



The Philadelphia Engineer

Founding Chapter 1934

December 2008



President's Message

We have had a great start for the year with our October meeting featuring Josef F. Zurawski, PE, speaking upon Microtunneling, (joint with SJ ASCE) and our November meeting Moustafa Gouda, P.E, F. ASCE, speaking upon Dam Safety and

Dam Rehabilitation (joint with Philadelphia ASCE.) This month we will be holding the competition for the Outstanding Engineering Achievement Awards (see notice in right column.)

The winners of the competition will be further honored at our annual celebration of Engineers Week, in conjunction with the Engineers Club of Philadelphia. The luncheon kicking off the celebrations will be held once again at the Union League on Friday, February 13th. The banquet will be held on Saturday, February 20th.

Our Chapter has been fortunate to add several new members in the past months, and I call upon these new members, as well as all of our members, to get involved in our monthly meetings and other programs such as MathCounts. Our programs for High School Scholarships and Outstanding Teachers Awards are gearing up for applications. If you know of a high school student or teacher (living in or attending school in Philadelphia County,) who is deserving of these awards, please point them to our website which may be found at <http://www.pspe.org/philly/philly.htm>.

I hope this newsletter finds all our members to be well and looking forward to the holiday season.

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December Meeting

DECEMBER MEETING

Our December meeting will feature the Delaware Valley Outstanding Engineering Achievement Competition for projects completed in 2008. Entries range from civil to electrical to mechanical to systems engineering. Each of these projects could be the program for an entire meeting—but we will be getting them all in one evening. Our panel of judge, the presidents of the five PSPE chapters in the Delaware Valley, will have their hands full in choosing the winner of the awards—but in a sense their job is but secondary—ALL of these entries are winners—and we and the other inhabitants of the Delaware Valley are also the winners of Outstanding Engineering Achievement.

The meeting and competition will be held on Thursday, December 4th at the McCall Golf & Country Club, 201 N. Lynn Boulevard, Upper Darby, PA 19082, 610-734-7903. ([directions click here.](#))

As usual, our Officers and Directors will be having an open Board Meeting at 5:00 P.M., the meeting social hour will begin at 6:00 P.M., dinner will be served at 7:00 P.M. and our competition will begin at 7:30 P.M. Call 215-985-5701 with your reservation, or email info@engrclub.org

2008-2009 Program

January - LEED Certification - Building Green - Date and Location TBD

February 20 - Young Engineer of the Year Installation - Joint with Engineers' Club (host)

March 5 - Update on Continuing Education for the P.E. - Al Tantala, PE and Len Bernstein, PE

April - Fixing our Infrastructure - Date and Location TBD

May 1 - Annual Awards Dinner

Stay tuned for additional information and details!