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JOINT ENGINEERING SOCIETIES ANNUAL BANQUET

SAINT MARTIN'S UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING
&
THE ENGINEERING SOCIETIES

INVITE YOU TO ATTEND

THE ANNUAL ENGINEERING BANQUET

Friday, February 16, 2007

WINE SOCIAL AT 6:00PM

DINNER AT 6:45PM

NORMAN WORTHINGTON CONFERENCE CENTER
5300 PACIFIC AVENUE SE
LACEY, WA 98503

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

JEFF CARPENTER

CHIEF ENGINEER

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NEW TACOMA NARROWS BRIDGE PROJECT

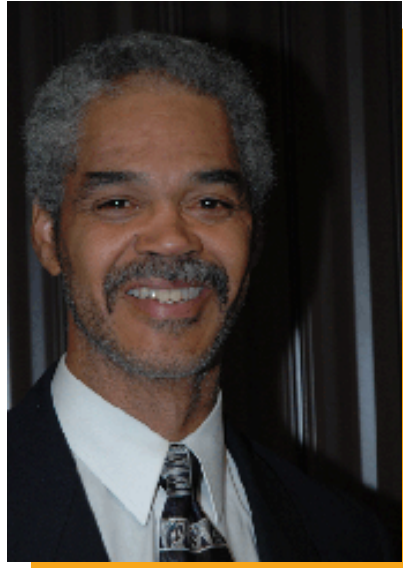
\$25 PER PERSON (PRE-PAID) \$30 AT THE DOOR

\$40 PER COUPLE (PRE-PAID) \$45 AT THE DOOR

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PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY MONDAY, FEB. 12TH

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Well believe it or not, we are already into the 2nd month of this new year of 2007. It has been pretty busy thus far, I am sure, for most of us and it promises to be interesting

and full of events.

National Engineers Week is the week of Feb, 18–24. This year's theme is "Engineers Make A World Of Difference." This event acknowledging the contributions and dedication by Engineers to our Society was started in 1951 by the National Society Of Professional Engineers. We, as Engineers, should take pride in this event and pronounce the celebration as loud and often as we can. The world enjoys an improved quality of life and so many other benefits all because of the contributions of Engineers. Most people don't realize all the things done by Engineers—our roads & highway systems; electricity and power; buildings in which we work and live; transportation systems; communications systems (yes those cell phones & LCD TVs); water supply systems; wastewater treatment; chemicals we use; modern technology; I could go on and on. So, we should not let this event come and go quietly. Make some noise and do some things at your place of work to acknowledge and let others know about Engineers during this special week.

The PBS Channel will be telecasting a program called the "**Design Squad**" beginning in Engineers Week and running for about 11 weeks. This program will have Junior and Senior High School students presenting the various things that involve the world of engineering. Try and watch a few of the programs if you can. You can, go to the ASCE website and find out more about this program. If you know of any other events happening during Engineers Week, feel free to share them with us.

As you also know, we are having our annual **Joint Engineering Societies Dinner** meeting on February 16th, hosted by and held at Saint Martin's University School of Engineering. This is an excellent opportunity to come out and enjoy the company of your fellow engineering peers. You will also enjoy a delicious dinner.

Also, this month, the **Region 8 & 9 Leadership Conference** will take place in Bellevue, WA., Feb. 23–25.

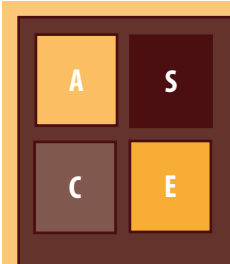
Larry Bennett, from Alaska, our **Region 8 Governor**, will be in the Seattle/Tacoma area visiting and attending the Leadership Conference. He will also be attending the dinner at Saint Martin's. Come out and meet him. Should you have items you would like to be addressed at the Leadership Conference, feel free to send them to me or any member of our Board.

The Board wishes to let you know that your suggestions and comments regarding what things we as a Section could be doing are always welcomed. We also invite you to attend Board meetings and to consider becoming

ing a Board member yourself. We will be looking at electing new members this coming spring and of course, we are always open to people becoming new members. So tell the story about ASCE to other Engineers and invite them to consider joining. We look forward to seeing many new faces at the next meeting!

Thank You,

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.

February 16, 2007 –Annual Engineering Banquet (Joint Engineering Societies Meeting)

–Hosted by St. Martin’s University (Worthington Center)- Lacey; Evening meeting **6:00pm**;
New Tacoma Narrows Bridge Project;
Jeff Carpenter, Chief Engineer (WSDOT)

March 8, 2007 –Joint Meeting with SAME: 520 Bridge Presentation by Bryan Jarr & Susanne Pelley
Lunch Meeting **11:30am**, Tacoma

April 10, 2007 –Program TBA???:
Evening meeting 5:30pm; Lacey @ St Martin’s Worthington Center: **Awards And Honors Night**;

May 15, 2007 – Tacoma Central WWTP Upgrades; Tacoma; Time TBA

***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, Feb. 5, @ Anthony's, Olympia;
Monday, March 5, @ Red Lobster,
Tacoma Questions? call **253.591.5766**
(Michael Hale)

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

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Continuing Ed

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 posing 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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