

Thursday, May 23, 2013

ASCE Southwest Branch & WSPE Project Tour and Social

Epic Deep Space Project Construction Tour & Presentation

With a very aggressive schedule JP Cullen set out to build an 11,500 seat auditorium and additional training spaces within Deep Space for Epic Systems in 17 months. The previous 5,500 seat Epicenter Auditorium and Voyager Hall Training Center were constructed in 27 months. Deep Space consists of 820,000 square feet distributed on five building levels below grade. Epicenter and Voyager Hall consisted of 600,000 square feet distributed over 3 above grade levels and a partial below grade level. JP Cullen looks forward to showing us around this unique project and giving us some insight into the growing world that Epic has built.

An informal social will follow at [Gray's Tide House](#) in Verona.

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

NOTE: All tour participants are **required** to wear hard hats, vests, safety glasses, and closed-toe hard sole shoes. If you are able to bring extra equipment to share with other participants, we encourage you to do so.

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Schedule

4:30 - Check-in for Epic tour (Annex Building - see directions and map below)

4:45 - Epic Tour

6:00 - Social

Please [RSVP](#) by Monday, May 20, 2013 on the event website (preferred) or email prog_arr1@ascewisw.org.

The social is free for all participants, but ASCE is not providing any food or drink.

Tour Address

Epic Campus

1979 Milky Way
Verona, WI 53593

Directions

Take HWY 18/151 southwest of Madison towards Verona. Take Exit 76 (West Verona Avenue/Epic Lane). Merge onto Epic Lane going north (straight). Continue on Northern Lights Road past the Epic Campus and turn left on the construction entrance (at JP Cullen and Findorff signs). Continue on construction entrance to Annex Building - the first RED building on the right at the top of the hill. See the map below for the location of Annex on the Epic Campus where the project tour will meet.

Social Address

Gray's Tied House

950 Kimball Lane
Verona, WI 53593

Directions

From Epic, go back to HWY 18/151 and head east. Take Exit 79 (CTH PB/M) and keep Left at fork. Turn left on CTH PB and then continue on Old CTH PB. Turn Left on Whalen Road. Take first Left on Kimball Lane.

Parking

There is adequate on-site parking at both Epic and Gray's Tied House.



Younger Member Update

In April the Younger Members partook in a volunteer activity to help celebrate Earth Day. We joined in with the ASCE UW-Madison Student Chapter and the Friends of the Yahara River Parkway to clean up the Yahara River and Tenney Park. Plenty of trash was collected, flowers planted, and invasive species removed from along the water front. Thanks to all of those who lent a helping hand, we couldn't have done it without you!

Our May Younger Member event will be a presentation on the ins and outs of purchasing your first home. We will be bringing in a Realtor and a Lender to explain the process of buying a home and the options to finance it. The time and date of the presentation is still TBD, so keep an eye on your email

for the details and invitation soon to come. We hope you can make it!

For June we are still working on an event and will keep you posted, suggestions are welcome!

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](#).

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

Opportunity to Participate in Southwest Branch

The Southwest Branch is looking for a new **Newsletter Editor** to begin in Fall 2013. The **newsletter editor** works with other branch board members to compile and publish the monthly newsletter, which has become increasingly simple with the adoption of the new online format. No prior experience is required, and you will get to learn how to use the web-based software Constant Contact. This position is a great way to get involved, network and boost your resume!

Please contact [Larry Ryan](#) for additional information.

May President's Message

It seems as though the program year has only just begun and yet it is quickly coming to a close. We will have only one more, possibly two, Branch meeting(s) this year. The May meeting will be more of a tour than a meeting - always popular with the membership. A purely social event is being considered for June. Keep your eyes open for an announcement of the event.

This past year has seen the start of the State of Wisconsin's requirement for continuing education for registered professionals. The branch, in its own small way, began offering Professional Development Hour (PDH) credits for many of its monthly programs. As in past years, the branch awarded scholarships to worthy civil engineering students at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. This year's scholarship winners are an amazing bunch of young

people. Finally, some progress has been made in our efforts to conform to the Wisconsin Section's fiscal year. Until this past year, the fiscal years of the Section and the Branch differed by a couple of months and our respective budgets didn't sync very well, making the Section's annual tax filing on behalf of the Branches more cumbersome. The Section is in the process of transitioning to the use of QuickBooks for its accounting purposes. The Branches are being asked to do the same. The SW Branch will also transition to the use of QuickBooks and will match its accounting categories to those of the Section, thereby making reporting considerably easier and making the Section's assembly of the annual tax report simpler and more efficient. The Branch is waiting for the Section to finalize its transition to QuickBooks.

Two, critically important members of the Branch management team will be leaving their positions. Caroline Ubong, who served as your Programs and Arrangement Chair, will be leaving to pursue graduate studies in Colorado; and Dave Staab, who served as your newsletter editor, will also be leaving the Board. A huge "thank you" is owed to both for their service to the Branch. Thank you to all who have served this past year.

This coming year, the Branch will be in the good hands of President Amanda Stone and your Board of Directors. We are also fortunate to have three new additions to the SW Branch Board. Francesca Ferrero, a graduate of Northwestern University; Jackie Gast, Leggette, Brashears & Graham, Inc.; and Laura Rozumalski, W.F. Baird & Associates will be joining the team. AND, we have candidates for the positions of President Elect and Treasurer. Ric Stoor will step down as Treasurer to run what is certain to be a hard-fought campaign for the position of President Elect. Jackie Gast will run for the Treasurer's position. The opportunity to cast your vote for the two candidates occurs elsewhere in this newsletter. Please express your appreciation of their willingness to serve by voting. You may also cast a write-in vote for a candidate of your choice.

On a final note, I will leave you with an appeal. Every year, we seek donations from engineering firms located within the SW Branch boundaries to support our scholarship efforts. The past couple of years have seen a decrease in donations, requiring the branch to reach into its reserves to maintain its level of giving. We, the Board, wish to inform you that individual donations are also appreciated. Please consider the SW Branch, and particularly its scholarship program, in your charitable giving. Your donations, when used for scholarships, are tax deductible.

It's been a successful year. Thank you all for support.

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

Special Election for President-Elect and Treasurer

Please vote for next year's Southwest Branch President-Elect and Treasurer:

President-Elect - Ric Stoor, P.E.: Ric is a Senior Environmental Engineer at Leachate Management Specialists, LLC 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. Ric and his wife Angie are both transplants down in Madison from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Ric enjoys time with Angie and their two children Hattie and Jack and his chocolate lab Gus, participating in triathlons and local running events, and travel.

Treasurer - Jackie Gast, E.I.T.: Jackie is an Environmental Engineer II at Leggette, Brashears & Graham, Inc. in Madison, WI. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Civil & Environmental Engineering from Marquette University in 2010. Jackie enjoys traveling, running with her hound, Hannah, and competing in marathons throughout the Midwest.

Vote here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PNQSRMN>

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