

Happy Thanksgiving! Here are some updates from your ASCE Baton Rouge Branch!



Baton Rouge Branch Winter Newsletter

A Message from the President-Elect

The 2015-2016 fiscal year brought about another active year for the Branch. The luncheons included a great mix of technical presentations covering a wide range of topics such as helical piles, levee armoring, bioremediation, and DOTD off-system bridges; a site visit to the Patrick Taylor Hall Expansion construction site; an ethics presentation discussing intellectual property; and state of the industry presentations provided by local and national leaders, East Baton Rouge Parish Mayor-President Kip Holden and the 2017 ASCE National President Ms. Norma Jean Mattei, P.E., Ph.D. Your sponsorships help keep the cost of these luncheons reasonable for our members. In conjunction with the ASCE Statewide Government Relations Committee, the Branch successfully secured a State Public Affairs Grant (SPAG) in the amount of \$3,000.00 which paid for a Louisiana Gas Tax public awareness campaign that was executed through the use of billboards and social media. We also jointly sponsored a mayoral candidate forum that was focused on transportation and infrastructure challenges. The Baton Rouge Branch provided one \$1,000.00 scholarship to a deserving local ASCE student chapter member, and also continued its outreach with the local student chapters from Louisiana State University and Southern University by assisting with the recent, and very successful, Career Fair. Oh yes, let's not forget that we threw one heckuva Christmas Party!

In the midst of all of these activities, Baton Rouge and surrounding areas were devastated by unprecedented flooding. As a member, you should be proud of your Branch for the actions that were taken to help fellow members in need. Led by Kirk Lowery, Baton Rouge Branch Past-President, Branch members spent countless hours volunteering their time to rip out sheetrock, pull up flooring, remove insulation, and other demolition activities. We also had members launching their own boats and literally saving the lives of other members of the Baton Rouge community.

Again, none of this would have been possible without the support of our local engineering firms. We ask that you please consider financially supporting the Branch through the 2016-2017 fiscal year and possibly increasing your sponsorship levels to allow for an even more active upcoming year. We have provided a link to our new online sponsorship sign up form. Please fill it out and click on the "Continue" button. You will then be able to pay online, or you can pay by check as shown on the form.



Please contact me directly if you have any issues with the sign up process. On behalf of the 2016-2017 Baton Rouge Branch Board, thank you!

Blake S. Roussel, P.E.
ASCE Baton Rouge Branch - President-Elect

Use the button below to pay online or contact Blake Roussel

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Christmas Party!

Plan to attend our annual Christmas Party. We all see each other so often throughout the year "professionally", but this is a chance to see other in a different light over a good story or two.

We hope you can come celebrate the holidays with ASCE and celebrate the hard work we have all put in throughout this year to make our communities, and our professions, the best they can be!

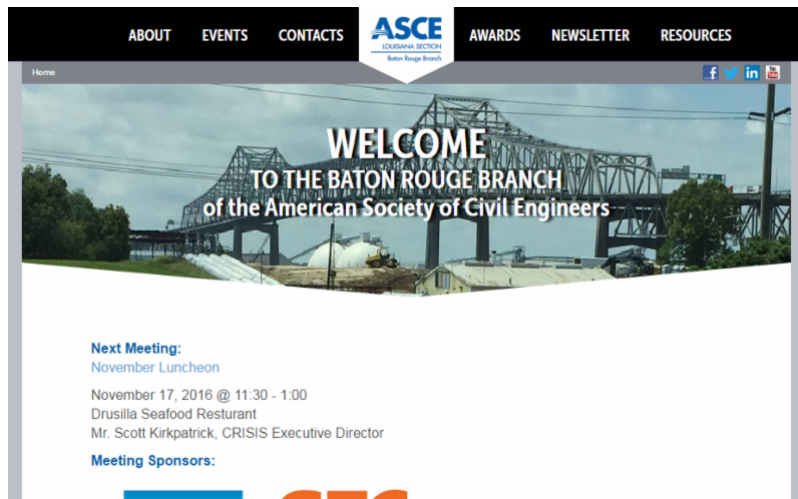


Be sure to [RSVP here](#). There is no charge for this event thanks to our generous sponsors.

Be sure to check out our UPDATED website!

News on our luncheons, events, awards and our newsletter archive will be posted here.

New look, but same address: www.ascebr.org



Around the Branch



Flood Recovery Efforts

In the aftermath of the recent August flooding, our community was brought together with neighbors lending a helping hand to each other. Our Branch also participated in clean-up efforts as teams were organized to remove wet furniture, soggy carpet, moldy sheetrock, and warped

cabinets from homes. Ten homes, one apartment, and three buildings were cleared Aug. 18-20 and Aug. 27-28 with as many as 40 ASCE member volunteers, including members of the New Orleans Branch.

The Branch has established a [YouCaring account](#) to help flood victims as they continue to rebuild.

[ASCE News has more on this story.](#)

Joey Coco on Flood Recovery

One of our own members was featured on ASCE News based on his heroics during the flood. Joey Coco is a Past President of the Baton Rouge Branch and now an unofficial member of the "Cajun Navy". Read more about his story [at this link](#).



Passing of Ray DesOrmeaux

With great sadness, we share that Eugene Raymond "Ray" DesOrmeaux, P.E., F.ASCE, former Region 5 Governor and devoted Lafayette, LA, civil engineer, died recently, one day shy of his 77th birthday.

A native of New Orleans, DesOrmeaux saw his life's work as service to his home state of Louisiana, particularly the people of Lafayette. The ASCE Life Member served terms as president, secretary, and treasurer of the Louisiana Section, and was a Region 5 Governor representing the state. Recently, he worked as a member of the ASCE National Committee on Professional Conduct. He was a contributing writer to the ASCE Post Disaster Assessment Manual. DesOrmeaux's many Society honors include the 2010 Louisiana Section Outstanding Civil Engineer Award and in 2012, he was inducted into the Louisiana ASCE Wall of Fame.

Social Event

Our young member group recently teamed up with LES, AWPB and WTS to host a social event at the Bulldog. There was a good time had by all! Be on the look out for the next social event. Both the young and "old" alike are welcome to attend!

Have a social event idea?
Contact Tyler Branch at ymc@ascebr.org



Branch Award Winners

We recently presented awards to the following outstanding branch members at our September luncheon. You can read about each of their [achievements on our website](#).

Lifetime Achievement Award: Rhaoul Guillaume
Outstanding Civil Engineer: Sherri LeBas

Outstanding Young Civil Engineer: Jarret Bauer
Outreach Award: Michael Juneau
Wall of Fame Recipient: Charles Eustis (not pictured)



Engineer's Humor



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