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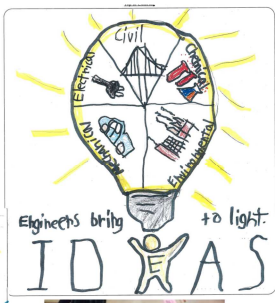
Message from the President By: Chris Iott

Over the last couple months, I have had the pleasure of meeting some members for the first time and reconnecting with others via the Imagine Engineering program -- *thank you, volunteers!* -- and Engineers Week events. It was also an honor to help recognize two very deserving individuals, Mr. Dan Stark as the Toledo Area Engineer of the Year and Mr. Nick Savage as Young Engineer of the Year, during Engineers Week.

A couple of our upcoming events will allow us to engage with engineering students at the University of Toledo: a social luncheon and a golf outing to raise funds for scholarships. Below is more information regarding the upcoming luncheon with UTSPE and our benefit golf outing. Please consider joining us as we wrap up the 2016-2017 year before a short break in programs for the summer.

Imagine Engineering with Local Second Grade Students

During January and February, representatives of TSPE visited local second grade classrooms to share information regarding the many branches of engineering, read the book "Not All Engineers Drive Trains" and engage students in activities focusing on engineering attributes, such as problem solving and teamwork. The students were also entered into an engineering-themed coloring contest. The top three entries from the Toledo area (shown here) were entered into the state competition, and each local winner received a family membership to Imagination Station.



Legislative Update

As the 132nd Ohio General Assembly commenced, the OSPE Board of Directors took positions on seven new bills. One bill that doesn't at first appear to affect PEs is House Bill 29 (water reservoirs), which OSPE supports. This bill is to remove language from law that authorizes maintenance of buffers around municipal water reservoirs by contiguous property owners. The current law allows for vegetation maintenance by home and business owners, which may result in removal of biofilters utilized in design of the reservoirs. If made law, responsibility of maintenance would be returned to the municipalities. Although the close of the 131st Ohio General Assembly brought the demise of House Bill 214 (piping materials selection), which OSPE opposed, similar legislation has recently been re-introduced in both chambers, and consequently OSPE is opposing both House Bill 121 and Senate Bill 95. Piping materials legislation has also been introduced in Michigan and South Carolina. As such, we must remain diligent in our lobbying of legislators to protect engineers' autonomy in specifying piping materials.

Upcoming TSPE Events

Free Informal Pizza Social Luncheon with TSPE Student Chapter (UTSPE)
Thursday, April 13, 2017 at Noon
University of Toledo College of Engineering, Engineering Technology Conference Room (Room 1601), North Engineering
Registration Information Coming Soon – Registration Required by April 10, 2017 for Lunch Order.
Email Chett Siefring at csiefring@ttlassoc.com if you do not receive an email notice by April 5, 2017.

TSPE Golf Outing Fundraiser for Scholarships
Giant Oak Golf Course, Temperance, Michigan
Thursday, May 25, 2017
9:15AM Check-In, 10:00AM Shot-Gun Start
Sign-Up and Sponsorship Information Coming Soon
Email Tim Pedro at tpedro@ttlassoc.com if you do not receive an email notice by April 5, 2017.

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