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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:

No December Meeting.
January 10, 11:30 AM @
41st Street Pizza Ranch
- SDSU Engineers Without Borders will provide an update.

NEW MEMBERS:

- Josh Ketcham, DGR
- Riley Rinehart, DGR

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN BY KURT PEPPEL—PE

With the holidays behind us we can now focus on being cold and scooping snow. I hope everyone had a fun safe holiday season and no eyes were lost. The New Year has brought us more cold weather as well as a couple new members. Please help me in welcoming Josh Ketcham and Riley Rinehart, both with DGR. As always, keep recruiting!

Our next membership meeting will be Tuesday, January 10 at the Pizza Ranch on 41st Street. Come early for pizza and the opportunity to socialize with your peers. SDSU Engineers without Borders will provide information on their endeavors. Our chapter has been fortunate enough to donate to their cause and enable them to help others in need.

Our society has a busy couple months ahead of us. Volunteers are needed for MATHCOUNTS, Second Science Satur-

day, and E-Week, and nomination forms are out for our annual awards. Please consider volunteering and submitting nominations, and also plan to attend the annual awards banquet Saturday, February 25.

I would like to remind everyone our membership meetings can be watched via WebEx, if you are unable to attend in person. WebEx instructions can be found within this newsletter.

Lastly, I would like to thank Josh Peterson for coordinating the newsletter the last few years. Josh has had to deal with many of us sending him info at the last possible moment. Dan Kvasnicka has graciously offered to take over the newsletter duties. Thank you Josh for your service!

Cheers to 2017!

SDES Eastern Chapter President,
Kurt Peppel

**TREASURER'S REPORT
BY BRETT LOVRO, PE**

Balance as of 1/1/2017

Previous General Fund Balance 12/1/2016 \$ 29,347.96

Expenses:

Winter Social \$ (488.51)
Total \$ (488.51)

Deposits:

Interest (December) \$ 2.62
Total \$ 2.62

Total General Fund \$ 28,862.07

Previous Scholarship Fund Balance 12/1/2016 \$ 6,637.80

Expenses:

N/A \$ -
Total \$ -

Deposits:

N/A \$ -
Total \$ -

Total Scholarship Fund \$ 6,637.80

Total Account Balance \$35,499.87

**IMPORTANT
CALENDAR
ITEMS**



EASTERN CHAPTER

MEETINGS:

- January 10, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- February 14, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- March 14, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- April 11, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street
- May 9, 11:30 @ Pizza Ranch on 41st Street

E-Week

February 19—25

Eastern Chapter MathCounts

February 23 @ 2:00
Southeast Technical Institute

Eastern Chapter Awards

Banquet

February 25
Sioux Falls Holiday Inn
City Centre

2017 Annual Conference

April 26—28
@ Spearfish Holiday Inn
Convention Center

2017 Fall PDH Conference

Date and Location TBD
Hosted by the Central Chapter

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

MAKE SURE YOU GIVE CLEAR DIRECTIONS!



MATHCOUNTS®

Save the Date

When: Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 2pm

Where: Southeast Technical Institute
Rooms HC 255 and HC 257

Volunteers needed to help with the registration table, hand out tests, watch for cheating, grade tests, and keep time. Volunteer Sign-up sheet will be available at January's and February's lunch meetings.

Contact Krista May at
kristam@infrastructuredg.com or 605-929-0267
with any questions.

SECOND SCIENCE SATURDAYS! BY ERIN STEEVER, PE

SDES is continuing our E - week community outreach through the Washington Pavilion's Kirby Science and Discovery Center in 2017. Second Science Saturdays is a new program gaining momentum at the Kirby Science and Discovery Center, and we're excited to be part of it in February. We plan to provide two engineering activities to celebrate engineering. If you are interested in helping plan these activities, would like to volunteer at the event, or would like some more information about it, please contact Erin Steever (erins@bannerassociates.com<<mailto:erins@bannerassociates.com>>).



NOMINATIONS FOR SDES ENGINEERING AWARDS BY WES PHILIPS, PE

Eastern Chapter Members: Now that the holidays are nearly over, we can reflect on all that we've accomplished in the past year – both personally and professionally. Please take some time to reflect on your accomplishments and those of your peers and consider nominating someone or a special project for one of our annual awards:

- ▶ Engineer of the Year
- ▶ Young Engineer of the Year
- ▶ Project of the Year

Nomination forms for each category are attached.
Nominations are due to Wes Philips by February 3, 2017.

There are many engineers and projects all over the Eastern Chapter that deserve recognition this year for a job well done. Don't be afraid to nominate one or more of them! For reference, our prior award winners list is also attached.

If you are interested in serving on the Awards Committee, or if you have any other questions, please contact Wes Philips at 367-8657 or wphilips@siouxfalls.org.



SAVE THE DATE - UPCOMING ENGINEERING AWARDS BANQUET BY WES PHILIPS, PE

Mark your calendars for this year's SDES/ASCE Awards Banquet, which will be held on the evening of Saturday, February 25, 2017 in the Starlite Ballroom at the top of the Holiday Inn Sioux Falls-City Centre. We will have great food, entertainment and the opportunity to enjoy an evening with others in the Engineering profession. More information coming soon!



GETTING TO KNOW YOU Member Bio

JOSH KETCHAM

DGR Engineering
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Degree:

SDSU—Civil Engineering

Favorite Quote:

"Give a man a fish and feed him for a day. Don't teach a man to fish... and feed yourself. He's a grown man. And fishing's not that hard." - Ron Swanson

A brief history... I was born in Sioux Falls, SD and grew up in Brandon, SD. We moved to Canistota, SD my freshman year of high school where I graduated in 2004. I attended Southeast Technical Institute following high school and graduated in 2006 with an associate's degree in Civil Engineering Technologies. I worked at Stockwell Engineering from 2006 to 2012 as an Engineering Technician. In 2013, I returned to school to complete my Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. In May of 2016 I graduated from South Dakota State University and began working at DGR Engineering.



A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT OUR MEMBER OF THE MONTH:

Family:

Parents – Roger and June Ketcham
Sisters – Kris Crosby; Mellissa Jones
Brother – Tim Ketcham

Hometown: Parker, South Dakota

Job Title and Years With Firm: Engineering Intern – 1 year

Favorite Room in My House and Why: Bathroom – I solve most of my problems here.

My Normal Breakfast: Coffee

Last CD Purchased: Sound of Madness - Shinedown

Last DVD (movie or game) Purchased: Game of Thrones Season 6

Hobbies: Golfing, Fishing, Riding Motorcycle

What do you collect? Loose Change

My Best Personality Trait: Sarcasm

Pets: None

Pet peeves: Bad Drivers & Inconsiderate people

Favorite beverage: Ice Cold Beer

Favorite TV Show: Breaking Bad

Favorite Season: All of them

People may not know about me... I hit a hole in one at a golf tournament and won \$10,000

What made you want to be an engineer? Working as a technician alongside engineers and thinking "Hey, I could do that!"

What do you like best about being an engineer? Improving the communities in which we all live

Describe a significant event in your career. Deciding to quit my full time job to return to school.

Describe a significant event in your personal life. Graduating college, turning 30, changing jobs, and moving in with the girlfriend all within a month.

Describe an achievement from the past year you are proud of. Finishing my bachelor's degree.

What are you looking forward to in the next year? Taking a vacation!

I hate it when... people drive the same speed, side by side, down the interstate.

Favorite Place to Visit and Why: Anywhere new. I enjoy exploring new places.

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1. Navigate your internet browser to:
2. <https://sdes-eastern.webex.com>
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 SDS website for members to use for PDH documentation. Go to www.sdes.org to download sign-in sheets.

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