



# **LUZERNE COUNTY CHAPTER**

**Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers**

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## **P.S.P.E. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

### **LUZERNE COUNTY CHAPTER STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The following is a summarized list of activities and highlights for the current period. No action is required on behalf of the PSPE Board of Directors.

#### **MONTHLY PROGRAMS:**

On April 20, the Luzerne County Chapter hosted an entertaining evening at Lackawanna County Stadium where the **Scranton/Wilkes-Barre**

**Red Barons**  hosted the **Columbus Clippers** . Members, friends and family enjoyed watching baseball from a luxury box as the game resulted in a 5-4 win for the **Red Barons**.



February was a busy month. On February 21, Andy Lau, P.E., Associate Professor of Engineering at Penn State and Associate Director of the PSU Center for Sustainability educated Northeast PA engineers with a discussion about Sustainable Design and Engineering.

Professor Lau spoke to Anthracite Chapter of ASHRAE Members and PSPE Lackawanna and Luzerne County Chapters Members at our **Joint Dinner** meeting held during Engineer's Week. The talk began with some background on our current situation and the challenges facing us in the next 50 years. Following his introduction, basic principles of sustainable/green design were described which led into various examples of how these principles may translate into our practice of engineering. These examples were drawn from Professor Lau's experiences as a Penn State faculty member and engineering consultant. Attendees received a handout that summarized some of the recommended resources for learning more about this exciting field.

Chapter President Dale Englehart, P.E. organized the Luzerne County Chapter **Engineers' Week** informational display at the Wyoming Valley Mall that took place on February 19. Chapter members volunteered their time to discuss engineering careers and issues of interest with the public.

We had a great response to our **MATHCOUNTS** program and had 16 volunteers for this year's event held at Luzerne County Community College on February 11. Chapter members met at the Educational Conference Center at 8:00 am to start the day. Rich Kresge did a fantastic job coordinating this event and all Chapter Members offer their thanks to Mark Rutkowski, P.E., PSPE Luzerne County Chapter Past President, and LCCC for offering their hospitality.

A team of middle school Mathletes from Wyoming Seminary won the Luzerne County **MATHCOUNTS** competition. Members of the winning Wyoming Seminary team were Jonathon Cai, Bijoy Ghosh, Kevin Reihner, and Korey Nathaniel Tucker. The winning coaches from Wyoming Seminary were Lynda Rogers, Patti Summerhill, and Frank Bower. The second, third, and fourth place teams were from Wyoming Valley West, Martin L. Mattei and Heights Terrace, respectively.

The top four individuals from the Luzerne County Competition were Keenan Monks – Heights Terrace (1<sup>st</sup>), Lewis Bevans – MMI Preparatory (2<sup>nd</sup>), Patrick Lello – Martin L. Mattei (3<sup>rd</sup>), and R.J. Sperazza – Martin L. Mattei (4<sup>th</sup>).

The Luzerne County program was sponsored by Quad Three Group, The Architectural & Engineering Group, Bloomsburg Metal Company, Borton-Lawson Engineering, Clough-Harbour & Associates, Greater Pittston Chamber of Commerce, No. 1 Contracting Corporation, QProQ Engineering, Roof Pro, Stell Enterprises, TAMMAC Corporation, Traffic Planning & Design, Pennoni Associates, and The CEE Group.

During May, new officers will be introduced at the annual Chapter Installation Breakfast Meeting; and, finally, our yearly-planning meeting will take place at our annual summer picnic during July.

**CHAPTER AWARDS:** This marks the sixteenth year of the Luzerne County Chapter Awards Program.

Respectfully submitted,

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