DID YOU MISS LAST MONTHS CHAPTER MEETING?

The 2011 Engineers Week banquet marked the closing of The National Engineers Week. Engineering Organizations from the Memphis community united to host an array of events including MATHCOUNTS, MIEC Student Contests, IEEE S-PAC (Student-Professional Awareness Conference), Order of the Engineer Ceremony, MIEC & Engineers Club Engineers Week Grand Luncheon and TSPE’s Engineers Week Banquet.

The 2011 Engineers week banquet was full of surprises including severe tornado weather to a father surprising his son with his Professional Engineer’s certificate.

Mayor Luttrell, the 2011 keynote speaker, spoke of renewing the public’s trust and showed his commitment to the engineers in Shelby County by being present at the banquet despite the severe weather and 2 prior engagements. The Mayor emphasized Education, Economic Development and safe well being of the citizens in Shelby County. Critical issues in Economic Development include recruiting and retaining young professionals and making it easier to do business in Shelby County. Mayor Luttrell stated that “We’re the big dog… and we must creative and aggressive to compete for businesses!”

As the TSPE president elect, I stood on the podium humbled as a young engineer to be in front of a generation with so many accomplishments and contribution to the community and engineering society. During the closing, I had asked, “How many engineers have practiced for more than 30 years… then less than 10 years?” The majority of the engineers in the banquet room fell within one of these two categories. I wanted to close with a challenge… a challenge for the engineers with the knowledge and experience to take an initiative to invest, support and mentor the up and coming professionals… a challenge for young professionals to take every opportunity to learn from our previous generation so that we continue grow.

The guidance and wealth of knowledge from the experienced engineers provides a solid foundation for the young engineers. With new technology available today, we can together, make great contributions towards enhancing the future of this great profession by turning old ideas into new reality. On behalf of TSPE, I’d like to thank you for everyone’s support.

Congratulations to all the Award Winners and… It’s a great day to be an engineer!

JT Malasri
TSPE-Memphis Chapter
President Elect

See the award recipients on page 3.
MJEC Featured Engineering and Technology Students Awards

- Christian Brothers University – Alan Killen, II
- Southwest Tennessee Community College – Lehman Sammons
- University of Memphis Engineering – Clayton Ayers
- University of Memphis Engineering Technology – Ryan Seeba

City of Memphis Award

- City Engineer’s Award for Excellence -City of Memphis – SSR – Wolf River Greenway Bridge

TSPE Awards

- TSPE Young Engineer Award – Jittapong Malasri, P.E.
- TSPE Distinguished Service Award – Thomas N. Needham, P.E.
- TSPE Outstanding Engineer Award – Robert J. Pitts, P.E.
- TSPE Government Engineer Award – Phillip Stuckert, P.E.
- TSPE Outstanding Employer Award – Fisher & Arnold, Inc.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Robert A. Beesley, PE, retired Director of Development at Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority, recently passed away. His friends and associates are working to establish an endowed scholarship in Civil Engineering at The University of Memphis as a Memorial to his life and to his engineering legacy.

Bob came to Memphis in 1958 after receiving his CE degree from University of Illinois followed by a term in the Navy CeeBees. He worked as a transportation engineer designing bridges, highways, subdivisions, and of course airports. He was a part of HB & A Engineering for the next 28 years before moving to the Airport Authority in 1985 where he spent the 23 years. Thus he “earned his daily bread” here in Memphis for all those years.

Bob was known and highly respected in this region and nationally for his Airport work. In large measure, the current layout of Memphis International Airport is his creation. He had such an influence that he became known as the “Architect of the Airport”, and he influenced the careers of many, many professionals.

This scholarship is a fitting Memorial to this first class engineer and outstanding human being. We invite and encourage you to join us in supporting the Robert A. Beesley Memorial Scholarship in Civil Engineering.

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Upcoming Events

Engineers’ Day on the Hill

It's not too late to make plans to attend the Legislative Reception sponsored by ACEC on March 7 at the Sheraton Nashville Downtown Hotel (623 Union Street) beginning at 5:30. Please email Candy if you plan to attend. And then there’s Engineers’ Day on the Hill on March 8. You will learn about the issues at a briefing at 9 am in the TN Municipal League’s banquet room (223 6th Avenue North). Packages of material will be prepared for you to present to your legislators. In addition to lunch, you get two professional development hours for participating!

You may use just send Candy an email that you plan to participate, who your State Senator and Representative are and whether you will attend the luncheon.

Thanks.

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Engineering Art Show

The Memphis Chapter of the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers – Young Members Group is pleased to announce the Second Annual Engineering Art Show is on March 25, 2011 at the Robinson Archive & Gallery. The show is held in conjunction with the Main Street Trolley Night.

The art show gives Engineering Firms the opportunity to showcase projects and promote engineering to the public. The public is given the opportunity to vote on their favorite display to determine the ‘People’s Choice’ award. The 2011 Art Show will introduce the ‘Best in Show’ award determined by a group of local judges. Firms are also given the option to donate the entry for auction. General Admission is free.

All proceeds will go towards hosting the 2012 Memphis Area MATHCOUNTS competition. We are currently calling for entries. You may contact JT Malasri, P.E. at jmalasri@mlgw.org
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