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Cosmo New President of Boston Post

By Joe Bocchino, Bocchino Consulting

No – not Seinfeld's Kramer. Nope – not that once popular women's magazine (or is it still popular?). This author takes pride in noting that Cosmo Gallinaro of Shaw E&I, is the 1st Italian Post President since the Ignazio/Greco/Bocchino reign about 15 years ago. Long live President Gallinaro!

All this happened, of course, at the wildly successful Post 49th Annual Spring Meeting for Scholarships chaired by Neal Maxymillian of Maxymillian Technologies. Neal did his typical superb job of managing chaos into a well orchestrated crowning event celebrating our many achievements, a year of good deeds and support to our nation and community, and the hard work of the undergraduate student scholarship winners. On Monday 18 May 09, at the Newton Marriott, well in excess of 300 people witnessed the Boston Post award over \$55,000 to 23 deserving students majoring in engineering or a related science. In these recessionary times, the importance of our scholarships to the next generation of home grown engineers/scientists is more critical than ever. Scholarship funds are derived from interest bearing endowments, the two Post Golf Tournaments held each year, the February Small Business Showcase, and the Spring Meeting itself. The Post extends its gratitude and sincere thanks to the many sponsors and contributors that made this year another "over the top" year. Exceeding all expectations. OohRah!

The night's agenda saw a potential shift in tradition. Advertised guest speaker Tony Massarotti of the Boston Globe & NESN could not commit due to the then predicted success of both the Bruins & Celtics. The Committee, staffed with experienced engineers, prepared Plans B, C, & D. Well – it came down to the always proverbial 11½ hour – and we went with Plan D *plus* – Dick Waterman of EA Engineering and our SAME New England RVP – *PLUS* National SAME Executive Director Bob Wolff. Dick recognized RVP award winners, and provided a most valuable reminder of our Societal roots and what we're all about. The Committee may consider this a possible new tradition vice an invited speaker because the message warrants repeating. And Dr. Wolff treated the Post with his somewhat surprise attendance acknowledging the Post's extraordinary success and evident popularity. We thank Bob for joining us. Despite the featured speaker, the bright star of the Spring Meeting has and will always be the students. Essayons!

The Post's highest honors – the annual S. Peter Volpe Awards for "Active" and "Emeritus" members were bestowed on Deb Heims of H&S Environmental and CAPT John Cusack, USN Ret., respectively. Both are Past Presidents and have served the Post with distinction and devotion for years. Congratulations to Deb and Jack for making our Post the leader that it is within SAME and our industry. However, the evening went without the presence of Peter who was sadly unable to attend due to rehab from a recent minor stroke. Our best to Peter for a speedy recovery – and here's to seeing him at his annual Post BOD at his infamous barn in September. Essayons!!

The night was capped-off with the always festive installation of Post Officers (see Masthead to the left, please) and transfer of the Post's original 1923 Charter to the incoming President, whose responsibility is to display the Charter in a position of honor for all to see and admire. Additionally, the Post welcomes Dorothy Richter of Hager-Richter GeoScience in her 1st term as a Director. OohRah!!

Two prominent issues President Gallinaro will face early on are the distribution of the Bugle and codification of procedures for award of endowed scholarships. Both are not "showstoppers" but will call on deliberate consideration by the BOD. The Bugle is scheduled to go to a limited hard copy mailing with the July 09 issue. "Limited" being defined as a hand-picked list of members who the Membership Committee, chaired by Sheila Warren of Boart Longyear, and yours truly will determine as desiring traditional mail from either feedback received or personal knowledge. The membership as a body will receive the Bugle by electronic email broadcast. The end product will hopefully be about \$6000 in annual savings and possibly a more informed membership. The endowment issue revolves around the unusual situation where endowments have lost money – not generated interest enough to award – and the proper recognition of the donor, not withstanding.

**The Infamous & Traditional
Networking Event that gave
birth to the term
"Networking"**

POST CALENDAR

The Boston Post Annual Clambake

Featuring:

Bocce, Booze & BS

in alphabetical order.

Tuesday

9 June 09

Topic: *None.*
Wing it & exercise
your camaraderie.
Please don't hurt it.

Place: **Sandy Burr CC**

Rte 27 just west of its intersection w/
Rte 20 in Wayland, MA

Time: Registration – 1600
Dinner - 1700

Menu: Clambake w/ Lobster or
Steak. Please specify.

Cost: \$60/person. \$50/seniors.
\$40/extra lobster or steak
Checks payable to "SAME"

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Date, Day & Time			Event & POC
9 June	Tue	All Day	Boston Annual Open Golf Tourney & Clambake Golf Tournament Sold Out !! Thank You. <i>Clambake details on the left.</i>
10 June	Wed	All Day	NAVFAC Industry Day, Norfolk, VA
14 June	Sun	All Day	Flag Day. <i>Our Flag. Many wish it were theirs.</i>
21 June	Sun	All Day	Fathers Day. <i>Congrats to us Dads.</i>
24 June	Wed	1600	Small Bus Committee @ home of the Maxymillians.
4 July	Sat	All Day	Birthday of the United States. <i>233 years young.</i>
<i>No July 09 Post Monthly Meeting. Next Meeting – August 2009</i>			
15 July	Wed	1630	Post 1st qtr BOD @ home of the Bocchinos.
20-24 July		All Week	Annual SDVOSB Conference, Las Vegas
20-24 July		All Week	Annual USACE Infrastructure Conference, Cleveland
30 July	Thur	1900	Post Young Members @ Lowell Spinners. Go to mark.j.anderson.jr@usace.army.mil
10-13 Aug		Most of the Week	SAME Great Lakes & Rivers Regional Conf., Detroit
11 Aug	Tue	Lunch	Boston Post Monthly Meeting. Topic is Outreach. Come see the Middle & High Schoolers <i>and their robots.</i>
21 Aug	Fri	All Day	SAME Narragansett Post Golf Tournament. Go to Peter.U.Gavin@uscg.mil
7 Sep	Mon	All Day	Labor Day. <i>Work all year and you get this! OohRah!</i>
8 Sep	Tue	TBD	Boston Post Monthly Meeting. Topic is TBD.
13 Sep	Sun	All Day	Grandparents' Day. <i>They started it.</i>
14-17 Sep		Most of the Week	SAME New Eng/North Atlantic Reg Conf, Ft Drum
5 Oct	Mon	All Day	Boston Post 18th Annual Golf "Fall Classic"
12 Oct	Mon	All Day	Columbus Day. <i>A National holiday for good reason.</i>



Dear Boston Post

I just wanted to thank (you) for making my term as Post President a memorable and gratifying year culminating in another successful Spring Scholarship event. Many people who don't understand the merits of SAME ask me why I put in the personal time. My initial response is the relationships and camaraderie that you develop when working with great people on worthwhile endeavors.

I look forward to continuing to work on various committees, attending BOD meetings, and staying involved. Best of luck to Cosmo and the new officers.

Yours truly
Dave

Society of American Military Engineers
2009 Boston Post "Open" Golf Tournament

9 June 09

Sandy Burr Country Club
Wayland, MA

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News & Views... June 09

By Joe Bocchino, Bocchino Consulting



When **Rob Paine, ECC**, recently attended an SAME luncheon two weeks ago at Aberdeen Proving Ground (joint meeting of the Baltimore, Philadelphia, & Chesapeake Posts) he had the opportunity to sit with **COL Andy Nelson**. Andy says hello to everyone in the Boston Post. He's settled in and very busy in his new job as Deputy Garrison Commander for Transformation at APG. He has government quarters right on the bay and is able to use a new boat for skiing/tubing right there. (*Ed. Note: Essayons!*)

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They Did Their Share

On Veteran's Day we honor
Soldiers who protect our nation.
For their service as our warriors,
They deserve our admiration.

Some of them were drafted;
Some were volunteers;
For some it was just yesterday;
For some it's been many years;

In the jungle or the desert,
On land or on the sea,
They did whatever was assigned
To produce a victory.

Some came back; some didn't.
They defended us everywhere.
Some saw combat; some rode a desk.
All of them did their share.

No matter what the duty,
For low pay and little glory,
These soldiers gave up normal lives,
For duties mundane and gory.

Let every veteran be honored;
Don't let politics get in the way.
Without them, freedom would have died.
What they did, we can't repay.

We owe so much to them,
Who kept us safe from terror,
So when we see a uniform,
Let's say "thank you" to every wearer.

By Joanna Fuchs, www.poemsource.com



Think you still got it?

Bonus Q: Is Hell exothermic (gives off heat) or endothermic (absorbs heat)? Here's an answer that caught the **Bugle's** attention:

"First, we need to know how the mass of Hell is changing in time ... or the rate at which souls are moving into and out of Hell. Since it is given that once a soul gets to Hell, it will not leave because it cannot. Therefore, no souls are leaving. As for souls entering Hell, let's look at the religions of the world. Most declare if you aren't a member (in good standing), you will go to Hell. Given there are many religions and generally people do not belong to more than one, we can conclude that *all* souls go to Hell. With birth & death rates as they are, the number of souls in Hell will increase exponentially.

Now, we look at the rate of change of Hell's volume because Boyle's Law states that in order for the temperature & pressure (in Hell) to stay the same, the volume (of Hell) has to expand proportionately as souls are added, which gives rise to two possibilities:

1. If Hell is expanding at a *slower* rate than the rate at which souls enter Hell, then the temperature and pressure in Hell will increase until all Hell breaks loose.
2. If Hell is expanding at a rate *faster* than the increase of souls in Hell, then the temperature and pressure will drop until Hell freezes over.

So which is it? If we accept the postulate, 'It will be a cold day in Hell before I understand Thermodynamics,' and take into account I did better than I thought developing a cogent answer to this question, then number two must be true, and thus I am sure that Hell is exothermic and has already frozen over. The corollary is that since Hell has frozen over, it follows that it is not accepting any more souls and is therefore, extinct.....leaving only Heaven, thereby **proving the existence of God and explaining why such nonsense can make it into the Bugle.**



Longtime **Bugle** pal **Mark Applebee** has joined Post Sustaining Member **Watermark** as its new Client Service Manager. **Joe Spagenberger** and the Watermark gang have hit a home run with this strategic addition for sure. Our **Bugle** best to Mark, Joe, **Celeste Hunt**, **Mike Worthy**, and all our friends at Watermark.

Young Members Corner

By Mark Anderson, USACE

Hello Again YMs! We're back again and this time summer is breathing down our necks with a few teasers of very warm weather. I'm proud to say that we recently had an excellent turnout for our first participation in the 10th Annual Charles River Cleanup! In total, thirteen post members came out on what proved to be a very warm Saturday morning, along with seven additional members from Malcolm Pirnie. The weather was perfect, the effort of our group was spectacular, and good things were accomplished. Among the many oddities that were pulled off the banks of the Charles in our stretch included numerous car tires, a rear axle with tires attached, an engine and transmission, two or three bikes, several beds and mattresses, and more bags of trash than you can possibly count! Congrats to all those who help and thank you so much for your time and effort in cleaning up one of our great resources. I hope to see all of you, and many more Post members, out there helping with this project in 2010!!!!

With such great momentum being built by an ever-growing Boston Post Young Member contingent, we hate to do it, but the YM Committee will be taking a month off from the event planning business, as we meet to begin planning the rest of our year's events. Don't fear though, we'll be back with a vengeance in July with what could be one of our biggest events ever!

What: Tri-City Valley Cats vs. Lowell Spinners
Where: LeLacheur Park, Lowell, MA
When: July 30, 2009 @ 7:00 pm

Come out and cheer on the future of the hometown Boston Red Sox as the Lowell Spinners head towards what will hopefully be yet another playoff run! There are only 30 tickets available, so invite your friends and sign up early! Please contact Mark Anderson (mark.j.anderson.jr@usace.army.mil or 978-394-2940) to sign up for the event. See you there, and Go Spinners!

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President's Message

By Cosmo Gallinaro, Shaw E&I

As I take the reins of the Boston Post I am honored by the trust of the organization for this opportunity to lead such a storied group. I wish to say thanks to our outgoing president Dave Margolis for his leadership during the past year and to our elected slate and many volunteers for a job well done.

As I reflect on the Spring Meeting, I remain in awe of the accomplishments of the students that were honored that evening and am thankful that our organization can help financially in these difficult economic times. In this message I wanted to reemphasize the words of our keynote speaker Dick Waterman and Dr. Wolfe. We need to ensure that our organization and our profession is sustainable. The need for engineers and scientists has never been greater to answer the call to transition our infrastructure and economy away from a petroleum base. As an organization we then need to enroll more young members and continue our outreach to schools at all levels of education. The Boston Post has already made great strides in both these areas and are well served by our Young Members and Outreach Committees. Through their work, attendance at young member functions is on the increase and our support at the high school and middle school level is growing.

In order to keep the organization sustainable, I ask for your continued support in a number of areas. First, please encourage young members to participate in the organization. Second, continue to support our program events and fund raising activities. Lastly volunteer and actively participate on a committee. We need to continue to bring new ideas and diversity to the organization, and participation will ensure that your voice is heard.

Again, I wish to thank you and look forward to working for and with you over this next year.



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with publication by email broadcast as its primary distribution beginning with the July 09 issue.

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