

Palm Beach Branch Update

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

Monthly Meetings

WHEN:

2nd Tuesday of each month (**May 13, 2003**) from 12:00-1:00 P.M.

LUNCH MENU:

A 9" Russo Sub. Choose either Italian, Turkey, Veggie or Tuna for a cost of \$5.00. **Please make your food reservation prior to 9:30 A.M. on the day of the meeting.** You can now RSVP online at <http://branches.asce.org/palmbeach/home.htm> or call Nodarse & Associates at (561) 616-0870.

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:

Ken Todd, P.E., Water Resources Manager with Palm Beach County will be presenting a program on the *"Palm Beach County Water Resources Update"*

May 2003



Dates to Remember:

**Young Engineer's Social
May 13, 2003**

**Young Engineer's Social
July 2, 2003**

**2003 Florida Section
Annual Meeting
Renaissance Orlando
Resort at Seaworld
September 12-13, 2003**

President's Message

Thank you to all of our Engineer's in Government Night sponsors, attendees, and participants. This event would not be successful without you! A special thanks to Bob Weisman for carrying on the tradition as speaker of this special annual event.

On behalf of the Palm Beach Branch Officers and Members,
Congratulations to the ASCE and FES award recipients!

We encourage your attendance and look forward to seeing you at the 2003 Florida Section meeting. The meeting will be held in Orlando this September. There will be many great opportunities to obtain your continuing education requirements and attend the Laws and Rules seminar. Don't wait until the last minute. For more information, please stay tuned to future newsletter articles or visit the Florida Section website at: www.fla-asce.org

See you at the meeting!



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Engineer's in Government Night Recap

The 15th Annual Engineer's in Government Night (EIGN) was held on Wednesday, April 23, 2003. This special event, which was sponsored by the Palm Beach Branches of ASCE and the Florida Engineering Society, was a huge success!

EIGN began with a complementary reception, which included a variety of hors d'oeuvres and beverages. We'd like to thank the **FAU Student Chapter of ASCE** for doing a wonderful job setting up the reception and coordinating such a large student turnout to the event.

The keynote speaker for the event was **Mr. Robert Weisman, P.E., F.ASCE, Palm Beach County Administrator**, who presented a program on "**Palm Beach County...the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly.**" Once again, Bob's presentation was very entertaining, even without the power point presentation that he prepared.

ASCE and FES Branch Awards were presented at the end of the evening. Congratulations to the following ASCE award recipients (listed in order of appearance):



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Outstanding Project of the Year Award: **City of West Palm Beach, South Flagler Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project, Designed by Mathews Consulting Inc. (Rene Mathews shown accepting the award)**

Civil Engineer of the Year Award: **Stephen J. Nix, P.E., Ph.D. with Florida Atlantic University.**

Government Civil Engineer of the Year Award: **Jorge A. Jaramillo, P.E. with South Florida Water Management District.**

Young Civil Engineer of the Year Award: **Eduardo E. Balbis, P.E. with LBFH, Inc.**

Rebuilding Together with Christmas in April



Rebuilding Together with Christmas in April of the Palm Beaches would like to thank those who volunteered their time and effort on Saturday, April 26, 2003 and on Saturday May 3, 2003. Although we were rained out on the day of the original event, several members showed up on the following weekend to complete the task at hand and assist those in need. Overall, volunteers from several organizations repaired nine houses of elderly, low-income or disabled homeowners in the neighborhoods of Riviera Beach.

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2003 Southeast Regional Student Competition...



Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) Civil Engineering Students took first place in the American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE) Southeast Regional Competition held at Miami's Florida International University, March 20-22, 2003.

Terminal Velocity, this years 140 pounds, 21 foot long champion, rivaled approximately 25 colleges and universities to win the Southeast Regional title and a slot to compete in the 2003 ASCE and Master Builders, Inc. (MBT) National Concrete Canoe Competition, which will be held in Philadelphia June 20-22. With a track record that boast consistently finishing in the top five on the regional level and a National Championship win in 1997 this private university located in Melbourne, Florida is no stranger to the competition and is looking to bring home a victory.

FIT is currently trying to raise about \$10,000 for the trip to PA, which would cover transportation, lodging, and, participation in the competition for approximately 25 students.

Please contact Neirda Lafontant via email at socraplato@hotmail.com or Dr. Paul Cosentino, team faculty advisor, at (321) 674-7555 for sponsorship and donation details.

Christmas in April continued...

We look forward to ASCE's continued participation and Rebuilding Together with Christmas in April would like to thank the following members for their time and efforts: Peter Aquart, Patrick Figurella, Melanie Straub, Richard Forbes, Mike Roach, Neirda LaFontant, Jason Spalding, Michael Tam (ASCE - FAU Student Chapter), Richardo Ortegon, and Jerry Saval. There is always room for additional volunteer. We look forward to seeing more familiar faces next year!

Entice Graduating Student Members...

Now is a great time to reach out to Student Members who will be graduating this spring. Please support our local colleges by hiring these new graduates. At the least, consider inviting students to one of our lunch meetings.

A student interested in joining or upgrading their ASCE membership can go to the following link: www.ascestudentdrive.org. Associate and Affiliate Members received a significant discount on their ASCE National membership dues for the first five years after receiving their Bachelor's degree:

Year after graduation:	\$50
First year after receipt of BS:	\$50
Second year after receipt of BS:	\$75
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