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Slightly more than two years ago, we welcomed Diane Conway, PhD as the Club's Executive Director. Diane has recently informed us that she will be resigning her position as of October 2, 2009, for personal reasons and will be returning to the field of developmental disabilities.

We thank Diane for her many efforts in helping us achieve these goals. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

To maintain the momentum of these developments during the past two years, the Club Board has hired Susan Best, PE as an Interim Executive Director on a part-time basis. The Board will use this interim appointment, expected to be six months, to monitor and review the progress to date. This will present a unique opportunity to determine the Club's directions for a sustainable future, including the necessary paid-staff qualifications and skills needed to further the Club's announced goals. Dick Mulford will continue with his substantial volunteer support to the Club.

Susan has been a Board member of the Club since 2007. During her interim appointment, Susan will take a leave of absence from the Board.

(to read more, [click here](#))

Sincerely,

Eric L. Flicker, PE

President



Upcoming Events

ECP Joint [Calendar](#) of Events

- ECP Joint Meeting (Oct. 13th @ 6 P.M. @ KYW Studios)
- Engineer of the Year Nominations (Nov. 6h, 2009)
- Delaware Valley Engineers Week Award Nominations (Nov. 13th 2009)
- Engineer of the Year elections (Nov. 19th, 2009)

Executive Director's Message

By now, most of you have heard that I have resigned my position as Executive Director and will be leaving October 2.

Therefore, this will be my parting message to you.

As I reflect upon my two year tenure, the Club has grown and changed in so many positive ways. For the first time, the Club has a strategic plan and direction and has made strides in its implementation. I hope that members have seen some of the outcomes of this plan. To name a few, the Club's membership has grown not only in number (from 300 members to 450 members), but also in type (individual, corporate and affiliate society) and diversity (engineering discipline, students). I also hope the increased communication with ECP members through the enhanced newsletter and redesigned website has provided you with valuable, timely information about the engineering profession in the Philadelphia region.

(To read more, please [click here](#))

Interim Executive Director's Message

As I step into the position as Interim Executive Director, I'm looking forward to working with the members of the Club and the Board in a new role. As some of you know, I've been heavily involved with the Club and Delaware Valley Engineers Week for many years, along with numerous other technical society activities. So this will be a look from a different direction.

I thank Diane for her efforts these past two years in the development of the Strategic Plan and helping the Club move forward on a number of different initiatives. She has provided a good framework from which to continue these efforts.

While the staff (paid and volunteer) of the Club provide important support services, the Club members are critical to our success. Those who get involved with our activities will broaden their experiences and assist the Club in becoming The Engineering and Technical Center of the Delaware Valley. A major new initiative of the Club is student outreach, both supporting engineering students at local universities through student chapters and in K-12 educational outreach. I encourage you to become involved, either in this effort or in any number of opportunities that exist. You can contact me at the Club at sbest@engclub.org or 215-985-5701.

Again, I thank the Board for this opportunity and look forward to working with all of you



Delaware Valley Engineers Week Committee Announces 2010 Awards and Scholarships Program

The Delaware Valley Engineers Week Committee offers a number of awards to help recognize and promote the engineering profession and education in the Delaware Valley. Calls for nominations are now available at www.dvewc.org, with most nominations due Friday, November 13, 2009; the Engineer of the Year nominations are due November 6. For a brief summary of these awards and contact information, please [click here](#).

The Engineers' Club Fall Professional Development Offerings Continue

The Engineers' Club 2009 Fall Course Catalog is in full swing. Some of our classes have been rescheduled. For more information about our educational program and classes. Please call the Club @ (215) 985-5701 ext. 3 or email us 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 Fall Tours Premiere

The Engineers' Club 2009 Fall Tour Schedule is now available. Two tours will be offered. The first tour will take place at the Jenkins Arboretum at 631 Berwyn Baptist Road, Devon, Pennsylvania on Saturday, October 17th, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The tour is self-guided and all persons are welcome. There is no admission fee. The second tour will be a boat tour on the Schuylkill River will guided by The Schuylkill River Development Corporation. This tour will take place Thursday, October 22nd, 2009 from 5:30 p.m.-6:45 p.m. The boat will leave from the Walnut Street Pier. The admission is \$7.50.

CBS to Host a Joint Technical Meeting

The Engineers' Club of Philadelphia in conjunction with six Philadelphia based engineering oriented organizations will hold a Joint Technical Meeting. This meeting includes a great topic and a chance to get to know folks in other organizations. This meeting will take place:

Tuesday, October 13th, 2009

**6:00 P.M. at CBS-3 (KYW,WPSG) Studios located at 1555 Hamilton Street,
Philadelphia, PA 19130**

Topic: June 12 Post Mortem: The results of the recent DTV conversion

Organizations Invited Include: **Conet** – Philadelphia Consultants Network (An IEEE Affinity Group), **IEEE** – Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, **ECP** – Engineers' Club of Philadelphia , **PSPE** – Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers, **SBE** – Society of Broadcast Engineers , **SMPTE** – Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers. All Members, Non Members, and Guests are welcome. For more information on this meeting please [click here](#) or visit our website calendar at www.engrclub.org



The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Celebrates 125th Anniversary With Dedication of Plaque Honoring Benjamin Franklin



IEEE plaque honoring Ben Franklin

Before a standing-room-only crowd of engineers, friends, a few Newton's Landing neighbors and the ghosts of Ben Franklin and his intellectual companions in his Junto discussion group, ECP Board member, Peter Silverberg lifted a red cloth Friday evening, August 7th, 2009, to unveil a bronze plaque that will forever hang in the Library of the American Philosophical Society (APS) commemorating Franklin's pioneering research on electricity.

The brass plaque, which will hang in the APS Library at 105 S. Fifth Street, just a block from Independence Hall, commemorates the publication of Franklin's Book, "Experiments and Observations on Electricity," in 1751.

(To read more, please [click here](#))

Corporate Member in the Spotlight: Arora Engineers, Inc.

Arora Engineers, Inc. (Arora), a certified MBE, offers professional planning, design, construction management, and facilities maintenance management. Design services include mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire protection, special systems, and electrical aeronautical. The firm's management has developed and maintained a comprehensive engineering practice based on the principles of delivering quality service. This is Arora Advantage,. Clients have come to rely on it as an indicator of their project's success.

Brothers Manik and Rajeev Arora, both registered professional engineers, lead the company, which was started by their father, Manohar (Mike) Arora in 1986. The firm is headquartered in Chadds Ford, PA, with satellite offices in Newark, NJ and Philadelphia, PA.

Arora understands the critical nature of responsiveness and quality control. With a true and tested project management system in place, the firm is able to hit the ground running on projects. Arora recognizes the importance of operational maintenance, risk management, planning, security, and occupant/tenant needs. Taking all of these elements into consideration, Arora focuses on the critical nuances of a project, and adapts its approach accordingly.

Arora's top management is accessible to the client, and as a medium-sized firm, believes that one of its key differentiators is personalized service. Arora is small enough to offer clients the intimate contact they want, and large enough to have the depth of experience they need.

Arora strives to find innovative solutions for secure environments. The firm's impressive synergy helps its clients achieve their long- and short-term goal. To find out more about Arora, log on to www.aroraengineers.com.



Delaware Valley Engineers Week 2010 Sponsorship Opportunities

The Delaware Valley Engineers Week Committee has been working the past few months to improve and increase participation in the traditional events celebrating Engineers Week. The results of that effort and the awards to be recognized are noted elsewhere in this newsletter.

Now, we need your help in supporting these activities and programs and in making the upcoming Engineers Week a success. Our goal is to raise \$60,000 this year and we want you to be part of this effort. Join with Stantec, McMahon & Associates, Inc, Traffic Planning & Design, Urban Engineers, Inc., Michael Baker Jr. Inc., URS Corporation, Burns Engineering, Inc., Langan Engineering, Pennoni Associates Inc., American Society of Civil Engineers, Society of Women Engineers, and the Delaware County Chapter of the PA Society of Professional Engineers who are just a few of the Delaware Valley companies and technical societies that have partnered with us in the past to make Engineers Week a success. For more information and to read more, please [click here](#).

The Engineers' Club Hosts 10th Annual Delaware Valley Engineers Week Golf Outing

On October 1st, 2009 the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia hosted its 10th annual golf outing. Proceeds will go directly to Engineers Week. Golfers and corporations not only supported Engineers Week activities, but also enjoyed a beautiful weather day at the Island Green Country Club. The Club thanks all the golfers all of its corporate sponsors especially Title Sponsor Drexel University College of Engineering. ([click here](#) for a complete list of sponsors)



The Engineers' Club Hosts Annual Fall Kick-Off Meeting

On September 23rd, ECP hosted a breakfast meeting as a kick-off to the fall programs. The breakfast featured Joe Syrnick, P.E., and P.L.S., Past President of the Club. He is currently the CEO of the Schuylkill River Development Corporation (SRDC). Speaking to a full house, Mr. Syrnick provided a fascinating and informative presentation about the future plans to transform the banks of the Schuylkill River from an industrial front to a more aesthetic, pedestrian friendly area of Philadelphia. The SRDC has hosted many programs such as outdoor movies, concerts, river tours and pet walks so the public can come and enjoy the River Banks, one of the wonderful resources Philadelphia has to offer. The Club thanks Mr. Syrnick for this extraordinary presentation. For more information on the SRDC please visit their website at www.schuylkillbanks.org.

The Engineers' Club Hosts Third Affiliate Society Summit

On September 29th, the Club hosted the third affiliate society summit. Over forty participants representing over 20 different societies gathered for this event. Discussion focused on the ECP Affiliate Society Membership program and the services ECP can provide for the societies. Also discussed were the 2010 Engineers Week celebrations and award nominations and sponsorship opportunities; ECP's new initiatives for student outreach, recent developments for continuing education requirements for licensure, and the introduction of the new ECP Affiliate Services model. The purpose of all the summits has been to gather all the technical and professional societies in order to work collaboratively to advance the engineering profession. If you and your society would like more information about summit proceedings or would like to be invited to the next summit, please contact Susan Best, P. E. sbest@engrclub.org or at (215) 985-5701.

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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 offers **individual and corporate memberships** and 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 Susan Best, P.E. at the Club – sbest@engrclub.org or (215) 985-5701.

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