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By Joe Bocchino, Consultant

The first Monday in October continues to be a great day in our year because we got to play golf. Raising money for the Post Education & Mentoring Fund just adds to the pleasure. An unexpected low turnout of 27 foursomes, down from our usual sellout of near 40 foursomes, gathered at our home course Sandy Burr CC in Wayland and enjoyed fine weather, wonderful friendship and camaraderie, a few good shots, and a lot of fun. We collected an estimated \$13000 (assuming all who signed up pay – *and they will*) after all was said and done. Thanks to all the corporate sponsors listed below and those who provided “mulligan” and skill shot prizes. Special thanks to Weston for its annual donation of jackets for the 1st place team (to be nameless in concert with Post tradition and IRS avoidance) and Hole-in-One “insurance.” Someday we’re going to hit the Hole-in-One and establish yet another endowment for \$25000! **Please mark your calendars** – next year’s tournaments are scheduled for Tuesday, **12 June 07** (followed by Post annual Clambake) and Monday, **1 October 07**. The Golf Committee stands ready to take your early reservation. Call 774-993-9433 or email skijoebo@yahoo.com.

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Post Monthly Meeting

Tuesday
14 Nov 06

Topic: **Partnering &
the New England
Floods of May 06**

Place: **Crowne Plaza Hotel
Route 9, Natick, MA**

Speakers:
**John Tommaney, MEMA
Bob Ward, Mass Highway
Mike Misslin, DCR**

Time: Sign-in @ 1130
Lunch @ 1200

Cost: \$40/person (\$45 > 9 Nov)
\$25 for senior / student / gov't

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- ◆ Email: skijoebo@yahoo.com.
- ◆ Deadline is always the 20th each month.


POST CALENDAR


<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Feature</u>
31 Oct 06	Halloween	1830	Young Member Social Boston Beer Works (110 Canal Street in Boston). No cost to attend; dinner and drinks will be available from the BBW menu. Join us for a night of festive cheer! RSVP Mark Anderson at (978) 318-8072 or mark.j.anderson.jr@usace.army.mil .
7 Nov 06	Every 1 st Tues	1730	Spring Mtg Committee Meeting At the Corps, 696 Virginia Rd, Concord, MA 01742)
14 Nov 06	2 nd Tuesday	1130	Homeland Security Case Study (Effective Disaster Response Partnering Efforts: Local, State & Federal Panel Discussion)
12 Dec 06	2 nd Tuesday	TBD	TBD - 3rd Quarterly BoD Follows Mtg.
January 07			NO Monthly Meeting Planned





Did You Know ???

 Post Sustaining Member **Cabrera Services**, Inc. seeks personnel with DoD and/or NPL remediation experience to fill Project Manager, Senior Environmental Engineer, and Site Manager positions in Needham, MA as well as other eastern & midwest office locations to support its growing remediation practice. Please submit resumes and salary history to resumes@cabreraseservices.com. Call **Tim Taylor** at (781) 455-8787 for info. Essays.

 According to AARP, buying “assembly required” furniture saves you \$2000 and burns 180 calories per hour; painting your own walls saves \$700 and burns 235 calories/hr. **Passing by the “drive thru” restaurant saves \$4.29 but burns an incredible 1160 calories per hour.** The Bugle bets you didn’t know that And now you do.

 Post Sustaining Member **GEI Consultants** merged with Chadwick Ecological Consultants and Chadwick & Associates of Littleton, CO forming a \$46 million, 285 employee, 16 office nation-wide company. Services now range from geotechnical to environmental to engineering and include an ecological lab for compliance and research work. OohRah!

 **EPA fessed up** and now considers delivery of drinking water meeting all health-based standards to 95% of all Americans served by community systems by 2008 may not be achievable. Main reason = **too many Americans**. EPA now offers the goal of 91% by 2011. Currently we’re at 88 percent. The Bugle thinks with some fanciful math and an accurate description as to who exactly are Americans, we can meet the original goal. We’re only 7% and three years off. You would think with our national theme of self-esteem, this delta can be explained away and we can get on with feeling good about ourselves.

 There are **200+ jewelry stores** in Downtown Crossing. The Bugle is just trying to provide Holiday help in advance. Essays, husbands and boyfriends ... Essays.

President's Message

By Debi Heims, H&S Environmental

This month, instead of writing about how great this Post of SAME is and why we volunteer to support such a worthy cause, I will allow others to speak for me. Following are some excerpts of letters received from a few of our outstanding college recipients who were awarded either Endowed or Boston Post Scholarships last May.

Mr. Matthew Williams of MIT wrote: I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to all members of the Society of American Military Engineers Boston Post scholarship committee for honoring me with the Thomas O'Connor Scholarship. I will continue to work hard and give my best effort in my academic and extra-curricular activities. Rather than focus on this award for an extended period of time, I will graciously accept it and use it as motivation for the future. When classes are difficult and mornings with NROTC get earlier and earlier, I can reflect upon this award and gain inspiration to continue to give my best effort in everything I do...I will continue to give my best through hard work and dedication to duty....

Ms. Leanne Fortune of Northeastern wrote: I wanted to thank you and your committee for awarding me a \$4000 SAME Scholarship. For as long as I can remember, I have wanted to be an engineer. While traveling as a little girl, I loved seeing bridges and buildings of all shapes and sizes. When I went to Disney World at age 4, I loved seeing how every ride worked, over the years I have come to decide that I want to build...I am midway into my third semester and feel like I have been here a lifetime. The classes are challenging yet exciting... I am getting involve in the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) and plan on participating in an alternative spring break program or an international student volunteer program...As you are probably aware, paying for school is the hardest part of going to school NEU costs \$38,000 this year and it goes up every year....This scholarship will help me achieve the goals I have set for myself academically as well as in my career....

Ms. Shandel Branch of Roxbury Community College wrote her thank you note on a piece of stationary that she designed and created expressly for SAME. The students are all appreciative of our companies and individual's time and financial support for helping to make our Scholarship Program so successful.

On a final note, a BIG thank you to Tom O'Connor for his ever continuing graciousness in helping the Thomas H. O'Connor Class of 1930 Scholarship at MIT continue to grow and prosper. The students are very fortunate to have you on their side.



News & Views



Volunteers are important, and if you're an engineer you're in great demand. Non-profits need professional help in facility management. Non-profits' success most often revolves around the success of its facility. Libraries need attention. Scout camps may involve building codes, regulatory permits, safety considerations, water treatment and disposal. Churches' issues are long and many. Upgrades, handicap considerations, lighting, fire safety, etc are just a few items that come to mind. Real money goes to fixing things, not study – and that's where the volunteers contribute. If you feel strongly about giving back (*Ed. Note – that's what we do here in SAME*), share your professional expertise. Engineers help make informed decision-making by presenting facts, alternatives and recommendations.

Volunteering is worthwhile and something that can bring great self-satisfaction. So, the next time the Town Administrator or Church Minister or Community Leader asks you for help – please find the time. (*Ed. Note – excerpted from an original article authored by Richard Sasse, P.E., Facilities Consultant for VFA, and of course, a member of the Boston Post*).



Cubicle Drawbacks: #6... "think outside the box" - in a freakin' box; #5 ... the sensation of someone always watching; #4 ... No roof rafters for the noose; #3 ... 23 power cords - 1 outlet; #2 ...Prison cells are bigger and have beds; and, the #1 drawback is.... You can't slam the door when you quit.

Happy Thanksgiving from the Bugle

