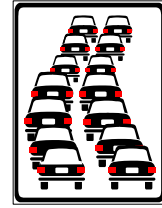




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Section 10 Newsletter

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Engineer of the Year Luncheon

On May 16, 2008, 70 happy people joined in to celebrate Bill Thornewell's Engineer of the Year honor!!! The Riverview Restaurant served up some wonderful meals while several people roasted Bill at this year's luncheon. Bill Thornewell Sr. (Bill's father) told a heart-warming story of Bill as a child, Bill's father knew from a very young age that Bill was going to be an engineer!! From making bicycles to climbing through culverts, he was inventive and curious! He even created his own CADD program in the early 80's to design his house, way before CADD was on the scene!

Eileen Peters spoke about the value of Bill's work to the NYSDOT, highlighting his contribution and insight to travel forecasting for Long Island. Nancy O'Connell, a long time friend and co-worker, spoke of his dedication to his family as well. Margaret Conklin spoke about Bill's involvement in NYSATE. A slide

show gave everyone a window into Bill's fun side of life.

It was a great day to celebrate with Bill, his father and his son, Bill Jr. along with his two aunts.

Bill was also honored at the Engineer's Dinner at the 2008 Annual NYSATE Technical Conference in Kerhonkson in May.

Training

We are offering three Continuing Education (CEU/PDH) classes for Professional Engineers and one of which has credits for Landscape Architects in September and October in Region 10. We would like to invite you and/or your staff to attend. Other classes will be held in Region 11, please look for flyers.

September 18, 2008

State Office Building, Hauppauge, NY

4:00pm – 5:00pm

Cafeteria Classrooms

Creep Behavior of Adhesive Anchoring Systems

Presented by, Ann Marie Bugler from Hilti Inc.

The National Transportation Safety Board has issued a report with findings relating to the

"Big Dig" failure in Boston. These findings and this report focus primarily on characteristics of the adhesive anchor system used in the tunnel. While it is not referencing a Hilti adhesive, the report raises many questions, and draws conclusions affecting, and possibly jeopardizing designers' confidence in all adhesive anchor systems.

1 PDH

Cost:

Members: \$5.00; Non-members: \$10.00

RSVP by September 15, 2008

October 16, 2008

State Office Building, Hauppauge, NY

4:00pm – 6:00pm

Cafeteria Classrooms

Manufacture and Installation of Reinforced Concrete Pipe

Presented by, Patrick J. Kinsella, Director
NYS Concrete Pipe Association

Course Objectives

- Describe the quality control and manufacturing processes for reinforced concrete pipe,
- Review and discuss the portions of the New York State Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Construction and Materials that apply to the manufacture and installation of reinforced concrete pipe, and
- Illustrate the proper installation and construction techniques for reinforced concrete pipe.

2 PDH's

Cost:

Members: \$5.00; Non-members: \$20.00

RSVP by October 13, 2008

October 30, 2008

State Office Building, Hauppauge, NY

4:00pm – 6:00pm

6th Floor Classroom

Rehabilitation of 96th Street Station- "The Birth of a New Stationhouse on Broadway"

By Michael Grubstein, PE, HDR

This 100 year old underground station on the Upper West Side is in severely deteriorated condition and inaccessible to the handicapped. Learn how this station rehab grew into a new stationhouse and park in the middle of Broadway.

This class will be in Region 11, on September 25th!! Look for flyers

1 PDH for PE and LA!!!!!!

Cost:

Members: \$5.00; Non-members: \$10.00

RSVP by October 27, 2008

**Please call Margaret Conklin, State Director
of Section 10 (Long Island) at 631-952-6929**

Conference 2008

By Mike Geiger

The 68th Annual NYSATE Conference was held at the end of May at the Hudson Valley Resort and Spa in Kerhonkson. Kerhonkson is located west of the Hudson River near the Shawangunk Mountains.

The Conference kicked off with the traditional golf tournament held in the traditional hot weather. Our team changed slightly this year, but our results did not. Karen Taylor, Pat Waterman of FRA Consultants, and I were

joined by Mark Wolfgang. We were able to get a few birdies and managed to avoid any bogies until the 17th hole, but were not able to compete for low score.

Golf was followed by an ice-breaker held on the grounds of the resort. It was a great time to catch up with our coworkers from around the state.

The technical sessions were very good and varied this year. There were topics on planning; environmental considerations; technical analysis of asphalt, traffic signals, and road sensors; discussions on rail, trails, lighthouses, and bridges; and finally a discussion on the history of the New York City water system.

The Engineer of the Year dinner was well done, even if Section 10's EOY, Bill Thornewell, didn't win. The Statewide Engineer of the Year honor went to Mr. Jeff Dunlap, Section 4, Rochester. Other social events were available throughout the week to allow attendees to rest after a hard day of sessions.

Next year the conference will be held in Ellicottville in western New York.

NYMTC SEFA Award

NYMTC has received an award for the 2007 SEFA Campaign. The award is for running a campaign with the highest per capita dollars raised by a New York State agency with 25 - 99 employees which was \$192.03.

The total pledge from NYMTC for the 2007 campaign is \$10,611 - this is truly amazing!! And I sincerely thank you all for your generosity!

Congratulations to the 2008 NYSATE Section 10 Scholarship Winners

Every year NYSATE Section 10 solicits applications for our Members / Dependent Scholarship Program. This program is funded in part through our NYSATE Section 10 Holiday Card. **Member** scholarships are given out to NYSATE Section 10 members for the upcoming scholastic year to be used by the recipient at an accredited school for Engineering or Transportation related studies. To qualify you must be a member of NYSATE in this local section. Such member shall be in good standing and have an unbroken membership for a period of two years preceding the application for scholarship, and keep their membership paid up during the tenure of the scholarship.

Dependent scholarships are available for children / wards of qualified members of NYSATE (qualifications as indicated above) in this local section for High School Seniors or Graduates under the age of 25 enrolled in an accredited college for the Fall 2008 semester.

We are happy to announce that Section 10 will be awarding 8 Dependent Scholarships for a total of \$1,900. Selection was based on scholastic achievements, community involvement, and other merits. Congratulations and best wishes from NYSATE to all of the 2008 Scholarship winners.

This year we did not receive any Member Scholarship Applications.

Special congratulations to our **Bragg Scholarship** winner, Daniel Mann. This scholarship was established in honor of Fredrick E. Bragg, a former NYSATE member in Section 2 (Utica). At the time of Fred's death in 1982 at the young age of 45, the State Board of Directors was setting up the Scholarship Program. Because Fred championed the cause, the highest honor was named for him. Each

year, each Section of NYSATE gives out the Frederick E. Bragg Memorial Scholarship Award in memory of a great man who cared so much about the future...our children!

2008 NYSATE Dependent Scholarship

Winners:

Sean Hoffman
Timothy Peters
Stephanie Gonzales
Joseph Danowski
Herbert Glass
Randall Reissig
Arinayo Aparo
Daniel Mann

Memorial Garden Clean-Up

Recently, the memorial garden located outside the State Office Building cafeteria in Hauppauge was cleaned. Fresh woodchips were placed and the weeds and dirt on the terrace were cleaned up. It looks beautiful!

Thanks to Vinny Tomei, the Tree Crew; Rick, James, Gary, Russ, and Richie, and a crew from the Hauppauge yard for all of your hard work. We couldn't have done it without your help. In addition Rich Gass, Karen Taylor and many others helped to make the garden look wonderful.

Bring Your Future to Work Day

On April 24, 2008, NYSDOT Region 11 opened the door to 37 of our children so that they can experience a day at their parents' workplace.

This year's program was to highlight what we do here at DOT and also how we can teach our kids safety on the road when they are in their parents' vehicle, riding a school bus, or riding a bicycle.

We started the morning with a warm welcome from Phil Eng, our Deputy Regional Director. The first item on our agenda was to teach our children about the environment and how to

protect it. Our Landscape Unit demonstrated how to plant a maple tree and all the children received a tree and flower seeds to bring home.

Our Design Unit taught the children about bicycle and pedestrian safety. Then it was time to learn how to build a bridge and each child made a bridge with glue and wooden sticks. We ended the morning with our exciting Traffic Group staff who taught the kids about ITS, and the children had a hands-on experience with a camera and VMS sign.



Then came the much anticipated lunch with the parents, and free time for the kids to get to know each other. During lunch hour, the kids also had a lot of fun role playing in a game of Traffic Jeopardy.

In the afternoon, the children spent one hour outside to learn different aspects of Construction. The Region 11 Health and Safety Officer demonstrated "The Convincer," a device that teaches children about wearing seatbelts. Also, the children played with the NYSDOT 3-Yd front end loader and a cherry picker. Two HELP Trucks were on site to help the children learn what "Roadside Assistance" means.

Lastly, the children had a discussion on Transportation and Planning led by our Planning Unit. Then it was time for snack and goody bags at the end of the day. Our Public Relation Officer handed the children a personalized press

announcement with their pictures and story about the day's events.

The program is a success in the Region because it brings all the units together in planning to make the day fun and educational for the children.

Special Thanks to:

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Mentors: Victoria Inting, Champa Galpothawela, Deborah Parker, Harriet Lewis, Andrea Miles-Cole, Edwina Bynum-Smith, Rosa Munoz, Melinda Munoz, Adam Levine, Jeff Silverberg, Joyce Sowinski

All the Group Directors;

Thanks to all the parents who trusted us with their children.

Photos of the events are now available on Region 11's "O" Drive in a file labeled Bring Future to Work 4-24-08.

