

LOUISIANA ENGINEERING SOCIETY BATON ROUGE CHAPTER



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MARCH 2009 NEWSLETTER

2009 E-WEEK BANQUET

The 2009 E-Week Banquet was, as it always is, a huge success and wonderful time. Thank you to Mr. Wilfred Barry for hosting our event. The Baton Rouge Country Club location always makes for a unique setting to hold the Banquet that honors our award winners, scholarship winners, and future engineers. Thank you to ASCE for joining us for this event and most importantly, thank you to the sponsors listed below. Their support is what makes this program possible. If you did not attend this year, please make an effort to do so next year. If you did attend, I hope you enjoyed it and join us again next year.

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INAUGURAL VINCENT A. FORTE, P.E. PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The Vincent A. Forte, P.E. President's Award is awarded annually by the Louisiana Engineering Society Baton Rouge Chapter to an engineer member of the Chapter, who has shown outstanding service to the engineering profession as well as the Baton Rouge Chapter. It is awarded by the Chapter Past President at the annual E-Week Banquet. This award is named in honor of Vincent A. Forte, P.E., a distinguished member of the Baton Rouge Chapter whose dedication to the Chapter, the Society and the advancement of the profession is second to none.

This year's recipient of the Vincent A. Forte, P.E. President's award, presented by LES Baton Rouge Chapter Past President Robert Lear, P.E., LSI, is **Ann Forte Trappey, P.E.** Mrs. Trappey has unselfishly promoted and defended the engineering profession and served the Baton Rouge Chapter with great honor and integrity. She served as President of the Baton Rouge Chapter in 1993 and countless leadership roles in the State Society and Louisiana Engineering Foundation. Ann embodies the engineering profession through her dedicated service, which is not outdone by her technical engineering skills. She serves as a role model for young engineers through her service not only to the engineering profession, but to other civil contributions that make our community, state, and nation a better place to live. The Baton Rouge Chapter thanks Ann Forte Trappey for her distinguished service and congratulates her on receiving this award.

MARCH LUNCHEON

When: Tuesday, March 17, 2009
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Where: Ralph & Kacoo's (Bluebonnet Blvd.)

Speaker: *Deitmar Rietschier, Executive Director
Amite River Basin Commission
(<http://www.amitebasin.org/>)*

Topic: Approaches to Regional Flood Control

Cost: \$20.00

RSVP: Geoff Wilson
gwilson@sigmacg.com
225-298-0111 ext. 103

PDH: ½ hour PDH Credit

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FUTURE CITY COMPETITION – NATIONAL RESULTS

Congratulations to **St. Thomas More** for finishing **Second** in the National Future Cities Competition. In addition to their second place finish, the team was given a special award for **Design of Infrastructure**.

We commend the St. Thomas More team for their efforts and the LES members for their support of that effort.



STATE MATHCOUNTS – LAFAYETTE, LA

The 2009 State MathCounts Competition will be hosted by the Lafayette LES group. The State MathCounts competition will be held on March 13, 2009 at the Holiday Inn in Lafayette. Good luck to the teams and individuals who will be participating.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals are new members of LES. If you see these individuals, please welcome them to the Society.

Jared B. Monceaux, P.E. – Hartman Engineering, Inc.
Danielle S. Bordelon, E.I. – Hartman Engineering, Inc.
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Andrew S. Thompson, E.I.
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UPCOMING CPD OPPORTUNITIES

Check out <http://www.lapels.com>, <http://www.les-state.org/>, and <http://www.les-state.org/brchapter/> to see what's coming up.

Remember, your membership in LES counts as 1 PDH per biennial renewal period!!!

- **Life Safety Code Seminar**
When: March 25, 2009 from 8am to 4:30pm
Where: Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center,
 201 Lafayette Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801
What: 8 PDHs

Visit <http://www.les-state.org/> for more information.

- **Spring 2009 Construction Specification Institute Seminar**
When: March 27, 2009 from 8am to 4pm
Where: Burden Conference Center (Essen @ I-10)
What: 8 AIA/CES Learning Units/HSW/CEH/PDH.

Visit <http://www.les-state.org/brchapter/CPD.htm> for more information.

LES CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 17, 2009
General Meeting

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April 10, 2009
Ethics Contest Deadline

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April 23, 2009
General Meeting

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May 21, 2009
General Meeting
Mayor Holden to Speak

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May 29, 2009
LES Golf Tourney

Any announcements? Contact
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NEWSLETTER / WEBSITE ADS FOR SALE

The Baton Rouge Chapter is offering advertisement in both the monthly Newsletter and Chapter Website for \$100 per calendar year. Advertisements can be done for one (1) or two (2) year periods.

Anyone wishing to place an ad in the newsletter and website can send a copy of a company business card and a check (made out to LES-BR Chapter) to the following address:

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Please call or e-mail Geoff Wilson at 298-0800 or gwilson@sigmcg.com with any questions.

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ENGINEERING SOCIETY NEWS/EVENTS

One of the missions of LES is to provide avenues for members to elevate their skills, competencies, and ethics. With that in mind, this section of the newsletter will be continuously updated with information from other local engineering societies that might benefit the membership.

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

Website: <http://www.ascebr.org/>

Upcoming Events: Luncheon at Drusilla Seafood on March 19th

Topic: Update on the Green Light Program

American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)

Website: <http://www.sections.asme.org/BatonRouge/>

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)

Website: http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r5/baton_rouge/

American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE)

Website: <http://gbr.asse.org/>

Upcoming Events: Chapter Meeting on March 17th at Bayou Bistro (6pm)

Topic: Working with Your Occupational Medical Provider

Society of Women Engineers (SWE)

Website: <http://www.swe.org/swe/region/sections/c003/>

Upcoming Events: Region 7 Science Fair; March 13, 8:30-11:30am; LSU Carl Maddox Field House

American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)

Website: <http://www.acec.org/memberOrganizations/chapterDetails.cfm?chapterIndex=3>

Upcoming Events: Critical Issues Summit on March 26th & 27th (PDHs available)

Location: New Orleans

Engineers Without Borders – Baton Rouge Professionals Chapter (EWB-BRP)

Website: <http://www.ewb-brp.org>

Upcoming Events: Jambalaya Plate Lunch (see attached) on March 17th &

1st Annual Fundraiser – Shake, Rattle, N’ Bowl – coming up April 3rd (see website for details)

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Jambalaya Plate Lunch!

(Chicken and sausage jambalaya, white beans, salad, and beverage)

Get your tickets early! Lunch will be delivered Tuesday, March 17, 2009

Cost per plate - \$7.00

Orders of 10 or more will be delivered to your office!

Please contact

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to purchase a ticket today.

We are raising money to help the people of Sam Mbollet, The Gambia. To learn more about our philanthropic venture, visit our website:

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