping. It's amazing how such a little effort on the volunteers part makes such a huge impact on the family that is being helped! You won't find a more rewarding weekend!

Jorge Jaramillo is also working on lining up some Science and Engineering Fairs this month. If anyone is interested in being a judge, please contact Jorge at jjaramil@sfwmd.gov. Hopefully that is enough to keep you busy this month. If not, please join our group and share your ideas to make the Branch even better!

Come One, Come All - It's Happy Hour Time!

The next Young Engineers Social will be **May 4, 2005 at Gatsby's** in West Palm Beach. **FREE** appetizers will be provided by ASCE and FES. Also note there will be an open bar for a limited time. For more information / to RSVP, please contact the Younger Members Coordinator

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Drop-It Build-It Fly-It is an annual engineering/science competition for Palm Beach County Middle and High School students hosted by Florida Engineering Society (FES) and the South Florida Science Museum (SFSM). Students compete to construct the lightest container to prevent an egg from breaking in the Drop-It competition, build the strongest bridge in the Build-It competition, and make the longest flying paper airplane in the Fly-It competition. The purpose of the event is to introduce middle school and high school students to science and engineers all while having a good time. The event will be held at the South Florida Science Museum on April 16, 2004, from 8:00 am to 1:00 p.m. However, the main activities are between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm with the awards ceremony around 12:30 pm. First, second, and third place cash awards are provided per event for middle and high schools categories.

Tiffany and I are the contacts for FES and Elizabeth Dashiell, the Public Relations Director, is the contact person with SFSM (561-832-2007 x223). Please check out the website at www.drop-build-fly-it.com for more information (including the rules and registration if you know anyone that is interested in participating). Attached is a flyer for your reference.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there!

News around the State:

The State of Florida's Structures Specialist program (FL-StS) is looking for structural engineers to participate in the State's Urban Search & Rescue program. Candidates **MUST** have a knowledge & understanding of wood, concrete, steel & structural failure. Candidates **MUST** be willing/able to spend time training and **MUST** be willing/able to respond when called upon by their Task Force. Candidates **MUST** be physically capable of performing field work and able to tolerate challenging field conditions. Candidates **MUST** also be able to take direction and work within a group setting. See attached announcement or contact William C. Bracken, PE, StS at 813/243-4251 or wbracken@brackenengineering.com

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**ASCE Annual Joint Meeting
ASCE Broward Branch/ASCE Palm Beach Branch/ ASCE
Student Chapter**



**April 12, 2005 (Tuesday)
12:00 – 1:00 pm
University Center, Bldg 31
Majestic Palm Room 175
FAU Boca Raton Campus**

**Lunch
Pizza, Soda, and cookies.**

**Professional member: \$10.00
Student member: \$0.00
Cost to attend: priceless**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Sarkar
FAU Department of Civil Engineering
“Leaders of the Future: Why we need more Women Engineers”

Hosted by: FAU ASCE Student Chapter

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More information: Call Dr. Sobhan at 561-297-3473 or email tpena1@fau.edu for more information about this event.



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