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CHAIR'S MESSAGE – HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We are now starting the second half of our 2000-2001 program year. I wish everybody the best with their careers, families, and membership in ASME.

On Saturday, December 9, 2000, fifteen ASME members gathered in a Battelle conference room for a 1-day professional development seminar. The group included several starting engineers, some engineers that own their own businesses, and a couple of OSU students.

Mr. William Dean was the invited lecturer for the morning program. He had arrived from Los Angeles on the night before, and my wife and I had the pleasure of dining with him. Bill currently works as an estimator, bidding construction projects for a company that makes and installs conveyers and food processing equipment. He certainly loves to talk and asks questions like: "Do you know how many motions it takes to fold a burrito?" or "Have you been on the tunnel-of-love ride in a theme park?" Always an engineer, he says: "I have all these numbers in my head: how many square feet a man can paint in an hour, the cost of bolts, hinges, tools..." and "It is hard to cheat me on a contract, because I have been cheated too many times in the past." After dinner, he quickly double-checked the computer-generated receipt by hand.

In the two lectures that this distinguished gentleman presented, Mr. Dean spoke to our members about his long engineering career and his anecdotal stories were full of hints and advice. The topics were (1) how to start and manage your own engineering business and (2) how to enjoy your engineering career. Both were very interesting and well prepared. Bill told us how he grew up in Liverpool, England (after 40 years in the U.S. he still introduces himself as being raised in the city where the Beatles came from), how he engaged in engineering starting as apprentice, then joined the British Navy and worked his way through water departments, and how he held a variety of other jobs after his immigration to the U.S. Always seizing opportunities when they came along, he became the president of a 125-person manufacturing company and experienced the American Dream. Once at the top, he realized: "I always thought I wanted to be the man in charge, but when I closed the door to that fancy office, I knew I had to make decisions." During our breaks that day, I saw how our members were hanging on his lips when he told about the fish fryer and the chip monk.

The afternoon workshop was presented by Mr. Bill Schrader, Manager of Manufacturing for Saliient Systems, Inc., a small engineering firm in Dublin. Bill did a great job in instructing us on Project Management for Engineers, using a course from the ASME professional development series and adding his own experiences. The prepared booklets and hands-on course were very useful.

Happy New Year!
Michiel Brongers

JANUARY PROGRAM

Dinner Meeting and Presentation on GIS

A dinner meeting and presentation is planned for the January 18, 2001 Central Ohio ASME program. Mr. Dave Blackstone will give a speech on the Geographic Information System (GIS). Mr. Blackstone's presentation will include an introduction to GIS, a discussion of the application of GIS, and a review of the status of the GIS program at Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). Mr. Blackstone is a registered Professional Engineer and manages GIS projects at ODOT.

Please join us for an evening of fellowship with fellow ASME members and an interesting presentation.

- WHEN:** **Thursday, January 18, 2001**
 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Dinner and Fellowship
 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM Program
- WHERE:** Elephant Bar and Restaurant, 995 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio.
- COST:** \$18 per person for a buffet dinner
- DIRECTIONS:** Exit I-71 at Route 161 East and proceed until you see the Elephant Bar and Restaurant on your left
- RESERVATIONS:** RSVP by Tuesday, January 16, 2001
 AT WEBSITE: <http://www.centralohioasme.org> or
 to Adam Wei, TEL/FAX: (614) 855-5521/5523, OFFICE TEL: (614) 995-0058
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A LOOK AHEAD

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 18, 2001	Dinner Meeting – Global Positioning System used by ODOT	Elephant Bar, Columbus
February 15, 2001	Old Guard Competition	OSU
March 15, 2001	AEP Tour	To be determined
April 19, 2001	Honda Tour	To be determined
April 27-29, 2001	RAC-V-2001	Columbus Marriott Northwest
May 12 or 19, 2001	Professional Development Seminar	To be determined
May 17, 2001	Honors & Awards Banquet	Columbus
June, 2001	Annual Golf Outing	Mt. Vernon

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Our December Professional Development program would not have been possible without the support of ASME headquarters. The Central Ohio Section's Executive Committee acknowledges the Distinguished Lecturer Program, that sponsored Mr. Dean, and the Professional Development Program from which Mr. Schrader taught. We thank both men for working with us to complete this project. We appreciate the willingness of Battelle to host our ASME group and thank them for arranging the lunches. Last, but not least, we extend very large *THANKS* to Kyle Koestner of Honda who arranged everything for the December program and then unfortunately could not attend himself.

NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Central Ohio Section of ASME International welcomes two new members to its Executive Committee: Mr. William French and Ms. Iris Wolfsgruber. Bill will join the Program Committee and help us arrange future meetings. Iris will take over as the Honors and Awards Chair. She will be making the arrangements for our May Honors and Awards Banquet. Both Bill and Iris would appreciate your support, suggestions, and help. Please contact them with your ideas and welcome them to the Executive Committee.

OLD GUARD JUDGES NEEDED - PLAN TO ATTEND THE COMPETITION

We need judges for the Old Guard Competition. All you have to do is attend the February 15th meeting at OSU and rate the student presentations using forms that we will provide. Please contact Adam Wei TEL/FAX: (614) 855-5521/5523, OFFICE TEL: (614) 995-0058 E-MAIL: adam_wei@hotmail.com or adam.wei@das.state.oh.us to volunteer your services.

The Central Ohio and The Ohio State University Student Sections of ASME International are preparing for the Year 2001 Old Guard Competition. Plan to attend this worthwhile and interesting event to show your support for OSU students. The Old Guard Competition is open to all student members in good standing who have not received an engineering degree and have been selected by the Student Section to participate. Contestants will make a 15-minute oral presentation on an engineering related topic. Each presentation will be followed by a 5-minute question and answer period. The presentations will be judged on content, organization, delivery and effectiveness, and discussion. The local Competition will be held at OSU on **February 15, 2001**. The Central Ohio Section will provide refreshments and cash prizes for the Competition. Students interested in participating in the Competition should contact Jacqueline Papa at 614-457-1764 or papa.5@osu.edu.

SUGGEST NEW ASME FELLOWS

The Section's Honors and Awards Committee requests your suggestions for Central Ohio ASME members who should be nominated to become fellows. Help us identify those who are worthy of this honor. We can help you develop the nomination packages for submittal to ASME headquarters. Contact Ms. Iris Wolfsgruber at 740-687-4310 with your suggestions.

ENGINEERS WEEK: FROM JOHN R. PARKER, ASME PRESIDENT

Engineers Week, February 18-24, 2001, will focus people's consciousness on engineers and engineering. In elementary schools and college laboratories, in shopping malls and factories, people will pause to recognize engineers' contributions to public safety, economic development and technical education.

Engineers Week succeeds because engineering students and professional engineers like you take the time to care. Throughout the week, members of ASME International and the other sponsoring societies will visit classrooms, mentor young people, organize science fairs and contests, guide plant tours and conduct other activities that will forge a memorable and lasting impression of our profession. I urge your active planning for and participation in important activities such as these.

Planning kits for suggested activities and programs are available through Information Central at 1-800-843-2763. Remember that Engineers Week succeeds because engineering students and professional engineers like you take the time to care. Let's all get involved!



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