

FWEC

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Engineers News

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FWEC Board Members and Officers

FWEC Board and Officers for 2010 - 2011 are as follows: President: Elizabeth Garr, 486-015; VP: Seth Tribbett, Treasurer: Ryan Stark, 456-0809; Secretary: Jim Delaney, 484-8104. BOARD MEMBERS: 2010 – 2013 Deborah Pitzer and Ralph Snyder; 2009 - 2012 Cecil "Gene" Dominique, 436-0876, and Daniel Delaney, 420-1399; 2008 - 2011 Jack Phlipot, 438-0258, and Patrick Delaney, 485-5427. Many thanks to our outgoing board members Ellsworth Smith and Mary Gynn for their many years of service to the club.

Dues

As of January 1st, if you have not paid your dues, you are delinquent; please pay as soon as possible. If you are not sure you are paid up, check the address label; a "10" over your name means you owe \$10.00 for the current year, "11". Also we are still in need of more **academic assistance donations** to make up a third club award (see right). Please send dues and or contributions to Treasurer, Ryan Stark, 828 West Oakdale Dr. FW 46807, 456-0809.

Website/Membership

We have a new look to our website at www.FortWayneEngineersClub.org. What do you think? Our apologies for past tour cancellations and changes; please check the website for up to date information on club events.

FWEC has great tours and presentations. Invite co-workers to join – \$10/yr – memberships on website. Feel free to post this newsletter at your business.

January Presentation: Maplecrest Road Project

Thursday, January 27, 7 PM at Indiana Tech (snacks and visiting 6:30PM)

The Maplecrest Road extension project presentation will be on the design and engineering challenges of this major road extension over the Maumee River, three roadways, and a railroad yard to align with Adams Center Road. Our presenter is being arranged by **Kyle Winling**, Project Manager, and **Eric Vanhoven**, who both oversee the project. We will meet in room #207 in the Andorfer Commons at Indiana Tech at 6:30PM for some socializing and to meet the speaker, and then settle in for a presentation starting at 7PM. Andorfer Commons faces Washington and there's easy parking in front right off Washington Blvd.

February Activity: Fort Wayne's Storm Water/CSO project

Thursday, February 24, 7PM at City County Building, Omni Rm, 2nd floor

The city's efforts in dealing with combined sewers and meeting EPA requirements will be the topic of our February activity. Kelly Bajic, P.E. Project Engineer, City of Fort Wayne Utility Engineering will be doing the presentation which will be held in the Omni Room on the second floor of the City County Building. Also in attendance and helping to answer questions will be Wendy Reust, head of the Sewer Engineering Group. Kelly and Wendy are both very interested in this project and anxious to share their work with our group. The parking garage will be open and free for attendees.

The **Fort Wayne City Utilities CSO Long-Term Control Plan presentation** will include: Overview of the CSO Long-Term Control Plan; Critical Milestones within the Long-Term Control Plan (combined collection system projects); Floatables Control; Partial separation projects; Satellite Storage; Satellite Disinfection; Morton Street Reroute; Wayne & St. Mary's Parallel Interceptor; LTCP Projects & Studies; Projects; Design; Bidding; Completed to Date (including construction photos); Subbasin Preliminary Engineering Studies (PER); Flow Metering; Smoke Testing & Manhole Inspection; Sewer Modeling; and Recommendation.

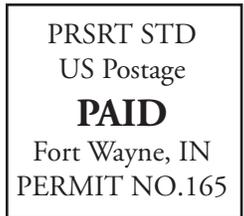
FWEC Appeal to Membership

We are again urging Fort Wayne Engineers' Club members to contribute to the academic assistance fund. Each year we support multiple academic awards at the annual Engineers' Week banquet, and in the past, the majority of awards have been given by Mrs. Weitzman, widow of Oscar Weitzman, past member for many years and former manager of the Winter Street GE Plant and the GE Apprentice Program. Mrs. Weitzman has sponsored up to as many as 13 awards, but is unable this year to continue the higher level of support, but will still sponsor five awards. We are again asking club membership to dig a little deeper for this worthwhile cause. Small amounts from all members will add up quickly; this is an opportunity to pay forward our engineering success. Our president matched member contributions from the last appeal adding \$1000 to the fund. For more information on Engineers' Week: www.indiana-eweek.org. Send contributions to: FWEC Treasurer Ryan Stark, 828 W Oakdale Dr. Fort Wayne, IN 46807. Thanks for your consideration. Sincerely, FWEC officers & board.

Treasurer, Fort Wayne Engineers' Club

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Return Service Requested



Past Tours and Outings:

December get together and tour of the Mad Anthony etc was held December xx - Lightly attended.

November Tour: GM FW Assembly Plant (rescheduled tour – and cancelled for a second time)

Tuesday, November 30, 12200 Lafayette Cntr Rd, Roanoke, IN (pre-approval for tour.) Directions: Highway 24 to Roanoke, then left on Lafayette Center Road to the plant (on the left). Or from I-69 take 96B to Lafayette Center Rd, the plant will be on the right. Info: The Fort Wayne Assembly Plant recently upgraded to built $\frac{3}{4}$ ton pick-up trucks – previously built only $\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks. The plant tour was to include the assembly line assisted by *Plant Manager Mike Glinski*. GM tours are limited to 50 participants and begin with a Safety video. Dress code: pants/jeans, flat shoes - no open toe or heeled shoes allowed in GM. Expect to walk at least a mile on cement. No children under 12 years of age.

October 28: Tippmann Sports, at 2955 Adams Center Road (4PM)

This Tippmann Sports LLC paint gun production facility tour, arranged by David Skaggs, of Essex, was a great experience. The group was shown the product lines, assembly line and testing and shipping - Tippmann ships all over the world. **The Tippmann Co. – Denny Tippmann Jr.** Tippmann Sports is the world's leader in high-performance paintball products and produces high-quality, durable paintball markers and accessories at affordable prices. (www.tippmann.com)

History: Originally a manufacturer of collectible, half-scale replica machine guns, family-owned Tippmann entered the paintball industry in 1986 thinking paintball was a passing fad; but it was a natural transition for the company. Their goal was to make high-performance, durable products that people could afford. Tippmanns' products were light years ahead of the competition, building the very first semi-automatic and full-automatic paintball markers, and the sport never slowed down. Tippmann went from eight employees in 1986 to 120 today, with offices in Fort Wayne, Indiana and Buffalo Grove, Illinois.

May Tour: Science Central was an interesting and informative night where Martin Fisher, Executive Director, shared his vision for a new exhibit, *Science On a Sphere* (<http://sos.noaa.gov/>) which will be the first to use floor space on the West side of the building. The evening included pizza, presentation, private viewing/demonstration GE's new generation exhibit, and a pitch for projects needing engineer's skills.

As a side note, Science Central celebrated 15 years of service to the community on Friday, November 5th.

Joke

To the optimist, the glass is half full. To the pessimist, the glass is half empty. To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be. Normal people... believe that if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Engineers believe that if it ain't broke, it doesn't have enough features yet.