

Younger Member Group eNewsletter

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Supplementing Branch Activities with a Focus on Younger Members

April Branch Meeting is a Community Event for Earth Week

This **free community event** at the Byrd Theater **includes a reception** sponsored by water, sewer, and stormwater societies, the **“Liquid Assets” documentary**, and a **brief discussion of the state of Virginia's infrastructure**. Invite your friends, family, neighbors, pizza delivery guy, etc...

The “Liquid Assets” documentary tells the story of **essential infrastructure systems: water, wastewater, and stormwater**. These systems are critical to public health and development, but the aging infrastructure is out of sight and out of mind and slowly degrading.

The event is being structured to qualify for **2 hours of continuing education credit time** in Virginia for licensed Professional Engineers and Architects. There is a **\$10** processing fee for these professionals wishing to have their attendance documented and receive attendance certificates. These **individuals should pre-register and pay the processing fee online** at <http://liquidassets.eventbrite.com>.

April 20, 2010, 5:30pm - 9:00pm @ Byrd Theater

More information is available at www.ascevirginia.org

To volunteer at the event, contact the event chair: Me! Details below.

ASCE Online

Be a part of our growing online community in any number of ways:

- Visit the **new ASCE website** (www.asce.org)
- Join the [Government Relations](#) or [the Save America's Infrastructure Group](#) on **Facebook**
- [Follow ASCEGovRel](#) on **Twitter**
- Join the report card debate on the [Our Failing Infrastructure](#) **blog**
- Join the group **“ASCE Younger Members (Richmond Area)”** on **FaceBook**

ASCE Guide Helps You Thrive

ASCE's **Survive and Thrive Web site** (<http://content.asce.org/SurviveandThrive.html>) is your one-stop resource to continue succeeding and moving forward in your professional and personal life despite these turbulent economic times. From assisting you in a **job search** and **building your professional skills**, to making sure your **personal finances** can withstand the buffeting of the markets, Survive & Thrive includes links to a wide array of help.

What is the Middle James Roundtable?



The Middle James Roundtable is a collaborative effort to bring stakeholders to the table to improve water quality through local and regional community-based watershed projects. Go to www.mjrt.org for more information and to sign up for their email newsletter.

Employer Recognition Award

The Committee on Younger Members is **seeking nominations for the 2010 Younger Member Employer Recognition Award**. The Employer Recognition Award was created to recognize employers who support young engineers and assist with their personal development. Nominations must be postmarked **by August 1, 2010**. Contact the Branch for details.

Continuing Education Credits – Free or Cheap CECs

LogInAndLearn.com is an online education resource put together to provide eLearning and Continuing Education for the a/e/c community. There are several campuses to choose from for your specific education needs, which include offerings such as general coursework, discussions, white papers, Webcasts and podcasts. Many of the courses provide industry related learning units applicable for AIA and other organizations as well as state licensing.

Concerned about Water? - Subscribe to EPA's Water Headlines weekly email newsletter

To subscribe to the Water Headlines listserv from EPA's Office of Water: Send an email message, leave the subject line blank, and address it to: waterheadlines-join@lists.epa.gov. In the body of the message write: **Subscribe Water Headlines first name last name** Please leave one blank space between each word, do not include any other message, and use your actual name - i.e. "Subscribe Water Headlines Robert Jones".

THE STUDENT SECTION

For those still in school (and those who still love to tailgate)

By Chris Miller

As ASCE rolled out its brand new website earlier this month, they also renovated their student member portion of the site. Be sure to check out the upgrade here:

<http://www.asce.org/LandingPage.aspx?id=68>

The UVA chapter recently competed in the Virginias Conference where they fared very well. Here is the update from UVA Student Chapter President Lisa Lockerby:

We did really well even though our canoe did not make it (broke and could not be removed from the forms). Here are a few highlights of how we did:

3rd Place in Technical Paper, Steve Shorn

2nd Place in Hardy Cross Presentation, Erin Beckman

Steel Bridge Team did a fabulous job and built the bridge in only 28 minutes! Team led by Theresa Jones.

The UVA chapter expressed more interest in being taught how to weld in the beginning of next semester (August/September time frame), so that they can be more efficient in steel bridge next year. Please let me know if you are or know someone who is willing to help put on this seminar.

Next Thursday, April 22nd, the ASCE Richmond branch will make the trip up to Charlottesville to help the UVA Student Chapter close out their year by attending their Spring Banquet. The Richmond Branch will be hosting a happy hour before hand (from 5-7) at Trinity, an Irish Pub just steps away from campus. If you would like to attend please let me know as soon as possible as open spots are closing quickly.

Finally, I am going to begin planning the annual golf tournament in the near future, and could use volunteers to help me do so. The golf tournament will take place in the fall as it did last year.

As always, if you are willing to help out in any way with events, or just want to get involved with local student chapters, please contact me at chris.miller@timmons.com or 804-200-6598.

Crazy Conversions – Just for PUN

Did you solve these puns from last month? What is/are...

6. 100 rations = C-Ration
7. 16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone = 1 Rod Serling
8. Time it takes to sail 220 yards at one nautical mile per hour – knot furlong
9. 1,000,000 headaches = 1 mega-hertz
10. Basic unit of laryngitis = hoarsepower

See if you can solve these (answers will be in the next newsletter): What is/are...

11. Shortest distance between two jokes?
12. 454 graham crackers?
13. 1 million bicycles?
14. 2000 Mockingbirds?
15. 10 playing cards?

James River Green Building Council - Tour April 29th

Join us for some family friendly fun as we explore the GRTC Facility, currently pursuing LEED Silver Certification! Green features include **collection and recycling of waste oil, waste antifreeze, and used bus parts. An innovative bus wash with a water reclamation system that recycles gray water conserves water and reduces utility costs.** Other features include a sustainable ventilation system, water reduction techniques, and a zero-emission paint booth unit. **This tour will take place at the GRTC Facility, 301 East Belt Boulevard, Richmond, VA, from 5:30-7:30 pm on April 29th.** Registrants must arrive before 6:00 pm due to the facility requirements. Tours will last for approximately 30 minutes each. There will be opportunities for

networking before and during the tours. Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. **The cost for this event is \$15 for JRGBC members and \$25 for non-members.**

Upcoming Events:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
April 16	VA Society of Landscape Architects Conference	Renaissance Conference Center
April 16	PE Exam	
April 20	“Liquid Assets” Branch Meeting and Community Event	Byrd Theater
April 22	Student/Professional Happy Hour and Banquet	UVA
April 23-25	Richmond Green Conference	Convention Center
April 29	JRGBC Green Building Tour	GRTC Facility
May TBD	High School – Younger Member Student Panel Discussion	
May 2-8	National Drinking Water Week	
May 16-22	National Public Works Week	

We want to hear from you!

- Do you have something to share with other Younger Members?
- What would make ASCE better for Younger Members?
- What topics are Younger Members specifically interested in?
- What issues are unique to Younger Members?

Please feel free to **share this eNewsletter** with your colleagues. You may also reply to the sender to submit email addresses for colleagues that would like to be added to the distribution list. You can find archived copies of the eNewsletter on the Section website at:

<http://www.ascevirginia.org/ASCE%20Newsletters/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

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Thank you,
Younger Member Group Chair

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