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Southeast Michigan Branch

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Dear ASCE Southeast Michigan Branch members:

Greetings from your Southeast Michigan Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers. We wish you a Happy New Year, and hope that you have not yet strayed too far from all of your New Year's resolutions!

We are pleased to present several upcoming ASCE Southeast Michigan Branch events and related programs:

The American Institute of Steel Construction, in cooperation with ASCE is presenting a one day seminar at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel on January 25, 2006 entitled "AISC Seismic Provisions relevant to seismic braced frame design". More information can be found at their website: www.aisc.org/seminars. Register by Thursday, January 19, 2006.

The ASCE Southeast Michigan Branch Student Night will be held on February 21, 2006 at Wayne State University. Following dinner we will have a very special engineering presentation by Dr. Thomas Wolff (Associate Dean for the College of Engineering at MSU) on the performance of New Orleans levees during hurricane Katrina. In the aftermath of hurricane Katrina, Dr. Wolff spent a week on the ground as a member of the ASCE team investigating the failures of levees in New Orleans. Dr. Wolff will present highlights from his evaluation, and from the joint ASCE-

NSF preliminary report, which was furnished to the U.S. Senate and released to the public on November 1, 2005. Later in the evening, Kevin Olmstead (an engineer with Tetra Tech who won over \$2,000,000 on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?") will once again lead the traditional Student Night rendition of Civil Engineering Jeopardy. The evening's events will conclude with the Committee for Younger Members' Resume Raffle and Student Scholarship award.

In March, MDOT Director Ms. Gloria Jeff will give an overview of the "SAFETEA-LU" legislation and what affect it will have on future MDOT projects. After TEA-21 expired in October 1, 2003, twelve extensions were required until a new transportation act could be passed and signed by President Bush in 2005. The new five year, \$244 Billion federal bill includes an *additional* \$239 Million per year for Michigan transportation projects. This program will be in early March, on a specific date to be determined.

Board Meetings

Board meetings are held monthly and are tentatively scheduled for the first Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held on January 5, 2006. The Board meets at 7:00 a.m. at Nello's restaurant in royal at 25994 Woodward Avenue, just north of I-696. All members are welcome to attend the Board meeting.

Branch Mailing

Remember, starting this fall the Branch has design distributing the monthly mailing.

Please continue to update you email address with the current President-Elect (fklingler@nthconsultants.com) if it should change, and visit out website: (www.asceseast.org). The southeast Branch of American Society of civil engineers publishes the Southeast Branch Newsletter almost monthly. Contact Fritz Klingler, editor, for information, suggestions or comments at fklingler@nthconsultants.com.

Dates to Remember

Next SE Michigan Branch Board Meeting (Nellos @7:00 am)	January 5, 2006
George Kuhn Drain Basin Tour and Program	2006 (TBD)
29 th Annual Student Night	February 21, 2006
Tri-Centennial Park Program (tentative)	Spring 2006 (TBD)
Southeastern Branch Annual Award Nominations Due	March 2006 (TBD)
Southeastern Branch Annual Meeting	May 6, 2006
CYM golf Outgoing – Greystone Golf Course, Romeo	June 2006 (TBD)
Michigan Section Annual Meeting	September 2006 (TBD)