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The Younger Member Group presents Speed Networking

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Date: June 16, 2009 at 12:00 noon

Place: Bryan Park, Shelter #1

Cost: \$10

Menu: Assorted Sandwiches and Drinks

RSVP: Contact Denise Nelson at

dnelson@greeley-hansen.com

or 204-2407 by the end of the day
June 11, 2009.

The Younger Member Group is sponsoring this modern meet-and-greet to promote networking. This event is open to all. Attendees will be organized in groups and given 30-60 seconds to introduce themselves. After everyone in the group has spoken, attendees will be reorganized into new groups for more introductions. This is a great way to meet more people in the society in a casual environment. We expect people from all Civil Engineering disciplines, business sectors, and ages to participate, thus promoting the development of diverse networks. Now's the time to RSVP, stock up on business cards, and start thinking about your introduction!

Directions to Bryan Park and shelter location map available at
www.friendsofbryanpark.org.

MEET THE...

College Liaison and Scholarship Chair Ponte, P.E.



Craig Ponte, P.E.

This month we profile College Liaison and Scholarship Chair Ponte, P.E. Craig has been an active member of the YM Group and works at Ammann & Whitney as a structural engineer.

Where are you from, where did you go to school?

I grew up in Cleveland, Ohio and then studied civil engineering at Syracuse University.

What inspired you to be a civil engineer?

Bridges have always been fascinating to me and wanted to design them since I was a boy. I was further inspired after taking advantage of ASCE's engineer-for-a-day program in the 11th grade. I am continually inspired by my colleagues and the increasing interest in bridge esthetics.

What is the most interesting project you have worked on?

It was a recent project called the 11th St. Corridor Improvement Project in Washington, DC. We were short-listed for this design-build project and were tasked to provide the "best value" for a given budget. The project included three new bridges over the Anacostia River and we had the freedom to choose roadway alignments, bridge types, new materials, and construction methods in order to maximize our impact within the corridor.

What is your role on the board?

I recently took over as the Richmond Branch scholarship chair. The Richmond Branch grants a scholarship to UVA. Civil Engineering major each year and the scholarship chair is responsible for raising funds for the scholarship, publicizing the scholarship within the UVA. community, and helping to evaluate and award the scholarship.

What do we do to raise money for universities?

The Richmond Branch has a golf tournament every year to raise funds for the UVA. scholarship.

What are we doing to reach out to the university?

The Richmond Branch is reaching out to the University by providing the scholarship and encouraging undergrads and recent graduates to attend branch events in order to network and increase their visibility in the civil engineering community.

What do you want to accomplish next year?

I'd like to help accomplish a successful golf tournament in the face of the current economic conditions as well increased participation of the UVA. community in Richmond Branch activities.

If you are interested in helping Craig with his activities feel free to contact him at CPonte@ammann-whitney.com or 804-262-5111.

DCR moving forward with Public Comments on New Stormwater Regulations

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is proceeding with the public hearing/ public comment period on the following two regulation changes:

Amendments to statewide permit fee schedule and to improve the administration and implementation of fees

Information on this regulation can be found at:

<http://townhall.virginia.gov/l/viewstage.cfm?stageid=5106>

Amend Parts I, II, and III of the Virginia Stormwater Management Program Permit Regulations to address water quality and quantity and local stormwater management program criteria.

Information on this regulation can be found at:

<http://townhall.virginia.gov/l/viewstage.cfm?stageid=5070>

Five regional public hearings will be held in Virginia (all public hearings start at 7 PM.) Here are three locations regional to our Branch:

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| July 7 th | City of Manassas City Council Chambers 9027 Center Street Manassas, Virginia 20110 |
| July 9 th | City of Hampton City Council Chambers 22 Lincoln Street 8 th Floor Hampton, Virginia 23669 |
| July 14 th | Virginia General Assembly Building 910 Capitol Street, Senate Room B Richmond, Virginia 23219 |

The public comment period lasts 60 days and starts at the first public hearing (June 22, 2009.) The new regulations represent significant revisions to the water quantity and quality requirements within land development.

The ASCE Virginia Section is encouraging public comment on the new stormwater regulations and plans on compiling a public comment letter representing membership. Any public comments can be forwarded to Bryan Stevenson at bryan.stevenson@aesva.com

SAVE THE DATE-
**October 6, 2009 for the 7th Annual ASCE
 Golf Tournament and Picnic**

The annual Golf Tournament and Picnic will be held on October 6, 2009 (rain date - October 13, 2009) this year at Rivers Bend Golf Course. The tournament, hosted by the Young Member Group, is a fundraiser for the Branch's ASCE Civil Engineering Scholarship Fund at UVA. Included with this newsletter is a flyer about the event. Craig Ponte will be leading the efforts for this year's tournament and he could use your help. Contact Craig at CPonte@ammann-whitney.com or 804-262-5111 if you are interested in being involved.

YM Group to host ASCE Webinar in July

The Young Member Group will be hosting the ASCE webinar *Ethics: The Road All Engineers Must Follow* at noon on July 15, 2009 at the Draper Aden office training room. The cost of the event will be \$20 and will qualify for 1.5 PDH's (Note: PDH's are now required for PE licensure renewal.)

If you are interested in attending this event, contact Denise Nelson at dnelson@greeley-hansen.com or 204-2407.

Additional information on this event is forthcoming in the July newsletter.

Schedule of Upcoming Richmond Branch and other Events

| Date | Speaker | Topic | Location |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| June 16 | - | Speed Networking | Bryan Park, Shelter #1 |
| July 14 | - | DCR Public Hearing on Stormwater Regs | General Assembly Building |
| July 15 | - | ASCE Webinar | Draper Aden |
| August 13 | TBA | RJEC Event: "Marketing Yourself" | TBA |
| September 16-17 | - | 2009 Virginia Engineer's Conference | Williamsburg Kingsmill Marriott |
| September 17 | ASCE President Wayne Klotz | Virginia Section Annual Banquet | Williamsburg Kingsmill Marriott |
| October 6 | - | 7 th Annual ASCE Golf Tournament and Picnic | Rivers Bend Golf Course |