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FEBRUARY 2008 SAME MEETING

TOPIC: The MGM Grand Detroit - Design Through Construction
(Earn 1 Professional Development Hour)

SPEAKER: Mr. Paul Tonti, AIE, LEED, A.P., Vice President of SmithGroup, will discuss the design and construction of the MGM Grand Detroit. A biographical summary is included in the newsletter.

DATE: Wednesday, February 13, 2008

TIME: 11:30 am until 1:30 pm

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

MENU: Char-grilled salmon, topped with a stone ground mustard sauce, served with vegetables and rice, dinner rolls, coffee and tea, brownies and cookies for dessert.

PRICE: TBD, will be confirmed prior to the meeting

RESERVATIONS: Please e-mail Pam Horner by February 11th if interested in attending at:

pam.horner@usace.army.mil.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Will be held at the Detroit Club at 10:30 a.m.

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DETROIT POST S.A.M.E. NEWSLETTER
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DETROIT POST WEB SITE: Please note that the Detroit Post web site: www.same-detroit.org. Please check the web site monthly for meeting announcements and monthly newsletters. Sponsored by: Futurinet Group.

LEFEVRE EDUCATION AWARD: The Detroit Post is now accepting nominations for the Mary LeFevre Education Award. The Detroit Post established the Mary LeFevre Education 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 education award is given annually to an individual that is working at least 24 hours per week and is also currently enrolled in an accredited college.

Award Amount: \$1,500

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 be obtained from our web site: www.same-detroit.org or by contacting Pam Horner at (313) 226-6748. The deadline for the LeFevre Education Award has been extended to the end of February, with an award at the March luncheon meeting on March 12, 2008.

Deadline: All applications must be submitted by February 29, 2008 by e-mail to pam.horner@usace.army.mil or mailed to:

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

WELSH EDUCATION AWARD: Nominations are being accepted for the 2008 Welsh Education Award. Local and regional universities have been contacted for both ROTC and civilian nominations and are due by the end of February. The amount of the award is \$1,500 and there are two ROTC awards, and one civilian award. The awards will be given at the March luncheon on March 12, 2008 at the Detroit Club.

HIGH SCHOOL GRANT: A High School Club Research Grant will be awarded for science and engineering clubs at the high school level in the metro Detroit school districts. The purpose of this grant program is to award \$1,000 to high school clubs that conduct research. Last year, the award went to Novi High School Robotics Team for a community robotics project to reach out to senior communities in the vicinity. Typically, members of high school clubs have to fund their research out of their own pockets and it is financially hard on the students and the teacher. This program helps ease their need for research funding. Help us get the word out to the local high schools. The education award committee will make contact with local schools to apply for the grant. The deadline has been extended to the end of February 2008. Any questions should be directed to Connie Boris, Education Committee chairperson at 313-881-2240.

MEMBERSHIP: It is very important that you keep your membership contact information current. Without current contact information for our members, the Detroit Post and SAME HQ are unable to send out important membership information such as membership cards, certificates, magazines and invoices. Additionally, if SAME HQ does not have current information on members, the membership Post Roster reports will reflect outdated information and result in members not being contacted with important information. Currently, SAME HQ receives quite a bit of return mail and e-mail each month for incorrect addresses and/or no forwarding address. The U.S. Post Office charges a fee for returned mail and SAME HQ would prefer to put this money to better use.

You can update your contact information by e-mailing their change of address information to SAME HQ, or by going online to www.same.org/memberupdate. Keeping your contact information current benefits you and the entire Society. Please be advised that presently the SAME Web site requires two different logins depending on the Web

activity. For all members who wish to view "Member's Only" areas such as Society, Regional and Post Operations, and Member Benefits must use their last name and six-digit numeric member ID. Individual members, who wish to update their contact information, must use the e-mail address we currently have on file for them and a unique password. If they do not know their password or have forgotten it, they can e-mail the membership department at member@same.org. Sustaining Members must use their last name, member ID and e-mail address in order to update their contact information using the web. If there is no e-mail on file in your membership records, you need to call SAME HQ membership department and have then input your e-mail.

Much effort is required to address undeliverable mail and we greatly appreciate your assistance in updating your contact information to make this job easier.

COMMITTEES:

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. Mr. Carl Woodruff has volunteered to run the program. PDH certificates will be provided at the monthly meetings for the current month's meetings. You must be registered for the luncheon for the PDH credits to be valid. If you need a copy of your past credits, please contact the chairperson, Mr. Carl Woodruff. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mr. Woodruff at (313) 226-2202 or by e-mail at Carl.L.Woodruff@usace.army.mil.

AFFILIATE SOCIETY: PLEASE VISIT THE ESD CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SCHEDULED EVENTS

(www.esd.org)

BIO: Mr. Paul Tonti is Vice-President of the SmithGroup and is serving as Director of Operations. He has been with the SmithGroup for a total of 19 years. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Lawrence Technological University in Architecture. He was one of the Principal Architects on the newly-erected MGM Grand Casino.

SUSTAINING MEMBER NEWS

Hello SAME Sustaining Members,

Monthly Sponsors - I am sending an invitation for one of our members to sponsor the monthly luncheons. The cost is \$200.00, which will pay for the room and equipment rental. You will also be given a 5-minute spotlight to present an overview of your company. I will be periodically sending a list of speakers and the topics to facilitate sponsorships ahead of time, so we can give your company the recognition in the newsletter. Please contact me at 419.944.4591 (cell) with any questions or sponsorship commitment.

Anne Parker, Chairperson