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Southeast Michigan Branch

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Dear ASCE Southeast Michigan Branch members:

Welcome back! The 2006-2007 year has just begun and your Southeast Michigan Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers is off and running. With a great Diversity Committee program success just behind us, we are anticipating a great year of programs and networking opportunities for Branch members and their clients. We encourage everyone to consider attending a program this year.

Hopefully you had a chance to attend the Diversity Conference at the Detroit Athletic Club a couple weeks ago. Former Detroit Mayor, Dennis Archer gave the keynote address while Devin Scillian was on hand as our moderator.

The conference was a great success on a topic that is very timely. *American Scientist* reported that in the US “There are not going to be enough skilled practitioners, scientists, and educators to fill the growing number of occupations in science and engineering.” While these numbers are declining in the US, the diversification within these occupations remains a greater challenge. Increasing the number of engineers and scientists is seen as a key to the future of Michigan’s industry and economy. Thanks to the Diversity Committee (Tarolyn Buckles, Palencia Mobley, and Tom Porter)

for bringing the Branch to the forefront on such an important topic and showing us how to recruit the engineers of the future.

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).

Section and Branch News

The Branch in conjunction with the MI Section of ASCE is sponsoring the YES! Expo 2006 on November 2, 2006. The event takes place at Ford Field from 7:30 AM to 2 PM. Last year’s event was host to more than 12,500 students interested in careers in engineering and science. Bill Nye will be on hand for a morning and afternoon show.

This event is FREE for all middle- and high-school teachers and students. Please get the word out on this.

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 November 2, 2006 at Nello’s in Royal Oak.

**CYM Corner – Submitted by Jacob
Rushlow, P.E., CYM President**

The Committee on Younger Members was busy throughout the summer months with activities and social outings. The 11th annual golf outing was held June 22nd at Greystone Golf Club and was very successful with proceeds benefiting the 2007 Student Scholarship Award. CYM volunteered for a Saturday of home building with Habitat for Humanity on July 29th in Detroit's Tri-Centennial Village. The annual Tiger's game outing was held on August 4th and was well attended with 33 ASCE members. We are very excited about the upcoming year and are already planning a number of events so keep watch for more information!



The next CYM meeting will be held in conjunction with our quarterly social event at Palazzo di Bocce in Lake Orion. As always, ASCE members and Student Chapters are welcome to attend.

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

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER
AND PROGRAM INFO!**

Dates to Remember

ASCE National Conference (The Westin Chicago River North Hotel, Chicago)	Oct. 19-21, 2006
Youth Engineering & Science Expo 2006 (Ford Field, Detroit)	November 2, 2006
November SE Michigan Branch Board Meeting (Nello's, Royal Oak)	November 9, 2006
Geotech Committee Lunch Program on Non-Destructive Testing of Piles (Niki's Pizza, Detroit)	November 9, 2006
SE Michigan Branch Annual Meeting (Location T.B.D.)	May 19, 2007
CYM Golf Outing (Greystone Golf Course, Romeo)	June 21, 2007

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THE ASCE SOUTHEASTERN BRANCH Presents:

Non-Destructive Testing of Piles

Presentation: Dr. James Lynch of the University of Detroit Mercy will present on recent developments in the field of Non-Destructive Testing of Piles including recent field work.



Date: November 9, 2006

Location: Niki's Pizza
735 Beaubien St.
Detroit, MI 48226
(313) 961-4303

Agenda: 11:30- 12:00 – Social
12:00- 12:30 – Pizza, Salad, Beverage Lunch
12:30- 1:00 p.m – Presentation

Cost: \$16 per member for lunch (prepaid) - *Register by November 6, 2006*

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