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JANUARY JOINT DINNER MEETING

American Society of Civil Engineers, Philadelphia Section
Delaware Valley Section, American Society of Highway Engineers

WEDNESDAY, January 15, 2025

Crowne Plaza Hotel Philadelphia-Valley Forge, 260 Mall Boulevard (across from King of Prussia Plaza), King of Prussia, PA

COCKTAILS: 6:00 PM, Dinner 6:45 PM, Meeting Presentation follows

SUBJECT: Ridge Pike Improvement Program Update

The currently-underway four-part program for long-awaited improvements (roadway reconstruction, widening, drainage, traffic signals) on Ridge Pike in Montgomery County will be presented. The effort extends from the Philadelphia County Line (Northwestern Avenue) to Belvoir Road, covering Whitmarsh and Plymouth Townships. An update on the work will be provided, with one section currently under construction, one substantially completed, one in design and one in the planning stages.

RESERVATIONS FOR THIS MEETING MUST BE MADE THROUGH THE DELAWARE VALLEY SECTION, ASHE. The reservation process will be provided in the January edition of *THE NEWS*, as well as in upcoming e-blasts, along with more information on the topic and speaker.

REGISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENT

2024 ECP

MULTI-SOCIETY MEETING

Co-Sponsored by ASCE Philadelphia, ASHE DelVal, MASITE & WTS Philadelphia, some of the Club's Affiliate Organizations

TOPIC: Airport and Local Aviation Programs presented by PHL, FAA, and DRBA Personnel

PANELISTS

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December 10, 2024
Lunchtime Event
Commences at 11:30AM

Location
Sheraton Hotel
17th and Race Streets

Registration
www.engrclub.org/MSM2024

Cost

Members of ECP, ASHE, ASCE, WTS, and/or MASITE - \$85
Non-Members of ECP, ASHE, ASCE, WTS, and MASITE - \$100
Late Fee (after December 2, 2024): \$95 for Members and \$110 for Non-Members

Day of the event we will be collecting Toys for Tots. Please bring unwrapped toys so that they can be collected by the Marines the day of the event.



SECTION MEETING SCHEDULE 2024-25

The Section Meeting program for the upcoming season remains in the preparation mode and our meeting program committee is busy lining up speakers and topics for what we hope will be an interesting and informative series of meetings. The information we have at this point is provided below for your planning purposes. We would suggest that you use this to mark your calendar at this time and hold the dates.

In coming issues of *THE NEWS*, this information will be "fine-tuned" to provide updates as they are available. We also suggest you visit the Section website for the latest changes in our meeting program. As we have done, each month's edition of *THE NEWS* will feature detailed information on that month's meeting along with as much information as is available for the following month's meeting, and the "look-ahead" schedule will show details that are available at that time for your advance awareness. E-mail blasts will be sent out on a regular basis to advise and remind of upcoming events and registration deadlines.

We also note the advantage of joint meetings with other societies and will schedule these as we can.

Our schedule of meetings for the **2025** "half" of this season is:
February – to be determined
March 13 – Maggiano's Center City; DRPA Capital Program Update
April 10 – multi-topic break-out sessions; topics and location to be determined
May 15 – Spring Social; The Lucy

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As we enter the holiday season, I reflect on how grateful I am for all our Section members. Without our members, there is no Philadelphia Section; your membership drives our programming and growth. I also recognize how fortunate I am for the amazing individuals that serve on the Section's Board of Directors as well as all the other individuals who volunteer their time to participate and/or lead our Section committees and tech groups.

While I generally like to give back to our community and the youth within it, I'd also like to put some emphasis on giving back during this time of year. We will continue our partnership with the Heights Program to get into local, neighborhood schools and talk to students about our industry. We will be partnering with the Free Library of Philadelphia for a STEM Outreach event at Joseph E. Coleman Northwest Regional Library on Tuesday, December 17, 2024. Finally, the Philadelphia Section will be volunteering at the MANNA prep kitchen on Thursday, December 12, 2024, where we will work alongside their chefs preparing nutritious meals for locals with serious illnesses. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please reach out to me at kbrown@transystems.com and I'll make sure you get signed up. It is my hope that we all can come together as the ASCE Philadelphia Section, this holiday season, and give back to community.

Kevin Brown Jr., PE, M.ASCE
President, ASCE Philadelphia Section

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Our Section Sponsorship program is off and running once again, with 16 firms participating. This total includes our four VIP Title Sponsors – BDI, Gannett Fleming TranSystems, Pennoni and TPD. We extend our special and collective THANKS to each sponsor for their financial commitment and support.

Sponsor logos are displayed in a special Sponsors section of our website. Additionally, we provide direct links to sponsors' own websites so prospective employees can review all available and up-to-date positions. We also offer sponsors the opportunity to have a "spotlight" article in an edition of THE NEWS as well as service as a sponsor of one of our monthly dinner meetings.

If you have an interest in joining our sponsorship program, there's still time to be part of this season's group. Please contact **Bob Wright** at newseditor@asce-philly.org for more details.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Loux Receives Kapp Award

Delaware Valley Geo-Institute Chair **Theresa Andrejack Loux** was recently honored as the recipient of the **Martin S. Kapp Foundation Engineering Award** from ASCE National. This award is a memorial in recognition of the outstanding professional accomplishments of Martin S. Kapp, F.ASCE, and is available to an individual on the basis of the best example of innovative or outstanding design or construction of foundations, earthworks, retaining structures, or underground construction. Emphasis is placed on constructed works where serious difficulties were overcome or where substantial economies were achieved, with the example described in published form available to the entire engineering community.

The award is supported by the income from a fund contributed by the friends and professional associates of Mr. Kapp. The award was established by the National Board of Direction in 1973.

We congratulate Theresa on this honor.

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We thank these folks for their commitment and service.

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ENGINEERS WEEK EVENTS SCHEDULED

The **Engineers' Club of Philadelphia**, through its **Delaware Valley Engineers Week Committee**, will cite **Engineers Week 2025 (February 13-23)**. We have traditionally extended our local celebration beyond that recognized by National Engineers Week to include our kickoff event.

Engineers Week in the Delaware Valley will officially begin with the Engineers Week Opening Dinner on **Thursday, February 13** (two days before National E Week begins). At this event, we will introduce and formally induct the **Delaware Valley Engineer of the Year** and **Delaware Valley Young Engineer of the Year**, as well as highlight the various contributions of engineers and engineering students. All Engineers Week award and scholarship recipients will be cited at the Dinner. This will take place at the Hilton Hotel on Penns Landing.

The **Young Engineers Social** will be conducted during Engineers Week (date to be determined). This is a networking and social event to cite the newly-inducted Delaware Valley Young Engineer of the Year. We are pleased to announce that **Zenaida O. Gephardt, PhD, PE**, Professor Emeritus, Chemical Engineering, of Rowan University has been elected to be the **2025 Delaware Valley Engineer of the Year**. Dr. Gephardt will be formally recognized and installed as Engineer of the Year at the Opening Dinner. We congratulate her on this honor.

Please note this information in your calendar and plan to participate. More details on venues and pricing will be included in future updates.

Also, please check on the various Engineers Week awards and scholarships that are available and will be awarded at the Opening Dinner. This information, along with other updates on Engineers Week, can be found at the Engineers' Club website, www.engrclub.org.



YOUNGER MEMBER FORUM NEWS

Laurel Welch, Forum Editor

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TTF Watershed Tree Planting

October 19

YMF's 10 volunteers for this event arrived at the Abington Club golf course to plant trees along the headwaters to the Shoemaker Run. Volunteers excavated topsoil of varying conditions and planted approximately 100 trees. After the planting, volunteers were treated to lunch at the clubhouse!



Girls Inc. Collab at Taggart School

October 23

YMF volunteers spoke to the **Girls Inc** afterschool program at Taggart School in South Philly. After discussing what civil engineering is, volunteers worked with groups of students to design and construct their own straw bridge. The girls had to practice communication, working under a timeline, and teamwork to create and test their bridges. Two bridge designs were able to hold a full cup of pennies! Thanks to our volunteers **Yuki, Brigid, Kerianne, and Elvira!**



JEDI Minority-Owned Businesses Event

October 30

YMF members, along with other A/E/C professionals, attended a panel discussion led by **James Stanton**. The topic of the evening focused on disadvantaged business enterprises within the A/E/C industry. Attendees learned how DBEs are established, what regulations and certifications they must abide by, how larger companies can engage with and support DBEs, and where the industry is headed in the near future. Thank you to our panelists, **Mario Toscano** of Drive Engineering, **Carrie Strehle** of Promatech, and **Chantal Frances** of Michael Baker International, for their time and sharing their collective wealth of knowledge with us. Thank you also to **Kirsten Kennedy, Elvira Mikhael, and Hannah Booz** for helping to organize this event and to McCormick Taylor for hosting at its office.

Fall Adopt-A-Highway with ASHE

November 2

A combined force of 14 members of **ASHE Del Val** and the **ASCE YMF** joined to once again to pick up trash along our designated 2-mile stretch of Bethlehem Pike in Ambler. After the clean-up, volunteers networked with one another and were treated to lunch at Fireside Bar and Grill.



Webinar Library Closing at End of Year

After maintaining the Webinar Library during the pandemic, we are sad to announce the closure of this program. Our Teachable account will remain active through the remainder of 2024, at which point webinars will no longer be viewable for PDHs. Any existing PDH certificates you have received will remain on your personal Teachable account, and will be honored by the Section. Existing recordings will be transferred to our Youtube Channel for posterity.

The average time for eating a Thanksgiving dinner is 12 minutes, which, incidentally, coincides with halftime.

— Erma Bombeck

TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES...

ALSO, LOOKING TO REFER A NEW MEMBER? OR SOMEONE WHO'S NOT AN ENGINEER?

As a reminder, the "day of reckoning" is a-comin'... your 2025 ASCE dues is coming due at the end of the year. You should have seen the e-mail reminders on this and hard-copy invoices are being mailed. It might seem as if you just paid this, but it is indeed renewal time again.

And if you want to advise friends and colleagues of the benefits of membership, ASCE's Member Get A Member referral program is a good way to refer prospective new ASCE members to our society. For each new member you refer, you can receive a \$50 Amazon.com gift card when they join. You can refer up to five colleagues at a time. More details are available at asce.org.

As you may be aware, your membership entitles you to be eligible for ASCE Member Advantages. These encompass benefits in several member discount programs including professional liability insurance, life insurance, credit cards and banking services, and rental car discounts. ASCE always looks to negotiate the best deal for members. Similarly, when members save through these programs, ASCE earns revenue that helps keep your dues rates as low as possible. Please check asce.org for the details on these offers and programs.

There are additionally a number of free eLearning Webinars available to help you develop critical career skills, with topics covering a broad range of technical interests, leadership development tools, and key member programs. Many of these offer professional development hour (PDH) credit that you may need for your license renewal. Often these PDH's are valid in states such as Florida and New York, which are not all that easy to obtain given those states' pre-approval requirements. You are able to take up to 10 free PDH courses at your convenience, so this is indeed a valuable benefit. (And, a friendly reminder, if you haven't taken your 10 free courses yet, you have until the end of the year to do so for the current membership period.)

Also, please keep in mind that ASCE isn't just for civil engineers. While you may be surprised to learn this, ASCE allows non-engineers to be members as well, with a specific grade of membership – the Affiliate Member grade – available for this purpose. While those with civil engineering degrees and backgrounds can usually join ASCE right out of school as Associate Members (and are eligible for reduced levels of dues if they have been Student Members), the Affiliate Member grade is available to anyone having "an interest in the advancement of the purposes and objectives of the Society", as stated in the definition provided in the ASCE Register, who may not have been eligible for Student Membership and/or do not meet the criteria for Associate Membership.

Thus, the Affiliate Member grade is ideal for those who work in related fields who may have an interest in civil engineering but do not have a civil engineering degree. Affiliate Members enjoy the same benefits and perks of ASCE membership as do other member grades above Student. Additionally, you may want to let some of your colleagues and friends know about this so they can consider ASCE membership and you can get some cash for the referral.

At the other end of the "spectrum", for those of you more senior and experienced members, the Fellow grade of membership is worth consideration. This is the highest level of membership one can attain on one's own and is a laudable and esteemed achievement. The specific requirements for application for this grade of membership are listed on asce.org.

**I can't cook a Thanksgiving dinner.
All I can make is cold cereal and
maybe toast.**

— Charlie Brown, "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving"

N-ASCE*

THE MOST IRISH ISLAND IN THE WORLD IS IN CANADA – A NEWFOUNDLAND COMMUNITY DUBBED "CANADA'S EMERALD ISLE" STRUGGLES TO SAVE ITS IDENTITY

Since we at *THE NEWS* are nothing if we're not timely, and constantly aware of the current seasons/holidays, it's only appropriate that we share an Irish story just in time for Christmas. It's not like we should wait until March when many of us will be thinking about all things Irish, but...

As the winter sun rises over Tilting Harbour, Newfoundland, Norm Foley is on Oliver's Cove Beach, pitchfork in hand, green rubber boots over the pant legs of his Levi's, iPhone in his shirt pocket. The 55-year-old will spend hours on this day spearing kelp from the shaggy maroon heaps that smother the shore, forking it into heavy-duty plastic containers. Then, rope over his shoulder like a horse, he'll tow container after container to his vegetable patch, the same plot of soil where his parents and their forebears grew potatoes when they arrived from Ireland in the 1730's. It's a practice that Foley's ancestors brought from the shorelands of the old country, and one that kept them alive on the rugged, infertile land they settled. The kelp will rot over the winter, creating a rich fertilizer for carrots, parsnips and, yes, potatoes during the short growing season.

Such are the old ways of life in Tilting, a living artifact from the 2½ centuries of Irish migration that helped give Newfoundland its identity. A National Historic Site, the outpost community on Fogo Island has survived relatively untouched for eight generations, and is so distinctively Celtic that the BBC called the area "Canada's little-known Emerald Isle." The Irish Times dubbed it "the most Irish island in the world," and "Irish on the rocks."

Tilting's name is thought to derive from the humble shelters that the earliest Irish settlers to this part of northeast Newfoundland called "tilts." Its location, tucked into a harbor without roads or a ferry, electricity or running water until the 1960's, helped preserve its old-world sensibility. Ochre fishing structures and fish flakes still cling to the rocky shores. One-and-a-half-story saltbox houses stand in clusters on family plots of land, while fences made from spruce logs criss-cross the subarctic land, relics from a time when cattle and sheep roamed around the homesteads.

With just 200 or so residents, Tilting faces the same fate as other Newfoundland outposts, where children were once as plentiful as the cod. Since the local school closed years ago, the village's remaining 17 kids are bussed to another part of Fogo, and many of their parents travel off-island for work. Foley, the youngest of six brothers, sees the Irish way of life disappearing.

Next March, for the fifth straight year, that sense of loss will intensify. No time of year gets residents thinking about the Irishness of the place like St. Patrick's Day, an occasion that rivals Christmas on the local calendar. For decades, residents have gone from house to house for a drink and a song, then marched in parade from the St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish Church to the parish hall for more revelry. In recent years, people from all over Fogo Island have arrived on snowmobiles, dressed in green for a poker run. They've gone from cabin to cabin all day in the woods, eating and drinking, breaking into song. The merriment continued into the night at the parish hall.

During the virus shutdowns, cramming into kitchens and clustering around cabin stoves was something short of doctor-recommended. The parties were "bubbled," with a few buddies drinking beer in a shed. It seemed a blow to one of the last, vital links to Tilting's identity. But like their counterparts in other parts of the province, people here take a practical view of the future, including the possibility that a less Irish version of their town will survive. Slowly, it's becoming a place that celebrates its past rather than living it.

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Canada's Emerald Isle

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Nearly a decade ago, a luxury hotel called the Fogo Island Inn opened in the next village. Foley, who had recently moved back after working more than 20 years as a laborer building houses in Toronto and St. John's, began selling his vegetables to the inn and hosting boil-ups for its guests, whose room-and-meal rates start at \$2,575 a night. The inn and the social enterprise charity that owns it have boosted the local economy. Young people and artists have been restoring saltbox homes and moving in, at least seasonally, and a cafe has opened. It's not enough to restore the place to its pre-cod-moratorium heyday, but it's providing local jobs.

How long the old, Irish version of Tilting has left is an open question, says Gerard Foley, a distant relative of Norm and a mayor of Tilting before it amalgamated with the Town of Fogo in 2011. For Norm Foley, providing food to the inn squares nicely with his way of life, one that, minus the iPhone, his ancestors might've lived a century ago. He lives in his parents' home, kept just as his mother had it, with the woodstove lit from late summer to spring, floral wallpaper and portraits of Jesus hanging on every lintel. He eats what he catches and grows, save the odd bottle of ketchup. He scythes his grass, salts and dries his cod, and pickles his own beets. He picks partridge berries, and dries his own herbs for soups and stews.

Come March 17, Foley will don the same clothes he wears every St. Patrick's Day for the year's celebration, a light green parka, a T-shirt with a shamrock that says "Kiss me if you're Irish," and a green cap with "Tilting" written on it, given to him by his mother. Some things, socially distancing or not, do not change.

Thanks to **Maclean's** for this information.

* N-ASCE – not always something concerning engineering...

SECTION COMMITTEES

If you have an interest in helping and/or would like to join a Committee, please reach out to us at an e-mail address we have set up for this, volunteer@asce-philly.org, or through our Section Secretary, **Dani Schroeder** (contact information is provided on page 2). Committee Chairs are being updated and this information will be made available shortly.

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- Spring Social
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Don't you know anything about Thanksgiving dinners? Where's the mashed potatoes? Where's the cranberry sauce? Where's the pumpkin pie?

— Peppermint Patty

NOVEMBER SECTION MEETING

November 14, 2024

Maggiano's Little Italy, Center City

Philadelphia Bicycle Infrastructure Update

By Robert Wright, Editor

With Daylight Savings Time in the proverbial rear-view mirror, those arriving at our second Section dinner meeting for the season had to make their trips to Maggiano's in the evening darkness with a bit of a chill in the air (but it was mid-November, so not really a surprise to have this), and they may have been thinking that they would be able to exit the meeting in time to catch the Eagles' Thursday night game afterward. Over 80 attendees came out to hear more about the City's recent efforts to expand its bicycle accommodations and obtain some insights on this from both the agency and user perspectives. **President Kevin Brown** got the evening underway once the crowd was able to be corralled into their seats and offered some announcements and updates on upcoming Section events and programs, and then commenced the feast that is the hallmark of our visits to Maggiano's.

As dinner wound down President Brown asked **President-Elect Jesse Gormley** to take the podium and welcome our featured presenters. One of our featured speakers was unable to attend at the last minute, thus **Jackie Weidman**, West/South District Manager for the Office of Multimodal Planning (filling in for the "advertised" **Lydia Kenselaar**), accompanied by **Jacob Elliott**, Vision Zero Project Coordinator for the Office of Multimodal Planning, kicked off the effort. They walked through some facts and figures on the City's Bicycle Network and highlighted in particular the "high level" protected bike lane efforts, which is approaching the goal and commitment made by previous Mayor Kenney in 2016 to have 40 miles of such lanes in place by 2025. The "high level" facilities were designated for corridors which had demonstrated



and documented safety issues that were critical to be addressed. They added information on current legislation needed for parking protected bike lanes as well as highlights of notable additions and successes with this system particularly since the creation of the City's Managing Director's Office of Transportation, Infrastructure and Systems (OTIS) in 2013.

Following this update, Ms. Weidman and Mr. Elliott were joined by **John Boyle**, Research Director of the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia, and **Chris Stanford**, Department Manager of Michael Baker International, to round out the panel to whom pre-selected questions would be posed, with **Elvira-Marie Mikhael** of our Younger Member Forum serving as panel moderator. These insightful questions were asked and informative responses provided by the panel members. At the conclusion of the responses to the pre-selected questions, inquiries were solicited from the meeting attendees, and a number of questions were offered and ably responded to by the panel.

President-Elect Gormley, after being chided a few times for his being tripped up a bit at saying "multimodal," which is not easy to do and right up there with infrastructure and IJJA as tongue-twisters, thanked the presenters and panel members for their insights and updates and presented each of them with the Section's speaker gifts as a token of our appreciation for their efforts.

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JBC Associates, Inc. (JBC) is growing and quite frankly feeling radiant with pride and appreciation following recent milestones the firm has accomplished. Collectively, we've celebrated various occasions over the past several weeks – from new projects to company awards to revenue growth and a new office! One thing is consistent – we're truly grateful.

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recognition of government and quasi-government agencies for the assistance they have provided us, through volunteer assistance and award recognition among other things. Our Agency Partners' logos are shown below.



I suppose I will die never knowing what pumpkin pie tastes like when you have room for it.

— Robert Brault



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