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Columbia Section Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Place: West Pasco Water Treatment Plant

Meal: Pizza - \$5 per person
Please pay cash or check to treasurer at meeting

Topic: West Pasco Water Treatment Plant Upgrade and Tour

Speaker: Reuel Klempel – City of Pasco

Lunch will start at 11:30, and the presentation will begin at Noon.

RSVP to: Chris Ellis 509-783-2144 (cells@jub.com) before Sept 13th

President's Remarks:

Dear Members,

It's that time of year again, when the kids go back to school, football starts up again, and, just as exciting, the Columbia Section of ASCE comes back from a summer break. We even have the added **thrill** of a change in leadership. Well, maybe thrill is the wrong word, but the new leadership is diligently working to provide the Columbia section with interesting presentations relating to the field of Civil Engineering in the Mid-Columbia area. More on that in a minute!

Speaking of new leadership, we would like to thank Dr. Bill Kinsel, from WSU-Tri-Cities, for his service as a section officer as he has now transitioned out of being Past-President. Taking his place as Past-President is Jay Marlow, from the City of Richland, who has served as President for the last two years. I am moving from Vice President to President position and work for Mackay & Sposito.. Chris Ellis with JUB Engineers is moving from Secretary/Treasurer to Vice President, and Paul Knutzen, of Meier Architecture, has accepted the position of Secretary/Treasurer.

In section news, Julie Rausch, attending Washington State University, and Mackenzie Garton, from Oregon Institute of Technology, were awarded the Howard Preston Scholarship by the Columbia Section scholarship committee. Each recipient will receive \$1,000 paid towards their tuition. The scholarship committee consists of Travis Marden, Jeff Peters and Paulie Santos. If you would like to be involved in the scholarship committee in the future please contact one of the section officers.

Finally, I am particularly excited about the presentation for this month. Reuel Klempel with the City of Pasco has agreed to present on the West Pasco Water Treatment Plant. As an added bonus he offered to hold the presentation at the West Pasco Water Treatment Plant and include a brief tour of the facility. Due to the location, however, we will not be having our typical O'Callahan's Buffet, but instead we will be having pizza. But the cost of the lunch will also drop from the typical \$15.00 to \$5.00 per person. The lunch will begin at 11:30 and the presentation and tour will begin at 12:00 and last until approximately 1:00.

We will need a good head count to know how many pizzas to order so please send your RSVP's to Chris Ells at cells@jub.com. I hope you can attend what I think should be a very interesting meeting, and I look forward to arranging interesting presentations throughout the next year.

Directions

Drive east on I-182 across the Columbia River to exit 7 (Broadmoor Ave. Road 100) turn right and go South to Court St. Turn right on Court St. to 11315 W Court. Turn right in the driveway right before the I-182 bridge. Enter building at the South East corner next to the tank.

Sincerely,
Paul Smith, EIT
Columbia Section President



ASCE Columbia Section Survey

A survey of the members was completed by the section this past summer. The board wanted to have a survey of the membership to help plan for presentation and seek the higher level of participation. We had 62 respondents to the survey out of the 300 official members. The surveyed confirmed that Wednesday Lunch meetings in either Richland or Kennewick were the highest ranked.

The survey showed that only 37 percent of the respondents are involved with the DOE Hanford site. This really speaks well of the diversity in the economy for the area.

About 2/3 of the respondents also indicated that they would be willing attend a meeting if it were held at a winery or brew pub. The board is considering holding the October meeting in Walla Walla on a Thursday evening at a winery. More details will be coming out as the plans are solidified.

The board is also very serious about holding webinar for the members at either a no cost or reduced fee. The top choices for a webinar were Water Resources and Leadership and Management.

If you have other announcements or important information please feel free to contact Tom at tszymoniak@whpacific.com or 509-946-9843.

