



PALM BEACH BRANCH

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

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President's Message

In my first year as an ASCE officer my daughter was born. It is hard to believe my daughter will soon be four years old and my officer tenure is now complete. I've enjoyed my time as a branch officer for Palm Beach Branch and have made several new friends from both the government and private sectors. As president one of my goals was to make the Branch website more of a tool for both officers and members. I feel we've accomplished this as almost all members now register online for the lunch meetings. The website improvements are due in part to my brother, Dan Roach, who has used his personal time to put forth the officers'

ideas. I thank him for his continued efforts throughout the year. The incoming officers are starting with great ideas to further better the branch and I wish them the best. I would also like to welcome our new officers **Kyle Grandusky, E.I.** from SFRN as Branch Secretary and **Todd McLeod, E.I.** from Civil Design as Branch Treasure.

officer. I look forward to continue being an active member of the Branch.

On behalf of the Branch Officers and members congratulations to the Florida Section of ASCE 2007 Engineer of the Year: **Kenneth G. Ammon, P.E.**

Finally, thank you to all the members and officers of the Branch for your encouragement and support.

Mike Roach

It was through my participation as a member in the branch that I was given the opportunity to be an officer. I encourage you to participate and take advantage of the opportunities to become a committee member or

Monthly Meeting

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

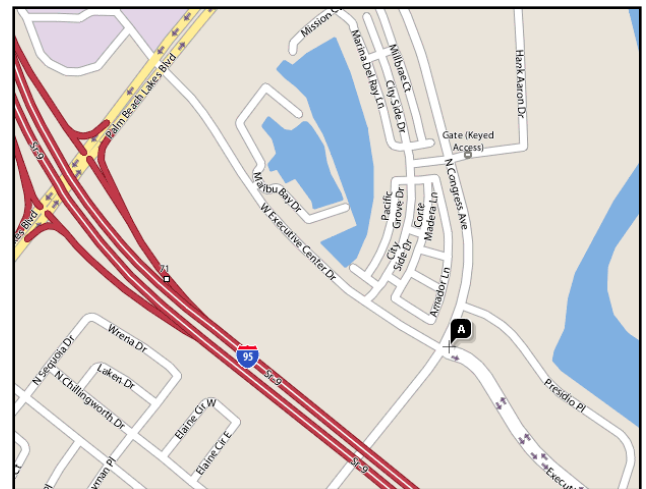
LUNCH MENU: Please use the on-line registration provided at www.palmbeach-asce.org

Please make your reservation prior to 9:30am on the day of the meeting.

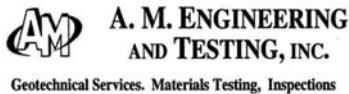
WHERE: DEP 2nd Floor Conference Room

SPEAKER: Dave Grounds, P.E., Senior Project Manager Stanley Consultants

TOPIC: C-43 West Basin Storage Reservoir



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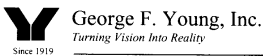
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Community Outreach

The Delray Youth Vocational Center in Delray Beach is in need of our help. They need tutors, mentors and financial support. These students are not traditional students (some dropped of school, were asked not return or withdrew to attend this vocational school). Each of them has made a personal choice for positive change in their lives by enrolling in this Charter School. And because of this their reading levels have improved, they're

receiving their high school diplomas or GEDs, acquired a trade, obtained employment and have accomplished much much more.

As we start developing a relationship with this school, please be ready to give at least 1 day to a student who needs our help to graduate from high school. I'm sure that there is at least one future engineer amongst them.



ASCE's Florida Section News – Engineer of the Year

The Florida Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers nominated Kenneth G. Ammon, P.E., for their 2007 Government Engineer of the Year award.

Mr. Ammon has more than 28 years of water resource planning, design, permitting and engineering experience in both the private and public sectors in the State of Florida. He is a member of

the American Society of Civil Engineers, Florida Engineering Society, National Society of Professional Engineers and American Water Resources Association.

Mr. Ammon's exemplary attributes extend beyond his professional life. He believes in providing guidance to young people who seek civil engineering as a career, and

has been a mentor to many of them in both the private and public sectors. He continuously supports summer program for young interns seeking development and experience in the civil engineering profession. Over the past few years, he also has been very active by participating in leadership mentoring programs at the South Florida Water Management District..

Mentor Program

If you are interested and would like please contact one of us an application,
Many Thanks from the

Student Professional Development Committee!
Olive Bailey and Bonnie Serina

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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/memb>

[erstrip/](http://www.asce.org/memb) 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.

Continuing Education

ASCE is pleased to advise you of the following seminars scheduled in your geographic area from October 2007 through March 2008:

October 4-5, 2007
Comprehensive Site Design Workshop (Construction)
Atlanta, GA

October 25-26, 2007
Introduction to Detention Pond Design – Parking Lots and Urban Drainage (Hydraulics/Environmental)
Tampa, FL

November 1-2, 2007
Pipe and Pipeline Renewal (Geotechnical)
Tampa, FL

November 1-2, 2007
Soil & Rock Slope Stability (Geotechnical)
New Orleans, LA

November 15-16, 2007
Wetlands & 404 Permitting (Environmental)
New Orleans, LA

November 29-30, 2007
Design, Construction, and Renovation of Masonry Structures (Structural)
Atlanta, GA

December 6-7, 2007
Design of Buildings in Coastal Regions (Structural)
Jacksonville, FL

December 6-7, 2007
Post Tensioning Construction & Design (Structural)
Orlando, FL

December 6-7, 2007
Wind Loads for Buildings & Other Structures (Structural)
Atlanta, GA

December 13-14, 2007
NPDES Stormwater Permit Compliance ~Newly Updated! (Environmental)
Atlanta, GA

December 27-28, 2007
Pumping Systems Design for Civil Engineers (Hydraulics)
New Orleans, LA

January 10-11, 2008
Design of Waste Containment Liner & Final Closure Systems (Geotechnical)
Orlando, FL

January 10-11, 2008
Design and Renovation of Wood Structures (Structural)
Miami, FL

January 11, 2008
Seismic Design of Liquid Storage Tanks (Structural/Construction)
Atlanta, GA

January 17-18, 2008
HEC-HMS Computer Workshop (Hydraulics)
Orlando, FL

January 17-18, 2008
Techniques for the Modern Engineering Manager (Management)
Orlando, FL

January 17-18, 2008
Designing Aluminum Structures (Structural)
Palm Beach, FL

January 24-25, 2008
Seismic Design and Performance of Building Structures (Structural)
New Orleans, LA

January 30- February 1, 2008
Structural Design of Buildings and Industrial Facilities for Blast Loads and Accidental Chemical Explosions (Structural)
Tampa, FL

January 31- February 1, 2008
How to Successfully Use Value Engineering on Capital Projects ~NEW!

(Management/Construction)
Atlanta, GA

February 6-8, 2008
Structural Vibration Analysis, Design and Troubleshooting (Structural)
Tampa, FL

February 14-15, 2008
Financial Management for the Professional Engineer (Management)
Orlando, FL

February 21-22, 2008
Leadership and Development for the Engineer ~ Newly Updated! (Management)
Huntsville, AL

February 27-29, 2008
HEC-RAS Sediment Transport Analysis using the Hydrologic Engineering Center's River Analysis System ~NEW! (Hydraulics)
New Orleans, LA

February 28-29, 2008
Probabilistic Methods in Geotechnical Engineering (Geotechnical)
Atlanta, GA

February 28-29, 2008
Testifying Skills for Engineers (Management)
West Palm Beach, FL

March 6-7, 2008
Geotechnical Aspects of Bioreactor Landfills (Geotechnical)
Orlando, FL

March 6-7, 2008
Law School for Engineers (Management)
Orlando, FL

March 10-11, 2008
Treatment Plant Hydraulics for Civil Engineers (Hydraulics)
Atlanta, GA

March 12-14, 2008
HEC-RAS Computer Workshop (Hydraulics)
West Palm Beach, FL



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Younger Member Forum *presents* Cruise 2008

ASCE Cruise to the Bahamas on Memorial Day 2008. See attached flyer for details



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Young Engineer's Social

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School Supplies

ASCE Palm Beach Branch donated \$1,000.00 worth of school supplies to the Urban Youth Impact (UYI) after school program. (see attached flyer).

We also wanted to thank the ASCE Palm Beach members that made this event a huge success.

Florida Atlantic University ASCE Student Chapter – SOCIAL September 20th – see attached flyer

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Matt Handal, the new student chapter President, has already got the ball rolling with over 50 students signing up at the first meeting to become

members. So please let's help him keep up the momentum, by showing up to this event! It's very important, especially for the younger members, to meet the college students and share with them our experiences with ASCE.

I know we all come from different schools, but our

one common denominator is our profession and membership in ASCE. Let's help make them a successful organization!

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ASCE bowl-a-thon

Engineers in Government Night

Engineer's week



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