As the President of the American Society of Indian Engineers, I would like to extend my appreciation and warm welcome to everyone. ASIE is delighted to issue the quarterly newsletter for 2007. I thank everyone for their sincere efforts and I am honored to have participated in ASIE’s success this year.

- Ram Gupta, P.E.


This year ASIE added 48 new members and 2 new Life Members. ASIE celebrates another successful year by conducting various activities and seminars.
Sincere Thanks to Abraham Joseph, P.E., President of One Point Inc. for housing ASIE Board Meetings and belongings

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January: ASIE started the “New Year” with a resolution to Increase Membership. In pursuit of the resolution, ASIE participated in ICC Republic Day celebration at Stafford Civic Center. ASIE had its booth and informed people about the goals of the association and the membership benefits. Board Members and their families volunteered on this event enrolling 15 new member on this Republic day!!

February: In celebration of the “National Engineers Month” ASIE organized its first engineering seminar on February 15th on “Forensic Engineering” by Dr. Narendra Gossain, P.E. Professional development Hours (PDH) were awarded to all the attendees. The seminar was organized at the Mayuri Restaurant and engineers from various disciplines including civil, structural, electrical, chemical, process and computers attended and received one hour of PDH.

Dr. Narendra Gossain, Walter P. Moore

March: During the “Tax Return Month” when people were waiting for the tax returns to spend the extra cash, ASIE planned to organize a financial management seminar. On March 15th, Fidelity Investments presented a seminar on” Building your Financial Future” at the Bayland Community Center for all the members and guests.

Fidelity Investments

April: As the “Fun Month” began with pleasant weather it was time to organize social events and outdoor activities.

University of Houston’s Indian students association organized their cultural event “Maitri 07” on April 8th and ASIE board volunteered and informed UH students how ASIE can help them professionally and socially. The students were keenly interested and signed up for “New Student Membership”
Social Committee board of ASIE organized “Happy Hour” on April 26th at Cotton Exchange bar & Lounge, one of the happening bars in downtown. ASIE invited TSPE, SAME and ASCE to jointly organize this event. Various organizations including “Society of Black Engineers” and “Society of Hispanic Engineers” participated and made the evening memorable one. More than 60 members showed up on a week day and that made the event successful!!

Picnic Time!!! On April 28th, ASIE organized Picnic for its members and their family. The event took place at Kitty Hollow Park, Sugarland. More than 60 members with their families had fun playing Volley Ball, Baseball, Cricket and Bingo games. Kids and adults played musical chairs which was fun as always. ASIE organized food on the house from Udipi restaurant in Sugarland.

May: “Networking Month”

Hess meeting!! In April, City of Houston released capital improvement plan for public works and engineering. ASIE invited Mr. Michael S. Marcotte, P.E, DEE, Director, Department of Public Works & Engineering, City of Houston to talk about “Proposed City of Houston FY2008 - 2013 Capital Improvement Plan for Public Works and Engineering”. The event was organized at Hess Club and 19 engineering and construction firms sponsored this event.
OUR SINCERE THANKS TO SUDHAKAR KALAGA, P.E., PRESIDENT OF KIT PROFESSIONALS, INC. FOR HOUSING LATE NIGHT MEETINGS AND LETTING US USE THE KIT FACILITIES.

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT Dr. ANIL RAJ GURU, SUDHAKAR KALAGA AND RAM GUPTA

Networking!! On May 17th Mr. “Sundy” Sundaram Srinivasan from Schlumberger presented a seminar on “Networking”. Mr Sundy with his enthusiastic personality and hilarious presentation not only made his seminar interesting but also made it informative as to how “Networking” can impact an individual personally and professionally. This seminar was held at Bayland Community Center.

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT Dr. ANIL RAJ GURU, SUDHAKAR KALAGA AND RAM GUPTA

June: “Beach Bash”, AIA …Summer time is here when family and friends go to the beach and relax in water and kids grab their shovels and buckets to make sandcastle of the beach!!

“Sandcastle Competition”

ASIE members and supporters participated in Annual Sand Castle Competition, Galveston. The Houston Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) sponsors this annual contest where some 80 teams have their eyes (and shovels) set on winning the prestigious "Golden Bucket" award. The event was held on June 2nd, 2007 starting at 6.30 a.m. in the morning with approximately 20 ASIE members, their families and friends arrived with lots of food and tools. This year’s theme that we chose was “World is Flat”. ASIE had a corporate sponsor Llewelyn-Davies Sahni an Architect firm. The face painting on faces for kids was a great success & happy activity.
Helping our Community

AID-houston

Association for India’s Development (AID) is a volunteer movement committed to promoting sustainable, equitable and just development. In solidarity with non-violent people’s struggles, AID supports grassroots organizations in India and initiates efforts in various interconnected spheres such as education, livelihoods, natural resources, health, women’s empowerment and social justice.

Daya, Inc

DAYA provides assistance to families experiencing loss due to divorce: Loss in relationships is bound to have traumatic consequences in a person’s life. With one in two marriages ending in divorce in the United States, divorce is becoming a familiar crisis in many South Asian families as well.

On June 21st, Mr. Douglas Ashcroft, P.E from Walter P Moore presented a seminar on “10 Foundations of Risk Management” at Mayuri Restaurant. It was a PDH Seminar which benefited attendees about Risk Management.

July: “Law & Engineering go hand in hand”

On July 19th, Mr. Erin Green from Walter P. Moore talked about “Litigation Support for Engineers” at Bayland Community Center. Approximately 40 members and guest attended the seminar. Mr. Green discussed about all the legal issues that engineers face during the project and suggested ways to avoid and overcome certain issues.

August: “Refining”

On August 16, 2007, ASIE organized another ‘PDH’ Seminar at Mayuri Restaurant on ‘Role of Petroleum Refining in Today’s World’ by Dr. Anil Rajguru from Fluor. With the oil prices sky rocketing, it was an interesting to learn all about the oil industry. Approximately 50 members attended the event and young engineers from companies like Fluor, Bechtel, KBR, Schlumberger, Shell etc. shared their inputs with others.
Upcoming Events:

September:
- September 20\textsuperscript{th}, Seminar by Mr. Rakesh Verma on “Seminar on Application of SCADA System on Plant Control Operations and Diagnostics”
- September 27\textsuperscript{th}, “Happy Hour” @ Slick Willy’s.

October:
- Membership Drive@ UH, Lamar Universities, A&M, UT, Austin and Rice University.

November:
- ASIE presentation @ Bechtel.
- “Diwali Dinner”/Speaker from Nasa

December:
- 2008-2009 ASIE board takes over.

Please check your emails for the future announcements.

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