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February, 2013
NEWSLETTER

Thursday, February 21, 2013
Joint Meeting with Wisconsin Society of Professional Engineers (WSPE)
Celebrating Engineers Week, February 17 - 23

Interstate 35 Bridge Collapse, Minneapolis, MN
Finn Hubbard, PE, and Norm Arendt, PhD

Finn Hubbard, PE, and Norm Arendt, PhD, will present on the I-35 bridge collapse in Minneapolis. Finn will discuss the failure investigation and follow-up bridge inspections for Minnesota as well as his role as the media contact for the major media of Minneapolis. Norm will discuss the environmental response that was necessitated by the bridge collapse and the role that SEH played in the environmental recovery of the bridge site.

NOTE: 1.0 Professional Development Hour (PDH) will be available for attending the presentation. Certificates will be sent electronically after the meeting.

Click [here](#) for the event website and to **RSVP**.

Schedule

5:30 - Drinks
6:00 - Dinner
6:30 - Scholarship Presentations
7:00 - I-35 Bridge Collapse Presentation

Menu

Dinner will served buffet style, with a starter salad. The main course will feature broasted chicken and swiss steak with gravy. Sides include mashed potatoes and belgian carrots. Non-alcoholic beverages such as coffee, tea, milk, and sodas will be provided. A cash bar will be available for those who wish to purchase other beverages.

Meal Price

Professionals: \$20.00 (please bring check/cash to the event)
Students: Free (However, if you register and do not show up, you will be invoiced \$20)

Please [RSVP](#) by Monday February 18, 2013 on the event website (preferred) or email prog_arr1@ascewisw.org. Those who RSVP and do not attend will be expected to cover their meal.

Address**Fitzgerald's Supper Club**

3112 Parmenter St
Middleton, WI 53562

Directions

From HWY 12/14 exit north on to Century Avenue. Turn south on Parmenter Street. Fitzgerald's will be on the right side of the road just south of Lisa Lane.

Parking

Fitzgeralds has ample on-site parking.

Younger Member Update

Several YM's had a great time bowling the night away at Ten Pin Alley in January!

Our February YM activity is a joint activity with the Southeast YMG - **Badger Hockey** - Friday Feb. 8th, 2013! Festivities start at 5pm at the Kollege Klub with the game starting at the Kohl Center at 7pm. The cost for the event is \$17. This includes food at the Kollege Klub and a ticket to the Badger game vs. Bemidji State. Please contact [Chad Shihata](#) if you are still interested in attending.

Planning is underway for our March event - we will be participating in a volunteer event.

While events organized by the YMC are geared towards those members 35 and younger, all are welcome at our events!

If you have any questions about YM activities or would like to become more involved, please email [us](#).

Theresa Possley Nelson
Ann Thielmann
Terry Armstrong
Younger Member Committee Co-Chairs

Job Announcements

The Southwest Branch is offering space in the monthly newsletters for *employers* to list job openings or announce new hires. We ask that the job openings or announcements be limited to one-quarter of a page. For job openings include a concise position description with the required background and skills, as well as contact information and link to your website posting (if applicable).

Contact the [newsletter editor](#) with questions or with job announcements.

February President's Message

O.K., so where did January go? I know that it flew by for me.

This month we will have our traditional joint meeting with the Wisconsin Society of Professional Engineers to celebrate Engineers Week. See the details elsewhere in the newsletter. It is a time to celebrate contributions made by all engineers, without which our society cannot function.

It would be great to have a turnout of SW Branch members as large as that which attended our January Branch meeting. January's Branch meeting was the first at which we offered PDH credit for attendance. A very brief poll taken at the meeting indicated that the offering of PDH credit played a part in the decision to attend. We will continue to do so at future meetings, dependent upon the program content. We hope that you will take advantage of opportunities when they arise. Of course, you do not need PDH credit to attend, but we hope that it helps.

It's also not too early to begin thinking in terms of the Spring Technical Conference (STC). It will be held at Lambeau Field on March 14, 2013. Tours of Lambeau will be offered prior to the official start of the conference and, with a wide variety of technical content, the plenary and breakout sessions will again offer a convenient opportunity to acquire necessary PDH credits. Please don't miss this opportunity.

I hope to see many of you at the joint meeting with WSPE and at the Spring Technical Conference.

Happy shoveling.

Larry Ryan, P.E.
ASCE WI Southwest Branch President

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