

Newsletter of the Birmingham Branch/Alabama Section

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Lorna Rd, Hoover**

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2006 at the Golden Corral, which is located at 3117 Lorna Road behind the Bill Byrd Kia Dealership and Burlington Coat Factory approximately 1.25 miles north of the Galleria. Lorna Road runs parallel to and behind Hwy. 31 until it intersects with Hwy. 31 at the I-65 Interchange. The phone number is 822-1314. Call the restaurant if you need directions or contact any Branch officer.

Meeting Agenda

Renew Acquaintances/Meal*	11:30 - 12:15
Business Meeting	12:15 - 12:45
Speaker	12:45 - 1:15

Please get your meal as soon as you arrive and proceed to the meeting room located at the rear restaurant.

*Attendees will be eligible for a drawing to receive a free meal at this month's meeting. The drawing will be held before the business meeting. Please sign the attendance register to enter the drawing.

Speaker for April Meeting

Our speaker for this month's meeting will be from Bhate.

Branch meetings are the first Thursday of each month, September through May. Each month's meeting includes a presentation by a guest speaker. If you have an idea for a speaker or topic, please contact Jonathan Byrd.

**The Coloring Book Contests
Winners**

Congratulations to all the winners, individuals and classes. And a special thanks all our ambassadors, volunteers and to Sally Alverson from J.B. Trimble Inc. for making this a successful program. The following are the winners by place and category.

Best Over All Book (Class): 1st-Mrs. Wanda Carlisle's Class, Snow Rogers Elementary; 2nd- Mr. Alan Wilson's Class, Irondale Community; 3rd- Mrs. Lora Meeks Class, Vestavia Hills Central

Most Colorful Book (Class): 1st- Mrs. Laurie Jones' Class, Irondale Community School; 2nd- Mrs. Tonya Sparks Class, Gwin Elementary; 3rd- Mrs. Leslie Rush's Class, Vestavia Hills Central

Best Overall Sheet (Individual): 1st- Cody Chapman, North Highland Elementary Mr. Don Studdard; 2nd- Ashley Coleman, Princeton Elementary Mrs. Tameka Smith; 3rd- Karey Johnson, Snow Rogers Elementary Mrs. Wanda Carlisle

Most Colorful Sheet (Individual): 1st- Peyton Blaylock, Vestavia Hills Elementary Mrs. Cathy Russel; 2nd- Aleiah Farris, Irondale Community School Ms. Laurie Jones; 3rd- Austin Cole, North Birmingham Elementary Mrs. Shondra Nails Tucker

Best Original Work (Individual): 1st-Madison Tucker, Gwin Elementary Mrs. Tonya Sparks; 2nd- Reid Pearlman, Vestavia Hills Elementary Ms. Lynne Sullivan; 3rd- Del Romero, Vestavia Hills Elementary Ms. Lynne Sullivan

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ASCE Applaud New Bill

The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) applauded the introduction of the National Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2006, which was introduced on March 8, 2006. If enacted, this critical legislation—created to address the deteriorating conditions of our nation's roads, bridges, drinking water systems, dams and other public works—will establish the National Commission on Infrastructure of the United States. The commission will be charged with ensuring the ability of the nation's infrastructure to meet current and future demands and aid in the nation's economic growth. The legislation will mandated the completion of a study by February 2009 that will address all matters relating to the state of the nation's infrastructure, including capacity of infrastructure improvements to sustain current and anticipated economic development, the age, condition and capacity of public infrastructure, repair and maintenance needs, financing methods and investment requirements. This is an opportunity for Alabama Engineers to help local politician understand the need for more funding for infrastructure projects. For more information, including local infrastructure conditions and state infrastructure statistics, please visit www.infrastructurereportcard.org.

Birmingham Branch Scholarship

The scholarship committee is now accepting applications for the branch Civil Engineering scholarship. Applications are due on April 1, 2006 and forms are available on the Birmingham Branch website at <http://branches.asce.org/birmingham/scholarship.htm> or contact Susan Goertz at <mailto:sgoertz@mindspring.com>. Applicants must be planning to attend an accredited Alabama University, majoring in Civil Engineering, in the fall of 2006.

ASCE National and State News

The latest ASCE National News can be viewed at www.asce.org.

The State Section web site can be found at <http://www.alabama-asce.org/>

Branch Dues Update

THANK YOU to the 37 members who have paid their dues. We now need only 38 more due paying members to meet our goal (75). Your Branch dues are still only \$10! Remember that Branch dues are not included in your National or Section dues. Our Branch budget is supported by branch dues with a small allotment from the Alabama Section so please support your Branch by paying your dues at the meeting or by mailing them to the Branch post office address listed in the newsletter.

Newsletter Advertising

If you or your company is interested in purchasing advertising space in a future newsletter, please contact one of the officers. The price is \$50 per issue for a business card size space. With nearly 500 newsletters being distributed each month, your company could be exposed to nearly 500 of your peers!



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