

Palm Beach Branch Update

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

Monthly Meetings

WHEN: Tuesday, August 9, 2005
from 12:00-1:00 P.M. (2nd Tuesday)

LUNCH MENU:

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 we can be sure to have the appropriate number of subs.

WHERE:

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: **Alex Perez, P.E.,**
Director, Enterprise Project
Management Division, SFWMD

TOPIC: "Enterprise
Project Management at the
SFWMD"

August 2005



Dates to Remember:

**Young Engineers
At Gatsbys WPB
September 7**

**Please be thinking about
nominees for the Palm
Beach Branch Treasure**

Due by Aug 9, 2005

**Last Opportunity to
nominate**

**5th Annual Put the Brakes
on Fatalities Day®
Monday October 10, 2005.**

**September's Lunch
Meeting is Wednesday
September 14**

**If you're interested in
participating with the
ASCE Palm Beach School
supply drive, please
contact one of the officers.**

President's Message

All had a great time at the Florida Section Meeting held in Marco Island this past weekend. We had a large turnout, great sessions, food, accommodations, etc. The weather was perfect and the resort was on the beach. There was a volleyball contest, sandcastle building contest, and an oceanside happy hour. With such a great setting it was hard to stay indoors! The ASCE meeting ran concurrently with the American Institute of Architects (AIA) annual meeting. I would like to thank our friends at AIA for inviting ASCE members to attend their social events (with open bars). It was very generous of them! And to top it all off, our Branch was represented well at the awards banquet thanks to Jorge Jaramillo, Amy Harris, and Tinu Pena - Congratulations (see the article inside the newsletter for more information). If you weren't able to attend this year's event, make sure you attend next year's at the Pier 66 in Fort Lauderdale.

The Board is in the process of ordering school supplies for approximately 200 students. Unfortunately, the supplies will not be delivered until after the school year starts. This means that we miss the cut off for many of the school supply drives. We are planning on contacting some of the teachers that we've met through science fairs to see if they can distribute the supplies. If anyone has a better contact or knows of a more efficient method of distribution, please contact one of the officer's.

On a final note, if you are interested in joining us as a Branch Officer please let me know. It can be a lot of work at times but you definitely get more out of it then you put it! Think about it - you have until the lunch meeting (8/9) to decide! See you at the meeting!!

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Congratulations are in order for several of our local ASCE members!!!!!!!

At this years Florida ASCE Section meeting held in Marco Island two local members received Awards.

Amy Harris, P.E. with Palm Beach County Traffic Engineering Department was awarded the **Florida Section ASCE Government Engineer of the Year.** Amy has been with Palm Beach County Traffic Department for over 18 years. She has been very active in the community either mentoring 6th graders, participating in Mathcounts, bowl a thon, Engineers Week, Drop it Build it Fly it, and volunteering for the Palm Beach Youth Athletic Association to name just a few of her activities.

Tinuade O.A. Pena, a student at Florida Atlantic University was awarded the **Student Outstanding Service Award.** Tinu is very active in the local FAU student chapter, as she has been the President, Vice president and treasure of the Student Chapter. She has volunteered for Thanksgiving food drives, EIGN, headed hurricane relief drives on campus, block painting, just to name some of her Activities

Jorge A. Jaramillo, P.E. with the South Florida Water Management District is the new **President Elect FY06 - ASCE Florida Section to represent Region I.** If you saw Jorge's Bio in last month news letter, you will know that a distinguished, good hearted, hardworking and giving person has been elected as President Elect.

From the Officers of the Palm Beach ASCE Chapter, we would like to say Congratulations and Thank you.

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

The next Young Engineers Social will be September 7, 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 Richard Villasenor, E.I. rvillasenor@millerlegg.com or call at (561) 689-1138

Membership Update:

In order to be sure that everyone receives the newsletter and other benefits of ASCE, please take the time to go to <http://www.asce.org/membership/> or call **1800-548-2723** to be sure all your information is up to date. For those of you, who are getting the newsletter and know of someone in your office who is a member, but is not getting the newsletter please have them check their membership data, email address etc. Thanks

As Engineers, Safety is always a concern when it comes to design and construction and even when we are driving on the roads.

**Because every LIFE is precious!
 Drive as if Your LIFE Depends On It!!**

The 5th Annual Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day® is Monday October 10, 2005.

Attention: Please make note that the Tuesday September 13 Lunch meeting will be moved to Wednesday September 14, 2005 due to schedule conflicts with the meeting room at DEP.

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community, have influenced local policy or legislative affairs, or have improved the image of civil engineers. These individuals will have contributed significant personal energy to enhance the recognition of civil engineering as a respected profession through their involvement and have improved the image of ASCE and civil engineering in their community through public relations and media coverage.

For more information on eligibility, application dates, where to mail it and application themselves please visit the Palm Beach ASCE website.

Welcome to the August 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

Items covered in this issue are:

President Henry Visits Egypt, Poland, and the Vatican to Discuss Efforts to Curb Global Corruption, St. Louis Gets New Ball Park; Says Goodbye to Busch, West Virginia Members Do Their Part: A True Educational Success for ASCE, Colorado Celebrates the Cheesman Dam's, Centennial 1905-2005, Zone I Director Attends Mohawk-Hudson Branch Meeting for Installation of New President, 2006 Electrical Transmission Conference, Container Wharf Seismic Code Workshop, 2006 Architectural Engineering Conference, ISBE 2005 Fourth Annual TISP Congress on Infrastructure Security for the Built Environment (ISBE), Geographic Services Department Website Enhancement, Enhancement to Section and Branch Membership Database, Leadership Reports - Submit Your Newly Elected Officers to GSD, 2006 Zone Leadership Conferences, Final SPAG Reports Due September 5th, Make Your Voice Heard: Participate in the 2006 Issues Survey, Nominations Now Accepted for Honorary Membership, New Members-Only Features: My Profile Updates and Member Connections, ASCE Announces New Partnership with Veterinary Pet Insurance, ASCE Partners with Life Line Screening, Membership Data Hint of the Month: Recognizing Life Members, Calling All Career Coaches, Continuing Education Webinars, Mark Your Calendar!



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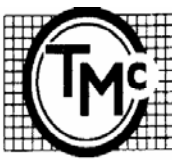
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