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TOPIC: Michigan Department Transportation Activities
(Earn 1 Professional Development Hour)

SPEAKER: Ms. Gloria Jeff, Director, MDOT

DATE: February 9, 2005

TIME: 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Detroit Club, 712 Cass Ave., Detroit, MI

MENU: Chicken Pot Pie – boneless chicken baked in a savory sauce topped with a flaky pastry crust.
Meal includes salad, vegetable, fresh baked house rolls and butter, coffee and tea.

PRICE: \$20

RESERVATIONS: Send an e-mail to Pam.Horner@usace.army.mil by February 7, 2005

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DETROIT POST S.A.M.E. NEWSLETTER
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DETROIT POST WEB-SITE: Information about the Detroit Post S.A.M.E., including monthly newsletters, are available on our web site: <http://posts.same.org/detroit>. You can find out details about our upcoming meetings. Please pass this site on to your fellow members, potential members, and interested visitors. **IMPORTANT:** Please update your e-mail addresses at the SAME web page under membership information. The membership lists from the National office are used for monthly e-mailing. Also, if you have obtained an e-mail address, please update your membership information as it will save the Post postage.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Ms. Lisa Lange has departed the metropolitan Detroit area to take a job in her home town, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Ms. Anne Parker has been appointed to fill Ms. Lange's vacancy on the Board of Directors for the balance of the term.

LOCAL ELECTION: The Nominating Committee is preparing a Slate of Officers and Directors for the Post's 2005-2006 Session. Two Director positions (3-year terms) and all of the Post's officer positions (1 year term) will need to be filled. Any individual interested in one of the vacant positions should contact Ms. Horner at (313) 226-6748 (Assistant Treasurer). Director positions, which provide an excellent opportunity to assist in the Post's management, have historically been filled with representatives from the Post's Sustaining Member firms. It is also the Nominating Committee's goal to fill at least one of the offices of President, Vice-President, or 2nd-Vice President from a Sustaining Member firm.

LEFEVRE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: The Detroit is now accepting nominations for the Mary LeFevre Scholarship Award. The Detroit Post established the Mary LeFevre Scholarship Award in memory of a very dedicated employee of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District. While working full time, Mary LeFevre's diligence and pursuit of excellence included completion of a Bachelor's degree. She was an inspiration to all individuals that knew her personally and professionally. The scholarship is awarded annually to an individual that is working at least 24 hours per week and is also currently enrolled in an accredited college.

Scholarship Amount - \$1500

Criteria: must be pursuing a bachelor's degree in their chosen field of study while working at least 24 hours per week

Eligibility criteria and a nomination form can also be obtained from our web site <http://posts.same.org/detroit> or by contacting Pam Horner at (313) 226-6748. Any questions can be directed to Ms. Horner. The scholarship will be awarded at the February '04 meeting.

Deadline: All applications must be submitted by January 31, 2005 to:

Pam.Horner@usace.army.mil

Pam Horner, CELRE-PL-E
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 1027
Detroit, MI 48231-1027

They can also be faxed to Ms. Horner at (313) 226-2013.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: The Detroit Post offers Professional Development Hour (PDH) credits for attendance at designated SAME events. The Professional Development Committee will maintain records and track PDH credits earned by attendees at Post events. At the end of the program year, credits will be documented and provided to attendees. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of the committee members: Joseph Kubinski (313) 226-2212, or by e-mail at Joseph.C.Kubinski@usace.army.mil.

AFFILIATE SOCIETY: See the following announcements sponsored by ESD:

**National Engineers' Week Future City Competition 
Michigan Regional Competition, January 27, 2005**


On January 27, 2005, teams composed of 7th and 8th grade students, their teacher and an engineer mentor will compete for the honor of representing Michigan at the National Engineers Week Future City Competition in Washington, D.C. They will bring a scale model of the Future City that they designed on the computer and defend their city before a panel of judges.

Volunteers are being sought to act as judges and help with the student activity and registration. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Nancy Strodl at 248-353-0735, ext. 4152 or nstrodl@esd.org.

**Young Engineers Sponsor Job Fair & Workshop 
Tuesday, February 15, 2005**

The Young Engineers Council will sponsor a Job Fair & Workshop for recent college grads and entry-level employees on Tuesday, February 15, 2005, 2:00-7:00 p.m., at the 2000 Southfield Town Center Atrium. Workshops will include such topics as Resume' & Cover Letter Writing, Negotiating Salary & Benefits, Interviewing Skills & Tips and Career Mapping. Approximately 72 potential employers will be in attendance. Potential candidates are required to pay a \$12 entry fee, which includes a one-year ESD membership. See <http://www.esd.org/2005JobFair.htm> for more information or contact Jill Bracher at 248-353-0735, ext. 4115 or by e-mail, jbracher@esd.org.

This is a wonderful opportunity for corporate ESD members to recruit entry-level employees. The exhibit fee for ESD members is \$250 and \$350 for nonmembers. Contact Jill Bracher for additional information or register online at https://www.esd.org/secured_pages/2005JobFair-Corp.htm.

**Join the Order of the Engineer at the Gold Award Banquet 
Wednesday, February 23, 2005 - Marriott Dearborn Inn**

Join us for the 34th Annual Engineers' Week Gold Award Banquet, presented by The

Engineering Society of Detroit. This inter-society event celebrates and awards excellence in multidisciplinary technical fields. It also provides you with one of the year's premier events at which to meet and network with other technical professionals in a relaxed, social atmosphere.

A highlight of this event is the **Order of the Engineer ceremony**, open to all engineers who are graduates of an accredited engineering program. For more information, visit http://www.esd.org/gold_05.htm or contact Marcy Dwyer, phone: 248-353-0735, ext. 4120, e-mail: mdwyer@esd.org.

SPEAKER BIO: An engineer and urban planner, Gloria J. Jeff previously served as Deputy Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) under President Bill Clinton, where her duties included policy development, promotion of U.S transportation commerce in foreign countries, and analysis and development of highway related-legislation. Two of Ms. Jeff's most notable achievements were the development of freight policy for the FWHA, and the negotiation of the first agreement -- focusing on technology transfer and technical assistance -- between the US and South Africa following the historic meeting between Presidents Clinton and Mandela. Prior to working for FHWA, Ms. Jeff served 13 years with the Michigan Department of Transportation in a variety of positions including Deputy Director of the Bureau of Transportation Planning.

Most recently Ms. Jeff was a Vice President of Parsons Brinkerhoff, one of the largest engineering consulting firms in the country, where she was also elected to the Board of Directors in 2002, serving in that capacity until her appointment as MDOT director. At Parsons Brinkerhoff Ms. Jeff was also the Manager of Transportation Programs for the Atlantic District, an area encompassing Pennsylvania to Florida.

In September 2004, the Federal Highway Administration honored Ms. Jeff with its highest civil rights award, the A. D. Gaither Leadership Award, at the National Transportation Civil Rights Conference in San Diego. The award is given once every two years to an individual who has had a significant national impact on affirmative action, equal opportunity, equal employment opportunity and/or in preventing discrimination.

Ms. Jeff was honored by the National Technical Association as one of the Top Women in the Sciences and Technology in 1998, and was a recipient of the 2000 Trailblazer Award from the Garrett A. Morgan Society at the USDOT. In 1979 she was recognized as Young Engineer of the year by the Detroit Chapter, National Society of Professional Engineers. At the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), she has served as Vice Chairman of the Intermodal Issues Committee as well as being a member of the Economic Expansion and Development Committee. Additionally, Ms. Jeff is a member of the Transportation Research Board, Statewide Multi-Modal Transportation Planning Committee and the advisory board of WTS (Women's Transportation Seminar)...

A native of Detroit, Ms. Jeff graduated from Laura F. Osborn High School. She earned undergraduate and Masters degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Michigan, as well as a Masters degree in Urban Planning from U of M. She is an adjunct professor in the College of Architecture and Urban Planning at U of M, and a member of the College of

Engineering Advisory Council at the University of California, Davis.

In January 2003, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm appointed Gloria Jeff as director of the Michigan Department of Transportation. She is the first African American female to hold this position.

Ms. Jeff is active in her church, and continues her public commitment through work with the Delta Sigma Theta Public Service Sorority. She has also served as a board member of Child and Family Services of Michigan, Inc, Capitol Area.

SUSTAINING MEMBER NEWS

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE: The Detroit Post is hosting another Small Business Conference in May 2005. This is an opportunity for large businesses to mentor or partner with small businesses. Look for details and sponsoring opportunities in upcoming announcements.

LUNCHEON SPONSORS: The Detroit Post is requesting Sustaining Member firms volunteer to sponsor our monthly luncheons to cover costs for room/equipment charges at our meeting facilities. These room charges are \$150 and are not covered by the meal prices at the luncheons. Any firm interested in the opportunity to sponsor our monthly luncheons, please contact Pamela Lemme, Chairperson, Sustaining Member Committee at (313) 989-2535. The sponsoring firm is allowed a 5 minutes presentation on their firm's capability at the luncheon.