

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

LUNCH MENU:

Please use the on-line registration provided at www.palmbeach-asce.org

Please make your reservation prior to 9:30 A.M. on the day of the meeting.

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)

SPEAKERS: Sue Ray, Project Manager, Acceler8 - SFWMD

TOPIC: C-44 STA in Martin County

December 2006



Dates to Remember:

ASCE Monthly Lunch Meeting

Tuesday December 12, 2006

Legislative Forum Breakfast 2007

**Tuesday 7:00 – 10:00pm
January 30, 2007**

Bowl-A-Thon 2007

**Saturday
January 20, 2007**

West Point Bridge Competition Florida Section

**August 16, 2007
Sawgrass Marriot,
Ponte Vedra Beach**

President's Message

In order to help our chapter bring joy to children not as fortunate this season, please bring an unwrapped toy to the upcoming December 12th ASCE lunch meeting. The unwrapped toy will serve as your fee and all toys will be delivered to St. Rita's Catholic Church to be dispersed to children in the Pahokee and Bell Glades areas.

The registration for our six annual Bowl-a-thon will be concluding the first week of January. The Bowl-a-thon will be held Saturday, January 20, 2007 and the proceeds of the event will go to support the ASCE FAU Student Chapter's Concrete Canoe team. Please don't forget to sign your company team up and get ready to bowl!

I wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season.

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ASCE December Lunch Meeting

Toy Drive – Bring an unwrapped toy for a needy child. Your donation will be accepted in place of the \$5.00 lunch cost.

2007 Joint Legislative Breakfast

Join ASCE and seven other professional affiliations at the Legislative Forum Breakfast. See details in the attached flyer and sponsorship form.

Bowl-A-Thon 2007

Create you team and let's join the ASCE 2007 Bowl-A-Thon event on Saturday, January 20, 2007. See detail in the attached flyer.

Advertisement for Engineering Positions

See listed ads at the end of the Newsletter.

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!
Olive Bailey and Bonnie Serina
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Young Member Social

Look for upcoming announcements for the next 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.

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Increasing ASCE's Political Involvement

In mid-2005, ASCE's Board of Direction created a Task Force on Political Involvement to examine the Society's involvement in political activities, both current and future endeavors. During the past year the Task Force has evaluated our current activities and also looked at ways to increase the Society's public policy and political involvement.

The Task Force is preparing to recommend to the Board the establishment of a parallel 501(c)6 organization, thus allowing increased lobbying and political activity on behalf of the membership of ASCE. The Board will have the chance to act on the Task Force recommendations in 2007, but we have been reaching out to the membership in advance of any decision to provide more information and receive comments and suggestions.

At present ASCE is allowed to lobby within strict dollar limitations, but we are prohibited from engaging in any political activities (endorsing candidates). The recommendations would allow ASCE greater flexibility in its lobbying activities and allow ASCE to be involved in political campaigns by having a political action committee (PAC) and endorsing candidates. A PAC would be a separate entity from the new 501(c)6 and could allow for voluntary contributions to be made to the PAC by ASCE members which could then be given to candidates for federal office. The Task Force on Political Involvement wants to hear from ASCE leaders on this important issue. To facilitate a dialogue we will be hosting a series of Town Hall Meetings and webinars in the next 3 months (See schedule below). Participation in these events is free and open to all ASCE members, though advance registration is required.

Webinars (no cost):

- Tuesday, December 12, 2006 – 11:30 am-12:30 pm ET
- Tuesday, January 10, 2007 – 3:00-4:00 pm ET
- Wednesday, January 24, 2007 – 1:00-2:00 pm ET

To register for any of these events please email govwash@asce.org

ASCE Fall 2006/Winter 2007 Continuing Education Seminars

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

Detailed descriptions of the seminars (by title) are available on ASCE's website at www.asce.org/conted/seminars.

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.



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