

President's Pen

By Charlene Cassidy P.E.
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As I write my final President's Pen, I am thinking about what a great year we've had. Our lunch meetings have been very well attended. I've been very happy to see some new faces at our meetings this year, in addition to the familiar faces. The Branch also hosted one of the most successful SC Section Fall Seminars in recent history. Our success as a branch is completely dependent on our members. Thank you all for your support and attendance at meetings.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the Board Members: Kevin Krick, Ed Owens, Jennifer Hasting, and Cedric Fairbanks for all of their time, hard work, and dedication to the Branch this past year. I also want to thank Pamela Oree, our newsletter editor for the fantastic job she's done with our newsletter.

I know that Kevin has some new plans for getting Branch more members involved next year, such as the education committee and the membership committee, as well as public involvement activities for the Branch. Kevin and the new board members will make next year even more successful than this past year.

We'll see you at our final meeting of the year on May 14. Meeting details are inside. Don't forget the ASCE Family Picnic and Baseball Outing on June 17, 2008 at Capital City Stadium. A form to reserve your tickets is inside. We hope to see you there.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY, 2008

BRANCH MEETING

SANJOY CHAKRABORTY, PHD, P.E. – WILBUR SMITH ASSOCIATES
LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 1 PILE LOAD TEST PROGRAM
VISTA ROOM, SUGGS AND KELLY BUILDING
CORNER OF HUGER AND TAYLOR STREETS, COLUMBIA, SC
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2008 FROM 11:30 AM TO 1:15 PM

JUNE, 2008

ASCE FAMILY NIGHT

A NIGHT WITH THE BLOW FISH
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2008, STARTING AT 6:00PM

SEPTEMBER, 2008

SC / NC ANNUAL MEETING AND SEMINAR

MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE PARK, CHARLOTTE, NC
SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2008

OCTOBER, 2008

BRANCH MEETING

SPEAKER – TBA
VISTA ROOM, SUGGS AND KELLY BUILDING
CORNER OF HUGER AND TAYLOR STREETS, COLUMBIA, SC
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2008 FROM 11:30 AM TO 1:15 PM

COLLECTION FOR HARVEST HOPE FOOD BANK

Special Events

Steel Piering Seminar,
Sponsored by Mount Valley Foundation Services
May 6-9, 2008

For more info and registration, visit:
www.driveritepiers.com

Branch Elections

Branch Members will receive a ballot for this year's elections in a separate email. Please return your ballots by May 12, 2008 to Jennifer Hasting.



NEWS: ASCE Midlands supported the USC ASCE Student Chapter with \$500.00 to for the Carolina's Spring Conference.

ASCE Midlands Branch Meeting Summary - April 9, 2008 – Underground Options for Stormwater Detention and Treatment

The speaker, Jack Moore with Contech Stormwater Solutions, gave an interesting discussion about the types of products produced by Contech and several construction projects where those products were implemented. Examples were given for stormwater, bridge, earth stabilization, and drainage issues. Thanks to all those who attended.



A Night with the Blowfish

Please join the Midlands Branch for a **PICNIC** and **BASEBALL GAME**. This is an excellent opportunity to spend time with friends and family and enjoy the Great American pastime! All the picnic fixins' and soft drinks will be provided.

Where: Capital City Stadium

When: June 17, 2008 – 6 PM
"College Corner" Pavilion

Cost: ASCE Members and family members
\$10 each
Non-ASCE members and family
members \$15 each

The cost includes the picnic and ticket to the game. Game starts at 7:05 PM.

Please **RSVP** to Charlene Cassidy
Cassidy@pbworld.com with number of people
attending by **JUNE 9, 2008**.

NOTE: The Blowfish have invited the Midlands Branch to provide someone to **sing the National Anthem** before the game. If anyone is interested (or if you know someone with a beautiful signing voice, but is a little shy to volunteer, please contact Charlene Cassidy at 803-227-3474 or by e-mail.

Future Midlands Branch Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, October 22, 2008
Wednesday, November 19, 2008
Wednesday, December 17, 2008
Wednesday, January 21, 2009
Wednesday, February 18, 2009
Wednesday, March 18, 2009
Wednesday, April 15, 2009
Wednesday, May 20, 2009

A Night With The Blowfish
ASCE Midlands Branch Family Night

Ticket Reservation Form

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Members

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Number of Tickets _____ x \$10.00 = _____ total Enclosed.

Member Number: _____

Non-Members

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Number of Tickets _____ x \$15.00 = _____ total Enclosed.

Make checks payable to ASCE Midlands Branch. Please return form and payment to Charlene Cassidy c/o ASCE Midlands Branch, PO Box 2506, Columbia, SC 29202 by June 9, 2008.

Questions? Contact Charlene at 803-227-3474 or Cassidy@pbworld.com