

**141<sup>st</sup> ASCE Annual Meeting Thank You**

Memphis hosted the Sustainable Infrastructure themed 141<sup>st</sup> ASCE Annual Meeting October 20<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>. The local branch worked hard with Section, Regional, and National members, as well as ASCE headquarters to host a great Annual Meeting. We would like to thank all of the many volunteers who generously gave of their time, as well as the sponsors who graciously supported the event to make the Annual Meeting a success. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!



**Scarecrows for St. Jude**



Dozens of ASCE members from all over the country and even Canada got together Sunday morning and assembled 28 scarecrows using PVC, straw, and old clothes for the outreach event at the ASCE Annual Meeting. The scarecrows were delivered to the garden at St. Jude. The hospital's garden was started about a year ago on a vacant piece of land owned by the hospital. They currently have over 50 beds where they grow vegetables that are served in the hospital cafeteria. Our thanks to all individuals and sponsors who helped make the outreach a success!



**Branch Election Results**

You elected branch officers and they were installed at the September Kickoff Meeting. A quick who's who for the Branch this year...

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President	Doug Dietz	<a href="mailto:ddietz@pickeringfirm.com">ddietz@pickeringfirm.com</a>	(901) 726-0810
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## **West Tennessee Awards at Tennessee Section Meeting**

Our congratulations to the various West Tennessee ASCE groups and members were recognized at Tennessee Section Meeting in Smyrna this September.

### ***2011 Tennessee Section ASCE Student Chapter Member Award - Ms. Lindsey Thomas***

The Student Chapter/Club Member Award may be given annually to a student chapter or club member of one of the ASCE student chapters/clubs in the Tennessee Section of ASCE, who has made definite contributions to the Society at the Student chapter/club level. There is no question that Lindsey Thomas has made definite contributions to the Society at the Student chapter level. Lindsey is a member of the University of Memphis Student Chapter. During her first semester in the Civil Engineering program at University of Memphis, she quickly became involved in many of the Student Chapter's fundraising and community service events as well as helping with preparations for the annual ASCE student conference. More recently, Lindsey has served as the ASCE Student Chapter President while simultaneously holding positions as secretary of the ITE student chapter and treasurer of the Tau Beta Pi student chapter. All this while serving as a homework grader, taking a full course load and maintaining a 3.8 GPA. She also gives back to her school and chosen profession through involvement in Girls Experiencing Engineering, and by mentoring incoming freshmen and other STEM students during the MemphiSTEM summer math camp. Way to go, Lindsey!

Government Engineer Award may be given annually to a government engineer member of the Tennessee Section of ASCE who has made definite contributions to the Society at the National, Section, and/or Branch levels. This year's voting resulted in a tie, and we are pleased to recognize two winners:

### ***2011 Tennessee Section ASCE Government Engineer Award - Mr. Eric Gardner (Nashville) and Mr. Philip Stuckert (West Tennessee).***

The Government Engineer Award may be given annually to a government engineer member of the Tennessee Section of ASCE who has made definite contributions to the Society at the National, Section, and/or Branch levels. This year's voting resulted in a tie with the two winners being Eric Gardner, the Director of Engineering for the City of Franklin, Tennessee, and Philip Stuckert, the City Engineer for the City of Lakeland, Tennessee. Since Philip is right here in West Tennessee, we'll do some more bragging' on him. Philip received his BS and MS in Civil Engineering from the University of Wyoming and is a registered professional engineer in the states of Tennessee, Wyoming, and Colorado. His considerable experience with ASCE has included Wyoming ASCE Section Vice President in 1993 and 1994, Wyoming ASCE Section President in 1995, ASCE West Tennessee Branch Board Member since 2010, and 2011 Secretary of the ASCE West Tennessee Branch and his current position as Vice President of the ASCE West Tennessee Branch. Similar to the current award he is being recognized for, he was recognized by the Shelby County NSPE Chapter as Outstanding Government Engineer in 2010. In addition to his professional duties and society commitments, Philip has represented the profession through other involvements including; Chairman of the Casper YMCA in 2003, Chairman of the 2007 APWA Rocky Mountain Spring Conference, Member of the American Public Works Association and Tennessee Chapter, and Chairman of the Advisory Group to write the Wyoming Public Works Specifications. Great work, Philip!

**2011 Daniel B. Barge, Jr. Award for Distinguished Service - Mr. Chris Triplett (West Tennessee) and Mr. Russell Moorehead (Chattanooga)**

The Daniel B. Barge, Jr. Award for Distinguished Service was instituted by the Tennessee Section of ASCE in 1988 with Daniel B. Barge, Jr. being the first recipient. It may be given annually to a member of the Tennessee Section of ASCE who has made exceptional contributions to the Society at the National, Section, and/or Branch levels. It represents the highest honor that the TN Section of ASCE can bestow upon a Member and this year it was bestowed upon Chris Triplett and Russell Moorehead, both of Barge Waggoner Sumner & Cannon. More about Chris, whom the West Tennessee Branch was pleased to nominate. Chris received his BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Memphis in 1999 and is a registered PE in Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi. In 2002, he began service to the local engineering community as President of the West Tennessee Branch of ASCE. Chris continued his dedicated service to the Branch by being an active Board member and then serving as ASCE District 9 Representative in 2005. He became the Tennessee Section Vice President in 2007, President of the Section in 2009, and Tennessee Section Past President in 2011. He has been a Region 9 Delegate for the Tennessee Section for many years. Chris served as the ASCE National Conference Local Committee Chair planning for the recent National meeting in Memphis. This fall, Chris was elected a Director for West Tennessee Branch. Chris' volunteer efforts include judging entries in the West Tennessee ASCE Younger Member's Construction competition, the local Mathcounts competition (through his TSPE membership), aiding the University of Memphis during its annual Engineer Day, being a member of the Bartlett, TN Design Review Committee, and a board member of the Woodrun Community Association Board in Middleton, TN from 2008 to 2010. Chris, we appreciate all your time and effort in service to ASCE!

## **Canstruction**

Canstruction is a competition to design and construct artistic structures out of canned food. At the close of the competition the food is donated to the local food bank. Since 1992, this international competition has donated over 17.5 million pounds of food. The Memphis ASCE Younger Members annually organize the local competition with a field comprised entirely of local high schools. The Memphis competition is scheduled for March 23, 2012. The Branch provides the competition site fee and professional mentors, while the Student Chapters provide student mentors for each of the teams. This year, twelve teams representing both private and public schools will be participating. A kickoff meeting to explain rules and introduce team representatives to their volunteer mentors was held on October 13, 2011. As the teams begin to plan their structures, the Younger Members will be sending out sponsorship requests. Sponsorship provides seed money for a base number of cans for every team, lunch, and prizes. While each team can fundraise or collect additional cans, the sponsorships get each team off to a great start, and of course all the cans go to the food bank. So please consider sponsorship when your organization receives its letter. Didn't receive a letter or are interested in sponsoring as an individual? Contact Daniel Bowling at [dbowling@ssr-inc.com](mailto:dbowling@ssr-inc.com) for more information.

## **Younger Member Meeting**

The Younger Members will be meeting at noon on Friday, November 4th at the El Porton (65 South Highland Street). Younger Members are encouraged to attend since discussion will center on upcoming events and planning for fun outings, field trips, and other shenanigans. Your input as members is extremely valuable to us as we make plans for the upcoming year. Contact Brett Dunagan at [bdunagan@ssr-inc.com](mailto:bdunagan@ssr-inc.com) for more information.

## Grapes for Geeks

The U of M and CBU ASCE Student Chapters are hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Grapes for Geeks event. Proceeds from this wine tasting benefit the student chapters, and BIG BEERS have been added to this year's event for the non-winners. Last year over 150 tickets were sold and the event had a net profit of \$700.00. The event is a fun evening out, so save the date. Friday, November 4, 2011, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at Just for Lunch in the Chickasaw Oaks Village Shopping Center. Contact Roger Meier at [rwmeier@memphis.edu](mailto:rwmeier@memphis.edu) or Kelsey Ford at [keford@memphis.edu](mailto:keford@memphis.edu) for ticket information.



## ASCE Student Chapters Compete in Smyrna

Representatives from all three West Tennessee Student Chapters participated in the annual ASCE Tennessee Section meeting in Smyrna on September 23. The conference organizers put together a morning technical session specifically for the students that included talks on soil and site improvement by Mike Marasa from Hayward Baker; the structural design of the Music City Center in Nashville by Don Yarbrough from Ross Bryan Associates; and a foundation evaluation for the largest stadium stage set ever constructed (for the U2 concert at Vanderbilt stadium) by Dan Terranova from Stantec Consulting Services. After lunch, the three Student Chapters competed against the other six ASCE Student Chapters/Clubs in Tennessee in a game of Engineering Pictionary. Students from each chapter/club took turns creating drawings meant to elicit an engineering term from the other participants. The U of M students brought home the First Place trophy and a \$600 award for their chapter, correctly identifying 28 out of 32 terms! The UT Martin students took 3rd Place (after losing a tie-breaking coin toss for second place) and brought home \$400 and a trophy. The CBU students took Fourth Place, bringing home a \$300 cash award. All-in-all a very successful day for the West TN Branch. The students had a lot of fun and are looking forward to next year's meeting.

## Deep South Conference

The University of Tennessee – Martin is hosting the 2012 Deep South Conference. The conference features the concrete canoe and steel bridge competitions, as well as other competitions and activities related to civil engineering. The UT Martin ASCE Student Chapter is seeking donations and sponsorships to assist in hosting the conference. Both the West TN Branch and the TN Section have set aside funds to help the Chapter, but your help is very much needed. Please contact Jenn Barnes at [jenmbarn@ut.utm.edu](mailto:jenmbarn@ut.utm.edu) or (931) 627-5397 for more information.

## Upcoming Branch Meetings

November 17, 2011 at 11:30 am, University of Memphis Holiday Inn

Brad Davis of SSR Ellers will be speaking about the firm's consulting civil engineering experience in Afghanistan. Cost is \$12 and one PDH will be available.

December – No Branch Meeting

January - Heather Kraus, P.E. of SSR-Ellers will be presenting "Extension of Kirby Whitten Road and Its Impact to Shelby Farms Park Conservancy"