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President's Remarks:

The vital, successful people I have met all had one common characteristic. They had a plan.
-- Marilyn Van Derbur

Dear Members:

Here it is time again for our monthly meeting on November 19, 2003. Our speaker this month will update us on the Yakima River Basin Watershed Management Planning Process. Mr. Jim Milton will tell us what progress has been made on the plan over the last year and what the future goals are. The plan, which covers a diverse group of stakeholders including tribes, irrigators, environmental groups and many others, has not been without controversy. Please plan to attend the meeting at the Shilo Inn in Richland at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to hear more about this ongoing process.

At the October meeting Skip Novakovich from the Downtown Kennewick Development Association talked to us about the Bridge to Bridge, River to Rail Project in downtown Kennewick. Skip talked about the process proposed by the Urban Design Assistance Team and showed video images of the meetings. Many ideas, both conventional and unconventional, were reported as way to enhance the Columbia River Shoreline area between the Blue Bridge and the Cable Bridge. Ideas ranged from lowering the dike to complete removal of the dike, installing meandering trails and walking paths, and developing the river shore as a resource.

We had to say goodbye to our recently elected Secretary/Treasurer, Jocelyne Gray, at the last meeting. She is going to greener pastures in Olympia, WA. With the amount of rain they've been having, it should be quite green there for some time! Fortunately we have had a couple of volunteers step forward to take on some of her responsibilities. We have also had two members express an interest in serving as the new Secretary/Treasurer. An announcement of the new Secretary/Treasurer will be made at the November 19th meeting.

Have a good month and try to attend the November meeting.

Sincerely,

Ben Volk

Columbia Section November Meeting

Date: November 19, 2003, Wednesday, 11:30 am – 1:00 PM

Place: Shilo Inn, George Washington Way, Richland

Meal: Buffet (Chef's choice) ≈\$10 per person.
Please pay cash or check to treasurer at the meeting.

Topic: *Yakima River Basin Watershed Management Planning*

Speaker: *Jim Milton*, Coordinator, Tri-County Water Resource Agency

RSVP: Not required, but please help Indra Ghosh (509)-371-9507 (ighosh2000@msn.com) for a head count by November 18.

Columbia Section Launches Structural Technical Group

In the Board meeting on October 10, 2003 it was agreed that Columbia Section would start a Structural Technical Group (STG). This was in pursuance with a recommendation from the Structural Engineering Institute of the ASCE. Indra Ghosh will be chairing the group. Dr. Andrew Hsi will be the Secretary/Treasurer. At a later date an amendment to our constitution will be made depending upon the response of the membership in support of the Group, and also the performance of the Group. The purpose of the STG will be to organize programs and activities to advance structural engineering in our geographical area and also to encourage young members into structural engineering.

Any ASCE member who is interested in joining the STG, please contact Indra at 371-9507 (e-mail: ihosh2000@msn.com).

Columbia Section December Meeting

Date: December 10, 2003;
Wednesday, 11:30 am – 1:00 PM

Place: Shilo Inn, George Washington Way,
Richland

Meal: Buffet (Chef's choice) ≈\$10 per person.
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Topic: *No-Concrete Option Doubles Kennewick
Water Filtration Plant's Capacity – The
Submerged Membrane Retrofit Approach*

Speaker: Mr. Michael Norton, Drinking Water
Program Manager, HDR Bellevue Office

Columbia Section Plans Seminar on Infrastructure in Tri-Cities

Date: April, 2004 (to be announced later)

Place: Shilo Inn, George Washington Way, Richland

Details: To be announced.

Organizers: Bill Kinsel and Indra Ghosh

2004 ASCE Zone IV Workshop for Section and Branch Leaders (Feb. 27-29, Portland, OR)

Columbia Section President-Elect Aaron Meilleur will be attending the Workshop.

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