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President's Message

My theme for the last year has been looking for the Club to “become the coalescing force for engineering in the Delaware Valley”. Much in this Newsletter will highlight some continuing successes.

I will focus on two areas- our history and our renewed activity with students- K-16.

I was pleased to make a short presentation at an international conference organized by IEEE around their 125 anniversary and the history of technical societies, which was held here in Philadelphia. With the help of lots of research from Past Club President, Joe Krulikowski, I was able to show the key roles which the Club has played since its founding in 1877. My

closing remarks mentioned our Club’s current focus which is deeply centered on our roots- bringing the professions’ disparate parts back together through coordinated efforts.

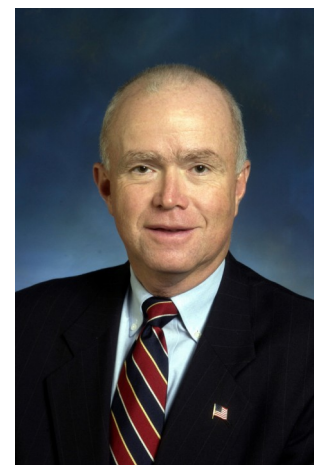
Our student activity is one such demonstration. We want to reach out to those already studying engineering- welcoming them in meaningful ways into the profession- and engaging them as a resource to reach those that will follow them- our K-12 “candidates” for engineering study. Our various affiliates are doing many things to reach our publics. What we hope to do is better promote and coordinate our activities and the public relations value that it brings.

As the summer is winding down, I hope to greet you at our Fall kick-off meeting or one of our committee activities.

Have a good rest of summer.

Eric L. Flicker, PE

Eric L. Flicker
President



Upcoming Events

ECP Joint [Calendar](#) of Events

- ECP Annual Kick Off Meeting (Sept. 23rd 7:30 A.M.– 9:00 A.M.)
- ECP Fall Affiliate Affairs Summit (Sept. 29th 6 P.M.)
- ECP Annual Golf Outing (Oct. 1st 8:30 A.M.)

*Executive Director's Message:
ECP Establishes a New Student Outreach Committee*

As part of its strategic plan, one of the focus areas for the Club is helping to build a sustainable workforce for the engineering profession. To do this, the club looks to students of all ages – the future engineers. Recently, the Club has made a lot of progress towards this; such as: establishing student chapters at local universities and colleges and getting involved in regional and statewide **S.T.E.M.** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education. However, because of the huge importance of building tomorrow's engineering workforce, there remains a lot to do in this arena.

To address this, ECP has recently established a Student Outreach Committee, the focus of which will be to design Club activities to reach out to students K-20. The Committee will hold its first meeting in August. All ECP members are eligible to join this committee by contacting Diane Conway (dconway@engrclub.org or (215) 985-5701) to join.

A Look at 2010 Delaware Valley Engineers Week Celebrations

Over the past year, the Delaware Valley Engineers Week Council became a committee of the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia. During this transition period, one of the first tasks of the new committee of the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia has been to look at the traditional Engineers Week events to determine if there are better ways to celebrate Engineers Week. The official national designation of Engineers Week occurs generally in the third week of February – in 2010, it will be celebrated from February 13-20. (to read more please [click here](#).)



ECP Announces Engineers Week Award Nominations

Nominations for awards given during Engineers Week will be due this fall. Awards include Engineer of the Year, Outstanding Engineering Achievement, Engineering Hall of Fame, Outstanding Service Awards, Young Engineer of the Year, Student Scholarships, and College Student Paper Competition Awards. More information concerning all of these awards can be obtained by contacting the Awards Committee Chair, Ann Marie Vigilante at 215-491-6551 or avigilante@langan.com. Information on previous recipients is on our website: www.dvewc.org.

Please ([click here](#)) for more information.

The Engineers' Club Remembers

PAST MEMBER

Mr. C. Charles Miesse

Systems analyst, 87

C. Charles "Chuck" Miesse, 87, formerly of Malvern, a retired systems analyst with the Environmental Protection Agency, passed away of Parkinson's disease this past June at Bellingham, a retirement community in West Chester.

To read more about Mr. Miesse's life please [click here](#)



Upcoming Event: Greater Philadelphia Facilities Expo

Greater Philadelphia Facilities Expo September 23 & 24, 2009

Valley Forge Convention Center

King of Prussia, PA

The Greater Philadelphia Building Professional Association is a proud sponsor of Greater Philadelphia Facilities Expo.

Facilities Expo features valuable [FREE educational sessions](#) and an exhibit hall packed with cutting edge products and services. This year, Facilities Expo features Managing Green Buildings. Facilities Expo has always been THE annual source of solutions for building engineering, management and operations. Now Facilities Expo will host GREEN solutions among its [exhibitors](#) and [FREE educational seminars](#).

For companies interesting in exhibiting, please call 800.827.8009. For more information or to **register to attend for FREE**, visit www.FacilitiesExpo.com. Priority Code GPBPAHP

The Engineers' Club Fall Professional Development Offerings Premiere

The Engineers' Club 2009 Fall Course Catalog is hot off the presses. Please call the Club @ (215) 985-5701 or email at info@engrclub.org to get your hard copy. To review the course catalog online please [click here](#) or visit our website at www.engrclub.org

*The Engineers Club Member Spotlight:
Mr. Ruben D. David, P.E.*

**Engineers' Club Past President, Ruben D. David, P.E. receives
"2009 Outstanding Individual Award"**



Mr. Ruben D. David, P.E.

Mr. Ruben D. David, P.E. was named the 2009 Outstanding Individual Awardee by the Association of Philippine Physicians in America (APPA) for his longstanding contribution to the engineering profession and for community volunteer services. He was honored at a dinner on July 4th at the National Constitution Center, as part of APPA's 38th Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar and Gala that was held in Philadelphia, July 3 - 5.

(to read more on Mr. Ruben David's award achievement, please [click here](#))

*Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission approves
historic mark for Frank Piasecki*

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission recently approved a marker be placed in honor of Philadelphia engineer, inventor and entrepreneur. The marker will be placed at 20th and Callowhill streets where Mr. Piasecki had his first office. In 1943 Frank Piasecki flew the world's second practical helicopter, soon after he designed a tandem helicopter for lifting heavy loads. In 1947 he founded the Piasecki Helicopter company that later became the Vertical Flight Division of Boeing Aircraft. This high-technology enterprise remains in the Philadelphia area and is an important unit of the local economy. Frank Piasecki devoted a major part of his life to the development of vertical flight and richly deserves his place among the leading four pioneer helicopter builders.



Mr. Frank Piasecki



Piasecki Helicopters

To read more about Mr. Piasecki's achievement, please [click here](#)

*The Engineers Club President Eric L. Flicker, P.E. at
the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
(IEEE) International History Conference*

Club President, Eric Flicker, presented a workshop at the IEEE International History Conference held in Philadelphia from August 5th – 7th. His presentation focused on the Club's history and how in its very early days, it was a tremendous resource in assisting the establishment of other technical and professional societies in the Philadelphia area. His presentation brought the audience full circle to the Club's contemporary focus on coalescing the engineering profession.

Please [click here](#) to view his presentation.

*Meet Engineers' Club Board Member:
Mr. Peter Silverberg*

Peter M. Silverberg, Senior Life Member, is currently the Communications Chairman of the Philadelphia Section. For the last four years he has edited the Almanack and administered the section's website. He also is a member of the Board of Directors of the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia, as liaison for the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE).

(to read more about Mr. Silverberg's life, please [click here](#))



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The Engineering and Technical Center of the
Delaware Valley

The Club is the focal point for the engineering community in the Delaware Valley and provides a unified voice for the profession. It stimulates interest in the field so young people want to become an engineer. It helps build future leaders in the engineering profession to ensure excellence in engineering continues in the Philadelphia region for generations to come.

It is an exciting and energized time for the Club – full of many new initiatives and opportunities for both the Club and its members. The Club now offers **individual and corporate memberships** and will soon be launching an **affiliate membership** package.

We invite you to become a member this year. Please consider urging your company to become a corporate Club member. It may be a very cost effective way for your company to handle Club membership.

For further details about membership packages please visit our website @ www.engrclub.org or contact Diane Conway at the Club – dconway@engrclub.org or (215) 985-5701.

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