

Friday, April 20, 2012

CAPITAL BREWERY

CAPITAL BREWERY TOUR & SOCIAL

Please join the Southwest Branch for a tour of the Capital Brewery, with an informal social to follow the tour.

Capital Brewery was founded on March 14, 1984. Located in a former egg processing plant building, Capital Brewery produced its first brew in the spring of 1986.

Much of the brewing equipment currently used in the brewery, including the two copper brewing kettles, came from the Hoxter Brewery in Germany. At the heart of the operation is an excellent refrigeration system that enables the brewery to produce extremely high quality lager beers, prompting many to refer to Capital Brewery as the finest lager brewery in America. This opinion is supported by the fact that Capital Brewery was named the #1 Brewery in America at the 1998 Beverage Testing Institute's World Beer Championships in Chicago, IL.

Kirby Nelson, the Brewmaster, has been with Capital Brewery since February 1986. His first position was as Assistant Brewmaster. Since September 1987, Kirby has been Brewmaster and has made his name synonymous with fine lager beers.

Currently, Capital Brewery produces up to 16 different beers per year; eight Annuals, four Seasonals, and up to four Limited Releases.

Over the years, Capital Brewery has gained national and worldwide attention by having won several platinum, gold, silver, and bronze awards at several beer competitions. The most prominent award was at the Beverage Testing Institute's World Beer Championships. It was here that the Blonde Doppelbock was awarded platinum not once, but three times in the past eight years and, in 1998, the brewery was rated #1 in the U.S. and #7 in the world.

Capital Brewery is a publicly held company that currently produces approximately 22,000 barrels annually and has distribution in three Midwestern states.

For more information on Capital Brewery, please visit their website (<http://www.capital-brewery.com/>)

Date: Friday, April 20, 2012

Time: 3:15 pm Check in
3:30 pm Tour
Informal Social following the tour in the Bier Stube (at Capital Brewery)

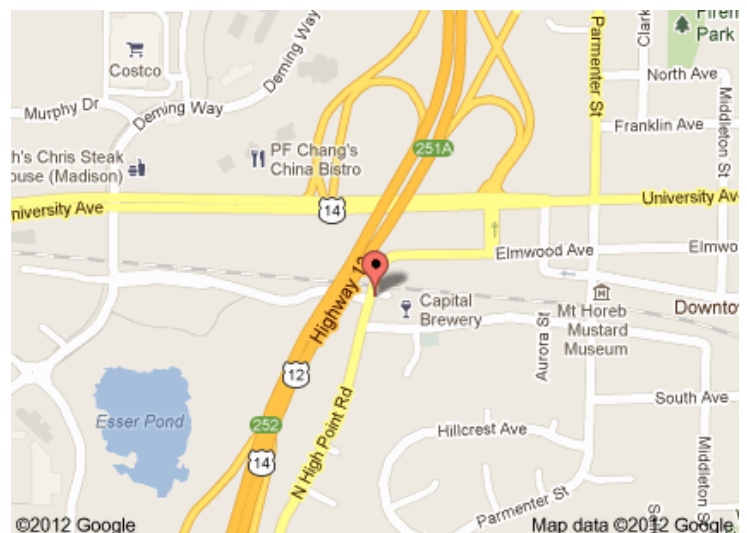
Cost: \$5

RSVP: Please **RSVP** by 5:00 PM, Wednesday, **April 18** via E-vite invitation (preferred) or to Amanda Stone at astone@baird.com

The tour size is unfortunately limited to 25 people, so please RSVP by April 18 by 5 pm if you plan on attending.

Location:
Capital Brewery
7734 Terrace Ave
Middleton, WI 53562

Directions:
From HWY 12/14 exit at Greenway Boulevard (exit 252), and turn right on Greenway Boulevard. Take the first left on N. High Point Road and then third right onto Terrace Avenue.





President's Message

Wow! What a spring it has been so far! If you're like me, you've already caught spring fever and will be devastated if any of that white stuff tries to fall to the ground this month (as it occasionally does).

There was no worry about winter weather for this year's Spring Technical Conference – Madison hit a record 82 degrees that day! The STC organizing committee put together a wonderful conference at a great location that was both entertaining and informative. The committee – which is all volunteers – put in a lot of time and effort to make it a successful event, including some last minute parking/shuttle arrangements!!! Thanks again to the organizing committee for their fantastic work!

2012 STC Committee

Bill Wuellner, Chair
Michael Barahona
Justin Bilskemper
Jenny Krahn
Tera Meyer
Mark Meyers
Theresa Nelson
Larry Ryan
Ric Stoor

As mentioned previously, the UW-Platteville student chapter will be hosting the Midwest Concrete Canoe Regionals on April 20 and 21. They are still looking for volunteers to help time races – please contact Joe Thompson (thompsonjo@uwplatt.edu) if you can help out on the 21st from 12 pm – 4 pm. Even if you aren't interested in volunteering, please consider going out to cheer on the teams at Black Hawk Lake, just west of Dodgeville. It is a fun event that the whole family will enjoy!

Finally, please see the bios of those nominated to represent the Southwest Branch in 2012-2013 and go online and vote – it's easy and will take less than a minute!

Happy Spring!

Theresa Possley Nelson, PE
ASCE WI Southwest Branch President 2011-2012

**Mark your calendars for the April SW Branch ASCE Meeting:
3:30 pm Friday, April 20
Sign up NOW - RSVP date is April 18!**



Younger Member Update

Habitat for Humanity

Southwest Branch Younger Members and friends volunteered for Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, March 3rd. Even though it was a bit chilly, they had fun putting up siding on a home in Sun Prairie.

Coaster Toss Contest at UW-Platteville Concrete Canoe Regionals

The Younger Members will be sponsoring a Coaster Tossing contest on April 21st at the UW-P Concrete Canoe Regionals. Everyone at the race will have an opportunity to see how far they can toss a coaster – prizes will be awarded! If you are interested in helping with this event, please email Theresa (ymc@ascewisw.org).

Financial Planning Speaker – SAVE THE DATE!

On Tuesday, May 1st, Austin Streeper, a financial advisor at North Star Resource Group, will be speaking about financial planning topics of interest to Younger Members (401ks, home buying, student loans, etc.). The evening will begin with a social from 6-6:30 pm, and Austin will speak and take questions from 6:30-7:30 pm. Event location isn't finalized yet, but an email will be sent out with final details closer to the date.

Brewer Game with Southeast YMG – SAVE THE DATE!

Join the Southeast YMs at Miler Park to watch the Milwaukee Brewers take on the Chicago Cubs on Friday, May 11. The plan is to start tailgating at 4:00 pm and then head into the park for a 7:05 pm start. An E-vite will be sent out in the coming weeks. Contact Ann Thielmann at acthielmann@gmail.com for more information or questions.

Oregon Kid's Triathlon – SAVE THE DATE!

Looking into the summer, the YM Committee has already scheduled a volunteer event on August 11, 2012. We will be helping out with the Oregon Kids Triathlon in Oregon, WI. This will be a super fun event – there may even be an opportunity to volunteer at the Expo the night before. Keep your eyes on your email this summer for details and sign up!

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions regarding YM events, please email Meredith or Theresa at ymc@ascewisw.org.

IT'S TIME TO VOTE FOR NEXT YEAR'S OFFICERS!

Vote at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9R8CGFR> by April 27, 2012

ASCE Southwest Branch Officer Nominations for 2012 - 2013

President-Elect – Amanda Stone, E.I.T.: Amanda is a water resources engineer at W.F. Baird and Associates. She graduated from UW-Madison with a degree in Civil Engineering in 2007 and completed her Master's Degree in Limnology at UW-Madison this year. Amanda grew up in a small town in northwestern Wisconsin on a dairy farm. In her free time, she loves to be outdoors. She enjoys cross country skiing (and is a Birkie skier), distance running, biking, hiking, swimming, photography, and travel. Amanda is currently serving as the Southwest Branch's Arrangements Chair and UW-Madison EWB Liaison.

Secretary – Dan Schrum, P.E.: Dan is a transportation engineer at HDR Engineering, Inc. in Madison, WI. He was born and raised in Fond du Lac, WI and attended Valparaiso University where he earned his undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering while playing collegiate baseball. Dan will graduate in May, 2012 from the Evening MBA program at UW-Madison. He and his wife, Liz, along with their son Tyler reside in Middleton, WI and enjoy the outdoors and taking in Badger games. Dan is a representative on the Transportation Liaison and Transportation Improvement Conference Committees for ACEC Wisconsin and is the current ASCE Southwest Branch Program Chair.

Treasurer – Ric Stoor, P.E.: Ric is a Senior Environmental Engineer at Leggette, Brashears & Graham, Inc. (LBG) in Madison, WI. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Engineering from Michigan Technical University in 1999, and completed a Master's Degree in Environmental Chemistry and Technology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2002. Since starting his career with LBG in 2001, Ric's career has included designing, operating, and managing a variety of soil and ground-water remediation projects for state-lead and private sector clients, utilizing technologies such as soil vapor extraction, multi-phase extraction, air sparging, dissolved oxygen injection, phytoremediation, free-product recovery, and bioremediation. He is a registered P.E. in the states of Wisconsin and Florida, and has been an ASCE member since 2001, contributing as the newsletter editor for the Southwest Branch for four (4) years. He is currently serving as Branch Treasurer and served on Annual Meeting and Spring Technical Conference Planning Committees.

Director – Justin Bilskemper, P.E.: Justin has worked with Strand Associates, Inc. since June 2006 and is a project manager and engineer in the municipal and water supply departments. Justin graduated from UW-Platteville with a B.S. in Civil Engineering in May 2006. Justin currently holds the positions of Secretary and Scholarship Chair for the SW Branch and is a Director-at-Large for the Wisconsin Section. Justin likes spending his free time with his girlfriend, hanging out with friends, powerlifting, going to rock concerts, and watching movies.

Director – Mark Meyers, Ph.D., P.E.: Mark is the Chair of, and a Professor in, the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering at UW-Platteville, teaching Geotechnical Engineering courses; he also provides Geotechnical Engineering consulting services on projects in Wisconsin, North Dakota, and Minnesota. He graduated from UW-Platteville in 1981 and earned a MS and PhD from the University of Cincinnati (1984 and 1994). Mark was a Senior Geotechnical Engineering Specialist with the US Army Corps of Engineers St. Paul District for 12 years while waiting for a faculty position to open up at UW-Platteville. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Wisconsin. Mark is a Past President of the Southwest Branch, has chaired and served on multiple Spring Technical Conferences and Annual Meetings with other Branch members over the last 10 years, and is serving as a Director of the Southwest Branch at the present time. He received the ASCE Wisconsin Section Engineer in Education Award in 2005 and is a member of the Order of the Engineer.

Director – Brett Oftedahl, P.E.: Brett is a structural engineer at Strand Associates in Madison. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in 2004 with a BS in Civil Engineering. He is experienced in bridge design, site design, and the structural design of treatment plants and industrial facilities. Brett is currently serving as a Director for the Southwest Branch and has also served as the Secretary/Treasurer in the past.

Remember to vote at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9R8CGFR> by April 27, 2012