

Palm Beach Branch Update

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

Monthly Meetings

WHEN: Tuesday, December 13, 2005
from 12:00-1:00 P.M.

LUNCH MENU:

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 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: Jack Hoffman,
P.E. with Palm Beach County

TOPIC: "PBC Signal
Network with Live Demo"

December 2005



Dates to Remember:

**ASCE Zone II Conference
January 27-29**

**Be on the look out for
Registration for our
Annual Bowl a thon this
January**

**Young Engineers
At Gatsbys WPB
November 30
Look for next Social in
January**

**FAU Career Fair
January 26, 2006**

**December's Lunch
Meeting is back on
Tuesday December 13**

**TOY DRIVIE
Bring a Toy to the
December Luncheon**

President's Message President's Message

"Toy Drive"

We hope you are enjoying the holiday season. Help ASCE make the holidays brighter for some of Palm Beach County's neediest children by donating *a new, unwrapped toy*. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to our December lunch meeting. Branch Officers will collect and deliver the toys to Father John Mericantante and the children of St Mary's Catholic Church in Pahokee.

"Coupon Book Fundraiser"

It is time again to support the ASCE Palm Beach Branch's Community Outreach Fundraiser Program Extravaganza by purchasing an "Enjoy the City Palm Beach Edition" coupon book with over \$1,000 dollars in Savings! Coupon books are only \$10 dollars and will be available for purchase at the December lunch meeting. Coupon books are also available from any friendly ASCE Branch Officer. Last year's fundraiser allowed the ASCE Palm Beach Branch to donate \$1,200 dollars to a local charity. Please help support our efforts in the community by purchasing a coupon book this holiday season, they make great stocking stuffers!

Merry Christmas and Happy
Holidays!

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ASCE @ FAU has had a great last couple of months, with good participation in volunteering activities. Jill Kikue Dobashi has done an excellent job with coordinating the volunteering activities that the student chapter participated in.

The volunteer activities are as follows.

Broward Cooperative Feeding Program- 16 members donated 4 hours (hard work) of their time to pass out food

Spanish River High School- We were scheduled to speak about the aspects of engineering and what it takes to be a Civil Engineer. However it got cancelled due to school requirements, but there was still a lot of preparation that went on. We will reschedule in December.

Our chapter's main focus is *“Not what you can receive, but what you can give”*
 Again we are always looking for speakers to come in for lunch. (Tuesday @ noon is always open)

* Great opportunity to get your company name out there (Job recruiting)

* Great opportunity to give back to the younger, younger, younger members.

We have a few students who are kind of shy about getting internships (engineers are known for being social) and they are currently looking for an opportunity to show off their valuable skills (GIS, AutoCAD, Microstation). If you're interested please give us an e-mail at asce.fau@gmail.com

TOASTMASTERS

(<http://toastmasters.org/>) is an non-profit organization where people get their public speaking skills honed. You are welcome to come to one of the toastmasters club to check it out what toastmasters is all about. You are also welcome to come to check Memorial Speakers Toastmasters Club. We meet every Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:00 PM at Memorial Presbyterian Church located at 1300 So. Olive Ave. It is just south of Okeechobee Blvd. Ms Lu is the president of the club and she will be more than happy to answer any questions about toastmasters if you want to know more. She can also be reached at luqfl@yahoo.com.

Looking for Good Causes to Support

Please see your ASCE Palm Beach Branch representative for ideas on community outreach support efforts. Several ideas include support for schools, less fortunate children and the elderly.

Speakers needed

With all the engineering activity in South Florida we are soliciting volunteers to present projects to the monthly luncheon meetings. Please forward your name and topic to Mike Evans, President.

Bowl-a-thon Sponsors

Last year's event was a strike and supported the FAU student and a worthy cause. This year's event promises to be even better. Details coming soon. Please sign up with Richard Villasenor. (561) 689-1138

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

The next Young Engineers Social will be November 30, 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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Joint Holiday Party

We hope you had a festive evening of fun and frivolities, great food, and old and new friends. We had over 100 RSVPs, so we're expecting a great turnout!

In addition to live music by the SailCats, the evening will feature appetizers, the well-known "All You Can Eat" Bonnette Club Country Buffet (roast boar, ham, turkey, scalloped potatoes, salad, rolls), assorted desserts, and an Open Bar.

This year the event was co-hosted with the Palm Beach County Planning Committee, Treasure Coast Section of FAPA, the Palm Beach/Treasure Coast Section of ASLA, the Palm Beach and Treasure Coast Chapters of FES, and the Palm Beach Branch of ASCE.

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.

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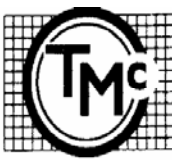
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