



**American Society of Civil Engineers**

**Southeast Michigan Branch**

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**Dear ASCE Southeast Michigan Branch members:**

Hello everyone. Last month saw a great legislative program at Marinelli's. Those that attended got some insight into the role of lobbying and its impact on legislative decision-making. We also learned about PAC's working in conjunction with an effective lobbyist. ASCE's goal is to establish a PAC after a revision of our corporate status from a 501c3 to a 501c6. If successful, ASCE will join with MSPE and ACEC to further strengthen the voice of civil engineering amongst our legislators. More details to follow from National.

**Call for nominations:** The ASCE Southeast Michigan Branch Board of Directors is seeking nominations for the open director position for the 2007-08 year. The executive committee will consider all nominations and will choose a candidate for the general election to be held in April. Candidates should be very active at the branch level, should have held at least one committee chairmanship, and should be experienced at organizing large programs for the general membership. Please email Fritz Klingler with any nominations: [fklingler@nthconsultants.com](mailto:fklingler@nthconsultants.com)

Attached to the end of this month's newsletter is the information needed to submit someone's name or project for

consideration in one of the following awards: Young Civil Engineer of the Year Award, the Franklin D. Meyers Outstanding Civil Engineer of the Year Award, the Outstanding Civil Engineering Project of the Year Award, and the Quality of Life Project of the Year Award. Nominations must be received by March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*Reminder:* This newsletter is now distributed entirely by email, so please remember to update your email address with us if it is about to change. Please feel free to send me notification of your new email address as editor of this year's newsletter and President Elect - John Dell'Isola, PE. ([jdellisola@spaldingdedecker.com](mailto:jdellisola@spaldingdedecker.com)).

**Board Meetings**

As always, everyone is welcome to attend the Board's monthly meetings to discuss ideas and get involved in the Branch. If you are interested, the next meeting will be held on April 5, 2007 at Nello's in Royal Oak.

**CYM Corner**

**Jacob Rushlow, P.E., CYM President**

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual ASCE Student Night occurred on February 21<sup>st</sup> and was hosted by Lawrence Technological University. The event was well attended with 48 professionals and 43 students who enjoyed exhibits from local Civil Engineering firms, contributed to an open forum discussion with

a panel of three ASCE members and played a round of the traditional Engineering Jeopardy. Congratulations to Maureen Wimsatt of Wayne State University for being awarded the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Student Scholarship worth \$1000 and to Wayne State University for taking first place in Engineering Jeopardy!

CYM is planning a Bowling Extravaganza on March 29<sup>th</sup> at Garden Bowl in Detroit from 6:00-9:00 PM. We welcome all ASCE members and students who are interested to attend. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information and please contact Brad Vernier ([brad.vernier@ohm-advisors.com](mailto:brad.vernier@ohm-advisors.com)) to reserve your spot.

The next CYM meeting will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Bowling event at Garden Bowl in Detroit. As always, ASCE members and Student Chapters are welcome to attend.

If you are interested in more about what CYM does or are thinking about getting involved yourself, check out the website at <http://www.asceseast.org/cym/cym.htm>.

**Branch E-Mail / Website / Newsletter Info**

Please continue to update your email address with your current President-Elect.

The branch website is updated monthly and can be found at [www.asceseast.org](http://www.asceseast.org) .

The Southeast Branch of the American Society of civil engineers publishes the Branch Newsletter monthly. Please contact John Dell'Isola, with questions on placing information in the newsletter and for any suggestions or comments. Thank you.  
[jdellisola@spaldingdedecker.com](mailto:jdellisola@spaldingdedecker.com) .

**Ever been to a movie premiere?**

It's lots of fun, and this one is free! The movie "Pete: Moving Manmade Mountains" is the story of a man that has achieved great success as an inventor and engineer, without the formal education that is a prerequisite today. This film celebrates the life and achievements of Peter D. Friesen, mover of America's most treasured historic structures, including the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, for which Pete and his team received ASCE's OPAL award. Pete Friesen is also the recipient of four Guinness Book of World Records, including for the 1997 move of the beautiful Gem Theatre, a wonderfully appropriate venue for this premiere. Meet Pete Friesen and celebrate engineering excellence with this movie. Please see the attached program flyer for more info.

**SEE THE FOLLOWING  
PAGES FOR SE BRANCH  
DATES TO REMEMBER  
AND UPCOMING  
PROGRAM INFO!**

**Dates to Remember**

March CYM Meeting/Social Event (Garden Bowl, Detroit)	March 29, 2007
April SE Michigan Branch Board Meeting (Nello's, Royal Oak)	April 5, 2007
Geotechnical Program on the Upper Rouge project (TBD) (Hilton Garden Inn, Downtown Detroit)	April (TBD)
Project Management Program	April (TBD)
SE Michigan Branch Annual Meeting (Meadowbrook Hall)	May 5, 2007
CYM Golf Outing (Greystone Golf Course, Romeo)	June 28, 2007

**SEE THE ATTACHED FLYERS TO REGISTER FOR  
UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS**

## ASCE Southeast Michigan Branch Awards

### Young Civil Engineer of the Year Award

This award is to recognize the younger members of the Branch for their continuing and active service to the branch and the profession. The person, or persons nominated should be active members of the ASCE Southeast Branch of the Michigan Section and meet the guidelines listed below:

- An individual or group of individuals may submit nominations. All candidates must be nominated through the ASCE branch.
- Information that is provided should be as complete and accurate as possible.
- The candidate civil engineer, to be eligible to receive this award, should be living at the time of his/her nomination and should be an active member of the Southeast Branch of the Michigan Section, American Society of Civil Engineers.
- A civil engineer who has moved out of state (or the country) may still be nominated for service during his/her residency in the Southeast Branch.
- Active members of the Board of Directors and/or the Award Committee shall not be eligible for the award.
- The candidate shall be 35 years of age or less as of the date of the Annual Meeting (May 2007)
- A color slide or .jpg computer file of each nominee would be appreciated for use at the awards dinner press release.

Nominations must be received by March 22, 2007. Send the nomination information to:

Jerry Luttman, P.E.  
Southeast Branch Awards Committee Chairman  
PB Americas, Inc.  
18311 West 10 Mile Road, Suite 202  
Southfield, MI 48075

Phone: 734-915-2066  
e-mail: [luttman@pbworld.com](mailto:luttman@pbworld.com)

**Franklin D. Meyers, P.E.**  
**Outstanding Civil Engineer of the Year Award**

This award is to recognize the members of the Branch for their continuing and active service to the branch and the profession. The person, or persons nominated should be active members of the ASCE Southeast Branch of the Michigan Section and has met the guidelines listed below:

- An individual or group of individuals may submit nominations. All candidates must be nominated through the ASCE branch.
- Information that is provided should be as complete and accurate as possible. This information should be of the professional service and the service to the Southeast Branch activities.
- The candidate should have provided service to the Branch and to the profession.
- The candidate civil engineer, to be eligible to receive this award, should be living at the time of his/her nomination and should be an active member of the Southeast Branch of the Michigan Section, American Society of Civil Engineers.
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## **Outstanding Civil Engineering Project of the Year Award**

This award is to recognize a project that has demonstrated, through the design, coordination and execution of the construction, the highest level of engineering skill and that represents the greatest contribution to civil engineering progress. The project nominated should be a completed project within the area of the Southeast Branch and has met the guidelines listed below:

- The project must be completed and put into service or be ready for use. Phased projects may be submitted upon completion of a particular phase or segment. It is that phase or segment that must meet these guidelines.
- No project or project segment may be renominated after receiving an award.
- Information that is provided should be as complete and accurate as possible.
- Information submitted should clearly state the services each project participant provided.
- The project must exemplify some aspect/s of civil engineering.
- The project should demonstrate use of innovations in materials, technology or construction methods.
- Resourcefulness in planning and in the solution of design problems should be evident.
- The project should contribute to the well being of people and communities.
- Each project's potentially adverse effects on society and the environment should also be considered.
- Either the project or the headquarters of the prime design or construction firm must be located in Michigan.
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## **Quality of Life Project of the Year Award**

This award is to recognize that project that has demonstrated, through the design, coordination and execution of the construction, the highest level of engineering skill for the improvement of the quality of life. The project nominated should be a completed project within the area of the Southeast Branch and has met the guidelines listed below:

- The project must be completed and put into service or be ready for use. Phased projects may be submitted upon completion of a particular phase or segment. It is that phase of segment that must meet these guidelines.
- No project or project segment may be renominated after receiving an award.
- Information that is provided should be as complete and accurate as possible.
- Information submitted should clearly state the services each project participant provided.
- Emphasis will be on small community or private projects.
- The project should demonstrate use of innovations in materials, technology or construction methods in the design or construction of this project.
- Resourcefulness in planning and in the solution of design problems should be evident.
- The project should contribute to the well being of people and communities.
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## Film Premiere at the Gem “Pete: Moving Manmade Mountains”

From the ashes of the Russian Revolution, Peter D. Friesen was born into poverty in Ukraine and immigrated as an infant, with his Mennonite family, to Alberta Canada. Following a childhood of hard work, depression era poverty and service in World War II, Peter Friesen began a long and storied career in the structural moving industry. Beginning with small wood frame houses and progressing to the extremely complex move of historic Cape Hatteras Lighthouse in 1999, Pete Friesen has become an engineering legend. He is an innovator who has developed machinery, engineering methods and computer programs, all still widely used in the industry.

“Pete: Moving Manmade Mountains” is a motion picture celebration of Pete Friesen’s life and achievements. While relocating approximately 5000 buildings in his lifelong career, he has helped preserve some of America’s most treasured historic structures, including Cape Hatteras Light – for which Pete and his team received the OPAL award. Pete has four entries in the Guinness Book of World Records, including one for the 1997 move of the beautiful Gem Theatre – a wonderfully appropriate venue for this film premiere. Come!

### Meet Pete Friesen and celebrate engineering excellence



Date: **March 19 and 20, 2007**  
Location: **Gem Theatre**, Detroit, Michigan  
[www.gemtheatre.com](http://www.gemtheatre.com)

Agenda: **6:30 pm** – Reception, drinks, snacks  
**7:30 pm** – Curtain  
Cost: **FREE** (Cash bar for alcohol)

**Seating is limited and unassigned - Reservations are necessary**

Reservations may be made **prior to March 10, 2007** at  
[petegempremiere@rogers.com](mailto:petegempremiere@rogers.com)