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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:**

May 10, 11:45 AM @ 41st Street Pizza Ranch - Mike Cooper with the City of Sioux Falls will be

City of Sioux Falls will be discussing development in Sioux Falls.

#### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN BY RAY PIERSON-PE

Well, here we are finishing up spring and getting ready for summer. I hope all have a great summer planned and that construction projects move along smoothly.

Along with the changing of seasons, this marks the end of my time as your President of the Eastern Chapter of SDES. I would like to thank everyone for their support of the activities that we have partaken in over the past year and for the support you have given me as the President. As I move out of this position, Kurt Peppel will be moving in as your new President and I would like to wish him success in the upcoming year.

Thank you to those that attended the plant tour at Hancock Concrete Products in March. We had a light crowd with the Summit League Championship going on at the same time but the attendees seemed to enjoy seeing the production processes and three edge bearing test for concrete pipe.

In April we had a very successful Annual Conference here in Sioux

Falls with record or near-record number of attendees with over 200 in attendance. Thank you to all of the conference board members and Chad Huwe for being the main chairperson for the event and making sure all ran smoothly. However, with the end of one conference our thoughts are turned to the Fall PDH conference that will be also hosted by the Eastern Chapter. Plans have begun to determine a location and you may be seeing a request for information or a request for planning committee members. Please consider helping out where you can.

Our last meeting before we break for summer will be at Pizza Ranch on 41st Street and Mike Cooper with City of Sioux Falls Planning will be presenting on the current status of development within Sioux Falls. Plan to attend if you can. Again, thank you for a great year and good luck to our 2016-2017 Board!

SDES Eastern Chapter President, Ray Pierson

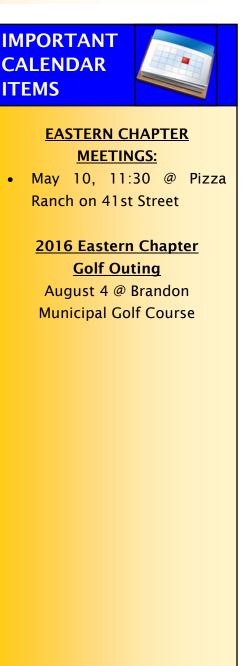
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# TREASURER'S REPORT BY LANCE WEATHERLY, PE

Balance as of	5/9/2016		
Previous General Fund Balance 2/29/2016		\$	20,834.75
Expenses:			
WebEx (February)	\$ (51.94)		
Conference Planning	\$ (50.25)		
Banquet expense	\$ (4,862.88)		
Banquet expense - awards	\$ (235.32)		
Patrick Henry Middle School donation	\$ (200.00)		
WebEx (March)	(51.94)		
Conference expenses (nametags)	\$ (58.30)		
Banquet expense	\$ (736.00)		
WebEx	\$ (51.94)		
Total		\$	(6,298.57)
Deposits:			
Banquet revenue - deposit #2	\$ 950.00		
Interest (March)	\$ 2.00		
Interest (April)	1.81		
Total		s	953.81
Total General Fund	1	\$	15,489.99
Previous Scholarship Fund Balance 2/29/2016		\$	6,771.52
Total Scholarship Fund	a	s	6,771.52
Total Account Balance		s	22,261.51

#### BLAST FROM THE PAST-NOTES FROM THE MAY 1991 ENGINEERING INFORMER

- Ralph Lindner was the Southeastern Chapter President.
- The May meeting was held at the Bonanza Family Restaurant on East Tenth Street.
- The May speaker way Teri Ellis of the Chamber of Commerce Convention and Visitors Bureau discussing the need for a convention center in Sioux Falls.
- The Treasurer's report showed \$1,571.34 in the General Fund and \$2,068.35 in the Scholarship Fund.
- The Central Chapter was thanked for hosting the annual conference.



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

#### STATE MATHCOUNTS COMPETION WINNERS BY JESSE MORRIS, PE

Pierre, SD – March 12, 2016 — A team of middle school Mathletes<sup>®</sup> from Mickelson Middle School in Brookings won the state MATHCOUNTS competition. The top individual was Serena An from Mickelson Middle School.

Members of the winning team are: Donovan Kreul, Serena An, Samyok Nepal and Jason Min, coached by Shannon Renkly.

The second and third place teams are from Edison Middle School of Sioux Falls and Selby Area Middle School of Selby, respectively.

The top four individuals from the State Competition will represent South Dakota at the 2016 Raytheon MATHCOUNTS National Competition in

6 Rayion in First Place Team - Mickelson Middle School

Washington D.C., May 7-10. The four team members are Serena An (Mickelson Middle School – Brookings), Donovan Kreul (Mickelson Middle School – Brookings), Isaac Sarbacker (Edison Middle School – Sioux Falls) and Samyok Nepal (Mickelson Middle School – Brookings). The coach for South Dakota's team going on to compete at the national competition is Shannon Renkly (Mickelson Middle School – Brookings).

> In our increasingly technological society, those students who do not begin developing strong problem-solving, logical thinking and analytical abilities in middle school will face an uphill battle later in life if they wish to pursue a medical, scientific, mathematical, engineering or technical career. As a national math enrichment, coaching and competition program designed to improve math skills among U.S. students, MATHCOUNTS prepares students for future career opportunities and success. More than 6 million students across the U.S. have participated in MATHCOUNTS programs.

> The state program is sponsored by the South Dakota Engineering Society and the 3M Gives Foundation. Leadership at the local levels of the MATH-COUNTS Competition Series is provided by mem-

bers of the South Dakota Engineering Society of the National Society of Professional Engineers.

The National Sponsors of MATHCOUNTS are Raytheon Company, Northrop Grumman Foundation, U.S. Department of Defense, National Society of Professional Engineers, CNA Foundation, Phillips 66, Texas Instruments Incorporated, 3Mgives, Art of Problem Solving and NextThought. MATH-COUNTS was founded by the National Society of Professional Engineers, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and CNA Foundation.

Additional information on MATHCOUNTS is available at www.mathcounts.org.



First Place Team - Serena An





#### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY



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March 16, 2016

South Dakota Engineering Society - Eastern Branch PO Box 1512 Sioux Falls, SD 57101



Dear SDES Members,

Exposure to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields for kids this age is a critical tool in developing our future workforce. An estimated 18,000 STEM jobs will be available in South Dakota by 2018. In fact, industry is already experiencing a worker shortage with some positions going unfilled. This is where we need you.

# To invest in science and technology skills by providing the materials to expand robotics programs and experiences throughout the district.



This year, your 2016 gift can be invested into to the Tiger Robotics Fund to support the youth interested in pursuing STEM and hands on building opportunities. Currently serving students from Sioux Falls and Harrisburg, attending school in the Harrisburg District, Tiger Robotics offers First Lego League (FLL), VEX Robotics, BEST Robotics and club opportunities. Each program offers a unique building and programming challenge depending on the robot type and missions. <u>You can help</u> move us toward our goal of raising \$8,000 by May 1st.

Here's how:

- Your \$2000 gift supports a new high school VEX Team with robot parts, tools and competition arena/supplies. (Sponsor Logo on t-shirt, banner and website.)
- Your \$500 gift supports FLL or VEX TEAM with a robot parts and mission models. (Sponsor Logo on t-shirt, banner and website.)
- Your \$300 gift provides mission models and event registrations to a returning team so they may continue to participate. (Sponsor Logo on t-shirt, banner and website.)
- Your \$150 gift provides afterschool opportunities, parts and tools to ALL teams wishing to build on their skills. (Sponsor Listing on t-shirt, banner and website.)
- <u>All aifts</u> are tax-deductible as allowed by the school system and we'll proudly display your sponsorship if received by May 1st.

As the 2016-17 robotics season approaches, we take time to appreciate our volunteers, our coaches and our mentors. And, we **THANK YOU** in advance, for your generous support.

Respectfully,

Cole Titze

Cole Titze, Tiger Robotics-High School Team

Tiger Robotics, Harrisburg South Middle School, PO Box 309, Harrisburg, SD 57032

#### SCHOLARSHIP THANK YOU





Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering

Office of the Dean

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March 22, 2016

Lance Weatherly Eastern Chapter South Dakota Engineering Society P.O. Box 1512 Sioux Falls, SD 57101

Dear Eastern Chapter South Dakota Engineering Society:

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$2,100 for the Eastern Chapter South Dakota Engineering Scholarship Fund in the Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering given in January. Scholarships are a tremendous way to help us recruit and retain the very best students, and they are only made possible by the generosity of donors like you.

Thank you for your support of our engineering students at South Dakota State University.

Sincerely,

Lewis F. Brown, Ph.D. Dean, Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering

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#### THANK YOUS

Dear Members, Thank you to the Eastern Chapter of South Dakota Engineering Society. Your generous gift to the "Eastern Chapter SDES Scholarship" and "Engineers without Borders" is making a difference for students at SDSU. Thank you for making such a positive impact on our students. Sincerely,

Tom Becker

SDES.

Thank you so much for your generous contribution to EWB-SDSU. Your donation Will go towards our planned implementation trip this summer to install two slow sand filters in Bolivia. This implementation not Only helps provide clean drinking water to students in Bolivia, but also provides an invaluable educational experience to our student members at SPSU. Thanks again for your Support! Deidre Beck 4 of EWB-SDSU GETTING TO KNOW YOU Member Bio

## JOSHUA VANDENBOS

City of Sioux Falls Public Works 224 W Ninth Street Sioux Falls, SD 57104 Phone: 605-367-8601

Degree: NDSU—Construction Engineering

#### A brief history... I was born in Sioux Falls sometime in the late 20th Century. I attended and graduated from Lincoln High School where I went on to pursue Engineering in the most general term that I can use at North Dakota State University. After a few years of 'Engineering' studies, I graduated with a B.S. in Construction Engineering (yes it's ABET accredited).

I went on to work for the ND DOT (Grand Forks Office) and Sioux Falls Construction for the first year after college. I started full time with Public Works in 2012, where I currently

am a Civil Engineer/Project Manager for the Engineering Department, primarily working on street and utility projects.

My wife Jenna and I met at college. She works as a nurse for Sanford in MB3 and is from the Alexandria, MN area (the 10,000 lakes portion of Minnesota). We just recently had our first child at the beginning of April (Kinley), no amount of prepping could still prepare us.



#### A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT OUR MEMBER OF THE MONTH:

Family: Jenna (wife) and Kinley

Hometown: Sioux Falls

Job Title and Years With Firm: Civil Engineer, 4 years

**Favorite Room in My House and Why:** Kitchen, it's the universal room that a person can do almost anything that they need to do, almost anything

My Normal Breakfast: Cereal, banana, and coffee

Last CD Purchased: Adele.....It was for my wife of course

Last DVD (movie or game) Purchased: Star Wars

**Hobbies:** Sports and tinkering (my wife says I'm ready for retirement already)

What do you collect? Any hand or power tool

that my wife allows me to purchase

My Best Personality Trait: Patience

**Pets:** Mya, Husky/American Eskimo mix, lots of hair

**Pet peeves:** Impatient people

**Favorite beverage:** Coffee and Coors Light, preferred separately

**Favorite TV Show:** Naked and Afraid, I'm oddly obsessed with watching people starve and struggle on TV from the comfort of my couch

What do you like best about being an engineer? Problem solving

**Describe a significant event in your personal life.** Birth of my first child, Kinley

**Favorite Place to Visit and Why:** VandenBos compound on the shores of Lake Brandt, cold beer and sun solves all of life's' problems.

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- 1. Navigate your internet browser to:
- 2. <u>https://sdes-eastern.webex.com</u>
- 3. Select the meeting date from the calendar in the "Browse Meetings" Window.
- 4. Click the "Register" link by the monthly meeting.
- 5. Fill in your first name, last name, email address and hit the "Register Now" button at the bottom.
- 6. A registration email will be sent with all the information to log into the meeting.

#### PDH Documentation

Sign-in sheets for Eastern Chapter meetings are posted on the SDES website for members to use for PDH documentation. Go to <u>www.sdes.org</u> to download sign-in sheets.

For any and all newsletter articles, additions, edits, corrections, and important dates contact:

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