

Letter from the Chairman – June 2008

Dear Members:

Here is a summary of this newsletter:

May events:

The May newsletter was published. The Executive Committee met on May 15. The June meeting will be announced later. A technical Lunch & Learn was held on May 30, the subject of which was the “Energy Smart Plus – Save Energy, Save Water, Save Money”, presented by David Byrne, Energy Services Director of the City of Tallahassee. More information is included in this newsletter. These programs will be suspended during the summer.

On a sad note, long time member of the Tallahassee Section, Professor Jack Seely, passed away on May 28.

As the end of the current fiscal year approaches, we look forward to serving your needs again next year. The Executive Committee again thanks those who have participated in the programs we have organized. Your participation is our reward. Please send your qualms, quibbles, contributions, comments, and suggestions to email address below.

Siddhartha Kamath, PE, Chairman 2007-2008
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Remembering John H. “Jack” Seely

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2008 CALENDAR

Luncheon Speakers:

June – July: No Scheduled Luncheons.
August: To Be Announced.

TALLAHASSEE SENIOR SECTION

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Jack, born Sept. 24, 1921, in Pensacola, Florida, was raised in Brooklyn, N.Y. He served honorably as a commissioned officer in the United States Navy during World War II and the Korean Conflict.

Jack received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology in 1949 and a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Syracuse University in 1960. From 1949 to 1976 he worked at IBM in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and was at the forefront of development of computer technology. He and a small team of engineers were responsible for creating and developing heat transfer technology. He left what would have been an illustrious career at IBM to follow his passion to teach. From 1976 to April 1982 he served as professor of mechanical engineering at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, Calif. Jack retired from Cal Poly to Tallahassee, where he approached Florida State University and FAMU to volunteer and was solicited to chair the engineering department, which he agreed to do for one year, following which he returned to his passion for teaching. He continued to teach until 2005. During his professional and academic career he published three textbooks and 43 articles, papers and reports. As a result of his textbook writing he was awarded two honorary PHDs. He was listed in Who's Who of Mechanical Engineers. He was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Jack was an avid reader and writer. He was a golf enthusiast and shot his age as recently as November 2007. Family history was also very important to Jack. He spent numerous hours researching family roots.

Jack married his loving wife, Marcella, on July 4, 1945. They had 63 wonderful years together. Other survivors include his sister, Rose Mary Nove of Prescott, Ariz.; four nephews; four nieces; four great-nephews; and a great-niece.

The Tallahassee Section of ASME is most grateful for Jack's vision and commitment in starting the local ASME group and will long remember Jack's years of dedication to the community and the engineering profession.

The Seely family has advised us that contributions in Prof. Seely's memory may be made to

The J & M Seely Mechanical Engineering Endowment Fund
FSU Foundation Fund Number 2737
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Florida State University
Tallahassee FL 32306-2660

or

The Good Shepherd Catholic Church
Building Fund
4665 Thomasville Road
Tallahassee FL. 32309

ASME Tallahassee Section Luncheon Meeting

David Byrne, Director of Energy Services, City of Tallahassee, was the guest speaker at the May “Bring a Co-Worker with You to Lunch” informal luncheon meeting, hosted by the Tallahassee Section.

The luncheon was on Friday, May 30, at a private room in the Golden Corral on North Monroe St.

David’s topic was: **“Energy Smart Plus – Save Energy, Save Water, Save Money” the City of Tallahassee’s Initiative to Promote Energy Efficiency and Conservation**, and an audience of about 25 turned out to hear this very informative talk, which described the City of Tallahassee’s programs for energy efficiency and conservation that are available to all utility customers of the City and other efforts to reduce the Utility’s electric demand by 50 MW within five years.

The presentation included a lively exchange of questions and answers, which resulted in a very interesting and informative event.



STUDENT SECTIONS

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ASME INTERNATIONAL

Inspiring Engineering Diversity

Engineer Your Life (EYL) and the National Association for College Admissions Counseling (NACAC) are teaming up with ASME at dozens of college fairs for high school students throughout the United States. The EYL campaign has developed, tested and is now providing messages and materials to promote engineering to college-bound high school girls. Volunteers are encouraged to become part of the campaign by participating in the fairs. EYL fair exhibits are designed to break down commonly held perceptions about engineering and encourage girls to consider it as a college and career option. Interested in helping out? Contact Marina Stenos at stenosm@asme.org for more information.

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To learn more and register, go to <http://peerlink.asme.org>.

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