



Chapter News

Chair's Message

I hope all of you had a good and enjoyable summer. As we have passed the first half of the current term of the Chapter Executive and everybody is getting back to work after the summer holidays, I feel it is a good time to review some of the basic practices of our chapter. From my conversations with our members I noticed that many of you have a very vague idea about the way the chapter operates. To fill this void I intend to provide some information about our Chapter.

The major role of PEO chapters is to maintain a local presence of PEO in respective geographical regions. York Chapter is one of the largest PEO chapters, with 4200 members in major cities of Bradford, Newmarket, Aurora, Richmond Hill, Markham, and neighboring towns.

The affairs of the chapter are managed by the Chapter Executive, which is elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Executive meets monthly, usually on the first Monday of a month.

Chapter Committees, which are chaired by Executive members and which may comprise both PEO members as well as other individuals, organize activities of the chapter. This approach allows for involvement of larger number of people and prevents involved individuals from being overloaded with work. All involvement in chapter activities is voluntary — there is no remuneration for spent time. However, any expenses related to chapter activities are reimbursed, including traveling to the meetings.

Any details related to chapter activities are available to all our members

— in the same manner, all Executive and Committee meetings are open. The time, location, and minutes of Executive meetings are posted on our web page, at www.peoyork.com

The major means of communicating with chapter members is this newsletter, which is published three times a year.

I hope the above information gives you more insight about our chapter. If you have any questions, or comments feel free to contact me. Presently we need help in supporting our program activities (arrangement of events, coordination, etc.). If you feel you could contribute a small fraction of your time, please send me a note (to John.Schindler@peoyork.com).

John J. Schindler, P.Eng. — Chair

ospe Update

OSPE's newly elected Board of Directors took office at the Society's Annual General Meeting held May 12th in Toronto and is quickly charting a course for the year ahead.

The board announced the appointment of Randall Pearce as OSPE's first Chief Executive Officer. Pearce has led a distinguished career in association management and public affairs and holds a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University. Said Pearce, "From my perspective every decision we make must pass this simple test: 'Will this initiative help build

the voice of the engineering profession in Ontario? "

Recent OSPE initiatives include: New career centre (offspring of PEO Employment Advisory Service), sponsorship of a professional development course, submission to the Walkerton Inquiry, posting of new topics to the OSPE "online members" forum, development of a member newsletter, planning for the annual General Assembly (Nov. 17, 2001).

For more information about these and other OSPE activities, please visit

OSPE's web site at www.ospe.on.ca, or contact Valerie Brown, (OSPE communications coordinator) at 416-223-9961.

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Professional Engineers
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Dinner and Theatre Night

The famous Musical
"Forever Plaid"

presented by Main Street Stage Company

Newmarket Theatre

505 Pickering Crescent, Newmarket, Ontario
(Bayview & Mulock, next to Newmarket High School)
Theatre Tel: 905-953-5122

Saturday, October 20, 2001

Dinner 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Certificate Presentation Ceremony 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Show 7:15 - 9:30 pm

This is an opportunity for members, spouses and friends to meet and enjoy a served dinner and a relaxing evening. This event is being held jointly with the Fall Certificate Presentation Ceremony.

Important!! Due to limited seating, reservations will be on a first come first served basis.
Special group rate for York Chapter

Dinner (including wine) and Theatre:
\$35.00

Theatre only:
\$12.00

Cheques/money orders must be received at the following address before October 12, 2001:
York Chapter, PEO PO BOX 30505, 10520 Yonge St. Richmond Hill, Ontario L4C 0C7

For additional information contact Angelo Covello at (905) 475-4222
Tickets will be held at the door.

Please reserve _____ seats, Dinner and Theatre
_____ seats, Theatre only

I have enclosed a cheque/money order for \$_____.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Please contact me at the following to confirm my reservation

Tel: _____ E-mail: _____ Fax: _____





PEO York Chapter is presenting
A Financial Planning Seminar on:

Special Strategies For Troubled Times

Heather Haddon, B.A.

&

Wendy Harris, CIM, CFP

Will lead the presentation,
and discuss Investment,
tax-planning strategies,
approaches to leveraging your current assets
to increase your net worth.

Admission: Free
(pre-registration recommended)

Date:
Thursday, Oct. 11, 2001

Place:
Richmond Hill Central Library, #1 Atkinson St.
(Corner of Yonge St. & Major McKenzie Dr.)
Time: 6:30 pm

Refreshments will be served

For additional information & pre-registration please
contact Angelo Covello, P. Eng. At (905) 475-4222

Mail to:
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Richmond Hill, Ontario L4C 0C7

Please reserve _____ seats

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Please contact me at the following to confirm my registration:

Tel: _____

E-mail: _____

Fax: _____

PEO York Chapter is presenting
A Lecture on:

Intellectual Property: Patents and Copyrights

Hofbauer Associates will provide
an overview on Intellectual property,
basic guidelines, and applicable regulations.
Procedures to apply for a Patent,
and protection of inventions.

Date:
Thursday, November 22, 2001

Place:
Richmond Hill Central Library, #1 Atkinson St.
(Corner of Yonge St. & Major McKenzie Dr.)
Time: 7:00-8:30 pm

Refreshments will be served

For additional information, please contact
Angelo Covello, P. Eng. at (905) 475-4222

Admission: \$5.00
Cheque/money orders must be received
at the following address
before November 16, 2001

York Chapter, PEO
P.O. Box 30505, 10520 Yonge St.
Richmond Hill, Ontario L4C 0C7

Please reserve _____ seats

I have enclosed a cheque/money order for \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Please contact me at the following to confirm my registration:

Tel: _____

E-mail: _____

Fax: _____



Public Forum Report



The Conservation of the Habitat Public Forum was held on May 10, 2001. The event included a number of special guests and speakers including Mike Colle, MPP, Brian Denney, P. Eng. (Toronto Region Conservation Authority), Lisa Chang (Rotary Club), Mori Mortazavi P. Eng. (Peto MacCalum), Leonard Munt and Douglas Wells (York Region), Dr. Eric Nejat (chair, PEO Communications Committee). Speakers agreed that land development proposals should take into account local environmental characteristics. A sustainable and successful economy development must incorporate preservation of the environment.

H. Sambar, P.Eng.

Congratulations and Welcome

The spring certificate presentation ceremony was held on May 26, 2001 in the Newmarket Theater. The event was combined with a dinner and theatrical presentation of the musical "Annie."

In addition to family and friends, the event included special guests George Comrie, member of the PEO Executive and senior West Central Region Councillor, Dr. Eric Nejat, chair of PEO Communications Committee and Anthony Warner, senior East Central Region Councillor, 15 new P.Eng license recipients received their certificates.

Please welcome these new P.Eng members to the York Chapter:

- Chris Lau
- Derek Cheung
- Elizabeth Chong
- Jenny Cunha
- Gerald Brent Thornhill
- Ghlamossein Khosravi
- Irina Arsene
- Juan Garcia
- Li Bin Xue
- Monique Seibert
- Peter Rogsdale
- Peter Turk
- Robert J. Blanchard
- Tony Knezeh
- William Chim



Future Events/Calendar

- October 11, 2001 **Financial Seminar**
- October 20, 2001 **Dinner Theatre & Certificate presentation**
- November 22, 2001 **Copyright & Patent Seminar**
- February, 2002 **Annual General Meeting**

Moving??

E-mail address update??

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Notify PEO of your postal & e-mail address change.

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Engineer in the Classroom Program

*Make an investment in the future
by participating this year!*



The York Chapter Education committee is actively engaged in several programs and activities throughout the year. These include school tech fairs, Engineering Week competitions, The Engineer in the Classroom program and other related activities. Your involvement will contribute towards the development of our Youth, and reflect positively on the engineering profession.

- Yes, I would like to be a participant in the Engineer in the Classroom program.** I understand the investment is only one half-day presenting a topic sometime during the coming school year. I will be helping students and teachers learn more about some aspect of science in their curriculum, and how it is applied by engineers in the real world.
- Yes, I can participate by becoming an Education Committee member** and working with other engineers and educators in making the program work and grow so that it is available to all teachers and schools that want assistance. I understand the investment level is only about one evening a month.
- Yes, I can participate by helping with some other task** that the committee requires such as the Engineering Week design challenge or school tech fair exhibit. I understand that the commitment is only for one task on as-required basis.
- I don't know whether I can make a commitment** at this time but please have someone call to discuss the program and how I might be able to help out now or in the future.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Employer: _____

Engineering Field/Job Function _____

Tel: _____ E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

FAX BACK THIS FORM TODAY TO: 905-836-9744

OR MAIL TO:

YORK CHAPTER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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This Newsletter is published for the benefit of the 4,200 members of the York Chapter, Professional Engineers Ontario. Its main goal is to communicate the Chapter's activities and views and to be a voice of our members. Hence, your comments, letters to the editor and guest articles are welcome.

We reserve the right to edit submission for length, clarity and style. The newsletter's content does not necessarily reflect the opinion or policy of the council or Professional Engineers Ontario, nor does the association assume responsibility for the opinions expressed.

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Scoutrees Day Report



In the spring of every year, Scout groups all across Canada get involved in "Scoutrees Day." Scouting has now planted more than 60,000,000 trees throughout Canada and one of our local groups from the Markham area held their Scoutrees Day on Saturday, April 28, 2001 in the new Milne Park southern extension near Highway 407 and Markham Road. Scouts and friends planted trees and shrubs alongside the Highway 407 boundary fence.

the York Rouge District Scouts in close co-operation with the Milne Park Conservation Group and the Town of Markham. The Scouts owed a great debt of gratitude to Leslie Price and her helpers from the Conservation Group, along with Karen Boniface from the Town, for making the planting possible.

In total, some 2,000 trees and shrubs were planted in a broad line about 400 feet long with the intention of continuing the buffer that was start-

ed last year alongside the Highway 407 fence line.

The event was attended by some 350 youth aged from 5 to 14 accompanied by about 100 leaders and parents from each of the groups in York Rouge.

After the digging and planting activity, the newly expert young horticulturists were given donuts (provided in part by the York Chapter of the Professional Engineers of Ontario), cookies and drinks before heading home for a well earned rest!

The day was planned and operated by

*Dave Murley, P.Eng. (905) 475-8057
Dave Murley, is a Professional Engineer, who resides in the Town of Markham. Dave runs his own consulting company and has been involved with Scouts as a volunteer for 15 years.*



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