



# WORD PASSER

A Monthly Newsletter For The Houston/Galveston Post

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March 2017

**March 1**

General Membership Meeting

Rod Pinheiro, PE, CFM, of the City of Houston presents the newly announced Storm Water Action Team (SWAT)



### May 2017

**Date TBA Soon!**

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sporting Clay Shoot

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**Engineer's Week "Run of Pi"**  
 The SAME team brings home a bronze in the 5k to support STEM programs in Houston

# 2017 Installation Banquet

By: Mike Fitzgerald

On January 25th, 2017 our Post held the annual Installation Banquet at the Hilton Westchase. At this event we presented awards for the Member of the Year and the Young Member of the Year.

Member of the Year was awarded to Tom Martens. Tom has been a key member of the Post for many, many years and he has championed our annual Golf Tournament for the past 8 years! He has now stepped up to the role of President-Elect in 2017. Tommi Jo Scott was awarded the Young Member of the Year award. Tommi Jo has been a fantastic resource to the Post for everything from event registrations, web site updates, Post membership organization and annual sponsorships. She is always willing to help with whatever needs to be done. Both Tom and Tommi Jo are well deserving of these awards.

Attending our banquet was our S.A.M.E. Regional VP, Mr. Steve Houser. Steve, on occasion, will present a Regional VP Award to a deserving member. This year he selected Ms. Liz Parent for that award. Liz was recognized for her outstanding work as our Post President over the past 18 months. Steve then moved on to the new officer installations. The list of new officers for 2017 include: President: Mike Fitzgerald; President-Elect: Tom Martens; VP of Programs: Ed Mears; Secretary: Tommi Jo Scott; Asst. Secretary: Bob Morgan; Treasurer: Dennis Turner; Asst. Treasurer: Kate Petterson. New Directors installed include: Joe Myers; Patrick Korn; Greg Olinger. The speaker for the evening was Mr. Quincy Allen, District Engineer for TxDOT's Houston District. He gave an excellent talk about TxDOT's current and future work planned for the Houston region. We concluded the evening with announcing the winners of the silent auction, which was planned by the Young Members of the Post. The auction prizes were very well received. Thank you to all those who helped plan and organize this event!



**January 25, 2017  
Hilton Houston Westchase**



## 2017 Officers & Board Members

### Officers

President	Mike Fitzgerald	BGE
President Elect	Tom Martens	Terracon
Vice President, Programs	Ed Mears	Pulice Construction
Secretary	Tommi Jo Scott	LJA Engineering
Treasurer	Dennis Turner	Fugro
Assitant Secretary	Bob Morgan	Amani
Assistant Treasurer	Kate Petterson	Realtor

### Past President/PP&FC Chair

Past President	Liz Parent	Engineering
PP&FC Chair	Reid Mrsny	Harris County

### Directors

Director (PA) Jan.2015-Dec.2017	Mark Vincent	Port of Houston
Director Jan.2015-Dec.2017	Buddy Barnes	Arcadis
Director (YM) Jan.2015-Dec.2017	Johan Petterson	Dannenbaum
Director (PA) Jan.2016-Dec.2018	Reid Mrsny	Harris County
Director Jan.2016-Dec.2018	Jon Strange	JNS
Director(YM) Jan.2016-Dec.2018	Omar Oweis	Jacobs
Director (PA) Jan.2017-Dec.2019	Joe Myers	COH
Director (YM) Jan.2017-Dec.2019	Patrick Korn	Terracon
Director (PA) Jan.2017-Dec.2019	Greg Olinger	CWA

## 2017 Committees

### Operations Committees

Past Presidents and Fellows	Reid Mrsny	Harris County
Scholarship/Constr. Camp Selection	Ramon (Scholarship) Keri (E&C Camps)	Midtown Engineers Midtown Engineers
Audit	3 Member Committee	
Nominating	PP&FC Committee	

### Mission Committees

Membership	Jenna Gardner	Dannenbaum
Sponsorships	Tommi Jo Scott	LJA Engineering
Resilience (EPIR)	Dan Menendez James Kisel	Huitt-Zollars Dannenbaum
STEM	Keri Garner Hopple	Midtown Engineers
Golf Event	Patrick Korn	Terracon
Streamers & Word Passer	Janelle Colomb	COH
Streamer Mentor	Liz Parent	5engineering
Public Agency	Yvonne Rivera	Costello
Environmental	Yvonne Hernandez	Terracon
Small Business	Bonnie Moss	MBCO
Young Members	Patrick Korn	Terracon
Awards	Lee Lennard	BGE
Website (Web Master)	Rose Romero	BGE
Community Programs	Samantha Harn	CivilTech
E-Week Representative	Liz Parent	5engineering
Leadership/Mentoring	Ramon Herrera	Midtown Engineers
TAMU Chapter Liaison	Omar Oweis	Jacobs

## February General Membership Meeting

By: Ed Mears

### SAME Welcomes Speaker Alan Black!



Our first General Membership Meeting of the year was held February 1st at H.E.S.S. Club. Our featured speaker was Mr. Alan Black, PE, of Harris County Flood Control District, who presented an overview of the District's program and recently announced funding anticipated to accelerate flood mitigation projects including Brays Bayou, White Oak Bayou and Hunting Bayou.



## Engineer's Week "Run of Pi"

By: Mike Fitzgerald

On Saturday Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> the SAME Houston/Galveston Post participated in the annual Engineer's Week "Run of Pi" 5k race on the U of H campus. Our Post fielded a team of 8 runners for this race, and came in third place overall! The total race distance was, of course, 3.14 miles! The "Run of Pi" is a fundraising event to support Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematic (STEM) programs in the Houston area.

