

The Bridge



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15th Annual Holiday Dinner Dance

Our 15th Annual Holiday Dinner and Dance is just around the corner! It will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2009, at the Marshall University Student Center in Huntington, WV. The Cocktail Hour begins at 6:30, Dinner at 7:30, with the Dance going from 9:00 pm to midnight.

This event could not happen without the support of our Sustaining Members so we ask our Sustaining Members to please consider sponsoring at one of these levels:

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For entertainment, back by popular demand is "Big Planet Soul"! Big Planet Soul specializes in "classic soul" and contemporary dance music and is highlighted by a five-piece horn section.

DINNER INCLUDES OPEN BAR. Cost is \$25 for SAME Members and their guests and \$30 for non-SAME Members and their guests. For tickets and information, contact Mark Kessinger at 304-399-5083.

Your support allows us to have the best dinner/dance in town and bring in the best dance band in town too. Thanks for supporting YOUR SAME Post.

2010 Post Officers - Nominations

Nominations for 2010 Post officers are being accepted now. The following is a list of candidates. Note we have a few vacancies and you may also nominate other post members to any position.

If you are interesting in serving as a post officer or know someone who would make a great officer, contact Mark Kessinger at Mark.D.Kessinger@usace.army.mil or by phone at 304-399-5083.

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*Not up for election this year

Veteran's Day

This November 11 we honor our veterans who have served our country by sacrificing their time, safety, families, and ultimately their lives for our freedom. Take time this week to spend time with a veteran. Volunteer at the local VA hospital. Visit the gravesite of a veteran family member. Talk to a young soldier that has just returned from duty overseas. Send a card to a spouse whose husband or wife is currently in harms way. No matter what you do, do not forget that those that serve deserve our upmost thanks and admiration. The Huntington Post SAME salute all of our "hero's" who have served, are serving, or ever will serve. We are standing with you!

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UPCOMING POST EVENTS

- Nov 10 - Post Meeting
- Dec 5 - Dinner-Dance
- Dec 8 - Post Meeting
- Jan 12 - Post Meeting
- Feb 18 - Career Day
- Mar 9 - Post Meeting

Remember monthly meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Put it on your calendar as a recurring reminder!

Marshall Engineers Without Borders: A Journey from Huntington to Zambia

This month will feature a speaker from our SAME Student Chapter who also represents the Marshall University chapter of Engineers Without Borders. He will discuss their efforts to build a micro-dam in Zambia, Africa. The talk will focus on the formation of the chapter along with the technical details of the project in Africa. In conclusion he will discuss what you as individuals can do to help Marshall EWB.

Michael Audelo is a senior civil



engineering student at Marshall University. He was born in Beckley, WV and is the current vice president of the Engineers Without Borders chapter at Marshall. He is also an active member in the SAME student chapter.

The November monthly meeting is scheduled for November 10 on the 3rd floor of the Cabell County Main Library located at 455 9th Street in Huntington, WV. Meeting will begin at 1130 with lunch following. Our speaker will begin at noon. Lunch is \$5 for students, \$7 for members and \$8 for non-members. Make your reservations with Mike Fitzwater at Gary.M.Fitzwater@usace.army.mil or (304) 399-5933.

PDF Certificates for all luncheons are available by contacting Dave Meadows at David.F.Meadows@usace.army.mil.

**Huntington Post SAME
Monthly Meeting
November 10**

committed so far with topics ranging from the levee failures in New Orleans to drilling for gas in the Marcellus Shale formation.

Younger Members, *Brian Ball, PE, Chair*

In December the Younger Members will lead the meeting and provide the speaker. We are bouncing around a few ideas, but the two top ones are the hot transmission line project, PATH, in the planning for WV and surrounding states. The other topic of choice is on invasive plant control. Some diverse

topics. If you have any topics you would like covered, please contact me and let me know. I would expect all young members to be there at the December meeting since none of us has any "use or lose" built up! See you in December.

MU Student Chapter, *Andrew Copley, President*

Student Chapter officers for the 2009-2010 academic year are:

President - Andrew Copley

Vice-President - Mark Upton

Treasurer - Nathan Wagner

Secretary - Caitlyn Davis-McDaniel

Individuals interested in the Marshall University Student Chapter can contact Andrew Copley, Chapter President, at copley86@marshall.edu. Any ideas for on-site visits would be greatly appreciated.

We are getting ready for our winter conference—have four of six speakers

Sustaining Member of the Month - Mason Hanger Group

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News From the President, *Ralph Norman, Jr., PE, PS, Post President*

We had a successful Golf outing to raise scholarship money for the Post Scholarship program on October 16th, 2009. The weather wasn't the best, but we all bundled up and essentially stayed dry while making a few thousand dollars for this worthy cause. Thanks to the many sponsors we had that truly make this event the success that it is for the Post each year!

Our next big event is the Annual Holiday Dinner Dance which will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at the Marshall University Student Center in Huntington, WV. For those who have (or have not) attended in the past, the Holi-

day Dinner Dance is among the best of our events each year, and a great opportunity for celebrating our friendships, our organization, and the holiday season! There are more details about how to sign up to attend, and to sponsor this event on the cover page.

Once again, our monthly SAME Huntington Post Meetings are held on the 3rd floor of the Cabell County Library at 11:30 AM on the second Tuesday of each month. It's well worth coming to the meetings to get to know our SAME members; those committed to the civil works engineering program as employees of the USACE Huntington District,

as well as Sustaining Member firms from the consulting engineering community, material suppliers, contractors, and other professional and technical services providers. You'll meet new people and old friends, stay informed, and you can pick up a Continuing Education Hour by coming to listen to our "speaker of the month".

Travel safely as you head to our next meeting on November 10, 2009.

Best regards, Ralph

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