

Palm Beach Branch Update

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

Monthly Meetings

WHEN: Wednesday, September 14, 2005 from 12:00-1:00 P.M.

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 we can be sure to have the appropriate number of subs.

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: Jerry Botts with Metro Sewer Services, Inc.

TOPIC: “Resin impregnated felt/cured-in-place sewer rehabilitation.”

September 2005



Dates to Remember:

**Young Engineers
At Gatsbys WPB
November 2**

**5th Annual Put the Brakes
on Fatalities Day®
Monday October 10, 2005.**

**September's Lunch
Meeting is Wednesday
September 14
Installation of New
officers**

**If you're interested in
participating with the
ASCE Palm Beach School
supply drive, please
contact one of the officers.**

**Our hearts and Prays go
out to those Gulf Coast
Residents in Louisiana,
Mississippi and Alabama
devastated by Hurricane
Katrina. Please read to
see how you can help**

President's Message

It's hard to believe that it is September 2005. The past four years have gone by so quickly. I've really enjoyed representing the Branch as an officer and I would like to thank all of the members for the opportunity. At times being an officer could be time consuming but I definitely received more than I gave. I had the opportunity to become involved in a great organization, participate in many worthwhile events and charities, and build many relationships. The past four years have been so rewarding that I plan continue to be active on the Branch and Section level in the years to come. I encourage you to get involved! You don't have to be an officer - there are many others ways to be involved; ways that can be tailored to the time that you have to offer. Think about it!

On that note, I'd like to congratulate the 2005-2006 Branch Officers and welcome **Ana Carmen DeMelo, P.E., with Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc.** to the group. I'm sure it is going to be another great year! The new officers will be inducted at our September 14th lunch meeting.

Now down to business... **Adam Galicki with Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department (WUD)** contacted me regarding the ongoing review process of the WUD Standards. Modifications are proposed for the current Fee Structure, which includes plan review and inspection fee increases. The new Fee Structure will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners (Board) on 09/27/05 and if approved, will go into effect on 10/01/05. Modifications are also proposed to the Technical Specifications.

President's message continued

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If you have any recommended revisions, comments or suggestions, please forward them to Adam by the end of September. This includes modifications or additions to the approved materials list. The proposed Technical Specifications will be presented to the Board the first of the year.

Thank you so much for your interest in the school supply donation programs. To date we've received most of our order, which will be distributed to 200 students within Palm Beach County. Once the order is complete I'll schedule a meeting with all of the people that expressed interested to assembly the packages and make the deliveries. The Board authorized our group to determine the recipients of the supplies during our meeting. There is still time if you'd like to join us!

Thanks again! I've had a great time! See you around!!

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

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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*******Attention:*******

Please make note that the Tuesday September 13 Lunch meeting will be moved to Wednesday September 14, 2005 due to schedule conflicts with the meeting room at DEP.

As Engineers, Safety is always a concern when it comes to design and construction and even when we are driving on the roads.

**Because every LIFE is precious!
 Drive as if Your LIFE Depends On It!!**

The 5th Annual Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day® is Monday October 10, 2005.

Please Welcome our new ASCE Palm Beach Branch Treasure who will be installed this coming Wednesday Sept 14, 2005.

Ms. DeMelo has more than 14 years of experience in civil and water resources engineering and management. Joining CDM in January 2003 as senior project manager, her experience includes stormwater master planning, watershed hydrologic/hydraulic study, stormwater drainage design and retrofit; landfill design; site plan development, construction administration and design/build projects. Ms. DeMelo has been a member of the ASCE since 1994.

Let us also welcome **Richard Crow** as the New F.A.U ASCE Student Chapter President, along with **Jennifer Fought** as Vice Pres, **John Fishburn** as Treasure and **John Keane** as Secretary.

Here are some up coming Continuing Education credits:

An Introduction to Roadside Delineation and Safety Systems ---A Live ASCE Feb/Teleconference Seminar Oct 4 Noon to 1PM

September 2, 2005

A Message from the Department of Environmental Protection

As the communities of the Gulf Coast begin rebuilding from the devastating impacts of Hurricane Katrina, the State of Florida is encouraging its residents and visitors to contribute to the recovery by conserving fuel and energy.

State government is leading by example and taking active steps to reduce energy consumption in State facilities. By adopting simple energy conservation habits, all Floridians can help replenish fuel supplies in impacted areas and make a significant contribution to the nation's response to this natural disaster.

Details about the State's energy conservation plan, along with energy saving tips for residents and remarks by Florida Governor Jeb Bush from September 1, 2005 can be found at www.floridadep.org or www.myflorida.com

What ASCE Palm Beach Branch is Doing to Help.

Everyone has seen the devastation along the Gulf coasts of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama from Hurricane Katrina. No one knows the total extent of the damage and loss of life, but we do know there are a lot of caring people who want to help. There are a lot of firms, organizations, sports teams and individuals who are taking up collections for the Hurricane relief.

The ASCE Palm Beach Branch has agreed to match any donations up to a total Branch donation of \$2000. Donations can be giving to the ASCE Palm Beach Branch or to any other organization such as the American Red Cross. All the Branch asks if you donate to another organization that you forward a copy of your receipt to one of the officers by Wednesday September 21, 2005.

If you prefer to make the donations to the American Red Cross, check should be made to American Red Cross Disaster Response Fund, at P.O. Box 37243, Washington D.C.
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You may also visit the Red Cross website at <http://www.redcross.org/donate/volunteer/>
If you are interested in volunteering your engineering services or would like more info how you can help visit the FEMA website at <http://www.fema.gov/>

Along with Branch's donation to the Hurricane relief the Branch is also making a \$1000 donation to Water for People Charity

Water for People (WFP) is the most visible water charity that is beginning to develop a response to needs such as the Tsunami. WFP is not focusing on the relief but rather the recovery aspect. WFP is also proceeding with the development of a North American and World wide (with the International Water Association) Water Corp where water professionals will be able to sign up to donate time. This will be a long term program.

During the interim, WFP has set up a Tsunami Recovery fund and has a representative on the ground in Sri Lanka helping with the assessment of the need in all of the impacted communities. WFP also is in India, with India being one of their Program Countries.

The water related national organizations such as AWWA, WEF, NAWC, AMWA and WQA all now sit on WFP board and have adopted WFP as their charity of choice. HDR, CH2M, CDM Weston, Gannet Fleming, staff representatives and several major utility managers sit on the 27 member board. WFP just adopted a \$3 million plus budget for next years work. They have worked in 42 countries including most of the Tsunami countries and have a focus on about 10 countries

For more information contact www.waterforpeople.org The recovery program will take years and therefore, WFP is not focusing on relief but the more difficult solutions.

WFP is a charity directly dealing with the water and sanitation issues impacting the lives of the victims. In doing so they will be joining with many of our clients and other consultants in focusing on charity where we can do more than just give money.



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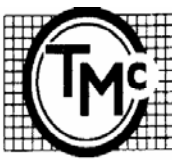
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