

# Palm Beach Branch Update

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

## Monthly Meetings

**WHEN:** Tuesday, November 14, 2006  
from 12:00-1:00 P.M.

### **LUNCH MENU:**

Please use the on-line registration provided at <http://www.palmbeach-asce.org/index.asp>

If you are unable to register on-line, please call Kimley-Horn (561) 494-0412 and ask for **Vishal Kakkad**. Please make your reservation prior to 9:30 A.M. on the day of the meeting.

### **WHERE:**

Florida Dept. Env. Protection  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
400 North Congress Avenue  
West Palm Beach, Florida



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**SPEAKERS:** Lisa Stewart & Ramon Breton.

**TOPIC:** Sunpass Challenge Project

## November 2006



### **Dates to Remember:**

#### **ASCE Monthly Lunch Meeting**

**Tuesday November 14, 2006**

#### **PBC School Dist. Eng'g Academy Advisory Groups**

**Thursday 6-8pm  
November 16**

#### **Regional Science & Engineering Fair**

**December 4 - 6**

#### **Joint Holiday Party 2006**

**Saturday 7:30 – 10:30pm  
December 2, 2006**

#### **Bowl-A-Thon 2007**

**Saturday  
January 20, 2007**

### **President's Message**

It's November and the holiday season is right around the corner. Before your calendar gets completely booked by holiday parties and other events, I would like to remind you of some upcoming ASCE activities.

The first event will be a Toy Drive at our December 12 lunch meeting. Instead of paying for your lunch with a check, please bring an unwrapped toy for a needy child. Of course, we will accept as many toys as you would like to donate.

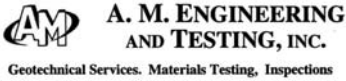
Our second event will be the third annual joint holiday party with ASLA, FAPA, FES, AIA, FSMS and PBCPC which will be held on December 2nd from 7:30pm to 10:30pm at the Bonnette Hunt Club. Last year's holiday party was well attended with 150 attendees enjoying the open bar, H'orderves, buffet dinner, and desserts.

The Marine's Toys for Tots are also expected to be attending to collect toys again this year. So, play "Santa" and bring some more gifts for needy children to this event as well! Please keep an eye out for the holiday flyer in the coming days.

Finally, don't forget about our Sixth Annual Bowl-A-Thon on January 20, 2007. The Chapter uses this fund raiser to support the Florida Atlantic University ASCE Student Chapter concrete canoe competition.

Wishing you a happy, healthy and I hope you enjoy a safe holiday season!

**Mike Roach**



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**December Lunch Meeting**

ASCE will be organizing a Toy Drive for during our December Lunch Meeting. Instead of paying for your lunch, please bring an unwrapped toy for a needy child.

**Joint Holiday Party 2006**

Please join the members of six other professional societies for a fun Holiday Party at the Bonnet Hunt Club. See flyer attached for details.

**ASCE Participation at the Science Fair**

The Science Fair is right around the corner and we need volunteers!

**2007 Joint Legislative Breakfast**

Watch for updates coming soon...

**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.

**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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**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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**On behalf of the School District of Palm Beach County you are invited to be part of the Advisory Groups of Engineers and Scientists to the High School Engineering Career Academies**

**Thursday, November 16 from 6 to 8pm**  
 Food and beverage will be provided.  
 Please RSVP to **Arnold J. Rothstein, ASME Life Fellow**  
 e-mail: [a.rothstein@alum.mit.edu](mailto:a.rothstein@alum.mit.edu)  
 Phone: **561.848.4914**

**Location:** Fulton-Holland Educational Service Center, 3310 Forest Hill Blvd., just west of Congress Avenue.

Engineering Academy High Schools are: **Atlantic, Forest Hill, Glades Central, Olympic Heights, Palm Beach Central, and Jupiter.** The teachers and administrators will be at the meeting and discuss their needs.

**Tentative Agenda:** - Introductions; - Description of EngAcad curriculum; - Status of programs; -Review and discussion of Advisory Group functions and needs; - Additional inputs from potential AdvGrp members; -Grouping by school and discussion with the teachers and appropriate required volunteer guidelines;

Advisory Group Functions and needs will vary depending on the school, its students, the teacher, the Group's members and the status of the program at the school. They'll include: -recommendations for amplifying subject matter; -mentoring and advising of students; -recommendations for field trips, intern opportunities, job shadowing; - arrangements for "work content or background" talks to students ; - arrangements for assistance on student "hands on projects"; -other appropriate support and in-kind assistance. We look forward to your participation. Thank you.

**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](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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