

# Palm Beach Branch Update

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

## Monthly Meetings

**WHEN:** Wednesday, February 14, 2007 from 12:00-1:00 P.M.

### LUNCH MENU:

Please use the attached form. The lunch will be supplied by our Speaker.

Please fax your lunch selection to our speaker by the EOB Monday, February 12, 2007.

### WHERE:

Florida Dept. Env. Protection  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** Mr. Dave Dubberly, with Atlantic Environmental, Inc.

**TOPIC:** Private Lift Station Design and Permitting.

## February 2007



### Dates to Remember:

#### ASCE Monthly Lunch Meeting

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

#### Engineers in Government Night

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

#### E-Week

Thursday, February 22, 2007

(See attached flyer)

#### West Point Bridge Competition Florida Section

August 16, 2007  
Sawgrass Marriot,  
Ponte Vedra Beach

## President's Message

Thank you to those that participated in any of the events that took place in January, which included the Young Engineers Gathering on Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, the Bowl-A-Thon on January 20<sup>th</sup> and the Legislative Breakfast on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

At this year's Bowl-A-Thon, ASCE filled all 32 lanes at Verdes Tropicana bowling alley. The branch was able to raise \$2,250 for the Florida Atlantic University's Concrete Canoe Team. On behalf of the Branch Officers, we would like to especially thank Chad Girard and Olive Bailey of Wantman Group, Tinu Pena of Miller Legg and those in the Younger Members Committee for an excellent job in coordinating this event. (Check out the attached Bowl-A-Thon pictures).

The Legislative Breakfast was also a huge success as over 300 attendees from ten different professional organizations from the Palm Beach and Treasure Coast. Additionally there were nine State Representatives and aids on hand to outline their agenda for the coming year and answer questions from the various professional organizations.

In anticipation of our upcoming Engineers in Government Night in April, please start thinking of nominations for Engineer, Young Engineer, Young Government Engineer, Government Engineer, and Project of the Year. Enclosed in the newsletter are the nomination forms. Please submit your nominations to any of the officers no later than **March 23, 2007**. If your firm is also interested in participating as a sponsor of Engineers in Government Night, please refer to our website or contact any one of the officers for sponsor forms.

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**President's Message (Cont.)**

A few house keeping items to include: (i) the week of February 19 is Engineer's week ("E-week"),(ii) this month's lunch meeting has been moved to Wednesday, February 14, 2007 due to conflicts with DEP's meeting room on our regularly scheduled 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, and (iii) please fill in your lunch request form for the February 14<sup>th</sup> lunch and fax it back to Dave Dubberly at 561-547-3999 by the end Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, congratulations to Anwar Zahid from Kimley Horn, who will be sworn in as the new treasure for the Palm Beach Branch at our lunch meeting **Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**.

**Mike Roach**

**Advertisement for Engineering Positions**

See listed ads at the end of the Newsletter.

**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.**

**Community Partnerships - The Elsie & Marvin Dekelbourn Family Foundation** has formed partnerships with a number of community stakeholders to create a state-of-the-art science center that will greatly expand the region's economic, educational, and cultural resources.



**Entrance to Dekelbourn Science Center**  
 The planned \$54 million Dekelbourn Science Center (DSC) will contain **100,000 square feet** of innovative, interactive learning exhibits on three floors. The Center will contain a **Planetarium Theater**, an **IMAX® Theater**, an **Everglades Interpretive Exhibit**, a **Sci-Tech Auditorium**, a **major aquarium gallery**, a **Florida Natural History exhibit**, major exhibit galleries, and **The Quantum Education Center** with classrooms and laboratories.

The DSC will be located on nearly 11 acres of land beside Lake Lytal Park, one of Palm Beach County's most active public parks. Early site clearing and vegetation removal have begun. This venue will provide a comprehensive educational and entertainment resource for millions of residents and visitors for generations to come. State and federal governments have designated the DSC as a **regional center for Martin, Glades, Indian River, St. Lucie, Hendry and Okeechobee Counties** in the area of educational needs in science.

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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](mailto:govwash@asce.org)**

**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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 March 22-23, 2007

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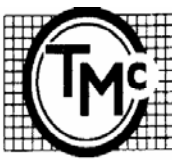
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