

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 8, 2006
from 12:00-1:00 P.M.

LUNCH MENU:

Please use the on-line registration provided at <http://branches.asce.org/palmbeach/home.htm>

If you are unable to register on-line, please call **Camp Dresser and McKee** at **(561) 689-3336** and ask for **Lenise Graham**. Please make your reservation prior to **9:30 A.M. on the day of the meeting**.

WHERE: May 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: Ray Schauer, P.E.
Director of Engineering, Solid
Waste Authority

TOPIC: Master Plan Update

August 2006



Dates to Remember:

**May's Lunch Meeting is
Tuesday August 8, 2006**

**ASCE Annual Meeting
August 25-26, 2006
Ft. Lauderdale**

**Young Member Social
Coming in September,
2006**

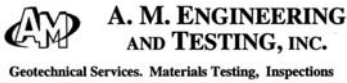
**ASCE Continuing
Education
Wetlands & 404
Permitting
Orlando
October 23-24, 2006**

President's Message

I have enjoyed being the 2005-2006 ASCE Palm Beach Branch President and would like to thank everyone for their support and generosity. It has been a great learning experience and I have gained a much better understanding and appreciation for the engineering profession and the local engineering community. I have met and made friends with many outstanding professionals and have benefited both personally and professionally from my volunteer service as a Branch Officer.

The August 8, 2006 lunch meeting will be the last day for nominations for next year's officers. 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 out of it more than you put it!

See you at the meeting!



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ASCE Fall 2006/Winter 2007 Continuing Education Seminars

Wetlands & 404 Permitting
Orlando, FL
October 23-24, 2006

Urban Watershed
Orlando, FL
November 9-10, 2006

HEC-RAS Computer Workshop
Jacksonville, FL
December 13-15, 2006

Earth Retaining Structures, Selection,
Design, Construction and Inspection
Orlando, FL
February 1-2, 2007

Law School for Engineers
Palm Beach, FL
March 8-9, 2007

Wind Loads for Buildings & Other
Structures
Fort Lauderdale, FL
March 22-23, 2007

These in-depth, practice-oriented programs are produced by ASCE's Continuing Education Department and may be of interest to many ASCE members in your Sections and Branches. We would greatly appreciate if you would consider posting information on these seminars in your newsletters and on your websites.

**Detailed descriptions of the seminars
(by title) are available on ASCE's
website at**

www.asce.org/conted/seminars.

Get Involved in ASCE!

**PALM BEACH BRANCH ASCE
SEEKS TREASURER for the 2006-2007
Term**

Volunteers needed! If you you're good with a check book and you want to get involved in ASCE this is your opportunity. Contact your nearest Palm Beach Branch Officer for more information.

Young Member Social

**Look for upcoming announcements
for September's Young Member
Social – Come and meet the young
members and enjoy the food, fun and
drinks! This is a great opportunity to
meet new colleagues and friends in
your profession.**

The last event was run quite well -- we had 36 +/- participants at a new location. And it was all Tiffany Holden's idea/work. They mingled/socialized with other people there and, if they talked to the right people, they were granted another drink ticket. It worked out well.

Look for some new ideas for future socials that will make the socials more of a success, in terms of networking, than in the past. Details will follow down the road.

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2006 Annual Meeting Sponsorships Available Now

Sign up now for sponsorships of classes or events at the 2006 Annual Meeting to be held August 25-26, 2006 at the Hyatt Pier Sixty Six in Ft. Lauderdale. Sponsorships start at \$1000 and benefits include:

- A meeting registration fee for the firm representative
- Introduction of the firm representative at the seminar or function
- Listing as the seminar or event sponsor in promotional mailings
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- Firm name and logo on signage for event or seminar sponsored
- One-Quarter page advertisement in the annual meeting program
- Firm logo on commemorative t-shirt
- Listing as a sponsor on the Section web site.

Commit now to get the event or seminar of your choice; however, payment will not be due until June 2006. Visit <http://www.fla-asce.org> for more information on sponsored events and classes or call Dennis Barton at 850-224-6500 to sign up. Don't miss the Saturday morning Fishing Trip on the "Flamingo" (Sponsorship available).

Mentor Program

There will be a kick off meeting in the summer 2006 and all the information on how to be the best mentor possible will be given to you. If you are interested and would like please contact one of us an application, Many Thanks from the Student Professional Development Committee!
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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 1-800-548-2723 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.

Keep Florida Rockin Web Site

Mining has taken place in the 57,500-acre Lake Belt since the 1950s, creating thousands of acres of lakes and historically providing about half of Florida's rock "aggregate" for roads and construction. Now, the Lake Belt's future is in doubt because of a recent ruling by a federal judge invalidating 10 permits issued for mining on 5,400 acres. U.S. District Judge William Hoeweler said the permits, approved in 2002 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, contain a "multitude of defects" centering on failure to protect drinking water supplies and wetlands and endangered species such as the wood stork. Tom MacVicar, a consultant for one miner, White Rock Quarries, said the company is disappointed with the ruling, which "does disparage the hard work of all the government professionals who have committed their careers to protecting the Everglades." He strongly disagreed that it means a halt to what he called "one of Florida's essential industries."

Joining state highway officials in their campaign for the mining companies is an organization called Floridians for Better Transportation. They have created a web site keep you informed about this important issue that could affect all Floridians. Visit <http://www.keepfloridarockin.org> and "Keep Florida Rockin".



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