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Greetings!

"Ok campers, rise and shine, and don't forget your booties cause its cold out there... its cold out there every day. Ok campers, rise and shine, and don't forget your booties cause its cold out there... its cold out there every day" Phil Connors (Bill Murray) - Groundhog Day - if you do not get it I strongly suggest you go home and watch the movie.

February is here and I am not sure about you, but it has been hard to tell whether it is spring or winter with all the crazy weather fronts and rain we have had as of late! Hopefully, with some luck, we are done with all this precipitation. However, if we are not, and this wet stuff freezes, I thoroughly hope that our weather forecasters are more accurate this time around!

I wanted to thank Nathan Oliver (Hawkins Partners) and Kevin Gangaware (Civil Site Design Group) for presenting at our January Branch Luncheon. We had a great turnout to hear about the design and construction of one of Nashville's most recent attractions, the Ascend Amphitheater.

We will not have a branch meeting in February, but there are plenty of activities planned. First, our annual bowling tournament is back and better than ever on February 21st. Register now for a fun night of networking and bowling with colleagues in a fun atmosphere (details below in this newsletter). Funds generated from this bowling tournament go directly into our scholarship fund to assist juniors or seniors majoring in Civil Engineering who could use some financial support. Our branch will be soliciting applications for these scholarships soon and awarding them in April. So, look for those applications very soon.

February is a month that recognizes all engineers via National Engineers Week or E-week. The ASCE Nashville Branch recognizes this fact and has a lot of great opportunities for our members to stop staring at our computers and interact with the people our designs effect. All E-week events offered by the Branch are included within the Level Line below. However, if you do

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not find anything to your liking, please feel free to reach out to myself or any of our officers as I am positive someone can find something for you.

One of our top priorities as officers is to offer you, our members, a wide variety of interesting and pertinent events to enhance the value of your membership dollars. Please consider participating by taking advantage of these opportunities.

"What if there is no tomorrow?
There wasn't one today!" - Phil
Connors (Bill Murray), Groundhog
Day

Sincerely,

Blake Turner, P.E., M.ASCE
Nashville Branch President



Meeting Minute

The Nashville Branch will not hold a lunch meeting in February to encourage our members to reach out and participate in outreach events in your local schools and elsewhere as part of Engineer's Week!

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, February 21st - Bowling Tournament: 95 Weakley Lane, Smyrna, TN 37167, 6:30pm
- Wednesday, February 22nd - Monthly Branch Board Meeting: TEC Board Room, 11:30am - 1:00pm
- Saturday, March 4th - Bridge Competition: Vanderbilt's LASIR Facility in Metro Center

Membership Moment

Reminder

All memberships in ASCE expired at the end of the calendar year. You can renew via one of three ways:

1. Online: Visit www.asce.org/renewal.
2. Phone: Call ASCE at (800) 548-ASCE (2723) between 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., E.T., Monday - Friday.
3. Mail: Send your completed renewal form to Membership Department, P.O. Box 79084, Baltimore, MD 21279.

Your membership shows support in the programming of your local Nashville Branch and Tennessee Section, and keeps us around 1,000 members strong in the Nashville market. Renew today!

New Members & Birthdays

Welcome to these new members:

Lukas Barr, Steven Brown, Myles

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Thanks to all of our sustaining members!

To renew your membership for 2017, please contact [Mike Kusch](#).



Burks, Lisa Clem, Matthew Crispi, Caitlin Dillon, Matthew Giffe, Tyler Green, Will King, Larissa Lopez, Lauren Miles, Christopher Miller, Ellen Moore, Ali Naeimipour, Andrew Shelton, Jaideep Thota, Brandon Wenger, Janaye Williams, Scott Wilson, Brandon Wright, Carlos Yepez, & Alen Zecic

Happy February Birthday to these members:

Kelly Babcock, Joseph Bender, Jacob Brooks, Matthew Crispi, James Culp, Joel Dermid Jr., Davis Duncan, Michael Flatt, David Flynn, Paolo Fonda, Preston Funkhouser, Chris Gwaltney, Robert Hackett, Norman Hanson, Tyler Hardee, George Harper, Justin Harrell, Armond Harris II, Mark Hilner, Thomas Hoffpauir III, Tiffany Ibido, Linda Ingram, Aubrey Kelley III, Randall Kemp, Noah Kimbrough, George Kurz, Stephen Lane, Eugene Leboeuf, Mark Lee, Robert Link, James Littlejohn, Mark Macy, Kevin Monroe, Mark Noe, David Parker, Katie Peay, John Perry, Jon Perry, Mark Pohl, Lilli Powell, Zach Ring, Monica Sartain, Jugbir Singh, Daniel Smola, Francina Sosa, Alan Stuemke, Lucas Sullivan, Henrik Thomsen, Caleb Thorne, Joe Thweatt, Richard Wakeman, Robert Westerman, Richard Williams, Gregory Wilson, & Robert Ash IV



January Meeting Recap

On January 19th, Nathan Oliver and Kevin Gangaware joined us for our lunch presentation on West Riverfront Park in downtown Nashville. Those in attendance were able to learn more about the unique features and challenges to deliver a high-profile project on the banks of the Cumberland River that included contaminated soils, utilities, road widening and more.



Pictured above from L to R: Kevin Gangaware, CSDG, Nathan Oliver, HPI and Clint Camp, ASCE Nashville Branch

Bowling Tournament

The Nashville Branch will be hosting its 16th Annual Bowling Tournament and Dinner on Tuesday, February 21st. The event will take place at the Smyrna Bowling Center, located at 95 Weakley Lane in Smyrna. All



proceeds raised from the event will benefit the Nashville Branch Scholarship Fund. The Bowling Tournament is one of our primary funding events for the Scholarship Fund. The event is limited to the first 24 teams that are registered and paid. Please contact [Eric Gardner](#) or [Justin Bryan](#) to support the Scholarship Fund through a fun evening of bowling, pizza and networking. Click [HERE](#) to register or for more information about the event.

Younger Member Group

Escape Game

On January 24th, 2017, ASCE YMG Nashville almost ESCAPED from prison, one of the hardest escape rooms that the Escape Game Nashville has to offer! Our group managed to make it out of our cells and into the warden's office, where we were two clues away from escaping when our time ran out. Although our group did not escape the room, we had a fun time trying to figure out the puzzles and working as a team. After the event several Younger Members went to M.L. Rose, where they were having a trivia night. Overall we had 8 ASCE Younger Members participate in the escape game and about half of that attend the post gathering at M.L. Rose. Thanks to everyone who participated in the Escape Game and/or enjoyed some comradery at M.L. Rose!

Please be on the lookout for the next Escape Game or Younger Member's event coming your way soon.



Educational Outreach Opportunities

Here are upcoming opportunities for educational outreach in the next two months. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact [Janey Camp](#).

- Bridge Competition
 - March 4th at Vanderbilt's LASIR Facility in Metro Center.
 - We have more requests for bridge kits than usual and from several schools that have not participated in the past. This may be our greatest turnout yet (assuming no major school closings between now and then).
 - We could use some additional volunteers.



- E-week (February 20th - 25th)
 - Engineers' Day at the Adventure Science Center (February 25th)
 - YM Group will have a table with hands-on activities
 - We would like to have an additional table focused on the bridge competition with volunteers "helping" students build/design their bridges for the competition
 - The Adventure Science Center is looking for more engineering firms/groups to host tables/activities this year.
 - Classroom Visits
 - We have several requests for E-week speakers in area classrooms. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP FILL THESE!!!! Here are the requests thus far:
 - Portland High School - Feb 22-24 only
 - Blackman Middle School (Murfreesboro)
 - Whitworth Buchanan Middle School (Murfreesboro)
 - Christiana Middle School in Rutherford County

Call for Nashville Branch Awards

The 2017 Nashville Branch Awards Committee is accepting nominations through March 10th. This year we have a new Category, Outstanding Engineering Project - Small for projects under \$2 Million. If you, or

somewhere me you know is an outstanding Engineer please consider nominating them. Awards will be presented at the April Awards dinner.

[Branch Award Nominations](#)

ASCE Leadership Report

Several members of the Nashville Branch took the flight and headed to Newark, NJ January 20-21 for various breakout sessions and training opportunities to help better serve our members and improve our leadership abilities. Those members in attendance included Clint Camp (President Elect), Chris Gwaltney, (Vice President and Lipscomb Faculty Advisor), Suzanne Herron (Secretary), Kenneth Perkins (Media Manager and Younger Member), Jonathan Vest (Younger Member Social Chair) along with representatives and students from Lipscomb and Vanderbilt Universities.



Scholarship Application



Once again we are trying to give away \$\$\$\$\$!

It is that time of year when students are starting to think of what may be ahead for them in

the upcoming school year. For the parents and the students' the ever increasing expenses of higher education are fresh on their minds.

The Nashville Branch membership has been generous and has provided some assistance for the Civil Engineering students at our four local universities. The Nashville Branch has granted almost \$146,000.00 in scholarships the last 23 years to junior, senior and graduate Civil Engineering students. We will typically award three scholarships to those students who demonstrate the quality and standard that meets the goals of the Nashville Branch.

We continue to encourage students at LU, TSU, TTU and VU to take advantage of this program. Do not forget that students working toward a graduate degree in Civil Engineering are also eligible.

The scholarship program is also available to the children of current members of the Nashville Branch, regardless of the school they attend.

The application and more information is available [HERE](#). The application deadline (by mail or email) is **midnight March 27, 2017**.

Student Chapter Updates

Lipscomb University

Lipscomb's ASCE chapter has had a productive month to kick off the new year! 3 of our



chapter's officers attended the ASCE Leadership Workshop in Newark, NJ, where they learned valuable networking skills and ways to enhance and improve our chapter. We made connections with students from the Tennessee Section, as well as those from all over the 4 regions that attended. They also had time to stop in New York City and enjoy the sites! The chapter also hosted a social event in January for its members in our new engineering building, where we reconnected with each other and enjoyed some delicious hibachi food. Last, we continue to work on our concrete canoe for competition in March in Florida.

Vanderbilt University



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As a new lineup of officers settle into their new roles, the Vanderbilt chapter has begun the year with a running start. Four officers attended the Workshop for Student Chapter Leaders in Newark. This prepared them to set goals, meet other chapter leaders, and start the year's operations with an informed mindset.

On February 2nd, Vanderbilt hosted 22 companies for its annual ASCE industry night. Students of all years were invited to come talk about jobs, look for internships, and network with professionals from a variety of backgrounds. As the busy climb toward conference continues, the Vanderbilt chapter toils on.

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