

# YOUNGER MEMBERS

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## UPCOMING EVENT—AIA SANDCASTLE COMPETITION

The AIA Sandcastle Competition will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at the East Beach in Galveston. At a recent meeting, the AIA Sandcastle Committee Chair proudly announced that the Corps will be completed with restoring East Beach before the end of May. This year's theme for the ASCE Sandcastle Team is "Vote for the Worst." The theme is a play on words, inspired by the website formed for American Idol encouraging viewers to vote for the worst singer. The team will be competing in the "Most Hilarious" category and plans to have fun while constructing a simple bratwurst sand sculpture. If you would like to join the team, please contact Julia Mai at [jmai@browngay.com](mailto:jmai@browngay.com) before June 1, 2009. Otherwise, feel free to come out to Galveston to vote for the ASCE wurst and see sand sculptures from other local engineering and architecture firms.



**Congratulations to  
Elissa Boedeker of HOK,  
2009 Sandcastle Logo  
Competition winner**

## RECAP—YOUNGER MEMBER FOCUS GROUP

ASCE National's *No Wrist Watch Committee* held a Focus Group meeting May 1<sup>st</sup> at Minute Maid Park. The 30 people in attendance split off into two groups for a 90 minute focus group session to discuss more effective ways ASCE can reach out to

its younger members. There was some really good feedback in both groups. I personally felt much better after hearing that other engineers are going through some of the same experiences as my own. After the focus group, a CEO of a local general contracting

firm offered his perspective about the current state of the engineering community. We then took a behind the scenes tour of the stadium, stopping off in the owners suite, press box, diamond club level, and even walked the perimeter of the field! Overall

## RECAP—YOUNGER MEMBER FOCUS GROUP

the event was quite successful, despite a few of us getting wet from the sprinklers. Special thanks to Regina Lemons for her help in setting up this event.



**ASCE Members at the Focus Group**



**Big Catch!**

## RECAP—CAMPING TRIP

On the weekend of May 2<sup>nd</sup> the ASCE Younger Members camping trip took place about 70 miles southeast of Dallas at the Fisherman's Wharf in Malakoff, Texas. About 15 participants from the Houston, Tyler, Fort Worth and Dallas Branches joined the excursion. Fishing, wave boarding, boat towed tubing, horseshoes, biking were some of the activities that took place at the Fisherman's Wharf along with the relaxing fire, the sunset and an amazing feast.

## RECAP-GOLF TOURNAMENT

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, 13 teams of golfers met for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual ASCE Golf Tournament held on Bear Creek's Presidents Course. We enjoyed some great weather conditions. The winning team, Fugro, scored an impressive 60 strokes, which was good for 12 under par. Team members included Scott Marr, Carl McConnell, David Ellett, and Donald Anderson. The event raised \$3,337 overall. Special thanks to our volunteers, Ron Reichert, Amy Stonaker, Keri Garner, and Ashlee Hiser. Additional thanks to Matt Adams and Tim Knable for their help in setting up the event.



The winning team!

## RECAP-ASTROS-RANGERS GAME

On Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the ASCE Younger Members enjoyed a day at Minute Maid Park to watch the Astros play the Rangers. About 12 members and guests of the Houston and Fort Worth Branches came out. We witnessed four home run balls but unfortunately there were a couple too many from the other team. The Fort Worth Branch member, Travis Attanasio, left with a smile on his face as the Rangers won 6 - 3.



Take Me out to the Ballgame!

## UPCOMING EVENT- HAPPY HOUR

**June 18th, 5 - 7 pm**

### **Cadillac Bar**

We have heard a lot of feedback about changing the location of the happy hours, so we have decided to change locations every other month for the convenience of all of our younger members. The June 18<sup>th</sup> happy hour will be held at Cadillac Bar located at 1802 Shephard Drive. Come after work and network with your fellow younger members.

<http://www.cadillacbar.com/>

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**FACEBOOK GROUP**

We recently created a YMF Facebook group called *Houston Branch ASCE Younger Members*. This will be a great chance to stay connected with each other and keep updated on all of our events. It will also serve as a good opportunity for our fellow younger members to provide some feedback to the officers.

## June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 AIA Sandcastle Competition – East Beach, Galveston
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Younger Member Happy Hour – Cadillac Bar, 5:30 pm	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				