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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Branch Members,

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a very quickly approaching Merry Christmas. I realize everyone is very busy in preparations for the holidays, and I just want to send out this brief note to give you an ASCE update, itemized for your convenience.

- There will not be an ASCE Lunch in Learn in December. Look for the regular program to resume in January.
- Thanks for the continued high attendance. We've been averaging around 35-40 people per meeting, and I think that has really added value to the meetings.
- If there is a topic you would like to see presented on, please pass it along to one of the officers. Odds are someone else wants to hear about it also.
- Please consider supporting the Bridge Competition by sponsoring. The attached form contains the information. This is the one major outreach event the ASCE does each year. It targets high potential young children and promotes engineering in a fun way. (WE BUILD STUFF AND BREAK IT)
- We are currently looking for a younger member chair. If you are interested please contact any one of the ASCE officers, and we will share the details with you

Merry Christmas!

Tom Hill
ASCE Upstate Branch President

Thank You, to everyone that came to the November Lunch and Learn



The report that was presented at our October meeting on **"The Five Greatest Challenges that are Threatening Companies Today - and the Four Things a Company Must Do to Stay Competitive in Today's Marketplace"** is available at no charge to any of our members who would like a copy - simply email your request to Greg Smith, Managing Partner of The Center for Advanced Performance, at gsmith@tcap.us, or call 1-800-201-8262.

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

No Events

JANUARY

Thursday, January 28 – Lunch Meeting
Location: Roper Mountain Science Center
Topic/Speaker TBA

Saturday, January 30 – 2nd Annual Popsicle Stick Bridge Competition
Location: Carolina First Center