

# CROSS SECTION

September 2011

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## September 7, 2011 Dinner Meeting

### ASHE Pittsburgh Welcomes Jamie Dixon—PITT Basketball Coach



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#### New

**Location: Doubletree Hotel**  
**One Bigelow Square**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15219**  
**(Near the Consol Energy Center)**

**Time: Cocktails: 6:00 PM**  
**Dinner: 7:00 PM**  
**Program: 8:00 PM**

#### Reminder

**ASHE Pittsburgh Section Annual Outstanding Highway Engineering Award submissions are due August 31, 2011.**  
**Application enclosed.**

#### SAVE THE DATE

**October (TBD)** Seminar for PDF's at District 11-0 Office  
**October 22<sup>nd</sup>** Adopt-A-Highway—Tentative  
**November 5<sup>th</sup>** Past Presidents Banquet at the Doubletree One Bigelow Square, Pittsburgh PA 15219  
**November 9<sup>th</sup>** Dinner Meeting Location TBD with speaker Dan Cessna  
**January 11<sup>th</sup>** Dinner Meeting Location TBD with Speaker Barry Schoch  
**February 8<sup>th</sup>** Dinner Meeting Location and Speaker TBD  
**March/April** ASHE educational Seminar w/ University of Pittsburgh  
**May (TBD)** Dinner Meeting at Narcisi Winery

For reservations contact:  
Jason Davis  
ph. 412-375-5120  
email: jdavis@jmt.com by  
September 5, 2011

Cost:  
\$25.00 Members  
\$30.00 Non-Members  
\$10.00 Students  
Reservations made and not honored will be invoiced.  
Cancellations accepted until noon on September 6.  
*Late registrations will incur a \$5 late registration fee.*

### Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Tom and Linda O'Brien on the birth of their grandson, Damon O'Brien. Damon weighed over 9 pounds! Congratulations to the proud parent Keven and Shavon!



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### Condolences

The members of ASHE would like to express their condolences and extend our prayers to the following:

ASHE Member and Past President Sean Henderson and his family and friends. Sean's father Maurice M. Henderson Jr., originally from Cochran Mills, PA; passed away on Saturday, April 23, 2011 in Pensacola, Florida where he resided. Mr. Henderson was 79 years old.

Life member Henry J. "Hank" Kuczynski, his family and friends. Hank's wife, Mary B. Kuczynski passed away peacefully on Tuesday May 31, 2011 at the age of 91. She resided in Cheswick, PA. Mary is the sister of Nora Melani who is the wife of life member Rudy Melani.

ASHE Member Howard Braun and his family and friends. Howard's mother, June McGraw Braun, passed away on Wednesday June 1, 2011. Mrs. Braun was 85 years old and resided in Brighton Township.

The family and friends of ASHE Life Member Panayotis "Pete" Vrettacos. Pete passed away on Saturday June 1, 2011 at the age of 81. Pete was born in Athens, Greece and lived in Scott Township. He worked for PennDOT for 36 years.

Former member Vicki DeFrank and her family and friends. Vicki's mother, Mary G. (Carcara) DeFrank, passed away on Thursday June 9, 2011. She was 89 years old.

Anyone who has any information about members of ASHE, such as births, deaths, marriages, registrations, etc., are asked to provide the information to Ron Todorowski at [forthepr@yahoo.com](mailto:forthepr@yahoo.com) if they would like the information to be listed in the next Cross Section Newsletter.



For anyone who would like to take the **EIT/FE or PE Review Classes offered by PSU Beaver**, classes will be held at the PENNDOT District 11 Office in Room 112. The EIT Review Course will be held on Tuesdays beginning on September 13, 2011. The PE Review Course will be held on Thursdays beginning on September 15, 2011. Online registration will be available soon using the hyperlink below, but in the meantime, registrations may be faxed, mailed, or called in. Online Registration: <http://www.beaver.psu.edu/CE/17300.htm>

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This year's Annual Pirate Outing took place on Saturday, July 9. Eighty-three members and friends of the Pittsburgh and Southwest Pennsylvania Sections gathered in Lot 3 near PNC Park at 4:00 to socialize and take part in games of skill. Attendees enjoyed free parking in a semi-private lot in the shade of the Fort Duquesne Bridge, thanks to John Nemmer and Trumbull Corporation.



Calabria's Italian Restaurant served a catered dinner at 5:00 that included Chicken Milanese, Hot Sausage, Meatballs, Pasta Calabria and much more. Nobody went away hungry.

Dinner was followed by a door prize raffle which included prizes donated by our very generous sponsors: Seven Springs Mountain Resort, LeMont Restaurant, Champion Lakes Golf Club, Ground Round, Glengarry Golf Links, Pittsburgh Steak Company, Buca di Beppo, Meadowink Golf Course, Ponderosa Golf Course, Donegal Highlands Golf Course, J.W. Hall's and Cedarbrook Golf Course. Please keep our generous sponsors in mind as you plan future corporate outings.

The Pirates entered the game with a record of 46-43 and were assured of going into the All Star Break with a winning record for the first time since 1992. A win could put them in a first place tie in the National League Central, but it was not meant to be. The Cubs got a 3-0 lead in the second inning and that proved to be all they would need as they went on to win 6-3 before the tenth sellout crowd of the 2011 season. After the game, fans remained in their seats to enjoy Skyblast and a post-game concert featuring .38 Special. All had a great time. Please join us again next year!

To view an electronic photo album featuring all of the day's events, visit [www.ashepg.org](http://www.ashepg.org)



# ASHE-PITTSBURGH SECTION'S ANNUAL OUTSTANDING HIGHWAY ENGINEERING AWARD

## ELIGIBILITY

Any public/private organization engaged in the practice of highway and transportation engineering/construction in Western Pennsylvania is eligible to enter the awards program.

## GENERAL CRITERIA

Entries must be submitted to ASHE through a member of the Pittsburgh Section.

- 1 Projects entered in the competition must be within a 125-mile radius of Downtown Pittsburgh.
- 2 Construction of projects must have been substantially completed between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010.
- 3 Each entry must be prepared in accordance with the *Entry Requirements*. Non-compliance with the rules will automatically disqualify an entry.
- 4 Entries, including photographs, submitted for judging in the competition will only be returned upon request.
- 5 Firms may submit more than one entry.
- 6 The ASHE Awards Committee reserves the right to determine eligibility of all entries.

## AWARDS

The owner, the designer and the contractor of the winning entry will receive a plaque acknowledging their achievement. Additional plaques may be purchased.

The awards will be presented at the Past Presidents' Banquet on November 5, 2011.

## CATEGORIES

Any highway/transportation construction project within the following construction cost categories.

### CATEGORY A:

Less than \$15,000,000

### CATEGORY B:

Greater than \$15,000,000

## JUDGING

Entries will be judged on the basis of the work performed by the entering firm only and according to the listed rating guidelines.

**DEADLINE** for Entries is August 31, 2011. Entries received after August 31, 2011 will NOT be accepted.

# OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Please furnish all information requested below for each entry.

PROJECT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(limited to 40 characters)

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORY:     A. Less than \$15,000,000.00                       B. Greater than \$15,000,000.00

Entering Firm's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title of Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of individual contact within  
firm if different from principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Owner

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## Contractor:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Budgeted Construction Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Actual Construction Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scheduled Project Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Actual Project Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Provide explanation if difference between budgeted and actual is greater than 10%.

\*\* Note: This is the date the project was substantially completed and must be between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010.



**Company Name:** AECOM Technical Services, Inc.  
**Address:** Four Gateway Center, 20th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
**Contact:** Keith Sala, P.E.  
**Phone:** 412.395.8888  
**Type of Work:** Engineering and Consulting—Transportation  
**Recent Projects:** SR 0065 Marshall Avenue Interchange  
**Principals:** Edward J. McGee, P.E.  
Keith R. Sala, P.E.  
Dean A. Morrison, P.E.



*Highland Professional Consultants, Inc*

**Company Name:** Highland Professional Consultants, Inc.  
**Address:** 6698 State Route 30, Jeannette, PA 15644  
**Contact:** Faith A. Blair / Joseph L. Blair  
**Phone:** 412.523.2845  
**Type of Work:** Right of Way Acquisitions, Relocation Consultants  
**Recent Projects:** Jeannette SAMI Project - Rt. 30  
**Principals:** Faith A. Blair  
Joseph L. Blair



**Company Name:** Joseph B. Fay Company  
**Address:** P.O. Box 66, Russellton, PA 15076  
**Contact:** Shawn M. Fay, Sr.  
**Phone:** 724.265.4600  
**Type of Work:** General Contract Services through four focused divisions;  
Heavy/Highway; Heavy Civil; Demo and Mid-Atlantic.  
**Recent Projects:** PA Turnpike MP 31.04 to MP 37.82; MFE Section 51D  
**Principals:** Lester C. Snyder III (President & CEO)  
Robert B Fay, Jr. (Executive Vice President)  
Shawn M Fay, Sr. (Executive Vice President)

***New Member***

The Pittsburgh Section would like to welcome the following new members:

Bill Armstrong, Ed Engle, Bill Ferko, Joe Hrabik, Dan Hutchko, Jason McCabe, Brad McCalla, Margaret Moore, Jim Radian, Dean Schmitt, Joel Shodi, Josh Turkal, Pat Sullivan, and Georgeann Wachs.

Congratulations and welcome to ASHE!

We encourage any new member that has not yet received their membership certificate and ASHE pin to attend the September 7<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting so that we can present them to you and that you may be presented by the Board to your fellow ASHE members.

## ASHE Century Club Members

ACA Engineering, Inc.  
AECOM  
Allen & Shariff Engineering, LLC  
Amelie Construction & Supply  
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Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc.

*Century Club Members - Have you renewed for 2011/2012? To remain active Century Club Members, dues must be received by September 1, 2011. Submit check and company profile to Bob Nedzewsky C/C W.E.C. Engineers, 1370 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017*

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