

YOUNGER MEMBERS

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- How can ASCE Younger Members help you??
- Upcoming Events and Deadlines
- Our first ever Joint YM/ Membership CHARITY Social Event... *Find out why you don't want to miss it...*
- Join us on a personal tour of the Katy Fwy/ Beltway 8 interchange.

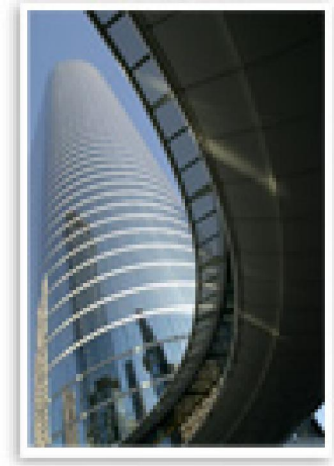
WHAT DOES THE YM GROUP HAVE TO OFFER YOU?

After attending the National ASCE Conference and meeting numerous Younger Member Groups throughout the nation, I can honestly say that Houston Younger YM Group has come up short. Houston YM is supposed to be categorized as a large group due to the massive amount of potential members, however, our active members number less than groups that are considered to be small. But don't worry, it's not just the members who are to blame, but the officers are responsible as well. We have not been able to effectively provide all the essential activities that a bustling Younger Members Group is supposed to provide. So why get involved this year? What can YM offer our members?

This year, YMF has established Committee Chairs that are to assist the YMF Chair with their duties. As a result, YMF is organized and can now devote more time and effort to serving our members. We now provide all younger members with the opportunity to network with other companies as well as senior engineers, socialize with other younger engineers, engage in community service, and to provide technical and educational opportunities that apply specifically to young engineers' needs.

So only one question remains, why not choose to be an active member in Houston YM? We have everything to offer our younger members. So, I challenge all Houston Younger

Members to capitalize on the various opportunities that our devoted organization has to offer.



AWARDS AND DEADLINES

The following Younger Member Awards are due to Regina Lemons at regina.lemons@klotz.com by 4 p.m. *Friday, December 7th*:

ASCE Collingswood Prize—awarded to the author of a paper describing an engineering work with which the author has been directly connected.

Daniel Mead Prize for Younger Members—awarded to the author of an ethical paper. See website for this year's topic.

Edmund Friedman Young Engineer Award for Professional Achievement—See website for nomination form.

Young Government Civil Engi-

neer Award—See website for nomination form.

Young Engineer of the Year Award—See website for details.

All award details and nomination forms can be found at: http://www.asce.org/pressroom/honors/cym_awrds.cfm

PAST EVENTS

Our Halloween Costume Party was a success. Over 50 Younger Members showed up in their best costumes on October 26th. Napoleon Dynamite, Dracula, and a Transformer were a few of the characters to enter the costume contest. The Grand Prize went to the Mexican Rancharo! A special thanks to Younger Member Sean Merrell for hosting this event. The 137th National ASCE

Conference in Orlando, FL was phenomenal! Three younger members from the Houston Branch were able to attend the conference and the Younger Member Leadership Symposium in early November. We had a psychologist come in and teach us the various skills that a young professional in our field should possess.

Our joint Adopt-A-Highway / BBQ was the most successful

turnout yet. Eight Younger Members cleared two and a half miles of our stretch of highway in Richmond on Saturday morning, November 11th. We then went around the corner for BBQ and fun. We enjoyed hotdogs and hamburgers while we sat back and relaxed. Special thanks to Younger Member Brent Baldwin for hosting the BBQ at his house in Richmond.



Adopt-A-Highway, November 11th.

BOWLING SOCIAL

On Thursday, November 29th, the Younger Members will be meeting at AMF Lanes at Bunker Hill from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for bowling and fun.

The cost is \$16.99 per person and includes unlimited bowling for two hours, shoes, popcorn, and unlimited soft drinks.

All younger members are invited as well as family,

friends and significant others.

RSVP to Jared Bowlin at JBowlin@ehrainc.com no later than Tuesday, November 27th.

DETAILS:

Thursday, November 29th

AMF Lanes at Bunker Hill and I-10

925 Bunker Hill Rd

Houston, TX 77024

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

\$16.99 per person

To the optimist, the glass is half full. To the pessimist, the glass is half empty. To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

KATY FREEWAY/ BELTWAY 8 INTERCHANGE

The Texas Department of Transportation will be hosting a tour of the Katy Freeway at Beltway 8 Interchange for the Houston YM. The tour will take place on Friday afternoon, December 7th.

Participants will meet the Project Manager and get a guided tour of the entire construction site.

Come see what civil engineering looks like up close and personal!

DETAILS:

Friday, December 7th

Technical Tour

More details on time of tour, meeting location, and how to RSVP are coming soon via email.



Here is a picture of the current progress on the supports for part of the interchange.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

ASCE Houston Younger Members have adopted a family through the Adopt-A-Family program. Our family of five is in great need of the basics such as clothing and food for Christmas.

Toynisha and Dorothy, ages 28 and 53, are in need of women's clothing size 11 and size 26 as well as shoes both size 8.

Isaiah is a smart 8 year old boy in need of clothing size 14/16 and shoes size 2 kids.

His little brother, Joshua, is a 4 year old boy in need of clothing

size 4T and shoes size 8 toddler.

Their younger sister, Melanie, is an adorable 3 year old girl in need of clothing size 5T and shoes 8 toddler.

Gift suggestions are under \$25 and include cars, trucks, and baby dolls. Please gift wrap and label all gifts.

Special needs listed for the family include groceries and a bed for Isaiah.

We *strongly* encourage participants to donate gift cards from both Wal-Mart and Kroger so

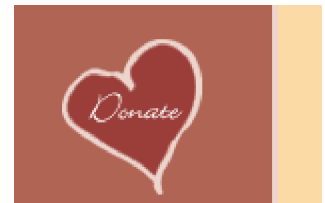


the family can buy groceries.

We will also accept a monetary donation so that YM can purchase a bed frame and mattress for Isaiah.

Please bring your donations to the joint Membership / Younger Member Charity Social (see article below) or to the next general meeting held Tuesday, December 18th.

Contact Kate Fath at kate.fath@kimley-horn.com with any questions or to arrange special arrangements to drop off your donations.



THE EVENT OF THE YEAR!

On Thursday, December 20th, we will be throwing a huge joint Younger Member / Membership Charity Social Event.

It will be held at the Fox & Hound Pub & Grill, located at 11470 Westheimer, just outside Beltway 8. We will meet in the reserved semi-private room from 5p.m. to 8 p.m. Appetizers are provided.

Don't hesitate to bring, friends, coworkers, family, and anyone else you might want to join ASCE. Members who bring non-members will be entered to win one of multiple prizes. A grand prize will be raffled to all those who attend.

We ask that all members who attend bring a donation for our family of five that we are

supporting through the Adopt-A-Family program. For more information on this charity please see the above article.

To RSVP to the event, please contact Jared Bowlin at JBowlin@ehrainc.com by Tuesday, December 18th.

One has to watch out for engineers - they begin with the sewing machine and end up with the atomic bomb.

- Marcel Pagnol

EVENTS TO KEEP IN MIND...

Come be a spectator or volunteer to one of these events:

- Mathcounts Minicompetition at Mainland Preparatory Academy, January 19th.
- Future Cities Regional

Contest, January 18th and 19th.

- Texas-Mexico Steel Bridge Competition in Beaumont, Texas, January 26th.



A group of young engineers at the National ASCE Conference in downtown Orlando, FL.

We are on the Web!

www.ascehouston.org

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Our web page is currently under construction, but should be up and running in within the next month or two. So, keep checking for updates sent via email.

For more information or details about anything in this newsletter please contact Regina Lemons at regina.lemons@klotz.com



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2007						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 YM Bowling Social @ AMF Lanes at Bunker Hill. RSVP at JBowlin@ehrainc.com	30	

December 2007						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Hanukkah begins	5	6	7 YM Technical Tour of Katy Fwy / Beltway 8 Interchange	8
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16	17	18 ASCE General Meeting @ HESS Club	19	20 Joint Membership/ YM CHARITY Social @ Fox & Hound (Westheimer) from 5-8 pm.	21	22
23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29
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