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*President's
Letter*

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**Board
Meeting**

*Meeting topics
will be discussed.
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APRIL DINNER MEETING

- Date:** Thursday, April 16, 2009
- Time:** 5:30 AM Registration
6:00 PM Dinner and Program
- Place:** Baker University Center
1 Park Place, Athens, Ohio 45701
- Speakers:** Andrew Stone: Director of Streets, Athens City and
Steve Thieken: Project Manager and Traffic Engineer,
Burgess and Niple
- Topic:** **Design and construction issues related to the Route 682/
Richland Roundabout**
- Menu:** Inside Round of Beef, Picatta Chicken, Rosemary Roasted
Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit, Clover Leaf Rolls, Desert
- Cost:** \$25 Members and Guests (\$15 Students).
- Reservations:** Please e-mail reservations to Gerry Lynskey at
glynkey@riverconsulting.com by Thursday, April 9, 2009.

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— Letter From the President —

The April meeting in regards to the \$1 Billion dollar program that the OSU Medical Center is well underway with was very impressive. The concept, planning and implementation was just touched upon in a 40 minute presentation, but it was enough time to show the complexity and incentives this project will bring to the Medical Center at OSU and Central Ohio.

This month our gathering will be an evening event at Ohio University's Baker Center. This is our annual event with the student ASCE chapters of OSU and OU where they will give us updates on what they have been doing during the course of the year. In addition, Andrew Stone with the City of Athens and Steve Thieken with Burgess and Niple will present on the round-about project that they worked on in Athens. This is always a nice event where both experienced professionals and future civil engineering professionals can come together and we hope to see you there.

This month we also will be hosting our annual Career Day event. This year's Central Ohio ASCE Civil Engineering Career day will held on April 21, 2009. We will tour at least two active construction projects. Lunch will be provided for those attending and will be held at the Buckeye Hall of Fame Café. If you know of any high school students who would be interested in participating or would like to volunteer, please contact bmeek@bbcm.com.

We have an opportunity to become involved as Civil Engineers with the development of a STEM program in the Reynoldsburg schools. The Reynoldsburg School System has received a grant from the State of Ohio to set up their program, and the Central Ohio Section of ASCE provided a letter of support in their grant application last fall. We now need to follow through. If you are interested in contributing ideas, planning, or implementation of the Reynoldsburg STEM school program please contact Dave Pritchard at davepritchard@sbcglobal.net.

Next month the big unveiling of the State of Ohio ASCE Infrastructure report card will be here. There have been a number of fellow civil engineers that have volunteered their time for this major task that Ohio Council has been championing. The State of Ohio report card will be a valuable tool to communicate with public officials in getting the word out on our state infrastructure needs. Ohio Council plans to unveil this document at a media event on May 20th. At the same time we will also have the National ASCE President Elect, Blaine Leonard here in Columbus for both the report card unveiling and the May awards lunch on May 21st. Please mark your calendars for the May 21st luncheon as it will be the last of the year.

Once again as a reminder, make sure you check the website often because there are always things being added. In addition, please sign up to be on our email list so that you can receive updates and reminders on events as well as our newsletter.

Sincerely,
Emily Wieringa



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May 21, 2009	Confluence Park	Gerry Lynskey	Year End Awards ASCE National President Blaine Leonard

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