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Presidents Message

By Anne Garrity, PE

Hello, everyone! I hope your summer is going well. Since I am serving a second term, I have the rare opportunity to combining both my outgoing and incoming Presidential Messages in the same text! Thank you for helping to make 2003 – 2004 a great year for the Chapter. We saw an increase in membership, had great participation in committees, including members outside the immediate Board, and we had record attendance in Chapter dinner meetings.

Thanks to the efforts of Tom McGrath and our CPC Committee, we were able to offer several dinner meetings which were well attended, informative and accredited for continuing professional competency.

Our newsletter took on a new look thanks to Nadja (Baur) Tapkas. Even after transferring to Spectra Environmental's Poughkeepsie office she continues to serve the Chapter well. And congratulations to Nadja and Jim on their recent marriage!

Thanks to the efforts of Jeffrey Mirarchi, PE our website was taken to a



new level as well. Check it out at www.pecapdist.org. It will be updated with 2004-2005 information and we plan on including more information on CPC opportunities and related links. If you are interested in helping with the website please step forward, we'd love to have you.

We introduced employment advertisement last year and have been able to offer joint Newsletter and Website advertisement; contact John Seligman for more details.

Please join me in welcoming this year's Board. Once again, I am excited about working with a great group of individuals.



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- Monika Lowe, IE
 - Salvatore Ervolina, PE

- Anne Garrity, PE
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- Jim Galarneau, PE
Past President

Annual Golf Outing

By Anne Garrity, PE

The 21st Annual Scholarship Golf Outing will be held Tuesday, September 14th at the Town of Colonie Golf Course. The proceeds from the event will go towards Chapter Scholarships. Tee times will be held from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. The cost is \$65 per golfer and includes greens fees, prizes and dinner. A flyer is included with the newsletter.

To register or donate prizes for either our Scholarship or Blind Bogle Raffles, please contact me at 518-689-2592 or email me at garritytan@sysadm.suny.edu. If you would like to sponsor a hole, contact John Seligman at 782-0882.

It is a fun day and a great cause! We hope to see you there!

Presidents Message

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President Elect – Thomas J. McGrath, PE

1st Vice President – Jack C. Healy, PE

2nd Vice President – Paul M. Adel, PE

Treasurer – John D. Seligman, PE

Secretary – Vincent Mazzone, PE

Newly elected Directors: James Dall, PE, James Kuhn, PE and Jay Derman, PE

Returning Directors: Monika Lowe, IE and Salvatore Ervolina, PE

Our goals for 2004-2005? To keep the momentum going!

The Board will begin meeting in July to set this year's goals and plan the calendar. We need committee members to help out so please consider step-

ping forward. We will be updating and republishing our membership directory, continuing to develop monthly programs with PDH opportunities, and will certainly continue with the successes of MathCounts, Engineers' Week, legislative issues, and others. See details later in the newsletter regarding the annual fall golf outing and membership questionnaire.

In closing, thank you for your confidence and in giving me the opportunity to serve a second term. I will be looking to the Board and membership for assistance, no doubt. Please feel free to contact me at 518-689-2592 or garritan@sysadm.suny.edu if you have questions or see an opportunity to help out.

Thanks again and enjoy your summer!

Anne Garrity



2004-2005 Membership Questionnaire

By Anne Garrity, P.E.

In beginning the planning for the upcoming year, we have developed the attached membership questionnaire. Its purpose is two-fold: to update contact information and solicit ideas for programs and areas of interest from the membership.

We receive membership reports from State Headquarters throughout the year based on information they receive from National. There is sometimes a lag in receiving this information and does not always have the most up to date contact information. Folks change jobs, retire, their email addresses change, etc. Our hope is that with a good response to the questionnaire, we will have a leg up on publishing a new membership directory and have correct email addresses so that we can provide timely information on Chapter activities.

There are several items that will prompt you for feedback on areas of interest related to Chapter programs, continuing education topics, interest in Mathcounts and the like. Please speak frankly (but kindly ... as we are volunteers) and give us some ideas on how we can improve your membership.

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We will be soliciting responses to the questionnaire several times over the next few months. Beyond that we will be looking for volunteers to assist in calling members who have not responded. While we'd certainly prefer to speak directly with each member, that effort is time-consuming for those few who volunteer and we hope many will choose to respond via fax or mail.

Thanks in advance for your prompt response!



New Member Welcome

By Monika Lowe, IE

The Capital District Chapter of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers would like to welcome the following new member to our Chapter:

Bruce Secor, PE from Vollmer Associates

Martin J. Zanghi, PE from Boswell Engineers

Michael Shamma, PE from the NYS Department of Transportation

Robert Angelini, PE from the Town of East Greenbush

Steven M. Myers, PE from CME Associates

Bryan Fox, PE from MLB Industries Inc (transferred to Capital District Chapter)

Please join us in welcoming these new members to our Chapter!

Installation of Officers and Award Dinner

By Anne Garrity, PE

The Capital District Chapter of the NYSSPE held their annual Installation of Officers Dinner on Wednesday, May 12th at the Cannon Club at the Watervliet Arsenal. In addition to the installation of new officers by NYSSPE President Thomas Mitchell, PE, the Chapter honored the following Award winners and Life Members:

Chapter Award Winners:

Engineer of the Year- Richard B. Bovee, PE

Meritorious Service - Harold Nelson, PE

Contribution to Engineering Education - Lawrence J. O'Connor, PE, LS

Young Engineer of the Year - Jennifer D. Smith, IE

Government Engineer of the Year Bruce H. Secor, PE

Life Members:

James E. Green, PE Vernon C. Hoffman, PE

Bernard Price, PE Fredrick J. Longe, PE

Peter Jandrisevits, Jr., PE


Samuel M. Poskanzer, PE

Herman P Greene, Jr., PE Fred W. Ulrich, PE

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Thank you to Scott Wilson, PE for Chairing the Awards Committee and for his efforts in compiling that portion of the program.



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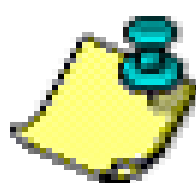
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The Chapter thanks these companies for their generous support.

**CAPITAL DISTRICT CHAPTER
NEWYORK STATE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

**21TH ANNUAL FALL GOLF OUTING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2004**

TOWN OF COLONIE GOLF COURSE



Schedule of Events

11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. ---- Tee Off

5:30 PM -- Dinner, 6:15 PM -- Awards/Prizes & Raffle

\$65 per Golfer

Includes greens fees, dinner and prizes

(Does not include cart)

Prizes include low net, low gross, closest to the pin, long drive & more

Dinner includes food, beer and soda

Calloway System Rules – Limited Tee Times Available

Raffle will help support the Chapter's Scholarship Fund

GOLFER RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY AUGUST 23TH

Call Anne Garrity at 689-2592 for Reservations

SPONSOR RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY AUGUST 20th

One Hole Sponsorship & Golf (one person) - \$200

One Hole Sponsorship Only - \$150

Call John Seligman at 782-0882

All Sponsors will have an appropriate sign placed near a tee box!



2004-2005 Membership Questionnaire

1. Name: _____

2. In order to economize on the cost of mailings, the Chapter prefers to transmit information via email. Is it okay to email newsletter and other related announcements? Yes No

3. Please verify email address: ** identify preferred email location

Work _____

Home _____

4. For the new Directory, please verify addresses: ** identify preferred mailing address

Home: _____

Work: _____

Employer: _____

Spouse: _____

5. The Chapter is only as strong as its membership. Are you willing to learn more about participating in any of the following?

- | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| MathCounts | Directory | Legislative Efforts |
| Website | Golf outing | Newsletter |
| Future Cities | Membership | Publicity |
| Scholarship | Engineers Week | Chapter Calendar |
| Awards | Continuing Professional Competency | |
| Other (please specify) _____ | | |

6. What areas would you like the Chapter to focus its efforts on?

7. What subjects/types as programs would you be interested in this year? (i.e. technical, professional, tours, other)

Do you have a guest speaker to recommend? If so, please provide a contact number.

8. In planning Chapter programs, do you prefer a:

Breakfast meeting Lunch Meeting Dinner Meeting

Location (general): _____



9. Remarks (i.e. What is your most important member benefit? What would make you recommend membership to your peers?)

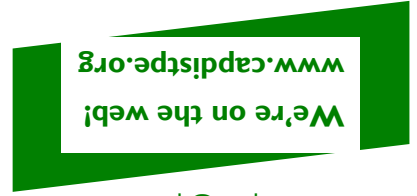
10. Would you like a Chapter officer to contact you and discuss anything further? _____

Please return you comments to:

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Or mail to 8 Snowberry Road, Ballston Spa, NY 10202

OR

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