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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE : National Engineer's Week

As engineer's all across the nation celebrate National Engineer's Week we at the Pittsburgh Chapter want to extend our best wishes to all engineer's.

We especially want to congratulate this year's recipients of the Pittsburgh Chapter annual awards :

Dedicated Service Award - John Broschious, P.E.
Silvio Lorenzi President's Gold Star Award - Reyman Branting, P.E.
PSPE - Pittsburgh Chapter - Engineer of the year nominee - Fred Graham

Congratulations to the awardees

Have you made your Engineer's Week Banquet Reservation Yet ?
If not, what are you waiting for ? (the form is on the Chapter website www.pittsburghPE.org)
Call the Chapter office and make your reservation now.... (please)!

Presidential Message for National Engineers Week
February 16-22, 2003



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

I send greetings to those celebrating National Engineers Week.

Innovation is one of our greatest national strengths. The important efforts of engineers help drive our economy, protect our environment, and ensure public safety. Engineers help America remain at the forefront of technological development and contribute to countless breakthroughs that improve the quality of life for people throughout the world.

During this week, I encourage students to explore new ideas and develop skills that will help you achieve your dreams. I also commend the teachers and professionals participating for introducing young Americans to this essential industry. By involving students in your work and creating opportunities for them to learn, you are inspiring a new generation of engineers.

Laura joins me in sending our best wishes for a successful event.

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New Chapter Members

We welcome the following New Chapter Members who Joined our Chapter in 2003

Russell Kowalik

New Sustaining Associates

We welcome the following New Chapter Sustaining Associates who recently Joined our Chapter

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What defines an Engineer ?

On January 9, 2003 the topic for our Chapter meeting was "Of what value is the Engineering License to you ?". The meeting was well attended and the discussion of this important topic was intense. The discussion centered on what areas we, as engineers, need to focus on to better represent our profession.

It was felt that by working to close some of the gaps in the current licensure laws, by having a better presence in engineering schools, by doing a better job in emphasizing the value of licensure, and by possibly setting higher engineering standards by embracing continuing education we can achieve some of our goals.

Not all attending agreed to all of the above points, but all agreed that we need to be proactive in improving and enhancing our image and standing in society.

On the same topic, the Jan-Feb 2003 issue of the PE Reporter contained a disturbing article by John Wanner describing a recent Commonwealth Court decision overruling a ruling by the Engineer's registration board on the title of "Engineer".

The court stated various reasons for the "overruling". The most disturbing reason stated by the court was a reference to the Webster's dictionary definition of "engineer" which basically describes it as a generic term.

Let us know what you think ... A copy of the complete ruling is on the PSPE state web site www.pspe.org/links.html

Newsletter. The Chapter Newsletter "The Pittsburgh Professional Engineer" is published by the Pittsburgh Chapter to inform the Chapter members of the various planned events and activities. It also features articles on issues that interest the members. If you would like to contribute an article or assist in publishing the newsletter, please contact us. Any help is greatly appreciated.

How Would You Like to Receive the Newsletter? Please answer the following survey and send in your response and comments. Thanks in advance for your participation.

I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE PITTSBURGH PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER DELIVERED TO ME IN THE FOLLOWING FASHION:

- Hard copy through the U.S. mail. (current status, response is still needed)
- PDF file sent to my preferred email address
- E-mail notification with a link to the Newsletter on the Chapter website

Please send your responses to the Chapter office by regular mail, by fax to 412-261-1606 or by e-mail to PSPE@PittsburghPE.Org

* If you have already responded to this survey, there is no need for you to respond again, and THANKS !



**PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
PITTSBURGH CHAPTER**

March 13, 2003 CHAPTER MEETING

How safe are we on the information highway ?

Place: Engineers Building, 337 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15222

Time: 6:00 p.m. Cash bar
6:30 p.m. Dinner, (Dinner Cost \$ 25.00 per attendee)
7:15 p.m. Introduction & general discussion

You may make your reservation by filling in the form below and mailing or faxing it to the Chapter office. You may also phone in all of this information to us. If you opt to make your reservation via e-mail, do not e-mail your credit card info. Payment may be made by calling in your credit card info, faxing this filled in form, or mailing this form with credit card info or enclosing a check.

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Dinner Choice : Choose one of the following (if more than one attendee, indicate the number of each choice):

- Virginia Spots - English style with lemon, butter cream sauce.
- Chicken Riviera - Boneless breast topped with sliced tomatoes, garlic butter & melted Asiago cheese.

The dinner entrees are served with fresh garden salad, assorted rolls & butter, coffee, decaf, tea & iced tea and Chef's choice of starch, vegetable and dessert.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT FOR SALE : Due to the restructuring of the Chapter office, we have a **used office photo-copier CANON NP-6030 for sale. The copier features are :**

30 copies per minute	Two page separation	Automatic paper selection	ID mode
Job memory	Image combination (4 on 1; 2 on 1),		Organic drum
Stapler & Sorter	Zoom lens 49% to 204% in 1% increments		Duplexer
Monocomponent toner	Dual front loading cassettes (3 sizes-500 sheets each)		

If you are interested in any of these items, please contact Michel Sadaka by phone 412-771-7701 or fax 412-771-7510 or by email PSPE@PittsburghPE.Org to ask questions or to make an offer.

Here is your chance to publish an article in the **March 2003** issue of The Pittsburgh Professional Engineer. Please forward materials to Michel Sadaka by e-mail: PSPE@PittsburghPE.org or fax 412.771.7510 or by regular mail to the Chapter office by **March 7, 2003**. This will keep us on schedule for a mail date of **March 14, 2003**. Please feel free to submit articles on topics that relate to the Engineering Profession in general, member professional news, comments and suggestions for The Pittsburgh Professional Engineer, or general professional observations.

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2002-2003 CALENDAR

MEMBERSHIP EVENTS & MEETINGS

Date	Time	Description	Location
Feb. 22, 2003	6:00PM	National Engineer's Week Banquet	Nevillewood Country C
Mar. 13, 2003	6:30PM	How safe are we on the information highway	ESWP Building
Apr. 10, 2003	6:30PM	Pittsburgh Chapter Strategic Planning, Round 2	ESWP Building
May 8, 2003	6:30PM	Sharpening the P.E.'s image	ESWP Building
Jun. 12, 2003 until Jun. 15, 2003		Annual PSPE State Conference	Erie, Pa

BOARD OF DIRECTION MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON:

Mar.13, 2003, Apr. 10, 2003 & May 8, 2003

All BOD meeting are to held @ 5:30PM @ the ESWP Building .