

Richmond Joint Engineers' Council

NEWSLETTER December 2004

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JOINT MEETINGS

Thanks to SME and IIE for inviting RJEC to their December meeting. The evening was enjoyable and informative, and the dinner at the Holiday Inn Koger Center was quite good. There were around 30 of us there. It was a good example of how groups getting together for joint events can improve the experience for all. The larger group increases opportunities for meeting and talking to others.

ENGINEER'S WEEK BANQUET

It's not too soon to put the Engineer's Week Banquet on your personal calendar for February 24, 2005. We're still firming up the arrangements, but it looks like it will be held at the Jefferson Hotel. Plan on the cost being \$50 per person. (Be assured that this is not a profit making dinner.) We encourage member organizations to make group reservations. The current target of our speaker search is Richmond Mayor-elect Douglas Wilder.

We are trying to create an online reservation utility. When that becomes available, we will send out a notice via email.

ENGINEER'S WEEK CAREER DAY

Another Engineer's week event for you to begin planning for is Career Day on Sunday, February 27. Naturally a good display improves the experience for young visitors, but a simple sign and a friendly representative is all that is really required. The most important thing is that we have as many different disciplines represented as possible. Contact Nasser Gharib (nghariba@vsu.edu) to let him know that you are planning to have representatives there, so we can get a table ready for you. (We can actually get a table set up for you at the last minute, so don't let a lack of advance notice stop you from being there.)

ENGINEER'S WEEK SUPPLEMENT

We are now planning for the National Engineers Week Supplement which will be included in the Richmond Times Dispatch newspaper that week. RJEC member societies that have paid their 2004-2005 dues will have space provided for information on their society including contact information. This is a great way to get the word out on your organization and potentially recruit new members.

IMPORTANT!!

We need the contact information, i.e. person (and their position in the organization if appropriate), telephone number and/or e-mail to be included with the description of the Member Society that will be published in the engineers supplement.

We can include other appropriate contact information such as a web site address if a contact person is not to be included. **The deadline for this is January 14, 2005.**

Please send this information to Bob Chandler via e-mail at: Bob.Chandler@VDOT.Virginia.gov.

We need and would greatly appreciate any suggestions for potential advertisers in this year's supplement. Send your suggestions to Bob Chandler.

We also encourage our member societies to consider advertising in the Engineer's Supplement with either a 6-inch or 3-inch advertisement space. This provides excellent exposure, and it supports the success of the Engineer's Week Supplement.

Please also read the flyer on page 4.

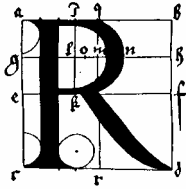
CALL FOR 2005 AWARD NOMINATIONS

Please seriously consider nominating someone for:

- 2005 Engineer of the Year to recognize an engineer who serves as an example of integrity and dedication to the engineering profession, or
- 2005 Community Service Award, to recognize someone in our member organizations who has made outstanding contributions to Richmond metropolitan area communities.

These will be presented at the upcoming 2005 RJEC Engineers Banquet on February 24, 2005.

Before you pass this off too quickly, pause and think for a moment, and see



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CALL FOR 2005 AWARD NOMINATIONS (cont'd.)

if someone comes into your mind. Wouldn't it be worth thanking them by submitting a nomination for them?

The guidelines for nominations are to provide a maximum three-page description of the nominee including background on their professional career and contribution to the field of engineering (Engineer Award) or contributions to the community. Supporting information on the nominee can be included with the nomination. A primary contact person for each nomination is required.

Send hard-copy nomination packages to the RJEK mailing address, or e-mail electronic submissions to John Stuart, RJEK Chair, at jstuart@louisberger.com.

Nominations must be received by January 13, 2005.

VOLUNTEER'S WEB PAGE

We have – and hopefully will continue to have – some opportunities for individuals to volunteer their time and expertise to worthwhile activities in the Greater Richmond area. We've created a new web page entitled "Volunteer Opportunities". Go to http://www.rjec.org/volunteer_opportunities.htm and check it out.

RJEC INDUSTRY SPONSOR UPDATE

It is not too late to be an RJEK industry sponsor! We are thankful for the support we have been receiving so far this year.

As an Industry Sponsor:

- Your company will be recognized as a sponsor on the RJEK web site, in the monthly RJEK Newsletter, and at all RJEK events throughout the year.
- Invited as an RJEK guest to the February 24th RJEK Annual Banquet to receive recognition honoring your company for serving as a sponsor during the past year.
- Participation in all RJEK events scheduled for 2004 and 2005

A key to RJEK's success is our Industry Sponsors. This funding is what enables us to serve students and the community by "Turning Ideas Into Reality". The four levels of RJEK sponsorship are listed below:

Levels of Sponsorship:

- **Bronze - \$125**
- **Silver - \$250**
- **Gold - \$500**
- **Platinum - \$1000**

Checks should be payable to "RJEK" and mailed to our address listed at the top of this newsletter. **The RJEK FEIN is 54-1124507.**

Thank you for considering being an Industry Sponsor of RJEK or sending information about RJEK to potential sponsors!

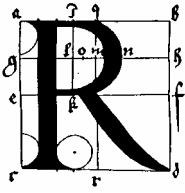
Please send recommendations for businesses or companies we should contact that might be interested in being a sponsor to Herb Walke at:

804-794-4781 or wherb@erols.com

NEXT RJEK MEETING:

**January 13, 6:00-7:00 PM, 1st
Floor Conference Room, 203
East Cary St. (corner of 3rd
and Cary), Richmond.**

Meetings are intended for all member society delegates, RJEK officers and RJEK committee chairs. We also encourage individuals from both member and non-member societies to attend.



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National Engineers Week

A Special Advertising Section

Publishes: Sunday, February 20, 2005
Deadline: Thursday, January 27, 2005

Celebrate National Engineers Week by running an ad for your services in our special Engineers Week advertorial section.

This annual promotion, publishing this year on February 20, is the perfect forum to discuss your services or to recruit potential new engineers through out the metro-Richmond market. The section will be distributed with the Sunday Richmond Times-Dispatch and will reach more than 570,000 readers.

Whether your business is an engineering or architectural school or design firm, or you're a mechanical contractor, electrical engineer or structural consultant, you'll be sure to get your message across to thousands of people through out central Virginia who are interested in the engineering industry and need to know more about your business. For more information or to reserve your advertising space, contact your newspaper advertising representative or
Leslie Douthat 804-649-6239
Ldouthat@timesdispatch.com

Cost:

Full Tabloid Page (9 5/8" x 11.5") \$6,988.55

½ Tabloid Page (9 5/8" x 5.75") \$3,562.13

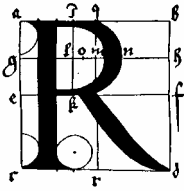
15" ad (5 ¾" x 5") \$1,964.70

6" ad (3 ¾" x 3") \$785.88

3" ad (1 13/16" x 3") \$392.94

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The following are the notes from the December RJEC board meeting. The official minutes will be posted on the www.rjec.org website.

- 1) Treasurers report: The current balance is \$5633 less \$1400 scholarship holdback.
- 2) Sponsor solicitation: Dr. Haas to contact Philip Morris USA and Honeywell. Member societies are encourage to submit leads to John Stuart via the website.
- 3) Speakers bureau: John Meola coordinating with LC Bird HS for mechanical engineer. The Society of Woman Engineers (SWE) will also inquire amongst their membership.
- 4) Career day: Fairfield MS event took place last Tuesday. Nassar Ghariban is working with the Virginia Science Museum to allow free museum membership to the museum for Engineers Week Career Day participants.
- 5) Banquet speaker: Still no word from Douglas Wilder. The 2005 banquet is scheduled for Thursday, February 24, 2005.
- 6) Banquet facilities: tentatively set for the Jefferson Hotel at ~ \$50/person. Dick Kates to coordinate with PMI to use their on-line reservation and bill payment system for the event.
- 7) New business:
 - Dick Kates to put out a newsletter for December.
 - Herb Walke looking to add sponsor links onto RJEC website.
 - Advanced 2006 engineers week banquet speaker invitation will allow speaker to select event day anytime during engineers week.
- 8) Next Regular RJEC Meeting: January 13, 2004, 6 pm, 203 E. Cary Street (3rd and Cary)