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## President's Message

By Matthew D. Millias, P.E.

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ASCE is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> year of existence. The Syracuse Technology Alliance will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> year of existence. Both groups have ties to Habitat for Humanity and would like to integrate their charitable works with the 2003 Celebration of Technology to create an event to remember. The Celebration of Technology event is in its 5<sup>th</sup> year now and has been successful in bringing Syracuse's best people, in terms of technology, together for an awards banquet/expo. Last year's banquet/expo was held in the Holiday Inn on Electronics Blvd. in Liverpool. The Technology Alliance committee wants to expand the event by thinking big and thinking out-of-the-box. The ASCE Syracuse Section would like to be an important part of the event, and I firmly believe our members are positioned to contribute ideas, manpower, and support.

Potential keynote speakers such as former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, current governor George Pataki, local SU/NFL standout Tim Green, and SU grad/sportscaster Bob Costas among others have been mentioned to lead the celebration. Obviously, these important and popular people would help draw attention to the event but be difficult sign on. The committee is still open to suggestions regarding keynote speakers; don't hesitate to contact me [email: [Matt.Millias@Parsons.com](mailto:Matt.Millias@Parsons.com)] if you have an idea or a lead on someone who could bring great value.

The committee has also debated on the celebration's theme and ways to draw a more diverse group of people. One theme has centered on the Syracuse Habitat for Humanity. This tremendous organization uses volunteers, charitable funds, and local building expertise to build houses for those less fortunate.

Some initial ideas on how to combine the Habitat for Humanity with the Celebration of Technology include the following:

- If the event was shifted from its usual time slot in February to the spring, a Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build [numerous houses constructed in a short amount of time] could be conducted in conjunction with the event. People could tour the constructed house(s) at their permanent locations prior to the awards banquet.
- A partially constructed house could be mobilized to the parking of the Holiday Inn. People could see the construction in progress.
- Local contractors that utilize innovative building techniques and materials could be part of the expo. This may draw a more diverse group of local businesses and interested people.
- A larger open area such as OCC could be the site of the expo. Volunteers could construct a useful stage or other structure for the college and it could be used as the focal point of the

awards banquet. The additional room could be used for parking, a mobilized constructed house, vendor booths, etc.

As a member of ASCE, this is an event that you can draw upon your professional skills as well as contribute to helping others. If you would like to be a part of event, please contact me. I'm very interested in your ideas, knowledge, and/or support.

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## **HISTORY & HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

By Jim Tyler

NOTABLE MEN OF CENTRAL NEW YORK, published in 1903 contained many Civil Engineers and those associated with civil works. We present those names this month. Dates after a name indicate that the man is deceased.

NODIAH MOODY CHILDS 1806-1896, Civil Engineer 1828; ROBERT GERE 1796-1877, Canal Contractor; OLIVER TEALL 1788-1854, Canal Contractor; WILLIAM BROWNE COGSWELL, V-P Solvay Process Co.; HOWARD SOULE, Civil Engineer; LAWTON CATEN, Civil Engineer and Surveyor; FRANK JUSTUS SCHNAUBER, City Engineer; HENRY T. BEACH, Asst. City Engineer; GEORGE H. BEBEE, Asst. City Engineer; OLIVER C. BREED, First City Engineer of Fulton; FRANKLIN ALLEN HINDS, Consulting Engineer Watertown Park; CANVASS WHITE 1790-1834, Leading Canal Engineer for many canals including Erie Canal; STEPHEN E. BABCOCK, Chief Engineer Mohawk River Straightening Improvement; JOHN B. JERVIS 1884, Civil Engineer, Presented Library to City of Rome, NY; E. TEN EYCK LANSING, City Engineer, Little Falls, NY; WILLIAM PIERSON JUDSON, Deputy State Engineer of NY.

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## **ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY**

The final patrol of 2002 will be Saturday October 26. We meet in the gravel parking lot behind McDonalds in Lafayette at 9AM. As has become the custom, all participants of the final patrol will be rewarded with a gallon of fresh cider from the Committee's favorite orchard in the Tully Valley.

Rain date: Saturday November 2, same time, same place.

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## 2002-2003 ASCE Syracuse Section

### Program Schedule

ASCE Event	Tentative Date/Time	Description
2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament	September 28, 2002	18 holes at Green Lakes  Dinner at Hooligans  Prizes
Dinner Meeting	November 2002	Local Syracuse Project Presentation(s)
Joint Dinner Meeting with the CNYAG	December 2002	ASCE/CNYAG teaming for dinner and technical presentation
Joint Dinner Meeting with the SU Chapter	January 2003	ASCE/SU teaming for dinner and technical presentation
Building Big	February 2003	ASCE will judge local student's bridge and team oriented engineering contests at OCC
Technology Alliance Banquet	March 2003	ASCE will participate in the dinner/awards banquet
Continued Education Course	April 2003	ASCE will sponsor a continued education course
Joint Dinner Meeting with the ASCE Ithaca Section	May 2003	Syracuse/Ithaca will team up for a dinner/technical presentation
Syracuse Chiefs Baseball Game	June 2003	Picnic and ballgame
Adopt-A-Highway	April 2003 – September 2003	4 patrols will be schedule to keep ASCE's portion of I81 clean
Board Meetings	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month; 6:00PM at the Parsons Liverpool Office	The ASCE Syracuse Section Board will meet. ASCE members are welcome

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