

Palm Beach Branch Update

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

Monthly Meetings

WHEN: Tuesday, March 8, 2005 from 12:00-1:00 P.M. (2nd Tuesday)

LUNCH MENU:

A 9" Russo Sub. Choose Italian, Turkey, Veggie or Tuna for a cost of \$5.00. **RSVP online at:** <http://branches.asce.org/palmbeach/home.htm> or 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.

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: Jose Lopez, P.E.
Lead Engineer, SFWMD

TOPIC: "Reclaimed water for ecosystem restoration".

March 2005



Dates to Remember:

**Palm Beach/Broward
Joint Lunch meeting at
FAU Boca Campus
(Early April)**

**21st Annual ASCE
Water Resources
Seminar on Friday,
April 8, 2005**

**Engineers in
Government Night April
20, 2005**

**Rebuilding Together
(Christmas in April)
April 30, 2005**

**Coupon Books still on
sale now for \$10. help
sponsor a house for
Christmas in April**

**Please note change for
lunch orders call in**

President's Message

I hope you had a great Engineer's Week and were able to make the Banquet hosted by the Florida Engineering Society. There was a large turnout (150+ people). The main draw (besides the stimulating conversation and networking opportunities with your peers) was Beavin Beaudet, the Palm Beach County Scripps Program Manager. The meeting couldn't have been timed any better with the County making their decision on the alternate Scripps site just the day before the Banquet. Based on Mr. Beaudet's presentation, and what we've been hearing over the past couple of years, there are many exciting times and opportunities coming our way!

And speaking of opportunities.....Please join us for the 17th Annual Engineers in Government Night Banquet on Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at the South Florida Water Management District. This event is free of charge thanks to our sponsors, and includes hors d'oeuvre, beverages, presentation (presented by the one and only Bob Weisman), and an awards ceremony. Please don't miss this opportunity to honor our local Government Engineers and Awards Recipients. And, if that isn't enough excitement for you we have the upcoming Rebuilding Together with Christmas in April on Saturday, April 30, 2004. We will again be sponsoring half of a house (\$1200) and providing free labor on the day of the event. We look forward to your support of this worthy charitable event. Bring the family and come out for a great day of community building and camaraderie with your fellow engineers.

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Civil Engineers Assess State of America's Infrastructure

Stay tuned for ASCE's release of the 2005 Report Card for America's Infrastructure

On March 9, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) will release the 2005 Report Card for America's Infrastructure at a 10:30 a.m. ET press conference, broadcast live online at

<http://www.asce.org/reportcard>.

Please join ASCE President Bill Henry, ASCE Executive Director Pat Natale and congressional leaders as they discuss the trends affecting our infrastructure and assess its progress or decline since 2003 when ASCE released the *Progress Report for America's Infrastructure*.

Traffic congestion and our children's overcrowded schools are daily reminders that the state of our nation's infrastructure directly affects our economy and quality of life. With new grades for the first time since 2001, the report will examine trends and assess the progress and decline of America's infrastructure. Are we making any strides toward raising the grade of America's infrastructure above the D+ it earned four years ago?

Please tune in for the live Web cast of the press conference to find out. Web cast and 2005 Report Card for America's Infrastructure details are available on American Society of Civil Engineers' updated Report Card for America's Infrastructure Web site,

Infrastructure continued..

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To view the press conference live, Windows Media Player software must be installed on the viewing computer. Windows Media Player software can be downloaded for free at www.microsoft.com/windows/windowmedia/download/default.asp.

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

The next Young Engineers Social will be **May 4, 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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April's Lunch This is our annual joint lunch meeting with the Broward Chapter held at the Engineering Building at FAU in Boca Raton to help support the Student Chapter. Please stay tuned for additional information.

The Palm Beach Chapter wants to welcome our newest members as of January 2005:

- Tibebe Dessalegn with BEM System Inc
- Justin Gore
- Daniel Cushing – Student
- Jamie Fraser – Student
- Cynthia Portnoy with MEA Group
- Kyle Grandusky with SFRN Inc
- A. Roland Holt with Palm Beach County

Congratulations to those who have become ASCE Life Memebers

- Allan R Ball
- Robert D Botkin
- Max W Day
- Frank J Gargiulo
- Shurlo Dean Tooker
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FAU Students Chapter

The month of February has been an exciting period for those in the Civil Engineering Department at FAU. It is noteworthy that Mike Genduso's (Past Vice President II for the ASCE Student Chapter) resume "The Effects of Geosynthetic Reinforcement of AC Overlays on the Propagation of Reflection Cracking and Accumulation of Permanent Deformation" was accepted by LACCEI'2005 for publication. The Department has received two nominations for the 2005 awards for excellence in undergraduate teaching & advising. Dr. Scarlatos is up for the advisor award while Dr. Reddy is up for the teaching award. For the first time, FAU will be participating in the 2005 Student Mead paper contest. Tinu Pena will be writing on the topic "Computers, Civil Engineering and Ethics".

The chapter is diligently working towards preparing for SE regional conference, support from the branches are being requested. For more information contact Tinu Pena at tpena@fau.edu

Upcoming activities for the month of March:
 Spring break: 7th -11th of March
 General Meeting: 17th of March
 Social Meeting: 24th of March
 Professional Meeting: 31st March

Be on the look out for information on the April Joint Lunch Meeting hosted by ASCE FAU Student Chapter.

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. Thanks

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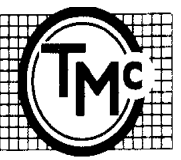


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