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## The Younger Member Group presents **Happy Hour** *at* Ellwood's Coffee and Community Place

Date: Wednesday August 26, 2009  
Place: Ellwood's Coffee and Community Place (10 S. Thompson Street)

Our YM group is at it again, hosting a happy hour this week at Ellwood's Coffee and Community Place near the corner of Thompson and Cary Streets. This event is open to all members. Join us for socializing and networking over appetizers and a cash bar.

The renovation of the space that became Ellwood's focused on the use of many environmentally friendly features. Most of the building and interior are from local and/or recycled origins - reclaimed metals, sustainable concrete, reclaimed pine, refurbished furniture, etc. Add to that the use of dual-flush toilets, low VOC paint, biodegradable "to go" containers, and bins for composting and recycling, it is one green hot-spot.

Additional information on the features on the renovation can be found at <http://www.ellwoodcoffee.com/right.html>

## October 6, 2009 for the 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Did you know ?...* Participation and donations to the golf tournament are tax deductible (tax ID #23-7066182) within all appropriate tax laws.

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](mailto:CPonte@ammann-whitney.com) or 804-262-5111 if you are interested in being involved.

## A Call for Volunteers

ASCE Richmond is preparing for the 2009-2010 school year. Last year, ASCE members participated in over fifteen different outreach events at several different local schools. This year we already have several events scheduled including running a workshop during "Engineer Day" at the Math Science Innovation Center in October. We need engineers who are willing to speak to students in the classroom, help organize activities relating to engineering, and who can provide mentoring to students interested in pursuing engineering as a profession. We have several lesson plans, activities, and power point presentations already prepared to help out volunteers. There are several ways in which members can become involved and each person is free to volunteer whatever type of events suit their comfort level and interests. Anyone who is interested in being contacted when events are taking place, or who has questions about the program, should contact Education Chair Mike Howell at 804-777-3058 or [mhowell@brockenbrough.com](mailto:mhowell@brockenbrough.com).

## A Message from the President

*By Bryan Stevenson*



It has been a very busy summer by ASCE standards. I tried convincing Younger Member Chair Denise Nelson that we usually take the summer off but she wouldn't listen and I believe all that have participated in their events have benefited. In June there was the Speed Networking Event, July brought the ASCE Ethics Webinar and this month will feature a happy hour. All were hosted by the YM group but open to all members. Thanks Denise for all the hard work.

Denise was just accepted to the 2009 Emerging Leaders Alliance, a professional leadership program for those in the fields of Science and Engineering. ASCE only has nine spaces available for participation nationally. Congratulations Denise.

Thanks also go out to Draper Aden for providing their training room for our first ASCE webinar. We plan on hosting more webinars in the upcoming year to help educate you and help fulfill some of the necessary continuing education credits now required with licensure. Our goal is to provide interesting topics at an inexpensive price. If you see an upcoming ASCE webinar that you believe our membership would be interested in, please let us know.

We just had an interesting planning session with the board of directors of the Branch. It looks like we will be having a very active year. We are working on a September meeting with a structural theme and are also working hard on the planning of our annual golf tournament. Education Chair Mike Howell is busy planning education outreach in the local schools (see page 2) and College Liaison Chris Miller ([chris.miller@timmons.com](mailto:chris.miller@timmons.com) 804-200-6598) is busy working with local universities. Thanks to Mike and Chris for their continued efforts.

After two years as President, you all will finally be able to get rid of me. Elections for new officers will be taking place in the coming week. I'm very proud of our membership and excited about the direction the Branch is heading. I will be staying involved with the Branch and helping some at the Section. I would like to thank all of those (and there really are too many to mention) who have helped by serving the Branch while I was an officer. I could not have done it without your help. Best of luck to President Elect Paul Hinson who will be taking over as President

## UVA ASCE Student Chapter Hosting Networking Night

The University of Virginia ASCE Student Chapter is hosting a networking night at Thornton Hall on the UVA campus on September 22 from 6 to 8 PM. Specifically targeted to Civil and Environmental Engineers, this event is a great opportunity for companies to interact with students. Participating companies will get a resume notebook of participating students.

If your company is being involved, contact Vice President (and last year's Richmond Branch scholarship winner) Hiba Hashmi at [ats5b@virginia.edu](mailto:ats5b@virginia.edu)

## Schedule of Upcoming Richmond Branch and other Events

| Date            | Speaker                    | Topic  | Location                        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| August 26       | -                          | YM Happy Hour  | Ellwood's                       |
| September 16-17 | -                          | 2009 Virginia Engineer's Conference                    | Williamsburg Kingsmill Marriott |
| September 17    | ASCE President Wayne Klotz | Virginia Section Annual Banquet                        | Williamsburg Kingsmill Marriott |
| September 22    | TBD                        | September Branch Meeting                               | Westwood Club                   |
| September 22    | -                          | UVA ASCE Networking Night                              | Thornton Hall (UVA)             |
| October 6       | -                          | 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual ASCE Golf Tournament and Picnic | Rivers Bend Golf Course         |

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