

### Highlights ~ YMG Activities ~ May - October 2009

(Each group was asked to submit one or two events held or scheduled for the near future.)

Not all groups are included because many did not respond to the request.

#### **Region 1**

##### **Boston Society of Civil Engineers**

- 1) Bocce Tournament
- 2) Volunteering in Back Bay – Seeding and spreading loam
- 3) Mentors for Young Inventors program
- 4) Kickball League
- 5) Annual Red Sox outings

##### **Buffalo Section**

- 1) ReTree Western New York Community Service
- 2) ASCE Student Resume review
- 3) University at Buffalo Student Chapter Golf Tournament and Wine Tour

##### **Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers**

- 1) Source to Sea Cleanup community service event
- 2) Hartford Wolfpack Hockey Game social
- 3) Blueport Bluefish Baseball Game social
- 4) Annual Golf Tournament

##### **Maine Section**

- 1) Red Sox Baseball Game outing
- 2) PE Review Course
- 3) Sea dogs baseball game
- 4) Rebuilding Together
- 5) Halloween Dinner and tour of the Jameson Tavern and Inn

##### **North Jersey Branch, New Jersey Section**

- 1) Order of the Engineer Ceremony
- 2) Annual ASCE softball tournament
- 3) Practice PE and FE Exams
- 4) Fall hike and NJ Devils Hockey Game

##### **South Jersey Branch, New Jersey Section**

- 1) 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing
- 2) Red Goes Green Volunteer Program – Collecting recyclables throughout Citizens Bank Park (Philles)
- 3) Miniature Golf Tournament
- 4) Camden Rivershards Game and Tailgate

##### **Rochester Section**

- 1) International Coastal Cleanup community service event
- 2) Introduction to green design and LEED seminar
- 3) CANstruction
- 4) Social at Rochester Rhinos soccer game
- 5) Rochester Clean sweep community service event

### **Rhode Island Section**

- 1) 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Infrastructure Design Professionals Night at McCoy Stadium

### **Region 2**

#### **Central Pennsylvania Section**

- 1) Canned food drive for the local food bank
- 2) Adopt-a-Highway program
- 3) Diabetes Walk
- 4) Fun after Five Social - Harrisburg

#### **Lehigh Valley Section**

- 1) Bridge Tour – Easton, PA with Lehigh University and Lafayette College
- 2) Panel Discussion with Lehigh University and Lafayette College Students

#### **Maryland Section**

- 1) Baltimore Orioles Baseball Game
- 2) Ice skating holiday party

#### **National Capital Section**

- 1) Poker Night at George Mason University
- 2) LEED Certification Seminar
- 3) Kickball League
- 4) CANstruction
- 5) Tour of the Spy Museum in Washington, D.C.

#### **Philadelphia Section**

- 1) Red Goes Green Volunteer Program – Collecting recyclables throughout Citizens Bank Park (Philles)
- 2) Bowling Night Social Hour
- 3) 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Philly Cares Day – volunteer projects throughout the Philadelphia schools.
- 4) Construction tour of the Pennsylvania Convention Center

#### **Pittsburgh Section**

- 1) Annual Camping/Boating Trip at Youghinheny River Lake Reservoir
- 2) Oktoberfest Social
- 3) Volunteer Day at Camp Kon-O-Kwee

### **Region 3**

#### **Central Ohio Section**

- 1) The Younger Members served lunch and a steak/chicken dinner to 72 golfers at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Central Ohio Section ASCE Golf Outing on June 26, 2009. The proceeds from this event are split between the Section and Younger Members Group.
- 2) The Younger Members will host the annual Ohio Transportation Engineers Conference (OTEC) Happy Hour on Tuesday October 27, 2009. This event typically draws 100-150 attendees; free appetizers and refreshments are provided. The event is a staple of the OTEC social events. The event will be held jointly this year with the Franklin County Chapter of Ohio Society of Professional Engineers, Engineers Club of Columbus, and Central Ohio ASHE.

## **Minnesota Section**

- 1) Twins game and tailgate with the Minnesota Section of ACEC – May.
- 2) Pedal pub: an activity that combines biking and networking at a pub – September.

## **Southeast Branch (Wisconsin Section)**

- 1) Our K-12 Outreach program continued to grow this Spring. Volunteers visited approximately 340 students at various schools in the culturally diverse greater Milwaukee area. Activities included constructing a gum drop dome, straw bridge, or paper bridge along with a short age-appropriate presentation about civil engineering. Most visits occurred during work hours, so appreciation goes out to the employers for their continued support.
- 2) YMG Members also participated in a second Habitat for Humanity build day this year. Twenty-two new volunteers donated a Saturday this summer to help a local family paint and prime the interior of their future home. The group finished early and thoroughly impressed the build leader on the efficiency of their work!

## **Region 4**

### **Bluegrass Branch, Kentucky Section**

- 1) Younger Member Dog Walk
- 2) “Girls Day Out” – Middle/High School outreach
- 3) Kentucky River Cleanup Sweep
- 4) Camping Trip to Cumberland Falls

### **Louisville Branch, Kentucky Section**

- 1) Repair Affair with New Directions Housing Corporation
- 2) Louisville BATS game outing

### **Richmond Branch, Virginia Section**

- 1) Annual Golf Tournament
- 2) Popsicle Bridge Contest
- 3) Socials with UVA Students and scholarship presentation
- 4) Pre-college Outreach Programs

### **West Tennessee Branch, Tennessee Section**

- 1) CANstruction

## **Region 5**

### **Birmingham Branch, Alabama Section**

- 1) YMG Service Event
- 2) YMG Holiday Social

### **East Central Branch, Florida Section**

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup> Annual YMF Leadership Retreat
- 2) YMF Leadership Presentation – Solange Dao

### **Georgia Section**

- 1) Atlanta Braves Game Social and BBQ Tailgate

## **Region 6**

### **Fort Worth Branch (Texas Section)**

- 1) Multi-Branch Baseball Games – In May and August, YMs from Fort Worth, Houston, Baton Rouge, and Dallas Branches enjoyed a day at the ballpark, taking in two Rangers victories.
- 2) Bass Hall Tour with SAME Fort Worth Post – The Fort Worth Branch YMG joined YMs from the SAME Post for a behind-the-scenes tour of Bass Hall in downtown Fort Worth.
- 3) Pool Party – On July 18<sup>th</sup>, members of the YMG gathered to celebrate summer with a pool party. About 30 people attended the event, including several “future” Younger Members.

### **Houston Branch (Texas Section)**

- 1) PE Luncheon. On July 15<sup>th</sup>, the Houston Branch YMF hosted a PE luncheon for those planning to take the PE exam in the near future. The luncheon consisted of a panel of speakers who recently passed the exam along with a representative from the Texas Board of Professional Engineers. The panelists shared some great advice and stories in regards to the application process, preparation and test day.
- 2) Technical Seminar Series. The Houston YMF is currently hosting a series of technical seminars given by multiple companies and public entities in the greater Houston area. The goal of the series is to give the younger members a better understanding of what others provide to the Civil Engineering community with hopes that everyone will become better connected.

### **Northeast Branch (Texas Section)**

- 1) 5/2/09 – Camping trip to Cedar Creek Reservoir in Malakoff, TX. This event included fishing, wake boarding, tubing, and horseshoes. The event brought together members from the Northeast Texas, Dallas, Fort Worth, and Houston Branches.
- 2) 10/12/09 – Bowling night.

## **Region 7**

### **Colorado Section**

- 1) Arapahoe Basin Ski Trip – May 9, 2009. The Colorado Section Younger Members Group had our first annual ski trip at Arapahoe Basin Ski Resort. The group of 20 met up at 8:30 am in our reserved Beach Spot #1. Burgers and dogs were grilled up during lunch and a thrilling game of Corn Hole followed. Good times were had by all.
- 2) Grays and Torreys 14er Hike – July 25, 2009. A group of nine dedicated and ambitious Younger Members came out to conquer the 14ers that are Grays and Torreys. This hike was 8.4 miles round trip and reached an elevation of 14,270 at it highest point. Everyone made it to the top and the challenge was enjoyed by all.
- 3) Annual Summer Picnic – August 22, 2009. The YMG met up at Sloans Lake to enjoy a beautiful day, good company, free food, and free drinks. Corn-hole and volleyball were among the top rated activities. The eight person bocce game was definitely a must see.

### **Southern Colorado Branch (Colorado Section)**

- 1) A tour of the Colorado Springs Utilities’ Mesa Water Treatment Plant was held in October 2009. Eight Younger Members attended the tour and learned a lot about water treatment, including the history of Colorado Springs’ water demand and water treatment and distribution technology and current practices in water treatment. A desire to continue offering technical tour opportunities to Younger Members is widespread.
- 2) The Colorado Springs Pooches in Pink Race for the Cure was held on September 12, 2009. To support our Region 7 Governor, Jacqueline Arcais “Jax” during her battle with breast cancer,

the Southern Colorado Branch Younger Member Group created a team to walk in the Pooches in Pink walk. Our team name was "Tracks for Jax", and we set a goal to raise \$120. We met our goal, and had two members with their families and dogs walk in the race. The weather was cold and wet, but we had a great time supporting Jax!\_\_

3) In May 2009, the young members had a day of disc golf. Colorado weather is unpredictable, but we had three brave disc golfers turnout despite the cold, rainy weather. We were able to play 18 holes, and everyone finished with a big smile!

#### **Iowa Section – Central Iowa YMG (not a Branch)**

1) May: "Project Showcase" – three younger members prepared short presentations to give over the lunch hour at a local library on current projects they are working on. We had approximately 10-12 members in attendance.

2) August: The "River Run Garbage Grab – R2G2". Younger Members and their spouses/children participated in 2-3 hours of litter clean-up along the banks of the Des Moines River followed by a BBQ/picnic and some refreshments. We had approximately 15 volunteers.

#### **Iowa Section – Eastern Iowa YMG (not a Branch)**

1) PE Review Course. Our most successful meeting is our 9-week PE Review Course that we offer to local engineers preparing for the PE exam. In 2009, we had approximately 12 participants in the program. Each evening the group met, ASCE PE Review CD's on each of these seven subjects were shown: economics, structures, transportation, geotechnical engineering, hydraulics and hydrology, sanitary and environmental engineering, and surveying/construction. For each subject, we found volunteer local experts to help answer any questions that came up and to supplement the material presented on the CD's.

2) McCollister Boulevard Extension & Bridge Site Tour / Social. In early November, we will be visiting a new roadway / bridge that was just completed in Iowa City. The City of Iowa City Engineering Department will give us a presentation of the project, followed by a site tour. After the presentation/tour, we will head to a local establishment for drinks and networking. We also plan to invite the U of Iowa student section to get more involvement between our groups.

#### **Kansas City Section**

1) For the past few years, the KC YMG has organized a "Royals Night" event to bring Civil Engineers and their friends and family together for a tailgate and a Kansas City Royals baseball game. This year, the event had over 125 people in attendance. For the first time, the "Royals Night" event was used as a fundraising opportunity for the KC YMG and a portion of the money raised will be donated to the community service project that will be held during ASCE's Annual Convention in Kansas City this fall.

2) The KC YMG held their 4th Annual ASCE Charity Golf Tournament this summer to raise money for the Make-A-Wish program. This year's event brought in 104 golfers and donated more than \$4500 to Make-A-Wish.

#### **St. Louis Section**

1) October 9-11. The YM Group presented an exhibit at the St. Louis Science Center's SciFest event (more info at [www.scifeststl.org](http://www.scifeststl.org)). Our exhibit presented a hand-on activity where students, children, and families, built bridges using a single half-sheet of paper to see how many pennies could be supported. Many of the young members volunteered to work at the booth and assisted with the activity.

2) November 6, 2009. The YM Group has scheduled a Civil Engineering Career Fair to be held and a local community college. The event is being held to bring students, young engineers, and working professionals together to help find open job positions in the area. We are anticipating a high level of interest in attendance from students and young engineers.

## **Region 8**

### **Anchorage Branch**

- 1) Explorer's Post. YMF supports a local event called Explorer's Post. High school students throughout town gather every 2 weeks to learn about different fields of Engineering. There is a guest speaker, followed by an activity to apply what was talked about.
- 2) Sledding. Our group gathered at a large hill in town for sledding. We had a lot of people show up, and afterwards we went out for hot drinks.

### **Hawaii Section**

- 1) Storm Drain Stenciling. On Saturday, March 28, 2009, the ASCE Hawaii Section YMF members in a joint effort with the University of Hawaii Native Hawaiian Science & Engineering Mentoring Program and the Iolani High School Key Club participated in the City and County of Honolulu Storm Drain Stenciling Program event. The goal of the program is to help promote awareness that debris, sediment, pesticides, etc. that is washed into the storm drainage systems ends up in the ocean. Participants focused their efforts on the area of Salt Lake, Oahu painting the words "E Malama I Ka Wai Ola" which means "Help Protect Our Waters for Life" on catch basins and drain inlets.
- 2) Kapakahi Stream Cleanup. On Saturday, April 18, 2009, the ASCE Hawaii Section YMF members joined the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii DOT, Lions Club, and many other groups in an effort to clean up and restore the Pearl Harbor Bike Path and adjacent streams. YMF members focused their efforts of the Kapakahi Stream cleanup to the Waipahu area, picking up litter, removing invasive vegetation and planting native vegetation along the stream edges.
- 3) He`eia Fish Pond Community Work Day. On Saturday, October 10, 2009, ASCE Hawaii Section YMF and AWWA/HWEA Young Professionals members volunteered at the He`eia Fishpond Community Work Day. He`eia Fishpond was constructed over 600 years ago by the Native Hawaiian people. The kuapa (seawall) of the fishpond encompasses an area of 88 acres. The goal of the project was to assist in the reconstruction of a portion of the kuapa which had been washed away by flood waters in 1965. Participants used a mixture of coral and basalt stones to form the base of segment of kuapa under construction.
- 4) Aloha Stadium Tour. On Saturday, June 6, 2009, ASCE Hawaii Section YMF members were given a tour of Aloha Stadium which was currently undergoing major renovations and improvements which included include structural retrofits and repairs, recoating and repainting, waterproofing of seats and concourses, seat replacement, installation of new public elevators, restroom expansions, utility repairs and other improvements to comply with the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Act. The tour guide for the event was 2008-2009 ASCE Hawaii Section YMF President Aaron Erickson. Aaron Erickson presented a power point presentation showing the history of the stadium's structure and proposed modifications. Participants were then guided to the "behind the scene" areas of the stadium where they were shown the various structural improvements made over the years.

### **Inland Empire Section**

- 1) Fall kickoff BBQ/golf night. Free golf and BYOB BBQ attracted members from the Section as well as Younger Members and Student Members from the Gonzaga Chapter.
- 2) Currently working with the Kroc Center in CDA, ID, holding weekly bridge building seminars with the kids who go there for after school activities. This year the Kroc Center has agreed to host the Popsicle stick bridge competition and is working with us to make it a large part of engineering week. A couple of us every week give a short presentation about bridge building basics and then work with the kids on their design.

### **Oregon Section**

1) The Oregon Section Younger Member Forum (YMF), in partnership with the Oregon Section of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) hosted the 4th Annual Networking Day Benefit Golf Tournament on June 24th at Langdon Farms Golf Club. For the second consecutive year, the tournament was a huge success with over 144 golfers taking advantage of the opportunity to connect with colleagues and clients while getting in a round of golf. This event serves as the main fundraiser to support the YMF annual scholarship (which was presented after the tournament) and various social activities and community projects throughout the year.

### **Phoenix Branch (Arizona Society of Civil Engineers Section)**

1) Habitat for Humanity: On Saturday, November 14th 24 YMF members assisted Habitat house volunteers in building a two story house in Phoenix. Many fearless volunteers climbed onto the trusses to work on the roof, while others, who preferred to keep their feet planted firmly on the ground helped with miscellaneous items in the front of the house. The best part of this event was the new faces, we had 8 new YMF members volunteer for Habitat for Humanity.

### **Seattle Section**

1) 5th Annual Golf Tournament. Once again, the Seattle Section YMF put on their annual golf tournament with proceeds going to a scholarship fund to benefit local high school/college students interested in careers in Civil Engineering. This year's tournament featured teams from over 15 different engineering consulting firms from the Seattle area, but unfortunately didn't raise any money for the scholarship. Even though the tournament lost money, Seattle YMF considered it a successful networking event.

## **Region 9**

### **Sacramento Section**

1) 11th Annual Charity Golf Tournament on July 11, 2009 at the Catta Verdera Country Club in Lincoln, CA. The sold out crowd raised \$14,700 to donate to our local chapter of the Make-A-Wish foundation. The Foundation used all of our donations to grant wishes to children with serious life threatening illnesses.

### **San Diego Section**

1) Officer Retreat - In September, new and past officers of the San Diego YMF joined together for a weekend in the San Bernardino Mountains. Time was spent brainstorming and planning for the upcoming year, as well as looking back on the past year to recognize accomplishments and where we could improve. In addition to the hard work, we also enjoyed some social time together hiking, bowling, going out to dinner, and hanging out in the cabins. We are proud of our new tradition encouraging comradery within the group and starting the year off right. We have held an officer retreat for the past four years, all in different locales from Mexico up to Big Bear.