

## *Joint Meeting with ASCE and WSPE*

**Thursday May 22, 2014  
5 - 8pm**

**Fitzgerald's Restaurant**  
3112 Paramenter St.  
Middleton, WI 53562

There is still time to come join us at Fitzgerald's in Middleton, WI on Thursday May 22nd. Thomas Beekman, P.E., WisDOT will be presenting about frac mining and professional engineers attending the event will earn 1.0 PDH. The presentation will take a look at 'shale play' and its impacts on US and worldwide energy supply.

5:00pm - Social Hour  
6:00pm - Dinner  
6:30pm - Presentation

The cost of the event is \$20.00 for professionals and free for students.

Click on the link below to register or RSVP by May. 20th.

[Register Now!](#)

If you have any questions about the event or how to register, please contact Francesca Ferrero at 917-282-8866.

Hope to see you there!

## *Arboretum Ecological Restoration Project*

**Saturday May 24, 2014  
9am - 1pm**

**Arboretum**  
1207 Seminole Hwy

Madison, WI 53711

Join us as we help with the Arboretum's Ecological restoration project: Don your sturdy work boots, long pants and work gloves and meet us at the front steps of the Visitor Center for "Core Area work." They provide the tools, training and snacks.

Activities include cutting brush from remnant and restored areas, removing invasive plants, and burn unit preparation.

Afterwards we'll head to Tony Frank's Tavern for lunch. Please let us know if you can join us and RSVP below!

[Register Now!](#)

## *Young Members Event Mallards Game with SWANA*

**Thursday May 29, 2014  
6:30pm**

**Mallards Stadium  
2920 N Sherman Ave  
Madison, WI 53704**

[Register Here](#)

[SWANA Young Professionals](#) invite us to join them for a night out at a Madison Mallards baseball game Thursday May 29th.

Bring a friend, spouse, or fellow co-worker and come see the Madison Mallards take on the La Crosse Loggers from the Great Dane Duck Blind.

\$20 Duck Blind Ticket Gets you:

- Admission to the game
- All you can eat ballpark food
- All you can drink beer, soda and water

Send RSVPs, Questions and Ticket money by May 14th to:

Roxanne at  
rwienkes@trcsolutions.com  
708 Heartland Trail, Suite 3000  
Madison, WI 53717  
OR

Zach at  
nienowz@ayresassociates.com  
5201 E Terrace Dr. #200  
Madison, WI 53718

Tickets will be distributed directly outside the gate prior to the game from 6:30pm to 7:00pm unless other arrangements have been made.

Hope you can make it!



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*Message from Region 3 Director  
John Fraunhoffer*

# Congratulations Wisconsin: Sustainable Funding! Attend and Debate at the Assembly!

Wisconsin State Senator Neal Kedzie is known for his practical efforts in the Wisconsin Legislature. He reports that Wisconsin's transportation system is funded by vehicle registrations, driver licenses, and gasoline taxes. The previous Governor raided the fund for \$1.4 Billion dollars. The Wisconsin Legislature passed and Governor Scott Walker signed Assembly Bill 704 strengthening the funding for transportation, increasing the level by \$43 Million dollars this year. This is the direction needed in every state in Illinois. Congratulations Wisconsin!

We will debate the Region Three Infrastructure Initiative at the Assembly on August 15 and 16 in Chicago. The Initiative concentrates on Transportation, Water, and Recreation and will provide Sections and Branches with proposals for new sustainable State and Local Infrastructure Funding. Assign your delegates soon and reserve the Assembly on their calendars. This will be the most important Assembly to date!

## *President's Message*

As our monthly activities as a branch slow down for the summer months, I wanted to say thank you to each and every one of you who were able to attend one of our events this year. We had great speakers donate their time to speak at our monthly meetings from Westbrook Associated Engineers, Strand Associates, Mead & Hunt, ASCE, and an upcoming meeting with the Wisconsin DOT. As a branch, we rely on you as our members to let us know what topics interest you for our meetings, so if you've got some good ideas or are interested in presenting something you're working on, please contact us and let us know! We also had a successful volunteer day working for Habitat for Humanity, two student scholarship banquets, a fall bowling social, and a Vitense Golf Land social night. Have something else you'd like to see from the Southwest Branch? Please let us know! We are here to help you with your career, be it through earning PDH credits for your license, networking opportunities, or social gatherings to grow your network and meet new people in the region.

Even though our traditional monthly meetings are coming to an end as summer approaches, our branch is still active during the summer. The Younger Member Committee has social and volunteer activities planned throughout the summer as well. The best ways to follow our activities during the summer are on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/ASCE-Wisconsin-Section-Southwest-Branch/231640126882371>), on our website (<http://ascewisw.org/>), and through your email.

You can keep your membership working for you by following ASCE and the

Wisconsin Section through social media on:

Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ASCE.org>,  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/American-Society-of-Civil-Engineers-Wisconsin-Section-ASCE-WI-Section/254157507936295>) or

LinkedIn (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/American-Society-Civil-Engineers-ASCE-143956/about>,  
[https://www.linkedin.com/groups/Wisconsin-Section-American-Society-Civil-4029667?trk=myg\\_ugrp\\_ovr](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/Wisconsin-Section-American-Society-Civil-4029667?trk=myg_ugrp_ovr)).

Finally, as Mother's Day was just last Sunday, I think it's a good opportunity look back at some of the accomplishments of women engineers in history. ASCE.org has a great profile of some women engineers here: <http://www.asce.org/People-and-Projects/People/Womens-History/Profiles--Engineers-of-the-Past/>

If you have news you'd like the branch to know about, we're happy to post any branch-relevant information or requests on our website or social medial sites. Enjoy your summer and keep in touch!

Amanda Stone, P.E.  
ASCE WI Southwest Branch President

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