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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE : Thanksgiving

Greetings to you all, PSPE Pittsburgh Chapter members & Sustaining associates. With the Holiday Season fast approaching, and as we begin the month of November, the first holiday that comes to mind is Thanksgiving.

We, the Pittsburgh Chapter of PSPE, have a lot to be thankful for; we have just undergone a smooth office transition, drastically reduced our operating expenses started to see an increase in member participation in Chapter events. Aside from the items I listed, the Pittsburgh Chapter is blessed with members that supported and continue to support the Chapter in many ways for many years. I am talking about the Lifetime and Retired Members of the Chapter, many of which are still active with the Chapter. November's Chapter meeting (See page 3) is dedicated to showing them our appreciation.

Following is a list of our Lifetime & Retired members:

Lifetime Members

Mr. Roger J. Alke	Mr. James R Evans
Mr. J.A. Amuso	Mr. Charles D Fahrnkopf
Mr. Armand Antommara	Mr. George W Fieser
Mr. Jerome Apt Jr	Mr. Max G Fischer
Mr. David R Bashaw Jr	Mr. Theodore A Fithian
Dr. Charles S Beroes	Mr. Harold L Fulmer
Mr. Daniel Bienstock	Mr. Anthony J Gaeta
Mr. William H Bradley	Mr. Nunzio Galletta
Mr. Reyman R Branting	Mr. S Gatowski
Mr. Miles D Braverman	Dr. Gene E Geiger
Mr. John A Broschious	Mr. John F Graham Jr
Mr. Raymond W Buehler	Mr. R M Grant
Mr. N A Christiano	Mr. Robert E Graysay
Mr. John R Clarke	Mr. Alvin Handelsman
Dr. William O Clinedinst	Mr. Russell G Henderson
Mr. Gerald P Comber	Mr. Arthur B Hopperstead
Mr. William H Creamer	Mr. Alexander P Hutchinson Jr
Mr. Elio D'Appolonia	Mr. Roy F Johns
Mr. Richard L Davis	Mr. Milton Justh
Mr. Ellison L Davison	Mr. Jacob Katz
Mr. Wesley N Deicas	Mr. G W Keith
Mr. Edward A Dines	Mr. Karl R Kortlandt
Mr. Frank J Donatelli	Mr. Albert W Kozel Jr
Mr. George W Erny	Mr. Ralph W Kugler

Retired Members

Mr. Joseph F Lagnese Jr	Mr. Felix J Bombara
Mr. Leon E Langford	Mr. Herbert E Church
Mr. A T McLaughlin	Mr. Frank D Ciccarella
Dr. James P Miller Jr	Mr. Donald E Danielson
Mr. Roy L Mion	Mr. John F Deross
Mr. Vincent Oswald	Mr. Frank P Ducato
Dr. Rufus N Palmer	Mr. Henry B Gorman
Mr. Edward J Permar Jr	Mr. Peter B Levey
Mr. Donald C Peters	Mr. Stanley G Schaffer
Mr. Stanley S Pyzdrowski	Mr. Earle P Shoub
Mr. Everette F Roberts	Mr. Harry E Zehnder Jr
Mr. Aldo L Sartore	
Mr. William F Schaefer	
Mr. Louis P Schwendeman	
Mr. Angelo Sciuolo	
Mr. John B Seitz	
Mr. Stephen G Shack	
Mr. Isaac S Shina	
Mr. James R Sismour	
Mr. Milan Spanovich	
Dr. Norman H Wackenhut	
Mr. H O Weger	

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Our holiday party will be held this year at a new venue, The Crowne Plaza Hotel. (See page 5) Here is what is planned for this year's event: Beautiful atmosphere & surroundings, "Land and Sea" buffet, live music (and dancing) with D.J. plenty of free parking.

Looking forward to seeing you at our November meeting and at the Holiday party.

Michel J. Sadaka, P.E. Chapter President

New Chapter Members

We welcome the following New Chapter Members who Joined our Chapter in September/October 2002
Mr. John E. Lippl, P.E.

New Sustaining Associates

We welcome the following New Chapter Sustaining Associates who Joined our Chapter in
The Law Firm of Babst Calland Clements, Zomnir
Pederson & Pederson, Inc.

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, plus featured 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 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 !

HAVE YOU VISITED THE CHAPTER'S NEW WEBSITE ? COME VISIT US @ [HTTP://WWW.PITTSBURGHPE.ORG](http://www.pittsburghpe.org)



**PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
PITTSBURGH CHAPTER**

NOVEMBER 14, 2002 CHAPTER MEETING

HONORING LIFETIME & RETIRED CHAPTER MEMBERS

The PSPE Pittsburgh Chapter is blessed with very good membership. Many of the Chapter members are lifetime or retired members. To qualify to become a lifetime member, you need to have been a member for at least 30 years. To have so many members that remain committed to the society for so long is really a great asset, so, this meeting is dedicated to thanking and honoring these members. We simply want to say to our Lifetime and Retired Members "Thank you - we appreciate you".

Speaker: Mr. Scott Malcolm - Pittsburgh Branch Manager - Godwin Pumps

Topic: The Miracle at Quecreek Mile - Personal Experience

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

Time: 6:00 p.m. Cash bar
6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:15 p.m. Honoring Retired & Lifetime Members
7:45 p.m. Mr. Scott Malcolm

Dinner Entrees, A Choice of one of the following:

1. Virginia Spots - English style with lemon, butter cream sauce.
2. 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.

Dinner Cost \$ 25.00 per attendee

Make check payable to **PSPE Pittsburgh Chapter** and mail to:

PSPE, 337 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15222, & **Please indicate your entrée choice.**

To make reservations call the office at (412) 391-0615 or e-mail: PSPE@PittsburghPE.Org

If you have any particular suggestion as to ways to honor and thank our retired and lifetime members, or if you have any anecdotal stories that would be appropriate for the event, please contact Michel J. Sadaka, P.E. the Pittsburgh Chapter President. Call 412-771-7701, or fax 412-771-7510, or e-mail to the main Chapter e-mail address PSPE@PittsburghPE.Org

With all of your participation, we can make this event memorable !

Construction Legislative Council, CLC

During the October 18, 2002 CLC meeting, the council listened to a Legislative report from John Wanner on the various Commonwealth legislative activities that might affect council member organizations and their members. Some of the legislative items that would most relate to services provided by Professional Engineers were as follow:

- H.B. 412 - Construction Waivers under the school code - This bill proposes to eliminate the construction waivers currently available under the school code.
- H.B. 1513 - Amendment to the Commonwealth Procurement Code - This bill would require the State to pay contractors for delays which are beyond the contractors' control.
- H.B. 563 - Provides for the regulation of Home improvement contracts and for the registration of Home improvement contractors.

If you want more information regarding some of the above proposed legislation, Contact Michel Sadaka, P.E., Tel 412-771-7701, fax 412-771-7510, e-mail Michel@Sadaka.Net

The speaker at the meeting was Attorney General & Candidate for Governor Mr. Mike Fisher. Mr. Fisher talked to the Council about his vision for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, if elected Governor. He also stated that he is looking forward to continuing supporting the industry and attending the Annual CLC dinner as the next Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Construction Legislative Council is a multi-discipline coalition of construction industry employers. Established in 1972, the Council serves the legislative concerns of Engineers, Architects, Construction Contractors, and Material Suppliers from Western Pennsylvania who are engaged in commercial, industrial, institutional heavy/highway and utility construction.

The PSPE Pittsburgh Chapter is a member organization in the Council and participates in the regular monthly CLC meetings held on the third Friday of each month (September-June). Pittsburgh Chapter members interested in attending any of the CLC meetings can call the Chapter office for details.

The NSPE Policy Manual, Bylaw 11. Dues (LATEST REVISION: July 2000) Lists the requirement to become eligible for Lifetime Member Status as:

"4. A member shall become eligible for life-member status with waiver of dues if the person has been a member above the Student grade for a period of 40 years, or if the member has retired from full-time employment and is not working more than 20 hours a week, and is at least 60 years of age and has been a member for a continuous period of 30 years. Application for life-member status may be made personally, by the member's chapter, or by the member's state society. Each member who has attained life-member status shall be given an option to discontinue receiving National publications, and an option in writing annually to contribute to NSPE. No dues or LEF payment is required."

And to become eligible for retired member status:

"5. A member shall become eligible for retired member status if the member has retired from full-time employment and is working no more than 20 hours per week, and is at least 60 years of age and has paid dues for the 10 consecutive years preceding application for retired member status. One-half dues shall be paid annually until life-member-status requirements are met. Application for retired-member status may be made personally by any member who meets the eligibility requirements, by the member's chapter, or by the member's state society."



**PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
PITTSBURGH CHAPTER**

DECEMBER 7, 2002

ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER GALA

Please Join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship, great food and music

The Pittsburgh Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers will hold the Annual Holiday Dinner on Saturday December 7, 2002.

At the Crowne Plaza Hotel 1160 Thorn Run Road, Coraopolis, Pa 15108

From 6:00 to 11:00 P.M.

6:00 to 11:00 p.m. Cash bar

7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Dinner

8:00 to 11:00 p.m. Entertainment with D.J. & music

Dinner Buffet Menu

"Land & Sea"

Fresh minted fruit salad

Tossed garden salad, with assorted dressings

Hazelnut Chicken

Stuffed Sole Alfredo

Beef Portabella

Vegetable medley

Garlic redskin potatoes

Cost \$ 40.00 per attendee

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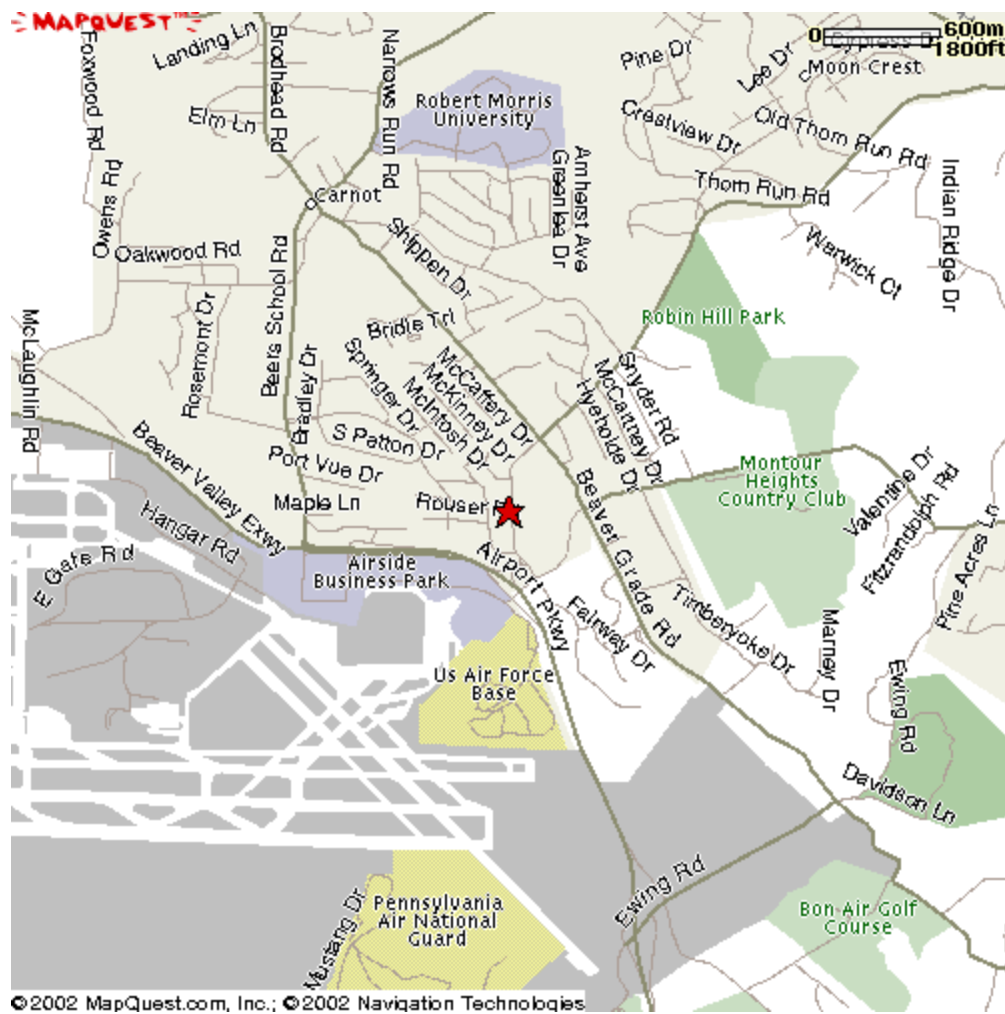
To make reservations call the office at (412) 391-0615 or e-mail: PSPE@PittsburghPE.Org

Directions to the Crowne Plaza Hotel
1160 Thorn Run Road
CORAOPOLIS, PA 15108
UNITED STATES
Local Phone: 1-412-2622400



Driving Directions

From Downtown Pittsburgh take 279 toward the Airport, then take 60 BUSINESS / ORANGE BELT (Stay to the right on old 60 and not to the Airport) Take the Exit towards Thorn Run Road (Same exit as for the National Guard Base) Continue on ramp go North for 700 feet, Turn left onto Thorn Run Rd Ext for 0.4 miles Continue on Thorn Run Rd for 500 feet The Hotel is on the left



Here is your chance to publish an article in the December 2002 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 **December 2, 2002**. This will keep us on schedule for a mail date of **December 9, 2002**.

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.

Your support and contributions will be greatly appreciated.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Due to the restructuring of the Chapter office, we have the following used office equipment items for sale :

**Pentium II PC (DELLDimension XPS 233) with a 15" Monitor, 64MB, CDROM/ZipDrive
HP Laserjet IIIP Printer**

One Used Office Photo-Copier CANON NP-6030 - Features :

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.

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2002-2003 CALENDAR

MEMBERSHIP EVENTS & MEETINGS

Date	Time	Description	Location
Nov. 14, 2002	6:30PM	Honoring Lifetime & Retired members	ESWP Building
Dec. 7, 2002	6:00PM	Christmas Party	Crowne Plaza Hotel
Jan. 9, 2003	6:30PM	Of what value is the Engineering License to you ?	ESWP Building
Feb. 8, 2003	8:00AM	MATHCOUNTS Competition	PITT
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:

Nov. 14, 2002, Dec. 12, 2002, Jan. 9, 2003, Feb. 13, 2003, Mar.13, 2003, Apr. 10, 2003 & May 8, 2003
All BOD meeting are to held @ 5:30PM @ the ESWP Building .