



Tacoma/Olympia Section Civil Engineer THE NEWSLETTER

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Section Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 13th

Joint Meeting w/Seattle Section

Tacoma/Pierce County HOV Program

with Mr. Gordon Roycroft, Project Manager, WSDOT

LaQuinta Inn

off I-5 at Portland Av Exit

Cost: \$30* cash or check

*students half price

Social: 5:30pm

Dinner: 6:00pm

Program: immediately following dinner

Menu:

Romance of Italy

Cesar Salad Station

Breast of Chicken Parmesan

Baked Lasagna w/ Herbs

Cheese Tortellini &

Penne Pasta w/ Marinara &

Alfredo Sauces

Hot Vegetable Medley w/

Shredded Parmesan

Hot Garlic Bread

Chef's Variety of Desserts

Please RSVP by noon,
Friday, Dec. 8

Contact Kay Hoke at
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or 253.591.5760

Please note the section does not have the ability to accept credit cards.
Cash or Checks, please.

Tacoma/Pierce County HOV Program

This program is a series of improvements on Interstate 5, State Route 16 and SR 167. Designed to add 79 miles of high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes and travel improvements through the corridor, the program will ease congestion and increase safety.

To give you a better idea of the Tacoma/Pierce County HOV program, please visit our project Web site:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/piercecountyHOV/>

Gordon Roycroft, HOV Project Manager, has nearly 14 years of engineering experience in both the public and private sector. He has a comprehensive background in planning, design and project management for rural and urban highways, freeways, interchanges, municipal streets and interchanges, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. As Project Manager for the Tacoma/Pierce County HOV Program, Mr. Roycroft leads the delivery of a complex program constructing 79 miles of HOV lanes along I-5 and SR 16.

ASCE Announces The Formal Release of the 2007 BRIDGES Calendar

Imprint your company logo—just in time for Christmas!

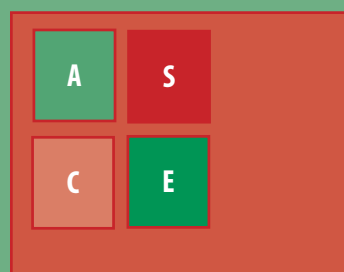


ASCE announces the formal release of the 2007 BRIDGES calendar. This year's calendar features 12 breathtaking bridges from the Fort Pitt Bridge in Pittsburgh, PA., to the Puente de Besalú in Catalonia, Spain. **Imprint your company logo**—The Bridges 2007 calendar is a gift that can truly connect businesses. By imprinting a company's name and logo on the calendar when distributed,

Bridges 2007 provides unparalleled exposure for your company or organization.

The Bridges 2007 Calendar is an ideal gift that truly connects with those you work and do business with. Multiply its marketing power by imprinting your organization's name and logo on the calendar!

Please note that there is a minimum quantity of 100 calendars for all imprint orders. To order your calendars go to <http://www.pubs.asce.org/calendar/cover.html>

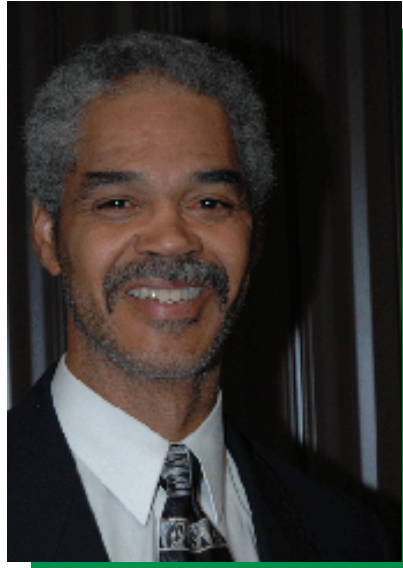


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To submit ads or articles of interest please contact the President or the Editor. Information must be submitted not later than the 15th of the month to be included in the next publication.

Engineers Make
The Difference—
They Provide the Quality of Life!

President's Corner with Michael Hale



Michael Hale P.E. has worked for the City of Tacoma Public Works Department for the past 12 years. He is Assistant Division Manager of the Construction Division.

It's that time of year when the Holiday season engulfs us. I hope everyone had a pleasant and enjoyable Thanksgiving Day. It's a good holiday to allow ourselves to sit back, take a

look at things and take time to reflect upon what we are thankful for. It helps set the tone for the remainder of the year.

We have already had a very busy November. Hopefully, we all took advantage of our civic right to vote earlier this month. Voting is certainly one of the ways in which we as Civil Engineers can make a difference and impact in our respective communities and definitely in our country. We also celebrated Veterans Day. On this day we had the opportunity to reflect and thank those men and women who faithfully serve our country, both in the past and those who are presently serving to protect and maintain our most precious gift of FREEDOM. Freedom is truly a gift and a blessing. We can easily be reminded of this by observing places in the world where freedom does not exist. And then, as mentioned at the opening of this article, we celebrated Thanksgiving Day. And now December promises to keep us just as busy and involved as many Holidays will be celebrated: Christmas; Hanukkah; Kawnzaa; just to name a few.

Something else happened this past November that was not a celebratory type event. The Rain Storm that occurred in Western Washington was another reminder to us that there is much to be done to protect and maintain our infrastructure and our private and natural lands. Many areas suffered great damage and loss. It will be Civil Engineers who will be playing large and significant roles in addressing the problems which occurred. This task must not be limited to just repairing the damage, but it must additionally be the opportunity to begin developing and implementing methods to prevent or minimize the reoccurrence of the damages from future events of this type. This is where Civil Engineers need to take the lead in addressing such issues. While listening to the radio recently there was discussion of a book recently published, I don't recall the author, entitled "*You Don't Have To Have A Title To be A Leader.*" The book discusses how people can be leaders in their communities and lives without necessarily having a title such as Mayor, Governor, Pastor, Director, Manager, etc. This is what we as Civil Engineers want to be—"Leaders"! We don't need a title!

There are several items upcoming that we will need to address. One is the issue of the Professional Engineering Licensure renewal process. The Seattle Section is taking the lead in asking the State Legislature to consider the requirement of Continuing Education Units(CEUs)/Professional Development Hours(PDHs). We need to be giving this issue some serious thought as we will be charged with making a decision sometime in the near future. I am sure this will probably be discussed at

the upcoming ASCE Region 8 & 9 leadership Conference to be held Bellevue, WA this coming February. Feel free to send your comments to our Section Board.

As I hope you already know, we, the Tacoma/Olympia Section will be having our annual Joint Section Meeting with the Seattle Section this month on Wednesday, December 13. It is quite a tradition. Anybody know how long we've been doing this? We are glad to have this occasion for the opportunity to meet and interact with our fellow colleagues from Seattle. The company and friends will be enjoyable; the food will be delicious and the program will be fantastic! So, please put it on your schedule to be at this month's Joint Section Meeting. See you there!

Thank You and Happy Holidays to You All,

Michael Hale
2006-2007 Tac/Oly Section President

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PBS's "Design Squad" Gears Up for Debut



The new PBS program that uses reality television to introduce kids and families to the engineering design process has launched a new Web site and is gearing up

for its February debut during Engineers Week. ASCE is an outreach partner for this program that features two teams of high school kids who use their problem-solving skills to design, construct and test engineering projects.

Visit the new "Design Squad" Web site: <http://pbskids.org/designsquad/>

Section Calendar



Section Meetings are open and held once a month, September through May. Meetings are **generally held** on the **second Tuesday** of the month. Locations alternate between Tacoma and Lacey, and times vary between lunch and dinner meetings.

December 13, Tacoma/Pierce County HOV Program, speaker is Gordon Roycroft. Joint Meeting with Seattle Section, La Quinta Inn, Tacoma 5:30pm

* **January 9, 2007** - 520 Bridge//Pierce County Development Golf Course Park ??; Lunch Meeting 11:00am, Tacoma

* **February 16, 2007** - Annual Engineering Banquet (Joint Engineering Societies Meeting) Hosted by St. Martin's University (Worthington Center) Lacey; Evening meeting

March 21, 2007 - Joint Meeting with SAME; NPDES Storm water

***DATE/TIMES/LOCATIONS ARE TO BE ANNOUNCED/VERIFIED**

Local Board Meetings are open and **generally held** the **first Monday of the month** at 5:30pm. Locations vary. Please check the WEB site, this calendar, or contact the president for confirmation.

Board Meetings:

Monday, Dec. 4

Monday, Jan.

call **253.591.5766 (Michael Hale)** for location and time

<http://sections.asce.org/tacoly/tacoly.htm>

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For a complete list of courses, visit the website at <http://www.engr.washington.edu/epp/Transpeed/index.html> for specific course descriptions and dates. Click on the specific course link to view the course outline.

or contact:

Julie Smith

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Phone: 206-543-5539

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2006 Winter/Spring Professional Development Short Courses

For a complete description of the course and registration information visit our website <http://www.engr.washington.edu> or call us at: Engineering Professional Programs, University of Washington, phone: 206.543.5539 (fax) 206-543-2352 or (toll free) 1.866.791.1275

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For scheduled seminars in your geographic area are available on **ASCE's website** at www.asce.org/conted/seminars.

These in-depth, practice-oriented programs are produced by ASCE's Continuing Education Department and may be of interest to many ASCE members in your Sections and Branches. We would greatly appreciate if you would consider positing information on these seminars in your newsletters and on your websites.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact:

Kelly Jarvis, Continuing Education Registrar at kjarvis@asce.org or

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