

Spring

NEWSLETTER

March 2016

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The President's Message



Spring is just around the corner and I cannot believe how quickly my term as president has passed by already. These are the final months for my term as president and I'm proud of the work our Board has carried out thus far this year. I look forward to see what we accomplish for the final remaining months for my term as president. I cannot stress how thankful I am for our Board Members and the time and dedication that they put towards our organization. With their dedication we continue to provide our membership with quality

programs and events.

In the Central Ohio Section, we are constantly looking for ways to improve our existing programs as well as adding additional benefits and programs to our membership. This is an ongoing process, as it should be. Last year we held our 30th anniversary dinner, which was the first dinner event held in our section in several years. This year we are planning an annual event to help raise money for the ASHE Scholarship fund that we have established through The Ohio State University. We have also expanded our networking and social events to incorporate more community involvement programs. Most of you are familiar with our Adopt-a-Highway event, but we have also included a Habitat for Humanity event and now a Toy Adaptation workshop that is done in collaboration with The Ohio State University. We are always open to hear feedback from our current membership for new event ideas, topics for an upcoming luncheon, or themes for our yearly technical seminar. So please do not hesitate to reach out to your section board members. I encourage you to bring your suggestions, volunteer your time, and ask colleagues to join but most importantly get involved! Our section only grows stronger with your help.

I also want to say a special thank you to our section secretary, Scott Seaman, for his unparalleled effort and his dedication to his role as secretary the past several years. Scott will be stepping down from his role as secretary this coming May and will be truly missed as a member on the board. He has been a cornerstone of our section and has kept our section running smoothly over the past few years. I know I can personally attest to how valuable his role is to our board from the help and guidance he has provided to me while serving my term as president. So thanks again Scott for all your hard work and commitment to our section!

We have a lot of upcoming events and I hope to see you at one of them. Please check our website, www.centraloh.ashe.pro for all the details events and I hope everyone has a happy spring!

Sincerely,
 Angela Fedak, PE

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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.



Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference

Ohio's Future Rides on Transportation

OTEC HAPPENINGS.....

The 2015 OTEC event was another great conference celebrating the 69th anniversary of this conference. ASHE Central Ohio hosted the annual ASHE Ohio OTEC luncheon in which the National president, Robert Hochevar, from the Cuyahoga Valley Section spoke to our attendees about the accomplishments and future undertakings on the national scene. Maggie Wilson, a student at The Ohio State University, was recognized as this year's ASHE Central Ohio Scholarship Recipient. The regional project of the year awards was given out. For the over \$5 Million category the winner was the FRA-71/670 Interchange Improvement Project. This project was submitted from our Central Ohio Section and was composed of CH2M Hill, Kokosing Construction Company, and ODOT District 6. The under \$5 Million category winner was the HAM-50-29.75 Roadway Improvement project, that was submitted by the Triko Valley Section. The best part was that the luncheon ended on time, allowing attendees to return to the conference in time for the next technical session. Thanks to everyone that helped to coordinate the event as it was another great turnout.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

To receive ASHE updates via email, or inquire about new membership please go to our website, www.CentralOH.ASHE.pro, or contact Scott Seaman,

SSeaman@GPDGroup.com

* Email addresses will not be released but are available to members.

INTERCHANGE CLEAN UP

ASHE Central Ohio Adopt-A-Highway

Our final cleanup of the Grandview Ave. / I-670 interchange for 2015 was held on October 24th. It was a beautiful day and we had a much better turnout then the previous cleanup event. We were able to clean up our area in record time so we could get back inside Woodlands Backyard to enjoy some lunch and fellowship. Thanks again to all of the volunteers who came:



Joe Bolzenius	Ted Beidler
George Mohan	Aaron Call
Angela Fedak	David Lenzer
Sean Oatman	Joy Lanham
Clark Rausch	Jordan Cripe
Stacy Bolzenius	Andrew Gort

2016 ASHE CENTRAL OHIO CIP LUNCHEON

With over 150 people in attendance this year, the ASHE Central Ohio Luncheon was a huge success. This event is one of the best attended events of the year with great presentations from the local agencies we work with in Central Ohio. The local public agency representatives included: Dean Ringle (Franklin County Engineer), Thom Slack (ODOT D6 Planning & Engineering Administrator), Rob Riley (Delaware County Engineer), and Jennifer Gallagher (City of Columbus Public Service). The seats were packed as consultants, contractors, and product representatives showed up to hear what the local agencies had on their plates for the upcoming construction season and work to be released with future programs. Several Highway Club Sponsors and other firms set up booths around the Villa Milano banquet hall displaying their materials. Thanks to our presenters for coming out and thanks to our members for a great showing.

This year's CIP luncheon was also our first luncheon that we started our single-luncheon corporate sponsorships to raise money towards our scholarship funds.

A special thank you to Michael Baker and GPD for being our corporate Luncheon sponsors.

ASHE CENTRAL OHIO SECTION INVITES YOU TO...

ASHE TOY ADAPTION PROGRAM

Join us on WEDNESDAY

MARCH 9th, 2016

From 5:30pm - 8pm



♦ Electronic toys are adapted so that children with special needs are able to use them. The toys are then donated to toy libraries or to families in need of such toys. TAP strives to address social issues through experiential learning, while simultaneously providing a service for our community.

♦ Pizza and beverages will be provided.

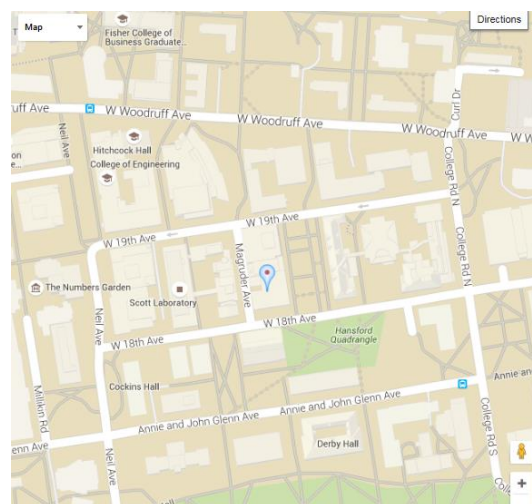


***Space is limited to the first 30 participants that sign up!
ASHE members and non-members welcome!***

**Event registration and \$10 payment via
EventBrite by visiting the "News &
Events" page at CentralOH.ASHE.pro/ or
by clicking [HERE](#).**

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
SMITH LAB ROOM 3101

Any questions, contact Emily Steva
614-898-7100 or esteva@msconsultants.com



ASHE CENTRAL OHIO SECTION INVITES YOU TO...

ASHE LEARN TO CURL EVENT

JOIN US ON FRIDAY
MARCH 25TH, 2016
FROM 5PM - 7PM



ASHE 2012 Learn to Curl



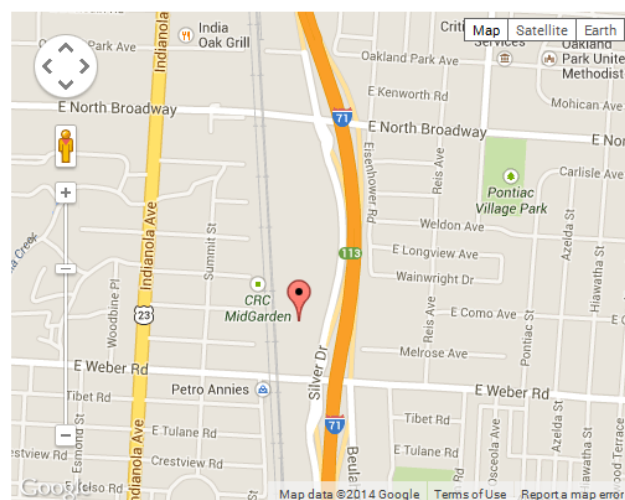
- ◆ Approximately 2 hours for the event. Please arrive about 15 minutes early.
- ◆ First 20 minutes off-ice introduction to the game including the terminology and the equipment.
- ◆ Next 40 minutes will consist of on-ice instruction where you will learn to sweep and deliver a stone.
- ◆ Then play in a game with other people in the Learn-to-Curl.
- ◆ Following the time on the ice, there will be drinks and refreshments available for purchase in the warm room where you can socialize and discuss your time on the ice.
- ◆ Participants only need to bring comfortable, loose fitting and warm clothes as well as clean tennis-type shoes.



***Space is limited to the first 24 participants that sign up!
ASHE members and non-members welcome!***

**Event registration and \$40 payment via
EventBrite by visiting the "News &
Events" page at CentralOH.ASHE.pro/ or
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COLUMBUS CURING CLUB
2999 SILVER DRIVE (REAR)
COLUMBUS, OH
(BEHIND THE BUNK & LOFT STORE)
Any questions, contact Emily Steva
614-898-7100 or esteva@msconsultants.com



WTS / ASHE Joint Association Happy Hour

On Tuesday November 17th ASHE Co-Sponsored a Happy Hour at the World of Beer (Campus Location)

Over 70 members from the two organizations attended.

Sponsored By:



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SINGLE-LUNCHEON CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS HELP BOOST ASHE'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We are pleased to announce that we are now offering single-luncheon corporate sponsorship to any engineering firms within the Central Ohio region. Continuing with our March Technical Luncheon on March 29th, a single donation of \$250 or more to ASHE's scholarship fund will allow any company to become a sponsor for any one of ASHE's luncheons. With this donation, you will receive:

- One complimentary ticket and reserved seating with the luncheon speaker at the luncheon of your choice.
- The opportunity to introduce the luncheon's speaker.
- Publicly give a brief discussion about your company and any recent updates to luncheon attendees.
- Your company's logo will be featured on your chosen luncheon's promotional material.
- You and your company will be publicly thanked and introduced during the luncheon.
- The number of available sponsors per luncheon is equal the number of luncheon speakers.
- Two speakers allow for two luncheon sponsors, etc..

For questions or if you are interested in sponsoring an ASHE luncheon, please contact Mike Taricska at 614-459-2050 or Mike.Taricska@BurgessNiple.com.

Join the Engineers Club of Columbus and ASHE Central Ohio Section for an exclusive behind the scenes tour of the Columbus Square Bowling Palace

Have you ever wondered where the bowling ball disappears to after you make a strike or how the pins reset? Come check out the engineering and machines that keep the Columbus Square Bowling Palace rolling. Small groups will be led down the alleys to see how the pin setting machines operate. Challenge your colleagues to a game of bowling while the tours are being held. Pizza and beverages will be provided.



DETAILS:

THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH FROM 6PM TO 9PM

Columbus Square Bowling Palace

5707 Forest Hills Blvd, Columbus, OH 43231

Registration starts at 6:00 with bowling and tours beginning shortly after.

ADMISSION:

\$15 ECC & ASHE Members

\$20 Nonmembers

Includes shoes, tour, 2 games of bowling, drinks and pizza

Full details on: [ASHE Central Ohio Homepage](#)

Register online at: [Engineer's Club of Columbus](#)

ASHE CENTRAL OHIO 2015 PROJECT OF THE YEAR

The ASHE Central Ohio 2015 Project of the Year competition has been open for several weeks now. If your firm is considering or planning on submitting an application, please contact Joseph Rikk as he is trying to finalize plans for the venue, judges, awards, etc. You can contact Joseph Rikk at: 614-794-9424 or jrikk@gfnet.com.

See the Awards page for the link to the competition flyer and entry applications. Entries are due March 11, 2016. New this year is a \$100 entry fee that will be fully credited to the ASHE Central Ohio Scholarship fund. If any member of the submitting team is an ASHE Highway Club Corporate Sponsor Member, the fee for the first project fee is waived.



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2015 PROJECT of the YEAR

PAST WINNERS



2014-2015 over \$5M
I-71/I-670 Interchange - Columbus
Crossroads
CH2M Hill, Inc.



2014-2015 under \$5M
Lithopolis-Winchester Bridge Rehab
Jones-Stuckey Ltd., Inc.



2013-2014 over \$3M
FRA-270@Roberts Rd
Diverging Diamond Interchange
Burgess & Niple



2013-2014 under \$3M
CLA-CR794 Relocation
American Structurepoint

The **ASHE Central Ohio Section** will recognize the outstanding work completed by members of the ASHE Central Ohio Section with the Project of the Year Award. All ASHE Central Ohio Section members are encouraged to submit entries for their respective projects. Projects submitted must be directly related to a field of transportation and must be located within the defined areas of the State of Ohio.

The Project of the Year Award will be announced and presented at our ASHE Spring luncheon in May. One project will be selected for an ASHE Project of the Year in the \$5 million and under category, Over \$5 million category, and in the Peer's Choice category. Awards will be presented to the owner, designer, and contractor in each category for recognition of excellence in the four judging criteria listed below. The winning teams in the \$5 million and under category and over \$5 million category will receive:

- Awards to be presented to the Owner, Designer, and the Prime Contractor at the ASHE Spring Luncheon.
- Reimbursement of ASHE Spring Luncheon Costs for one representative each from the Owner, Designer, and the Prime Contractor.
- An article written by the winning team about the project will be placed in the ASHE Central Ohio Section quarterly newsletter.
- A photo of the project will be included in the ASHE display booth.
- The opportunity to submit an article written by the winning team about the project in the ASHE Scanner (the national publication).

All teams submitting a Project of the Year application that meet the entry requirements will be provided the opportunity to display an exhibit about their project on a 30" x 30" board at the ASHE Spring luncheon.

Entries must be received by an ASHE Central Ohio Section Board Member by March 11, 2016. Applicants may submit more than one entry. There is a \$100 entry fee per entry which will be credited to the ASHE Central Ohio Section Scholarship fund. If any member on the submitting team is an ASHE Highway Club Member, the fee for the first project entered is waived.

Examples of some eligible type of project include highways, bridges, traffic signals, railroads, public transit and bikeways.

Rating Criteria used for the judging will include:

- Benefits to the Public
- Complexity
- Innovation and Unique Features
- Aesthetics and Sustainable Features

For further information please visit our website: <http://centraloh.ashe.pro> for official entry forms or contact:

Joseph Rikk at Gannett Fleming
614-794-9424 • jrikk@gfnet.com

Upcoming Events & Announcements

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES & HIGHWAY SPONSORSHIP

- Invoices will be sent out in late March

TOY ADAPTION WORKSHOP

- Top Adaption Workshop @ 5:30 pm, March 9
- Located @ OSU Smith Laboratory, Room 3101

ASHE HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP EVENT

Central Ohio ASHE will again be cleaning up the I-670/Grandview interchange in April. We'd love to have as many participants as possible. Look for emails coming soon or contact Aaron Call (aaron.call@ohm-advisors.com) for more details.

ASHE LEARN TO CURL EVENT

- Located @ Columbus Curling Club (Rear of Building), 2999 Silver Drive, Columbus, OH, 43224
- March 25 @ 5:00 - 7:00 pm

ASHE LUNCHEON

- Our next ASHE Luncheon topic will be:
City of Columbus' Digital Plan Review process using Bluebeam
- More details to follow regarding date and location

ASHE SPRING TECHNICAL SEMINAR

- This year's theme is 'Smarter Transportation' which will delve into the development of and applications for autonomous vehicles. Full details to be posted shortly.
- Highway Club Corporate Sponsors receive one free seminar registration and exhibit space
- Thursday, April 7 from 8:00 am - Noon

ASHE CENTRAL OHIO SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR POSITION

Our board of directors are looking for individuals who are interested in helping with our ASHE Scholarship. We would like to create a new position as chair. You'll have plenty of guidance and help from the current board members and hopefully it'll be a fun task. If you have interest in participation in ASHE, please contact Tiffany Elchert (TMElchert@transystems.com) for more information.

mark your calendar for the annual



Spring Seminar

Thursday, April 7th, 2016

Topic: Smarter Transportation

Scheduled Topics and Speakers:

- **Ohio Smart Mobility Initiative**
 - Carla Bailo, The Ohio State University
- **Smarter Work Zones**
 - Ron Garczewski, Federal Highway Administration
 - Duane Soisson, ODOT Central Office
- **Connected Vehicles – On-going Research & Railroad Applications**
 - Eric Plapper, Battelle
- **Autonomous Vehicles: Short-Term Trends and Lasting Implications**
 - Michael Blau, Burton Planning

Event Location:

- Crowne Plaza Columbus North
6500 Doubletree Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43229
614-885-1885

Seminar Rates (includes continental breakfast):

- ASHE Members: \$65
- Non-members: \$80
- College Students: \$20
- Exhibitor: \$110 (includes booth space and one registration)

- **Note that one complimentary attendee and exhibit space is included for all current ASHE Highway Club sponsoring companies.**

Sign Up Now:

- Register completing online registration via the [ASHE Event page](#) by **Wednesday, March 30th.**
 - **Prepayment is required.**
 - Please register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ashe-central-ohio-spring-seminar-2016-tickets-22583554018> (by Wednesday, March 30th)
 - or
 - Make checks to "ASHE Central Ohio"
- (Payment by check needs to be mailed a minimum of 3 business days prior to the Seminar.)

Please direct all questions / mail payments to:

Tom Porter, ASHE Technical Director
McCormick Taylor

445 Hutchinson Avenue, Suite 540 Columbus OH 43235

Phone 614-436-1700 or Cell 814-777-1189

Email: tmporter@mccormicktaylor.com

**See next page for
detailed agenda**

**8:00am – 11:45am.
We'll have you out
before lunch!**

**7:30 Registration
Begins**

3 PDH's are included!

~ continuing education credits (3 PDH's) will be applicable ~

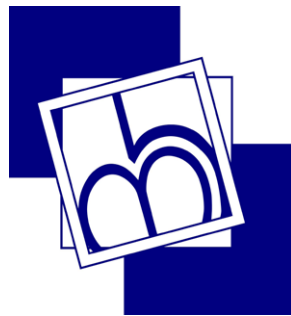
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