

# CROSS SECTION

October 2012

ASHE Northeast Region



## Wednesday, October 24, 2012 Dinner Meeting

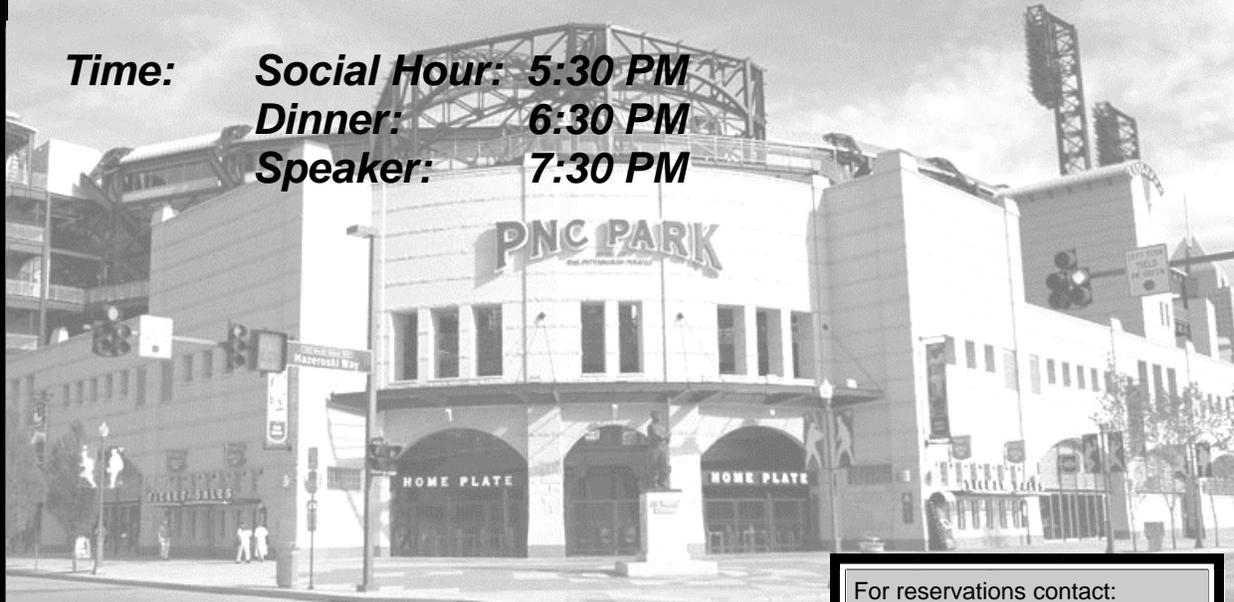
**Speaker: Lanny Frattare**  
**Former Play-by - Play**  
**Announcer for the**  
**Pittsburgh Pirates**



**Topic: 30 Plus Great Years of Living**  
**A Dream**

**Place: Green Tree DoubleTree**  
**101 Doubletree Drive**  
**Green Tree, PA 15205**

**Time: Social Hour: 5:30 PM**  
**Dinner: 6:30 PM**  
**Speaker: 7:30 PM**



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### SAVE THE DATE

- Oct. 27, 2012 Adopt-A-Highway (Campbell's Run Interchange)
- Nov 1, 2012 Young Members Event at Carson City Saloon
- Nov. 9, 2012 PDH Seminar (Self-Optimizing Traffic Signals at PennDOT D-11)
- Jan 9, 2013 Dinner Meeting (Location & Speaker TBD)
- Feb 13, 2013 Dinner Meeting (Location & Speaker TBD)
- March 21, 2013 Educational Seminar by University of Pittsburgh

For reservations contact:  
John Nicholson, PE  
at 412-476-2000 X1730 or  
j.nicholson@gaiconsultants.com  
By 5:00 pm - October 22, 2012  
Cost:  
\$30.00 Members  
\$35.00 Non-Members  
\$10.00 Students  
Reservations made and not  
honored will be invoiced.  
Cancellations accepted until  
5:00 PM October 22, 2012.

## September Meeting Recap

The ASHE Pittsburgh Section welcomed Cheryl Moon-Sirianni on Wednesday September 12, 2012 at the Penn Brewery on the North Side. Cheryl is currently the PennDOT District 11-0 Assistant District Executive for Design. Cheryl spoke on a variety of PennDOT hot topics including the Federal MAP-21 Bill, regionalization, the latest design strike-off-letters, her acting role at Harrisburg, and various District 11-0 initiatives. This was the second annual Octoberfest event held at the Penn Brewery and was a rousing success with over 115 people in attendance!!



Brian Krul  
ASHE Pittsburgh Section President

Cheryl Moon—Sirianni  
PennDOT District 11-0  
Assistant District Executive for Design



A view of all in attendance as Cheryl spoke

## Past President's Banquet

The 2012 Past President's Banquet was once again a huge success. Nearly 220 individuals enjoyed a great evening at the historic LeMont Restaurant high atop Mt. Washington on Saturday, September 29, 2012. This year there were 14 Past President's in attendance. The most recent Past President, Ben Reitz was presented with the "Service Award Plaque" thanking him for his service. Etched into the plaque was the inspirational quote "Do or do not....there is no try!", from Jedi Master Yoda. Ben then gave his 2012 President's award to current ASHE Pittsburgh Section President, Brian Krul.



14 of the Past Presidents

Guests were treated to the cool sounds of guitar player and vocalist Mike DeLuca during the cocktail hour and dinner. Master of Ceremonies for the evening was George Zboyovsky who was this year's Banquet Chairman and currently serves as ASHE's 1<sup>st</sup> Vice

President. There didn't seem to be any disappointment when George mentioned that Franco Harris would not be speaking at the banquet and that it was actually ASHE National President Frank O'Hare who drove in from Columbus to help celebrate the evening. Mr. O'Hare played along and made a few comments to the crowd. In Academy Award fashion, this year's Highway Project Awards were presented by ASHE 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Kathryn Power and Maggie Moore.



Narrator: George Zboyovsky  
Past President: Ben Reitz  
Current President: Brian Krul

The winners in the category of less than \$5 million went to the Rochester Roundabout, Designer on this project was Whitman, Requardt and Associates, LLP. Contractor was Michael Facchiano Contracting Inc., Owner is the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Engineering District 11-0. Project Sponsor is the Beaver County Transit Authority.



The winners in the category of projects greater than \$5 million but less than \$15 million went to SR 3069, Section A18 West Liberty Avenue Betterment Project. Designer on this project was the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Engineering District 11-0. Contractor was The Lane Construction Corporation. Owner is the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Engineering District 11-0.

The winners in the category of projects greater than \$15 million went to the Pennsylvania Turnpike Reconstruction Between Mileposts 67 to 75. Designer Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc., Contractors include the following:

Early Action #1 - Overhead Bridge Replacement: Madison Avenue Bridge  
MA Beech Corporation, 801 West Main Street, Carnegie. PA 15106

Early Action #2 - Overhead Bridge Replacement: Wendell Avenue Bridge  
Joseph B. Fay.Co, 100 Sky Lane, Tarentum, PA 15084

Early Action #3 - Greensburg and Glen Fox Bridge Replacements  
J.F. Shea Construction, 111 Thunder Road, Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666



Contract #1 - MP 74-75, New Stanton Interchange & New Stanton Plaza  
Trumbull Corp., 225 North Shore Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Contract #2 - Two miles of earthwork and drainage, MP 70-72  
Mountaintop Excavation (formerly Mashuda Construction Inc.), 21101 Route 19, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

Contract #3 - Six miles of paving and widening to six lanes, Irwin to New Stanton  
New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc., 3912 Brumbaugh Road, New Enterprise, PA 16664

Owner is the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

Congratulations to all who won one of these prestigious awards as well as those who were nominated!

**Mark your calendars for next year's Past President's Banquet that will be held on October 05, 2013 at the Oakmont Country Club. Kathryn Power will be the Banquet Chairperson and has already begun the planning for next year's event.**

Breaking away from the "Las Vegas Gaming Theme" which had been such a success at past banquets, the Banquet Committee brought in Pittsburgh Comedian Jimmy Krenn. Fellow comedian Mike Wysocki started the hilarious show and then introduced Krenn who performed nearly an hour. We all have a better understanding now of why we were never allowed to play with wild animals, "Don't touch those dead pigeons' you'll get dem rabies!". Krenn stayed after the show and socialized with those in attendance. Over \$2,500 worth of door prizes were awarded throughout the evening. Those who stuck around after the show were treated by a nice surprise of fireworks courtesy of the Pittsburgh Pirate's Fireworks night at PNC Park.



Jim Krenn and Cheryl Moon-Sirianni



George and Michelle Zboyovsky  
with Jim Krenn



Brian Krul and Ben Reitz



Over 200 guests enjoyed the evening festivities



GeoMechanics, Inc., a professional geotechnical engineering firm located in Elizabeth, PA is looking for the following personnel to join their staff:

Project Engineer to join its staff of geotechnical engineers and engineering geologists. Responsibilities will include performing various engineering analyses to evaluate the performance of foundations, retaining walls and slopes. Additional responsibilities include working with project managers to plan and lead site investigations and to develop engineering reports and contract documents. Requirements for the position include an M.S. degree with 10 plus years experience, good writing, analytical, communication, and computer skills. Professional Engineer preferred. Department of Transportation experience a plus.

Project Geologist to join its staff of geotechnical engineers and engineering geologists. Responsibilities will include field reconnaissance/logging, analysis and report preparation under the direction of Project Managers. Must have experience in rock mass modeling, have a good understanding of the geology of Pennsylvania and have excellent communication and interpersonal skills. An M.S. degree with 5 plus years experience is required. Professional Geologist preferred. PennDOT certified Drill inspection experience a plus

Graduate Geologist to join its staff of geotechnical engineers and engineering geologists. Responsibilities will include field reconnaissance, boring inspection, analysis and report preparation under the direction of Project Managers. Must have a good understanding of the geology of Pennsylvania and have excellent communication and interpersonal skills. An M.S. degree preferred with 0 to 5 years experience. Professional Geologist or ability to be one required. PennDOT certified Drill inspection experience a plus.

Please email resumes to the attention of Betty Murphy at [bmurphy@geo-mechanics.com](mailto:bmurphy@geo-mechanics.com).



Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. is seeking a Chief Bridge Engineer to work out of their Pittsburgh office with primary responsibilities of supervising a growing structures group across their Pennsylvania offices. This professional engineer will have a minimum of 20 years of progressive bridge design experience in steel and concrete, and project management experience in the preparation of designs and project documents. Client experience with PennDOT and PTC is essential, and experience with PAAC, SEPTA, AMTRAK as well as other transportation clients in PA a plus. Strong technical skills as well as excellent oral and written communications skills are essential. Send resume to Valeria R. Fitzgerald, Human Resources at [Valerie.Fitzgerald@jacobs.com](mailto:Valerie.Fitzgerald@jacobs.com). Jacobs is an Equal Opportunity employer and employment selection decisions are based on merit, qualifications, and abilities.



**ASHE Young Members &  
District 11 Civil Engineer Council  
HAPPY HOUR SOCIAL**



**When: Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 6 -9PM**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Where: Carson City Saloon  
1401 East Carson Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15203**

**Dan Cessna, P.E.  
District Executive  
PennDOT District 11**



**Free Appetizers sponsored by ASHE  
Drink Specials (Cash Bar)**

**Young Members: \$5 Donation @ Door  
Others: \$10 Donation @ Door  
If you join ASHE onsite: FREE**

**\*All proceeds benefit charities**

**RSVP by October 30<sup>th</sup> to John Nicholson @ [j.nicholson@gaiconsultants.com](mailto:j.nicholson@gaiconsultants.com)**

## WEBMASTER Found

ASHE Pittsburgh is happy to announce Jason Esser, PE as ASHE Pittsburgh's new Webmaster! Jason currently works in construction management for SAI Consulting Engineers. Please welcome Jason on his new endeavor with ASHE!

## Wanted – New Members for the Pittsburgh Section

The Pittsburgh Section would like to announce a new rewards program for new members. At each of the five (5) scheduled dinner meetings, a new member's name will be drawn and a \$50.00 dollar gift card will be awarded to the selected new member. To be eligible, you have to have become a new member during the 2012/2013 year and the winner must be present to win. If the new member's name is called, but they are not at the meeting, a new name will be drawn until a winner is found. All members' names that were drawn but not in attendance of the dinner meeting will be returned to the "hat" for the next dinner meeting drawing.

If you or someone you know has been thinking about becoming a Pittsburgh ASHE member, now is the time to encourage them to join! Besides having easy access to PDH's, the excitement of hearing one of the great scheduled speakers, a fine dinner, and endless stream of networking opportunities, new members have an opportunity to win great prizes!

**Don't hesitate; join now while the odds of winning are at their best!**

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.

ASHE Pittsburgh's Fall PDH Seminar will be held on November 9, 2012 at PennDOT District 11-0 Office in Bridgeville. The presenter is Tom Cooper, Northeast Regional Manager—Rhythm Engineering. The topic is Self-Optimizing Traffic Signals. There will be 2 sessions - morning from 7:30—10:00AM and an afternoon from 12:30-3 PM. Cost is \$10 / Person. You must be an ASHE Member to attend. Government Employees can attend for free.

**CHA Consulting, Inc.**

1187 Thorn Run Extension, Suite 210  
Coraopolis, PA 15108  
Phone: 412-264-0370



Contact: Jeffrey P. Hans

Principals: Raymond L. Rudolph - CEO; Rodney A Bascom - President / COO; Dom Bernardo - CFO; John Sobiech - Director of Engineering; Gary W. Robinson - SR. VP of Transportation Market

Type of Work: Planning and design services in the fields of transportation / traffic / aviation; energy - dams, energy studies and design; sports facilities; civil site development; landscape architecture; structural; environmental; municipal electrical, mechanical, industrial, geotechnical, surveying, GIS, power generation, utilities, communication, infrastructure, water resources and construction inspection services

**Gulisek Construction LLC**

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Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666  
Phone: 724-696-3341



Contact: Clayton J. Stahl - clayton.stahl@gulisek.com

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Pittsburgh, PA 15205  
Phone: 412-788-2433



Contact: Massy Paul - massypaul@mbe-eng.com

Principals: Jim McDonald  
Jim Wanner

Type of Work Performed: Survey; ROW; Construction Inspection

**T.W. Consultants, Inc.,**

5500 Corporate Drive  
Suite 300  
Carnegie, PA 15237  
Phone: 412-369-7500



Contact: A.R. Tasir Wahlah - twc@twconsultants.com

Type of Work Performed: Construction Inspection and Construction Management

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"Thanks to all the firms that have renewed their Century Club Membership. The 2012 /2013 Century Club Membership drive has been very successful. We appreciate your support! To those ASHE members whose firms are not Century Club Members please consider becoming one, please contact Bob at RNedzesky@WECengineers.com

## ASHE Century Club Members

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