

YMG Activity Report ~ November 2008 to April 2009

(Each group was asked to up to three events held or scheduled for the near future. Regions 8 & 9 were challenged to include their best outreach event.)

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

Region 1

Boston Society of Civil Engineers

- 1) 2nd Annual Fens Muddy River Clean Up – volunteer cleanup of the Muddy River
First Annual Bocce Tournament
- 2) Greater Boston Food Bank Volunteer Event – sorted donated food for distribution
- 3) Engineers Making Caring Contributions (E=MC2) – YMG sponsored two veterans as part of the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans Adopt-a-Vet Program
- 4) National Engineers Week Billiard and Networking Event (70 in attendance)
- 5) Boston Red Sox Outings – two games per year – primary fundraiser of YMG

Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers

- 1) Group outing to Hartford Wolfpack Hockey Game
- 2) Habitat for Humanity

Metropolitan Section

- 1) Annual Executive Forum Panel – 110 in attendance. The topic was “The State of our Bridges”
- 2) NY Cares Day
- 3) Construction Tour of the new Terminal 5 at JFK Airport
- 4) SEI Review Course
- 5) Lecture on the Geotechnical Design Challenges of the new Prudential Center Arena in Newark, NJ

Lower Hudson Valley Branch, Metropolitan Section

- 1) Geotechnical Aspects of the Reconstruction of the World Trade Center - Seminar

Maine Section

- 1) Saco River Canoe Day Trip
- 2) Sea Dogs Minor League Baseball Game Outing
- 3) PE Exam Review Course

New Hampshire Section

- 1) Annual College Hockey Event / Joint Meeting with UNH Student Chapter – joint meeting included the Order of the Engineer and Pat Natale spoke
- 2) YM's judged the Northeast Regional Steel Bridge Competition

North Jersey Branch, New Jersey Section

- 1) 2008 Metropolitan Student Conference – judge the ethics papers and presentations
- 2) Bowling Social
- 3) Value of Financial Planning Dinner Seminar sponsored by Smith Barney
- 4) Autumn Hike in Mt. Tammany
- 5) Practice PE & FE Exams
- 6) Annual Softball Tournament

South Jersey Branch, New Jersey Section

- 1) Scholarship Golf Outing (\$3,000 toward the scholarship fund)
- 2) Phillies Baseball Outing
- 3) Rowan University Discussions with Students

Rochester Section (New YMG in 2009) – Upcoming Activities

- 1) Introduction to LEED AP – informational presentation and roundtable discussion
- 2) Erie Harbor Project Construction Tour – tour of environmental remediation site
- 3) ROC City Rising – participation in networking event sponsored by City of Rochester and Monroe County, designed to introduce established business/community leaders to emerging young professional leaders
- 4) E³ Fair – engineering outreach event to local middle school students
- 5) City of Rochester Clean Sweep – volunteer team for environmental cleanup event
- 6) Indoor Soccer Team in conjunction with local engineering firm
- 7) Joint Finger Lakes winery tour with Buffalo, Syracuse and Ithaca Sections

Rhode Island Section

- 1) Billiards Night to celebrate Engineers Week
- 2) RI Community Food Bank – volunteered to sort food for distribution
- 3) Toys for Tots
- 4) Providence Bruins Hockey Outing
- 5) Pawtucket Red Sox Baseball Outing (250 in attendance)

Region 2

Central Pennsylvania Section

- 1) Hershey Bears Hockey Game – joint with Lehigh Valley YMF
- 2) Adopt a Highway Program – pick up trash twice a year along interstate at Winding Hill Interchange
- 3) Volunteering at the Whitaker Center (local Engineering Center) to promote engineering to children during National Engineers Week.

Delaware Section

- 1) Panel Discussion with University of Delaware Students
- 2) YMF Bowling Night

Lehigh Valley Section

- 1) Panel Discussion with Lehigh University Students
- 2) Bridge tour of Bethlehem with Lehigh University Students
- 3) Reading Phillies Baseball and Hershey Bears Hockey Outings with Central PA Section and Lehigh University Students
- 4) PBS Telethon

Maryland Section

- 1) March Madness Social
- 2) Spring into Green Design – learn about LEED Certification

National Capital Section

- 1) Managing Risk in Technical Writing for inspections and reports
- 2) Toys for Tots Toy Collection Drive
- 3) Construction tour of Coppin State University new Physical Education Complex
- 4) Professional Development Meeting about the Body of Knowledge
- 5) Volunteered for the youth activities held at the National Building Museum during Engineer's Week.

Philadelphia Section

- 1) Seminar on Advice for Engineers from High Level Executives
- 2) Welcome Back Bowling Social
- 3) Philadelphia Cares Day – community service at Philly Public Schools
- 4) Wissahickon Creek Restoration Community Service Event
- 5) 13th Annual YMF Winter Social (140 attendees!)
- 6) Co-hosted 2009 ERYMC in Cherry Hill, NJ
- 7) Informational event on Professional Registration

Pittsburgh Section

- 1) Annual Conference Planning – YMLS (2008)
- 2) Financial Planning Seminar with Univ. of Pitt student chapter
- 3) Social with ASHE, ASME & PSPE, EWB

Region 3

Central Ohio Section

- 1) Joint social with OSPE Young Professionals (Jan. 14, 2009)
- 2) Columbus Blue Jackets Game with Ohio University Student Chapter (Feb. 10, 2009)
- 3) Career Day at Westerville Heritage Middle School (Mar. 19, 2009). Two representatives spoke about Civil Engineering, led an activity, and gave scientific calculators as prizes.

Cleveland Section

- 1) Social with free appetizers and bowling
- 2) Lake Erie Monsters Hockey game
- 3) Judged science projects at the Northeastern Ohio Science and Engineering Fair

Illinois Section

- 1) Semi-annual PE Exam Review Course – this DVD-based course is held once a week for 8 weeks. This year, the spring course was held at two different locations to cater to downtown Chicago YMs and those in the suburbs.
- 2) The IL-YMG's March dinner meeting featured a presentation about DMJM Aviation's design of the Virgin Airlines Spaceport for the State of New Mexico. The presentation attracted nearly 30 attendees and helped the YMG's efforts to increase active membership.
- 3) The February meeting featured a presentation by EWB-USA members, speaking about their upcoming pedestrian bridge construction project in Honduras. This meeting also attracted nearly 30 individuals and helped foster more interaction between local ASCE and EWB-USA members.

Minnesota Section

- 1) Tour of the Great River Energy Center (LEED platinum certified energy headquarters)
- 2) University of Minnesota Civil Engineering resume review, booth at annual career fair, and social with students afterward
- 3) PE information session led by two recent PEs (including a great handout – see eRoom: https://eroom.asce.org/eRoom/GSD/CYM/0_dfe4)

Southeast Branch (Wisconsin Section)

- 1) Food drive for the Hunger Task Force in November – the YMG collected 484 lbs of food.
- 2) Santa Hat Social – one YM even wore a whole Santa suit.
- 3) Volunteer judges for Future City and Mathcounts

Region 4

Bluegrass Branch, Kentucky Section

- 1) Reforest the Bluegrass – YMF planted 150 trees to reforest Jacobson Park
- 2) Angel Tree – Volunteered at the Angel Tree Facility to help sort toys

Eastern Branch, North Carolina Section

- 1) Durham Bulls Minor League Baseball Game outing
- 2) Bag-O Tournament
- 3) Student forum at Duke University regarding a capstone project
- 4) Pool Tournament – students/professionals
- 5) Carolina Hurricanes Hockey Game Social (65 attendees)
- 6) North Carolina State University Student Roundtable event – panel discussion by YM's

Louisville Branch, Kentucky Section

- 1) Happy hour / planning meeting
- 2) Repair Affair with University of Louisville Student Chapter – support housing repair needs of elderly and disable homeowners of low income households throughout Kentuckiana

Metropolitan Indianapolis Branch, Indiana Section

- 1) March Madness Social
- 2) Hamilton County Jail Construction Tour
- 3) Indianapolis International Airport Terminal Tour

Nashville Branch, Tennessee Section

- 1) Nashville Predators Hockey Game
- 2) 2009 Southeast Student Conference held at Vanderbilt University – helped with Friday lunch
- 3) Dragon Boat Races

Richmond Branch, Virginia Section

- 1) Student Popsicle Stick Bridge Competition at the Richmond Science Museum
- 2) ASCE Kickball Team for the River City Sports Club
- 3) Charity Golf Tournament (raise a \$10,000 scholarship)

Southern Branch, North Carolina Section

- 1) Social with University of North Carolina at Charlotte students
- 2) Outing to the semi-pro hockey team

West Tennessee Branch, Tennessee Section

- 1) 3rd Annual High School Canstruction Competition – Design of Canned food structures - involves building sculptures from cans of food and then donating them to charity (10,000+ lbs of food was donated.)
- 2) Luncheon for graduating seniors – introduction of students to YM Group

West Virginia Section

- 1) Outing at Paramount's Kings Island Amusement Park
- 2) 1st Annual Engineering Family Fun Day – advertised to children ages 5-12
- 3) Sponsored the State Finals for the West Point Bridge Competition
- 4) Supported WVU Tech and Fairmont Student Chapters in hosting the 2008 Virginia Regional Student Conferences.

Region 5

East Central Branch, Florida Section

- 1) Joint Camping Trip with University of Central Florida – Hiking, games, etc..
- 2) YMF Bowling League (YMF Kickball coming soon)
- 3) Improving Leadership Skills Training by Solange Dao

Gainesville Branch, Florida Section

- 1) Canoe trip down the Santa Fe River
- 2) Happy Hour Social

Georgia Section

- 1) Atlanta Thrashers Hockey Game
- 2) Monthly Trivia Nights
- 3) Wine Tasting Event

Tallahassee Branch, Florida Section

- 1) Bowling Social
- 2) MathCounts and Legislative Days
- 3) Disc Golf Outing

West Coast Branch, Florida Section

- 1) Tampa Bay Devil Rays Baseball Game Outing
- 2) Professional Development Seminar – Financial Advisor
- 3) Kayaking Picnic and Indoor rock climbing

Region 6

Fort Worth Branch (Texas Section)

- 1) Golden Gloves Volunteer Event – This year, the group completed the 7th Annual Fort Worth Golden Gloves Regional Tournament (Feb. 25-28) and the Texas Golden Gloves State Tournament (Mar. 4-7), volunteering for various duties for the local and state amateur boxing event.
- 2) Monthly networking and social events – Monthly event moves around town to encourage different people to attend by making it more convenient for them. The January event was a networking lunch, a first for the Branch. Several Younger Members from firms that have not previously attended joined us.
- 3) Cowtown Cleanup – At the end of March, the YMG participated in the annual Cowtown Cleanup for the second time. We picked up trash in a park on the north side of Fort Worth.

Texas Section

- 1) Texas Section Spring Meeting – South Padre Island, TX – Younger Member Forum sessions
- 2) Multi-Branch Outings – In the beginning of May, Younger Members from the Fort Worth Branch, the Northeast Texas Branch, the Dallas Branch, and the Houston Branch will have a joint camping trip to be held at Cedar Creek Lake. At the end of May, the same four Branches are planning to attend a Houston Astros / Texas Rangers game together.

Tulsa Branch (Oklahoma Section)

- 1) Socials – Monday Night Football watch parties with new faces; appetizers on St. Patrick's Day
- 2) Pool tournament with bracket play and prizes
- 3) In the works – engineering firm trivia night for students, Boy Scout Merit Badge Fair

Region 7

Eastern Branch (South Dakota Section)

- 1) "Stampede Social" (Feb. 27) – sixteen members attended social hour and a Sioux Falls Stampede hockey game.
- 2) Annual Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament (April 4) – approximately 20 attendees
- 3) Currently organizing a first fundraising golf tournament – proceeds will fund a new technical education scholarship program and support the local Children's Miracle Network.

Iowa Section – Central Iowa

- 1) Joint meeting/presentation with Iowa Section and Iowa State University Student Chapter
- 2) Iowa Chops hockey game and pre-game social hour in Des Moines (Feb.)
- 3) Hosted ASCE's free financial investment webinar at a local library for interested members

Nebraska Section

- 1) Annual toy drive in December for Toys for Tots
- 2) March social / networking during the NCAA Basketball Tournament

Region 8

Phoenix Branch (Arizona Society of Civil Engineers Section)

Remember back in elementary school when we would all get out of class early for Field Day? Well, Phoenix Branch YMF decided to take advantage of the beautiful March weather and relive those glory days. Over 30 YMF members and friends showed up for sand volleyball, ultimate frisbee, a water balloon toss and more. There was also a retro-gym clothes costume competition that didn't disappoint. YMF sponsored hotdogs & hamburgers and provided all the necessary equipment.

Seattle Section

The Annual Popsicle Stick Bridge Building Contest: We had over 60 high school students from around the area participate and the event received airtime on two local news reports. Prizes were awarded in multiple categories including aesthetics, strength, and an inaugural poster competition.

Southern Arizona Branch (Arizona Society of Civil Engineers Section) – Tucson

Coordinated a school outreach program where our members volunteered at local schools to introduce students to the engineering profession. Over 450 students participated in this event, which included career discussions and “Zoom Into Engineering” activities. A special thanks goes out to Bethy McGehee who chaired this Engineers Week activity.

Southern Nevada Branch (Nevada Section) – Las Vegas

- 1) We've had some great speakers, including a Financial Advisor to shed some light and optimism on our retirement savings accounts!
- 2) Served food at the Rescue Mission the day after Christmas, December 26. Our volunteers had a fantastic time and we look forward to helping out again.

Utah Section

Salt Lake Valley Science and Engineering Fair, which is a regional event for elementary, junior high and high school age students. The Utah Section YMF helped organize judges for special awards provided by our local ASCE Section and Branches. The judges were able to interact with students and discuss how their science projects relate to civil engineering. The YMF was able to award three first place and six honorable mention awards during the award banquet at the conclusion of the fair.

Region 9

San Diego Section

San Diego YMF once again celebrated National Engineers Week 2009 by hosting its annual Engineering Day at the Mall, an event that offered fun activities such as foil boats, marshmallow-spaghetti bridges, and paper rockets to over 100 elementary through college-age students. For the first time, volunteers from ASME, AIAA, EWB, and SEAOC joined over 30 ASCE students and young members to present various exhibits such as a human powered submarine and steel bridge and talk with the students about careers in all aspects of engineering.