

Palm Beach Branch Update

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

Monthly Meetings

WHEN: Tuesday, July 12, 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 the students can be sure to have the appropriate amount pizza.

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: *Gene Fagan*
Architect, STH Architects: Ken Todd, Water Resource Manager, Palm Beach County; Alan Gerwig, President & Civil Engineer, Alan Gerwig & Associates.

TOPIC: "Using Your Design Expertise in Developing Nations"
How a recent EMI trip to Guatemala changed lives

July 2005



Dates to Remember:

**Young Engineers
At Gatsbys
July 6**

**Transportation &
Utilities: Two Sides of
the Same Coin
July 14, 2005**

**Shrimp Boil
July 15, 2005**

**Please be thinking about
nominees for the Palm
Beach Branch Treasure
Due by Aug 1, 2005**

**Please don't forget to
show your support for
President Elect of
Region 1**

**Jorge A. Jaramillo, P.E.
Deadline for voting is
July 15**

President's Message

Annually the Branch conducts fundraisers to support the FAU student chapter as well as community programs. This year a \$1200 donation was made to the Youth for Leadership Foundation (YFLF) in West Palm Beach. The purpose of the YFLF is to provide leadership training and social events for underprivileged children in the downtown area. In honor of our donation, the YFLF invited us to participate in a press conference held at the City of West Palm Beach Police Station on Monday, December 13, 2005. The press conference was on live at 12:00 pm, and also ran at 6 pm, 11 pm, and 6 am the next morning on channel 5 and 12. In addition to supporting the Foundation, this was a great opportunity to gain some recognition for ASCE and Engineers in general. In addition to funding, the YFLF is looking for volunteers. I tentatively volunteered our Society to provide tutors for the upcoming school year. What a great opportunity to use our knowledge to help the next generation! Please let me know if you are interested.

In addition to the YFLF donation, the Palm Beach Branch is looking into purchasing bookbags and school supplies to donate to children in need. Our goal is to provide 100-150 bookbags that will be embroidered with the ASCE logo. There are several school programs that the Branch is researching, if you know of a program or are interested in making a donation to this cause, please contact one of the officers.

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Go to ASCE.org and click on Continuing education in the right hand corner and you'll find more info up coming online PE and FE study courses.

Here are some up coming Continue Education courses through the end of the year

October 6-7, 2005
 Water Quality Modeling (Environmental)
 Orlando, FL

November 3-4, 2005
 Advanced Detention Routing: Improving the Operation & Effectiveness of Detention Facilities ~New! (Hydraulics and Water Resources)
 Orlando, FL

December 8-9, 2005
 Wind Loads for Buildings & Other Structures (Structural)
 West Palm Beach, FL

January 12-13, 2006
 Dam Safety and Rehabilitation (Infrastructure Rehabilitation)
 Miami, FL

January 18-20, 2006
 HEC-RAS Computer Workshop for Unsteady Flow Applications (Hydraulics and Water Resources)
 Orlando, FL

January 19-20, 2006
 Strategic Planning, Valuation & Ownership Transitions for Eng'g Firms (Management)
 Miami, FL

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

Presidents Message Continued...

Being an Officer of the Palm Beach Branch has been a very rewarding experience for me. I met a lot of great people and had the opportunity to participate in many great events. My term as President ends this September. Each of the current Officers will then move "up" a chair, which will leave a vacancy in the 2005-2006 Treasurer position. If you are interested in this position, please get in touch with one of the current officers.

I hope you had a great 4th of July and I look forward to seeing you at the 2005 ASCE Florida Section Annual Meeting in Marco Island on July 29th. Have a great summer and see you around!

In Order to Vote:
You must be a member and pay your Section Dues to be eligible to vote. Ballots were mailed out in the Vol. 1 NO.3 May 2005 E Communiqué..

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

Help Wanted

Wanted: Civil Engineers to advance career with growing land development companies in Tampa, Florida. Please contact Rachel Cantor at RC Associates by email at Rachel@rcassociatesllc.com or phone at 813-871-6164. For additional company information visit www.rcassociatesllc.com. All civil engineers are encouraged to email their resumes to RC Associates to discuss confidential career advancement opportunities.

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Marriott Marco Island Sold Out! Reduced Rates Offered at Nearby Resorts

If you've recently called the Marriott Resort, Golf Club and Spa on Marco Island to make reservations to attend the FES Annual Summer Conference & Exposition, August 3-6, only to find they are sold out – don't give up yet! FES has arranged for discounted rates at two nearby resorts:

Located right next door to the Marriott, the **Marco Beach Ocean Resort** (an all-suite property) is pleased to offer one-bedroom suites at a discounted rate of \$155 plus tax for attendees of the FES Annual Summer Conference & Exposition. Each suite is equipped with a king bed in the bedroom, a separate furnished living room with a queen sleeper sofa, and a fully equipped kitchen. Overnight valet parking is \$15.00 per vehicle, per day. To reserve your room, please call the hotel at 800/8260-5089 by July 15th and identify yourself as being with the Florida Engineering Society. Available rooms are limited and sure to go fast, so make your reservations today! Take a virtual tour at www.marcoresort.com

Approximately 4 blocks from the Marriott, the **Radisson Suite Beach Resort** is pleased to offer overflow rooms at a discounted rate of \$109 plus for attendees of the FES Annual Summer Conference & Exposition. Rooms are subject to a \$5.00 per night service charge. Overnight parking is \$7.00 per vehicle, per day. To reserve your room, please call the hotel at 800/814-0633 by July 15th and identify yourself as being with the Florida Engineering Society. Available rooms are limited and sure to go fast, so make your reservations today! Take a virtual tour at <http://www.marco beachresort.com/>

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YOUNGER MEMBER EMPLOYER RECOGNITION AWARD

The Committee on Younger Members is pleased to solicit nominations for the 2005 Younger Member Employer Recognition Award. Please publicize this announcement in your local Newsletter, through your local e-mails or on your web site so that your Younger Members are informed of this recognition program.

The Employer Recognition Award was created to recognize employers who acknowledge that young engineers are today's leaders in the profession and provide support for and assistance with their personal development. CYM will also award a Superior Employer Recognition Award to the nominee that best displays exemplary support of young engineers in their organizations. A list of winning organizations will be submitted for publication in Civil Engineering magazine or ASCE News in addition to the Younger Member Newsletter.

Nominations must be postmarked by August 1, 2005. The nomination form, which describes the award in detail, is attached for your convenience. The nomination form may also be accessed on our ftp site at ftp://gsd.asce.org/Younger_Members/2005%20Employer%20Recognition%20Form.doc

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Thank you for your continuing support.

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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