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# NEWSLETTER

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## The President's Message



As my girls begin counting down the days until Christmas, I can hardly believe that another year has passed. And yet, I'm really proud of the ways we've been able to give back to the community and build a stronger future for our profession. One of the themes of this year's ASHE board has been to find new ways to give back to our membership and to the community. We have been working to strengthen and

grow our scholarship program. In just our second year of the program, we have already doubled the scholarship amount ASHE awards annually, and we are looking to grow the program further in 2014. Our adopt-a-highway program has been active for over two years, and we are proud to contribute to our community in such a fun and visibly noticeable way. As we head into the New Year, we are seeking new ways to benefit our membership and to contribute to our community. If you have recommendations, let me know!

The New Year is a great time to reassess and implement new initiatives. It's the perfect time to start up a new program to give back at work. I hope that you use the New Year as an opportunity to give back in your own offices. Take on a co-op to mentor a young engineer or volunteer to talk about our profession at your child's career day. Encourage your office to collect coats for families in need or get involved in a local STEM education event for kids. There are so many ways that we, as a profession, can band together to make a difference. I encourage each of you to take on one of these opportunities and do your part to strengthen our profession in central Ohio.

Thank you for being willing to spend your time and energy supporting our ASHE projects this year. I'm so proud of the work we have accomplished and am excited about what we have in store for 2014. During this holiday season, I hope you were able to carve out time to relax with family and friends, and returned to work feeling refreshed and renewed for an even better year in 2014!

I hope everyone had safe and happy holidays!

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## Mission Statement

Provide a forum for members and partners of the highway industry to promote a safe, efficient and sustainable highway system through education, innovation and fellowship.

# Happy Hour

## 2013 OTEC Happy Hour Busting at the Seams!

On the evening of October 22nd, after the start of another great OTEC conference, ASHE Central Ohio co-sponsored the annual OTEC Happy Hour at Brothers Bar & Grill on Park Street in Columbus. This year's event was put on by ASCE Young Members Group, ASHE, OSPE, WTS, and Engineers Club of Columbus. This was the first year WTS joined the sponsors and it was a good thing we had their support this year. Hundreds of folks from the engineering community spilled into Brothers and mingled in the large space that was reserved for our group. Consultants, contractors, product representatives, ODOT, and other local agencies were all represented within the crowd. The sponsors provided drink tickets to everyone in attendance and the tickets were flying out of our hands as groups of OTEC attendees filtered into the bar. It was certainly one of the biggest turnouts we've seen at this now annual event. It was great to see so many peers and colleagues catching up and discussing the first day of OTEC 2013. ASHE Central Ohio was well represented at Brothers that evening. We appreciate the effort that our members have made to strengthen this organization and we will continue to show appreciation for members with this OTEC Happy Hour event in the future.



### Upcoming Events

#### ***Tuesday, January 28***

Annual CIP Luncheon, Villa Milano

#### ***Thursday, January 30***

Happy Hour  
Buckeye Grill, 4:30-7:00 pm

#### ***Curling Event***

Watch for details coming soon..

## NEW MEMBERSHIP

To receive ASHE updates via email, or inquire about new membership please go to our website, [www.centralohio.org/join.html](http://www.centralohio.org/join.html), or contact Scott Seaman, [Sseaman@GPDGroup.com](mailto:Sseaman@GPDGroup.com)

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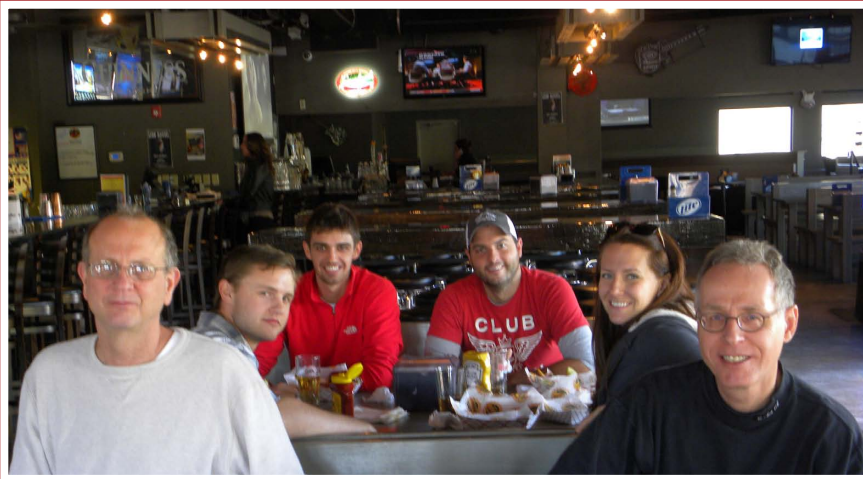
# INTERCHANGE CLEAN UP

## ASHE's Interchange Clean Up Event

Winter weather has finally arrived...

...and that means our November clean-up was the last one until the spring of 2014. This was our last chance of the year to see what interesting stuff was collecting at our interchange at I-670 and Grandview Ave. The last clean-up took place November 9, 2013. Seven dedicated individuals came out this brisk morning to help pick up the interchange. With so many helping hands, the pick-up went smoothly and the area was cleaned by 11:30 so that we could

enjoy a quick lunch together at Woodland's backyard. Sean Oatman won a gift card for the most unusual item picked up, while Aaron Call won a gift card for the most trash picked up. Please watch for updates as to when the spring clean-up will take place so that you can join us for the next Adopt-a-Highway event.





# Luncheon

While we enjoyed a nicely served meal at the famous Ohio Transportation Engineers Conference (OTEC), a number of actions took place at the Central Ohio OTEC annual luncheon. The program started with an update from ASHE's National President Mr. Thomas Morisi who spoke about the activities that the various regions/section are involved in and about his experience traveling to those regions. It was a rich and educational presentation. This was followed with the Great Lakes Region project of the year award,

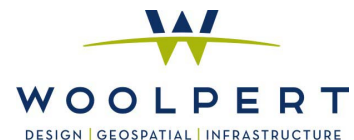
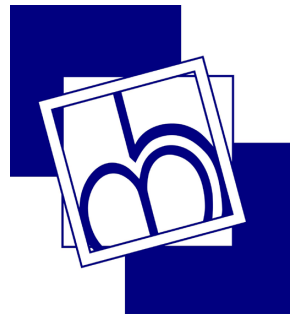
which was awarded to a project in our local Section, the Rich Street Bridge Project. John Shanks represented the project team to accept the award. Finally, our luncheon concluded with the Central Ohio Section scholarship award. Two students Greg Conroy and Natalie Sakian, from The Ohio State University received \$2,500 each for school year 2013-2014.



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