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WebEx: this month's presentation will be broadcast on WebEx so please plan on tuning in on the web if you can't be here in person! See the instructions on how to use WebEx on page 6 of this newsletter.

IMPORTANT NEWS

NEXT MEETING:

February 12, 11:30 AM @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street—Shannon Ausen from the City of Sioux Falls present the City's Capital Improvement Program and Travis Dressen from the DOT to preview the State's Transportation Improvement Program.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

BY JEFFERY HINES—PE

Greetings Eastern Chapter! Well, the weather continues to be pretty bizarre. Seems we are in a pattern of getting a couple of subzero days followed by a week of 40s and 50s. I am looking out my window onto the Missouri River and see two fishermen in boats running up the river. I never expected to see that in February! Hopefully, the mild winter will continue and we will get some moisture before and during the Spring. Hope all your projects are nearing completion and will be ready for the construction season. It will be here before you know it.

Your SDES Eastern Chapter is off and running on another busy and action-packed year. In February, we will continue our noon lunch meetings at the Pizza Ranch. This month's presentation will be broadcast on WebEx, so please plan on tuning in on the web if you can't be here in person! We are not getting a lot of participation on the WebEx platform, so I encourage you to get the word out to your colleagues in areas other than Sioux Falls to take advantage of this opportunity. As always, Chad Stensland is doing a great job facilitating this service to our members.

As for our January Chapter activity, we restarted our lunch meetings at the Pizza Ranch with a talk by Steve Van Aartsen of the City of Sioux Falls City about the Sioux Falls 2012 Aerial Photography Project. Steve provided us with some very useful information about the status of the aerial photog-

raphy products that are available for planning and engineering activities within the City. Thanks to Steve for a very interesting presentation.

Here's the lineup for February:

For the February 12th lunch meeting, we will have Shannon Ausen from the City of Sioux Falls present the City's Capital Improvement Program and Travis Dressen from the DOT to preview the State's Transportation Improvement Program. It's always good to hear what types of projects are scheduled for the upcoming year.

MATHCOUNTS Chapter competitions will be held in February, with State competitions in March. Contact Shannon Shultz or Phil Gundvalson for more information on MATHCOUNTS.

E-week is February 18 through the 23rd, culminating with the Annual Eastern Chapter Awards Banquet, which will be held Saturday night, February 23rd at the Pavilion. Erin Steever and the committee have done a terrific job of planning activities for the entire week (Eweek), as well as encouraging participation in engineering focused activities at the Pavilion during the entire month of February. Please plan to come and bring your spouse and support your fellow engineers and celebrate their achievements.

The 2013 Annual Conference planning is going well. Shannon Schulz,

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TREASURER'S REPORT

BY RAY PIERSON, PE



Balance as of 2/5/13

Previous General Fund Balance (1/3/13)	\$ 18,042.92
<u>Expenses:</u>	
WebEx (January) \$ (49.00)	
Shannon Schultz (Conf. planning meeting) \$ (65.01)	
Total	\$ (114.01)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Interest (December) \$ 2.25	
Interest (January) \$ 2.31	
Total	\$ 4.56
Total General Fund	\$ 17,933.47
Previous Scholarship Fund Balance (1/3/13)	\$ 9,086.64
<u>Expenses:</u>	
\$ -	
Total	\$ -
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Total	\$ -
Total Scholarship Fund	\$ 9,086.64
Total Account Balance	\$ 27,020.11

IMPORTANT CALENDAR ITEMS

EASTERN CHAPTER MEETINGS:

- February 12, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- March 12, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- April 9, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- May 14, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street

E-Week

February 18–23, 2013

Eastern Chapter Mathcounts

February 21, 2013

@ Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Registration begins at 2:00

Eastern Chapter Annual Banquet

February 23, 2013

@ Washington Pavilion

PE & FE Exam Dates

PE	FE	Applications Due
<u>2013</u>		
Apr 12	Apr 13	Jan 1
Oct 25	Oct 26	July 1
<u>2014</u>		
Apr 11	Apr 12	Jan 1
Oct 24	Oct 25	July 1

To add a calendar item, please contact Josh Peterson at JPeterson@siouxfalls.org

MATHCOUNTS VOLUNTEER REQUESTS—PHIL GUNDAVALDSON, PE

Additional volunteers are needed to help out with the MATHCOUNTS competition. The competition will again be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church which is directly across the street from Augustana College on 33rd Street. The competition will be Thursday, February 21, 2013. Registration begins at 2:00 and the competition runs from 3:00 to 6:30. Thank you to all those who have already offered to volunteer and to those who have offered their financial support. Please contact me if you are available to help out or have any questions.

Phil Gundvaldson, PE

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PROJECT OF THE YEAR DISPLAYS—ERIN STEEVER, PE

The ASCE and SDES **Project of the Year** nomination boards are on display for the month of February in the main lobby of the Washington Pavilion (northeast side of the lobby). Everyone is welcome to stop in and take a look at them anytime during Pavilion hours (<https://www.washingtonpavilion.org/Online/default.asp>). Visitors can also submit a ballot for the “People’s Choice” award which is being used as a tracking method and for feedback on the display. Although the People’s Choice Award is not an official award, we plan to notify the People’s Choice winner when the display is taken down.

We will also have the nomination boards on display at the Annual Banquet on February 23rd.



PRESIDENT’S COLUMN (CONTINUED)

Phil Gundvalson and the committee are wrapping up the planning and have tied down the agenda and the speaker lineup. The planning committee has a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 20 at Callaways to wrap up some final items. Stay tuned for more info on the Annual Conference as final details become available. Remember that the dates of the conference is May 1-3, 2013, so be sure to mark this on your calendars.

Nominations for 2013 Engineer of the year, Young Engineer of the Year, and Project of the Year are now closed. Thank you to everyone who nominated a fellow engineer or a worthy project. Good luck to all the nominees!

A final note. Over the past year, we have had some sad news about the passing of too many of our old friends and family. Please reach out to those that have been affected by these tragedies and offer your friendship and support wherever you can. I have been amazed by the friendship and generosity that members of our profession consistently have exhibited and I encourage all of us to reflect on all of the good things that we have in our lives and to cherish every moment we have with our friends and families.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at this month’s lunch meeting and at the Annual Awards Banquet. Let’s all look forward to working together to make 2013 a wonderful year!

G. Jeffery Hines



FEB.23.2013 EASTERN SDES/ASCE AWARDS BANQUET

Guest Speaker

Tim Olsen, Executive Director of Ground Works

Dinner [Buffet Style]

Chicken with Pesto Sauce/Carved Eye of Round with Garlic au Jus/Herb Roasted Baby Red Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetable/House Salad & French Bread with butter



Name(s): _____

Number of persons attending (Guests encouraged): _____

Member of: ASCE _____ SDES _____ Other _____



SCHEDULE

SOCIAL [5:30-6:30]
DINNER [6:30-7:30]
PROGRAM & AWARDS
TO FOLLOW

Directions: From I-29: Take the W.12th Street Exit and head East on W.12th/W.11th Street approx. 2.5 Mi. to Main Ave. Turn South on Main Avenue (One-Way). The Washington Pavilion is directly south of 11th Street between Dakota Avenue and Main Avenue.

Parking: On-street parking, lot south of the Cinedome, and parking ramp in the southeast corner of the intersection at West 12th Street and Main Avenue. Parking is free after 5pm.

Banquet: The banquet will be held in the Schulte Room of the Washington Pavilion on the Main Floor in the SW corner of the building.

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Attn: Myron Adams

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Favorite Quote:

*"It's the Little Things that can make a
Big Difference."*

A brief history... I grew up on a small family farm south of Lennox, S.D. with two younger sisters. I graduated from Lennox High School and after a year at Wayne State College, went to SDSU to graduate with Civil Engineering Degree in the fall of 2004.

After working a couple of summers at JSA, I started full time after graduation and have worked there ever since. I've gotten the opportunity to work on a variety of projects doing surveying, construction admin/inspection, project design and management.

I have been married to my wife Katie for almost six years and we have two great kids, Crayton (5), and Paige (2). Since my wife is in dermatology, I always have an ample supply of sunscreen for those hot summer days out on a project.



A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT OUR MEMBER OF THE MONTH:

Family: Wife-Katie, Son-Crayton(5), Daughter-Paige(2)

Hometown: Lennox, SD

Job title and years with firm: Project Engineer, 7 years

Favorite Room in Your House: Basement Living Room & Bar. I can have games going on two TV's at the same time.

Normal Breakfast: Toast with Peanut Butter and Orange Juice

Last DVD Purchased: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Apparently they made a comeback. My son is all about The Turtles right now.

Hobbies: Golfing, SD Amateur Baseball, fishing with my son, helping my dad on the farm, and home improvement projects.

What do you collect? Sports Memorabilia, mostly Baseball Stuff

Pets: Fish, they're much easier than a dog!

Pet Peeves: Houses that have their Xmas lights on before Thanksgiving.

Favorite beverage: can of Mt. Dew

Favorite TV Show: Modern Family

Favorite season: Summer

People may not know... I'm not Nate's brother.

What made you want to be an engineer? My dad was in Education. He encouraged me to use my ingenuity towards Engineering & not follow his footsteps.

What do you like best about being an engineer? Seeing something go from a concept plan to a finished project I can say I'm proud to have worked on.

Describe a significant event in your personal life. Definitely having/raising kids. Not only did it reorder my priorities, but it made me want to be a better person. You also learn quick how to survive on limited sleep.

I hate it when... My wife reminds me when I'm wrong.

Favorite place: I went to Maui for my honeymoon. It's laid back, the weather is always 80 degrees, and the golf is great.

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Navigate your internet browser to:

<https://sdes-eastern.webex.com>

Select the meeting date from the calendar in the "Browse Meetings" Window.

Click the "Register" link by the monthly meeting.

Fill in your first name, last name, email address and hit the "Register Now" button at the bottom.

A registration email will be sent with all the information to log into the meeting.

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