

GET READY

The first ASCE San Antonio Branch meeting will be held on September 14th. This is going to be a fantastic year. Civil Engineering straddles a fence this season. We have, behind us, boom time business practices and design processes. We have, in front of us, stimulus package projects, green technology, and people honed by the hardship of recession. Thoughts and goals are clearer now and processes are more streamlined. Get off the fence and get ready for what's next with ASCE!

<http://www.saasce.org>

Technical Session

Time: 10:30-11:30 AM

Speaker:

Bob Browning, P.E., CFM

Margarita Hernandez, CFM

City of San Antonio Stormwater Dept

Topic: CoSA Code Changes and Stormwater & Detention Design Criteria

No RSVP is required for the technical session.

Luncheon

Time: 11:30 AM – 1 PM

Speaker:

Senator Jeff Wentworth

Topic:

Legislative Update



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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- *Presidents Letter*
- *Who to Know*
- *Life Members*
- *New PE's*
- *Giving Back*

PRESIDENTS LETTER



Dear Members,

Howdy, fellow ASCE members!

Welcome to the new year, as the San Antonio branch of ASCE measures it. The

air is cooling, sort of, and the leaves are turning colors (brown is a color). It's time for a change. Our President used this slogan during his campaign and, in regards to your membership rewards, I couldn't agree more. Look to your left and look to your right. If you are doing this at work, you can probably see at least one empty desk of someone who is out of work right now. They are tossed into the ocean of engineers now

looking for new opportunities. If this happens to you, how would you differentiate yourself from the next resume? What would set you apart? ASCE, that's what. Use this changing seasons as an opportunity to get involved with your Branch. You will meet new people, who can potentially give you a new job, or better yet, help your company win contracts so you can stay at your current job. You'll expand your

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horizons. You'll meet your PDH requirements. Best of all, you'll be able to add an important distinction on your resume "Active and Involved member of ASCE".

Read on in this newsletter for the perfect way for you to use ASCE to advance your career.

As your ASCE San Antonio Branch President, you'll see me up front at the meeting on September 14th. I have 24 hours in my day just like you. I've decided that being President is an opportunity I can't pass up, however. It's an actual Leadership position in a world where most Leadership positions just mean longer hours for less recognition. I feel like I have an actual impact on both the future of this Branch and our community. Members from our branch do things as varied as visiting middle schools for outreach to hosting the 2012 Texas Section Spring Meeting. While I'm not directly involved in either of these projects, I do get to put my two cents in and that feels great. It's time for a change. ---Coy

WHO TO KNOW



Doug Steadman, PE

BOUGHT 15 SHARES OF DR. PEPPER IN 1954, WHICH PAID FOR PART OF TWO SONS' COLLEGE EXPENSES.

1. Position with ASCE: Fellow and a Life Member President of Texas Section 1991-92
2. How long a member of ASCE - 60 years
3. Did you always want to be a Civil Engineer? No, I first wanted to be a Chemical Engineer, but when I entered the Navy V-12 program, I was told that the Navy needed Civil Engineers, not Chemical Engineers.

4. What has been your coolest project? One in Alaska? No, the Lila Cockrell Theater.

5. What's the best thing about your current job? Even though semi-retired, I have been and will continue to be involved in the restoration of the old Hays Street Bridge.

8. What was the biggest non-engineering mistake of your career? At 19 years old, fresh out of the Navy with \$250 discharge pay and newly married, I bought a '32 Chevy Coupe to move our meager goods to Austin (to study for MS). We didn't even get out of Fort Worth, when I had to get the carburetor rebuilt. Then we got down as far as Hillsboro, when the water pump went out. Then north of Temple the rear axle broke. I was fortunate to get it welded back together late on a Satur-

day. Took us only TWO days to get to Austin from Fort Worth.

9. What was best non-engineering decision of your career? Courting and marrying the girl of my dreams. (That was in 1946, both 19 and with our B.S. degrees. We will have been married for 63 years on July 20, 2009.)

Editor's note: Congratulations!

10. Who helps you plan for your financial future? Self - stay informed. Bought 15 shares of Dr. Pepper in 1954, which paid for part of two sons' college expenses.

11. Do you live to work or work to live? Live to work - and other responsibilities.

12. What is your favorite movie and why? Show Boat and others starring Kathryn Grayson.



GET INVOLVED

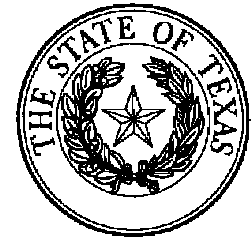


San Antonio Branch needs your help! We have so many great ideas and initiatives just waiting for someone to pick up the reins. Whether you can spare a few minutes a month or a few hours a week, ASCE has the perfect volunteer opportunity waiting for you. If you would like more information on how you can take part, please feel free to contact Kara Heasley or any of our board members. kheasley@vickreynet.com or dthankavel@pape-dawson.com

Please ensure the information in your ASCE profile is current. You may update this information by logging on to www.asce.org. The San Antonio branch communicates with its members through the information provided on the ASCE National website.

THE BUSINESS OF ENGINEERING

The San Antonio Branch of the ASCE would like to congratulate the following people for passing the Principles and Practices examination. We know this is but one step in what will be a long and prosperous professional career. We apologize for anyone's name that we inadvertently left off the list.



Justin Shippey, P.E.	Edgar Munoz, P.E.	Bryan Spina, P.E.	Frank Corey, P.E.	Ganesh Karkee, P.E.
Randon McKee, P.E.	Chad Emmel, P.E.	Jose Cantu, P.E.	Jarod Cain, P.E.	Tao Wang, P.E.
Eric Hagenburger, P.E.	Jason Watson, P.E.	Milton Rodriguez, P.E.	Gilbert Sanchez, P.E.	Stephen Stokinger, P.E.
Robert Jenkins, P.E.	Florencio Rodriguez, P.E.	Bryan Heiner, P.E.		

YOU ONLY BETTER

Part of your Engineering responsibility is to remain current with technological changes. You should also be cognizant of contributing to your profession in some way. The following is a list of members of our branch that have dedicated time and energy to doing both. Thank you.

Glen Anderson - CAP³ BOK Experiential Fulfillment Committee, Earth Retaining Structures, Embankments,

Dams and Slopes

Robert Costigan, Malcolm Steinberg, Edward Sokolowski- Past and Active Officers

Cesar Quiroga-Collection and Depiction of Existing Subsurface Utility Data

Fred Lueck- Construction Directorate

Luc Huyse- Probabilistic Methods

Richard French-Hydraulic Structures

Chester Drash-Codes and Standards Council

Manuel Diaz-Design of Residential Structures on Expansive Soil Standards, Performance Based Design for Buildings

Arthur Koenig- Design of Residential Structures on Expansive Soil Standards

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Asadul Chowdhury-Geotechnics of Soil Erosion

Athanassios Papagiannakis-Pavements

Kenneth Struzyk-Shallow Foundations

Johnny Waclawczyk-Blast Protection of

LIFE MEMBERS UPDATE



The San Antonio Branch of ASCE would like to honor our fellow members that have been distinguished with the title of Life Member. Life Member status is achieved when the member has reached the age of 65 years, have paid dues for at least 30 years and have had 10 years continuous membership immediately preceding the attainment of Life Member. We will be honoring the Life Members at our September 14th meeting. The members to be recognized are:

Keith T. Anderson, P.E.
Ronald C. Catchings, P.E.
Earl G. Cutler, P.E.
Eduardo J. Descamps, P.E.
Clarence J. Ehlers, P.E.
Edwin R. Ford, P.E.
Charles R. Hallenberger, P.E.
Stephen A. Kacmar, P.E.
Laurence W. Shumway, P.E.

GIVING BACK

The ASCE basketball tournament was held at the Rogers Ranch Spectrum Athletic Club on March 14, 2009. The purpose of the tournament was to raise funds to present to a San Antonio high school or middle school that has a program to encourage its students to pursue a career in engineering. The eight teams that participated included over 75 participants who were engineers and friends of the engineers. The winner of the basketball tournament was the UPS team. Over \$480 was raised. The basketball players were given an opportunity to vote on a middle school or high school to receive the donation and the school selected was the Nimitz Middle School Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Academy. Mr. George L. Williams, P.E. presented the monetary donation to the principal and representative of the Nimitz Middle School STEM Academy on April 8, 2009. Some of the students were present during the presentation.



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