



### Purpose

The purpose of the Academy is to provide recognition to past and present industry leaders for their personal contributions to the engineering and construction industry.



The Wyndham Rio Mar Beach Resort & Spa will host this years Annual Meeting!

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# Bulletin

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## Come to Puerto Rico!

FALL  
2012



**NAC Annual Meeting - October 24-26, 2012**



The National Academy of Construction Annual Meeting will be held in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico at the Wyndham Rio Mar Beach Resort & Spa, October 24-26. This is the time of year where the Academy and its members are able to connect and develop plans to allow its eclectic group of distinguished members to develop plans that will help the organization to evolve and flourish to its full potential.

# NAC Annual Meeting Agenda

The 2012 NAC Annual Meeting will be held at the Rio Mar Beach Resort in sunny Puerto Rico this year. The dates of the meeting are October 24-26. Official Invitation packages have been sent out. A block of rooms has been reserved at the hotel. Rooms start at \$214.50 per night, which includes taxes, a housekeeping fee, and a one time porter fee.

Reservations can be made by individuals directly with the hotel. Additionally, travel reservations can be made via Forrest Travel in order to obtain an American Airlines 5% discount.

## Wednesday, October 24, 2012

- All Day Registration in the Hospitality Room
- All Day Silent Auction
- 9:00 am Golf Outing at Rio Mar
- 10:00 am Tour of Old San Juan
- 6:30 pm Cocktail Hour - (Business Attire)
- 7:30 pm Ted Kennedy Award Dinner at Rio Mar -  
(Brief History of Puerto Rico by Andres Nevarez)

## Thursday, October 25, 2012

- All Day Registration in the Hospitality Room
- All Day Silent Auction
- 7:30 am Breakfast Buffet (Members & Guests)
- 8:00 am Executive Committee & Other Committee Meetings
- 10:00 am Tour of Old San Juan & Bacardi Distillery
- 10:00 am El Yunque National Rainforest Tour
- 4:30 pm Keynote Address by Hans VanWinkle
- 6:00 pm Cocktail Hour
- 7:00 pm Black Tie Induction Dinner at Rio Mar

## Friday, October 26, 2012

- All Day Registration and Silent Auction in the Hospitality Room
- 7:30 am Continental Breakfast (Members & Guests)
- 8:00 am Member's Business Meeting
- Noon Lunch (Members & Guests)  
(Guest Speaker - Jose Ortiz)
- 1:30 pm Golf with Chi Chi Rodriguez
- 1:30 pm Tour of Old San Juan
- 7:30 pm Cocktails at Rio Mar (Casual Attire)
- 8:00 pm Recognition Dinner at Rio Mar  
(Presentation by Chi Chi Rodriguez)

## Saturday, October 27, 2012

No organized activities. Suggestions on pages 4 & 5.



## Rio Mar Beach Resort



Located only 19 miles from the San Juan International Airport, groups will have direct accessibility to Puerto Rico's finest full-destination resort. As a commonwealth of the United States, Puerto Rico offers the familiar convenience of U.S. currency, United States tax benefits, and no customs.

Rio Mar Beach Resort and Spa is nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and the El Yunque Caribbean National Forest in a lush hideaway on the "Isle of Enchantment". Created to pamper and impress, this Puerto Rico resort has breathtaking ocean views that are rivaled only by classic tropical décor of its 600 guest rooms and 72 superbly appointed suites.

500 acres of everything you desire to live the ultimate Caribbean escape awaits. Executive Chef Jan Pfeiffer delivers a culinary experience at our superb restaurants and lounges satisfying every appetite and epicurean palate. Recreation entertains with a variety of watersports, a fitness center, Peter Burwash's International Tennis Center and golf courses designed by champions Tom and George Fazio and Greg Norman. Soak in relaxation on a mile of secluded beach. Go all in at the 7,000-square-foot casino or direct your indulgences to several specialty shops.

It also features, Mandara Spa means "eternal youth" in Sanskrit and state of the art health club. Other recreational activities include 36 holes of championship golf, casino and over one mile of secluded beach offering endless water sports.

Activities, besides the NAC meetings, will include a tour to "El Yunque Rainforest" which is an amazing world of nature trails, waterfalls and scenic views, visits to Old San Juan, and Golf including a round with Chi Chi Rodriguez.

## Suggested Activities & Tours

### El Yunque National Rainforest & Luquillo Beach



RST Vacation: Tours

Two Fascinating Views. Combine the morning trip to El Yunque with an afternoon of swimming, sun tanning and relaxing on placid Luquillo Beach. The soft sands, shaded by imposing coconut palm trees and the azure waters of the Atlantic Ocean make it a dreamer's retreat. Lunch is not included, although we suggest you to sample the tasty local specialties such as seafood and Creole fritters from the kiosks at Luquillo Beach. *Price: \$74 per person Duration: 8 hours*

### Camuy Caves & Shopping at Prime Outlets



RST Vacation: Tours

Embark on an underground adventure at the Camuy River Cave Park , featuring a spectacular array of caverns securely adapted for visitors. Located in the northern area of the island, the caverns were formed by the flow of the Camuy River over one million years ago. Is one of the largest systems of caverns united in the Western Hemisphere. The excursion will take you through caverns holding enormous stalactites and stalagmites. The Camuy River, which runs through the cavern's interior, is also believed to be one of the most spectacular underground rivers in the world. Then shop at Prime Outlets and obtain great deals! We suggest having lunch at the food court. *Price: \$110 per person Duration: 8 hours*

### Sailing & Snorkelling



RST Vacation: Tours

A Feast Under the Sun. Sail, snorkel and picnic to a Paradise Island . Board a catamaran for a leisure sail to an uninhabited Island, where you can enjoy the crystal clear waters of the Caribbean, collect shells, sunbathe, wade or swim offshore. Complimentary lunch (buffet style with fruits, cold cuts and salads) and tropical drinks will be served. Non-swimmers as well as swimmers will take advantage of professional instructions in snorkeling to fully view the diverse ecology of the area. Equipment and transportation included. Have fun and relax! *Price: \$95 per person Duration: 7 hours*

## Suggested Activities & Tours

### Horseback Riding Countryside



RST Vacation: Tours

Ride beautiful Paso Fino horses around 2,200 acres of Puerto Rico countryside in gentle, but spirited, healthy horses that can accommodate beginner, intermediate, and advanced riders. We start with basic lesson in horseback riding and safety orientation. Once mounted on the horse, the two hour excursion begins and traverses through table top ranges, around lakes, along subtropical forest. We take a short break at the halfway point to give the horses and guests a breather. And after the break, we ride back to the reception area taking in the sights and sounds of all the wildlife. *Price: \$95 per person Duration: 3.5 hours*

### Bioluminescence Kayaking



RST Vacation: Tours

Don't let your day end when the sun goes down! We offer relaxing kayak tours at sunset that lead to the fascinating lagoon at Las Cabezas de San Juan Reserve. Under the blanket of the night sky and the historical lighthouse of Fajardo, you can touch and swim the waters that glow with the bioluminescent organism. It's an unforgettable experience just available in 5 lagoons around the world and Puerto Rico holds 3 of them. Come and join us for a trip that will leave you breathless! *Price: \$98 per person Duration: 4 hours*

### Ponce Architectural City Tour



RST Vacation: Tours

Puerto Rico's Regal "Pearl of the South". The city of Ponce unveils an enchanting portrait of colonial history, art and culture. The architectural splendor and detailed neoclassic and art deco style of the city makes Ponce an essential part in your itinerary. The city's buildings such as the 19th century Fire Station and "La Perla" Theater, demonstrate more than 300 years of an elegant tradition that has made Ponce the center of Puerto Rico's southern economy. Major sites like the Serrallés Castle, former home of the island's oldest rum producing family and El Vigía Cross are part of the tour of Puerto Rico's second oldest and largest city. All admissions included. *Price: \$110 per person Duration: 8 hours*

## 2012 National Academy of Construction Inductees

### Simaan M. AbouRizk



Simaan M. AbouRizk holds a Canada Research Chair and an NSERC Industrial Research Chair in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Alberta, where he is a professor. He holds degrees from the Georgia Institute of Technology and Purdue University. AbouRizk is known in the academic construction community for his research in computer simulation and its applications in construction planning, productivity improvement, constructability reviews, and risk analysis. AbouRizk built the Construction Engineering and Management program at the University of Alberta in which he championed industry partnerships with academia, the program having over 35 partners and 3 industry-funded chairs to date. His research accomplishments have been recognized through numerous awards including the ASCE Peurifoy Construction Research Award, the E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fellowship, and the CSCE Walter Shanly Award. He has the support of his wife Marleine and their three daughters.

### C. Ashley Baker



Ashley Baker is currently the vice president, Environmental Projects and Construction at the Southern Company. Baker joined Alabama Power's construction department in 1979. During his 33 years with the company he has experience in Construction, Generation, Operations, Project Management and Executive Management. His most recent responsibilities have been the management of Southern Company environmental projects and construction program in Alabama, Florida and Mississippi. He is a 1978 graduate of Auburn University where he received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. Baker also holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. In 2003, he completed Harvard Business School's advanced management program. He is a licensed professional engineer in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Florida, North Carolina, Texas and Maryland. Ashley and his wife, Cheryl currently live in Birmingham, Alabama and have three daughters, Lindsay and twins Hannah and Riley, one son Robby and two granddaughters, Ella and Evie.

### Peter Beck



Henry C. "Peter" Beck III is the CEO and Managing Director of The Beck Group in Dallas, Texas. Peter Beck joined the company in 1981 after graduating from Princeton University with a B.S. in civil engineering, followed by an MBA from Stanford University. As a result, Beck has developed a laser focus on exceeding customer expectations; reflected by an 85 percent customer retention rate as well as being consistently ranked by The Dallas Morning News as one of the "Top 100 Places to Work". Additionally, he is an active member of his local community, serving as a board member on various civic organizations. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Dallas and their two children (Spin and John) attend The University of Texas in Austin.

## 2012 National Academy of Construction Inductees

### Ginger S. Evans



Ginger Evans is Senior Vice President and manager of Aviation for Parsons Transportation Group, directing international and domestic aviation programs from their Washington DC office. She holds BS and MS degrees in Civil Engineering from Colorado State University where she was a Boettcher Scholar and the 2011 Distinguished Alumnae. She is an expert in operational analysis and value-added engineering for planning development, management and operation of airport properties and facilities. She has received many industry awards, including Award of Excellence and Woman of the Year from Engineering News-Record magazine, Distinguished Service Award, Environmental Protection Agency, and the President's Medal, American Society of Civil Engineers. She and her husband have three daughters.

### Richard J. Haller



Richard J. "Rick" Haller is President and Chief Operating Officer of Walbridge, a comprehensive construction firm based in Detroit, Michigan. Rick holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Michigan and serves on the Engineering Advisory Council of the university's College of Engineering. He served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Active Reserve from 1972-1981 and achieved the rank of Captain. In 2011, he was Chairman of CII and he is past-chairman of its Executive Committee. Rick was President of the Engineering Society of Detroit in 2007-2008, which inducted him into its College of Fellows in 2011. Rick resides in Ann Arbor, Mich., with his wife, Debbie; the Hallers have two sons.

### Jimmie Hinze



Jimmie Hinze, Ph.D., P. E. grew up on a cotton farm in the German community of Round Top, Texas. He received a B.S. and M.S. in Architectural Engineering from the University of Texas and a Ph.D. from Stanford University. During his career, he served as a faculty member at the University of Missouri-Columbia, the University of Washington and the University of Florida. He is the Director of the Center for Construction Safety and Loss Control at the University of Florida. During his career, he conducted research primarily in the area of construction safety and has been recognized internationally for his contributions in the area. He has sole-authored textbooks on construction safety, contracts, and scheduling.

### Richard M. Kunnath



Rik Kunnath is the Executive Chairman of the Board for Pankow Operating, Inc. Pankow is one of the industry's foremost practitioners of integrated project delivery techniques. Rik joined Pankow in 1979 and has been in the construction industry for more than 30 years. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Detroit, and is a registered Civil Engineer, a licensed contractor and real estate broker in numerous states. In 1993, Mr. Kunnath was among a handful of practitioners that founded the Design-Build Institute in Washington, DC and served as its National Chairman in 1995. As a frequent speaker to industry groups and academic institutions, his topics include trends affecting the design and construction industry, alternative delivery models and innovation in construction. He and his wife Linda have a son Lance, and now thanks to him, a granddaughter, Gillian.

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### Michael C. Loulakis



Michael C. Loulakis is President and CEO of Capital Project Strategies, LLC, a Reston, Virginia-based consulting firm that provides procurement, contracting, and risk management advice to those involved in the development of construction projects. Mike has over 30 years of experience advising public and private sector owners on their capital project programs. He is particularly well-known for his extensive background on alternative project delivery systems, including EPC, design-build, and public-private partnerships. Prior to forming Capital Project Strategies, Mike was a shareholder in the national construction law firm of Wickwire Gavin, P.C., where he served as its president and chairman. He has regularly been ranked as one of the country's best construction lawyers by Chambers USA. Mike is also an adjunct professor in the Civil, Environmental, and Infrastructure Engineering Department at George Mason University. He holds a civil engineering degree from Tufts University and a law degree from Boston University School of Law.

### Edward Risponse



Eddie Risponse is Chairman of ISC Constructors, L.L.C. He has lived his entire life in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He attended Louisiana State University where he earned a Bachelor's of Science in Construction Technology in 1972. ISC predominantly performs work for industrial owners throughout the Gulf Coast, with its home office in Baton Rouge and branch offices in Houston and Beaumont, Texas. Eddie has served Associated Builders and Contractors on a local, state, and national level. He became involved with CURT in 2004 as the ABC representative and ISC joined CURT as an associate member in 2011. In 2009, Eddie was appointed by Governor Jindal to serve as Chairman of the Louisiana Workforce Investment Council. Recently, Eddie accepted the role as Chairman of the Louisiana Federation for Children, a project of the American Federation for Children. Eddie is currently married to Linda Lemoine Risponse and was previously married for 35 years to Phyllis Moberley (deceased). Eddie has four adult children (Thad, Dena, Lauren, and Kevin) and seven grandchildren. In addition, Linda has three adult children and eight grandchildren.

### Clifford J. Schexnayder



Cliff Schexnayder is the Emeritus Eminent Scholar, Del E. Webb School of Construction, Arizona State University. He holds degrees from Georgia Institute of Technology and Purdue University. His last assignment with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers before retirement was as Executive Director, Directorate of Military Programs, in the Office of the Chief of Engineers. Before entering academia he was the Chief Engineer and an officer of Nello L. Teer Company, Durham, North Carolina. He has taught construction engineering at Arizona State University and Louisiana Tech University; and as a visiting professor at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, the U.S. Air Force Academy, Universidad de Piura and Ricardo Palma Universidad in Peru, and at the Israel Institute of Technology. He is married to Judy, and they have one daughter and two sons.

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**James A. Scotti**

Jim Scotti, senior vice president and chief procurement officer of Fluor Corporation, holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Trine University in Indiana and is a graduate of the Advanced Management Institute Program at Rice University. He serves on the Board of Advisors for CII where he received the 2006 Richard L. Tucker Leadership and Service Award for his contributions to the CII and the industry. He also led the development of a Fluor endowed master's degree program at Clemson University in Supply Chain and Logistics of Capital Projects where he serves on the Advisory Board for the program. Jim is married to Christine, and they have one son, one daughter, and two grandsons.



**Ronald L. Skaggs**

Ron Skaggs is Chairman Emeritus of HKS, Inc. With 45 years experience in the business of architecture, he currently serves as principal-in-charge of various healthcare projects. Ron has been actively engaged in the design of over 700 health-related institutions including hospitals, clinics, mental health and health education facilities. A distinguished alumnus of Texas A&M University, Ron served as president of the American Institute of Architects in 2000. He served as chairman of the National Institute of Building Sciences and is currently Vice Chancellor of the AIA College of Fellows. He is married to Sondra and they have three sons and three grandchildren.



**S. Shyam Sunder**

Shyam Sunder attended the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, where he received the B. Tech. (honors) degree in civil engineering, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he received the S.M. degree in civil engineering and the Doctor of Science degree in structural engineering. In 2010, Sunder was appointed founding director of the Engineering Laboratory at the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Under Sunder's leadership, NIST has initiated and implemented high-impact research programs to meet the science, technology, and standards needs of the building, construction, infrastructure, and manufacturing industries. Sunder has received numerous awards and recognition and was appointed to the U.S. Senior Executive Service in 2005. He and his wife, Lakshmi, live in Bethesda and their daughter, Anushka, is a final year MBA student at Harvard Business School.



**Richard S. Weeks**

Richard S. Weeks is the President and CEO of Weeks Marine, Inc. in Cranford, NJ. He earned a bachelor's degree from Johns Hopkins University, a master's degree from the Nitze School of Advanced International studies, and an MBA from Harvard Business School. He first worked for Weeks' predecessor company, Weeks Stevedoring, in 1970, before beginning studies at Johns Hopkins University and began working full time, after completing his MBA. In the 1980's, Rich became more focused on the development of Weeks Marine's construction business and in a series of acquisitions which dramatically increased Weeks' presence in both the dredging and marine construction businesses. Rich is a past president of the MOLES and of the Dredging Contractors of America. He and his wife, Candace, have three children, Alexandra, Katherine and Richard Mathew, and live in New Vernon, New Jersey, where he served as an EMT with the First Aid Squad, and is active in the Presbyterian Church of New Vernon.

## Jim Lammie to Receive Ted C. Kennedy Award



James L. Lammie

2012 Ted C. Kennedy  
Award Recipient

James L. Lammie has been selected to receive the second Ted C. Kennedy Award at the NAC Annual Meeting in Puerto Rico. The Award was established in 2011 as a result of the NAC Strategic Planning Process which was begun in 2008. A special committee, chaired by Mike Goodrich, was created to determine details of the award criteria and administration. The Committee spent months in determining the Award criteria, which were built around Ted's attributes. It then decided to present Ted the first award, in order to use his nomination as a model for future nominations. Ted was presented the award at the 2011 Annual Meeting but, unfortunately, passed away from surgery complications in May of 2012.

Jim Lammie spent 21 years in the US Military prior to his 30 year career with Parsons Brinckerhoff. He served as a CEO and Chairman for several years and was largely responsible for PB's rapid growth both in size and scope of services. He was noted within the company as a "people person" obsessed with safety and ethics and a champion of innovation.

Jim's leadership in PB is, if anything, eclipsed by his contributions to the profession. He was active in many organizations and, in particular, American Public Transportation Association and ASCE. He has received honors from many organizations, including induction into the Moles, the National Academy of Engineering and induction into the NAC in 2001. He has served as an officer and on critical committees in many organizations and received special recognition with an honorary doctorate from Purdue, Distinguished Membership in ASCE and ASCE's OPAL Award for Lifetime Achievement in Management. He has given generously of his time to academia, delivering hundreds of lectures and papers and holding an endowed Chair position at West Point after his retirement from Parsons Brinckerhoff. He and Shirley, who had a distinguished career in nursing, were also extremely active in their church and in care giving.

It is notable that Ted Kennedy, shortly before his death, endorsed the nomination of Jim for the Award.

Unfortunately, Jim will not be able to attend the Annual Meeting in Puerto Rico. His nomination will be summarized by Chris Reseigh and the Award will be accepted by Jim Doebler, two long-term colleagues.

## Annual Meeting Corporate Sponsors

With any growing and dynamic organization, funding sources are a significant issue. The Academy had decided to keep member dues at a minimum to maintain a diversity of membership. Thus additional sources of income have been considered and are being cautiously implemented. One source implemented in 2011, which will be continued, is the Silent Auction. A second source will begin this year, inviting companies to provide sponsorships for the Annual Meeting. The ground rules for such sponsorships are listed below.

1. Only companies with NAC Members can serve as sponsors.
2. The sponsorship fee will be common, \$5,000.
3. Sponsoring Companies' names and logos will be listed on an easel.
4. The easel sign will be made by the NAC staff.
5. The easel will be located outside the room for the Awards Dinner, the Induction Dinner and the Recognition Dinner.
6. The companies will also be given slide recognition during the Friday Business Meeting.
7. The sponsoring companies will also be given recognition in the NAC Bulletin after the meeting.

Thus far, the Academy has received 9 sponsorship offerings from the following companies:

AECOM

CSA Group

FMI Corporation

Goodrich Management

Herzog Companies Inc.

Independent Project Analysis

Rosendin Electric

S&B Engineers and Constructors, Ltd.

STV Incorporated

Tom Sorley, a member of the Executive Committee and the Development Group, is coordinating such activities for sponsors. With the support of these distinguished companies, the Annual Meeting will undoubtedly be an absolute success.

## 2012 Silent Auction

As in 2011, the Academy, will conduct a Silent Auction for its members in 2012. Ralph and Patti Larison will again chair the Auction, which will culminate at the Annual Meeting. However, different from 2011, the 2012 Auction will begin in late September and continue through the meeting. A special mailing will be sent to all members in late September to announce the items, - we need more. If you wish to offer an item for auction, please advise Alicia Zapata at [alicia@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:alicia@mail.utexas.edu). The following are offerings that have been made thus far:

Charles DeBenedittis	10 Tickets to “Top of the Rock”
John Dionisio	4 Yankees Tickets
John Dionisio	4 Mets Tickets
Gail and Edd Gibson	Professionally Framed Photograph
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Melissa and Robert Herkt	Soda Springs, CA Condo
Ralph and Patti Larison	Chauffeur Driven Woodie Ride and Dinner
Ralph and Patti Larison	Port of Long Beach and Port of Los Angeles Tour
Ben Montoya	Prescott, AZ Condo
Dave and Carolyn Nash	2 Redskins Tickets
Jim Porter	Bottle of Vintage Cabernet Sauvignon
Dominick Servedio	4 Yankees Tickets
J.J. and Ginger Suarez	Dominican Republic Condo
Richard and Shirley Tucker	Park City, UT Condo ( <i>Summer</i> )
Richard and Shirley Tucker	Park City, UT Condo ( <i>Winter</i> )



## 2012 NAC Lifetime Members

### **Silver (\$5,000 minimum)**

Richard Anderson  
Bob Bittner  
Bill Brookshire  
Jack Buffington  
Doy Cole  
Wayne Crew  
John Dalton  
Art Fort  
Edd Gibson  
Tom Gilbane Jr.  
Stephen Hanks  
Vince Kontny  
Ralph Larison  
John Mihm  
Dave Nash  
Bob Nichol  
Jim Porter  
Doug Pruitt  
Chris Reseigh  
Hugh Rice III  
Bob Rubin  
Tom Sorley  
J.J. Suarez

### **Gold (\$15,000 minimum)**

Bill Badger  
Mike Goodrich  
Ted Kennedy (Deceased)

### **Platinum (\$25,000 minimum)**

Bud Ahearn  
Jim Braus  
John Lamberson (Deceased)  
Ralph Peterson (Deceased)  
Dominick Servedio  
Richard Tucker

### **Diamond (\$50,000 minimum)**

Jimmy Slaughter



# KUDOS!

Ku • dos [koo-dohz, kyoo- dos, -dos,], n. [Gr. Kydos, glory, fame], [Colloq.], credit for an achievement; glory; fame; praise or accolades, prestige.

★ **Charles DeBenedittis** will be honored with the Concrete Industry Foundation's James Anderson Distinguished Service Award.

★ **John Dionisio** has been elected Chairman of the New York Building Congress.

★ **Frank Lombardi** has been awarded the 2012 ASCE OPAL Award for Government.

★ **Cliff Schexnayder** has been awarded the 2012 ASCE OPAL Award for Education.

★ **Dominick Servedio** is being recognized for his leadership and commitment to furthering educational opportunities for New York City's youth by the ACE Mentor Program of Greater New York .

★ **Charles Thornton** will be awarded the 2013 ASCE OPAL Award for Design.

★ **Richard L. Tucker** will be recognized as a 2012 Distinguished Member by ASCE.

★ **Jan Tuchman** will be giving the Vecellio Distinguished Lecture at Virginia Tech University.

★ **Michael Vorster** will be recognized as the winner of the 2012 ASCE Peurifoy Award.

**Editor's Note:** We intend to include this item in all future editions of the NAC Bulletin to recognize NAC members who receive distinguished awards, appointments, etc. If you or a member known to you has received such an honor from a university, professional organization or similar entity, please send the information via e-mail to the group listed below for vetting and inclusion in a future edition.

Dave Nash, 2012 NAC President; Richard Tucker, NAC Secretariat; Cristina Calderón, NAC Bulletin Editor.

Send Kudos!

## Spotlight on Spouses

### Deborah Anderson

is the wife of NAC member Stuart Anderson. Born in Cleveland, Debbie lived most of her early life in Akron, Ohio but moved to the east coast to finish school and start a career in banking. Debbie met Stu on the Boston MTA at Park Street Station (underground and her maiden name is Anderson). They married shortly after Stu joined Fluor in 1975. Debbie and Stu live in College Station, Texas.



As the mother of Brittany and Erica, Debbie has spent much of her time “managing” the Anderson family and still does so today. She guided Brittany, who at 27, recently completed her BS in Criminal Justice.

Debbie’s passion is helping people. She does this in many ways. She is currently the Social Concerns Committee Chair at Peace Lutheran Church. In this role she directs resources to local ministries such as Habitat for Humanity and Family Promise. She is an officer in the Texas A&M Women’s Club. This club helps build a cooperative atmosphere among spouses of faculty and staff

at Texas A&M. She worked for Barnes and Noble as Community Relations Manager and also coordinated the children’s book section, where she read to young children every Saturday morning. She has baked cookies for hospital staff and gave the cookies to them prior to having surgery. Debbie’s concern for people is really at the core of who she is as a person.

- Stuart Anderson



### Lois Thomsen

went to high school in Minneapolis. We met at the University of Minnesota the first week of her freshman year. The following year, she stayed at the U of M while I returned to the University of Oklahoma. But we traveled back and forth until Christmas when she accepted my ring. We were married in June and returned to Oklahoma where I graduated and Lois spent her junior year. I joined a firm in my hometown, Springfield, Missouri, and Lois graduated from Drury College. We lived in six states the first six years of our marriage while Lois added a boy and a girl to the family, I tried to learn from as many firms as possible and get a Master’s degree at MIT.

We moved to Houston and Lois earned a Masters in French Literature from Rice University. Her thesis was on the writings of Le Corbusier. During the years of raising kids, we were active in skiing, sailboat racing and tennis. We had a four-year stint in New York City but have spent most of our lives since graduate school in Houston.

During the first week of our



marriage, Lois noticed my sloppy checkbook and quickly took it over. She has been the family CFO ever since, as well as Chairman of The Association to Maintain Chuck Thomsen's Humility. After the kids left high school, Lois was on a number of charitable boards. She has been a director of Casa de Esperanza since 1994 and did the writing and desktop publishing for their newsletter for 15 years.

During our life together, she criticized logic and edited poor grammar in all my articles and books. She edited scads of proposals and was affectionately known at 3D/I as the comma queen or the hyphen harpy.

Being a Minnesota girl, Lois likes to escape the Houston summers so we've had get-away homes: first in Crested Butte and now in Santa Fe.

She is the family celebration cook. When there is a holiday or a birthday, we usually have substantial family representation around our dinner table from a cadre of two kids, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren who all live in Houston.

-Chuck Thomsen

**Sandy Brubaker**

is the wife of NAC member Bru Brubaker and had her own interesting and varied career in the federal government before retiring from then Senator, now Kansas Governor Sam Brownback's office in 2010. She retired early to join Bru on their cruising adventures this past winter in Florida and the Bahamas on board their 49' Krogen Express they named COCONUTS.



Sandy met Bru when he hired her to be his secretary at the Corp's office in Cape Canaveral in 1981. They married in 1985 in Sacramento, California and Sandy received her degree from Portland State University in Oregon where she earned a BS in finance. Sandy held several jobs in the banking business before rejoining federal service in the Inspector General's Office at HUD. From there she went to NASA Headquarters where most of her career was with the Congressional Liaison office. She knew Gabby Gifford and is so pleased to hear she is making a remarkable recovery. Sandy went to scores of Shuttle launches escorting Congressional VIPs's and educating them about NASA's

mission. While at Kennedy Space Center, she visited with her daughter, parents, and sisters who live in nearby Titusville, Florida. Sandy is the core of their family. She and Bru have two children. Taralyn lives in Titusville, and Billy a civil engineer developed under the guidance of Mike Vorster and Jesus De La Garza at Virginia Tech lives in Alexandria, VA. Both children call her frequently seeking her special wisdom and love as they face many of the same decisions as they mature.

-Bru Brubaker



**Editor's Note:**

Many of our members have significant spousal involvement in their careers, and a number of spouses attend our annual meetings. The Partner Profile is included in the Bulletin as a way of introducing these delightful and accomplished individuals.

## NAC Spousal Involvement

In keeping with the NAC Strategic Plan that was presented at the Members Business Meeting in Atlanta, the NAC is delighted to present the Spousal Involvement Committee, chaired by Shirley Tucker. One of the Academy's principal objectives is collegiality, and this Committee will further enhance the "Energize" objective to the Strategic Plan. Other spouses principally involved in this Committee are Rivanna Crew, Sherry Schroeder, and Ginger Suarez. The first area where we would enjoy receiving more input is regarding the Annual Meeting, specifically regarding location destinations and tourist attractions to visit. The second area occurs in-between Annual Meetings. Until now, spousal involvement has been in the form of "Spouse Spotlights" in the NAC Bulletin, as well as a "Compilation of Spouses" Booklet in the Hospitality Room at the Annual Meeting. It is our hope that some form of a spousal communication network can be set up, where mailings and notifications can also be distributed not only to Members' email and work addresses, but also to spouse emails and home addresses. If your spouse would like to get involved, or has any ideas about to improve the Spouse experience at the Annual Meetings, please contact Shirley Tucker at [stucker@austin.rr.com](mailto:stucker@austin.rr.com).



## NAC Senior Student Associates

Once again, NAC says good bye to one student associate and welcomes another. Adrienne, who replaced Daniel, has begun a successful career for herself. Although Cristina has just begun, she has already made great contributions in publishing the Ted C. Kennedy Reflections Booklet, finishing the new member nomination process, and in planning this years annual meeting in Puerto Rico.

### Adrienne Goetz

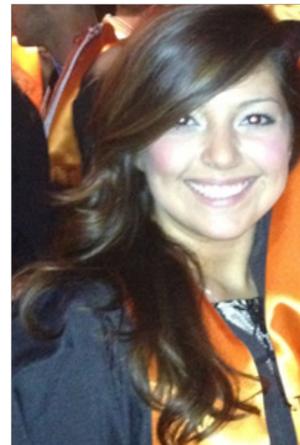
After graduating from UT Austin in May with her masters in Construction Engineering and Project Management, Adrienne returned to Los Angeles, where she received her bachelors degree, to work for the structural and forensic engineering company, Wiss, Janney, Elstner, Associates, Inc., WJE. She has been there for a little over two months and is enjoying all of the detective and repair projects thrown her way!



The project that Adrienne is currently working on involves WJE helping with the restoration and seismic upgrade of the Los Angeles County Hall of Justice Building in Downtown Los Angeles. This historic building, which used to house the LA County Sherriff's Office and the office of the LA County District Attorney, was abandoned after it was severely damaged in the 1994 Northridge earthquake. WJE has performed several façade condition assessments via repelling down the face of the structure. Adrienne has gotten down and dirty crawling into the 14th floor cornice to retrieve original terracotta and rebar samples to send out for strength test analysis.

While she misses Austin and being at UT, she is thankful to have moved somewhere where the weather rarely gets over 100 degrees, and where the beach is just a short drive away! It was a pleasure for her to get to know all of the NAC members and to work alongside both Dr. Tucker and Alicia throughout her time at UT.

### Cristina Calderón



Cristina was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas where she developed a passion for music, especially mariachi music. She is currently a violinist for an all-female mariachi group in San Antonio and has performed with various groups in the Alamo City for the past seven years. She met her fiancé by way of the mariachi program at her high school in San Antonio, where the two will be wed in December of this year.

Cristina recently graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a BS in Architectural Engineering. She is starting her masters program in the Construction Engineering and Project Management at UT in the Civil Engineering Department. She has previously interned with Turner Construction Company where she worked on a 500,000 square foot data center and learned the ropes of various areas of the industry including, purchasing, contracts, safety, engineering, closeout, and business development. She is now looking forward to learning even more about the industry and innovative technologies from the faculty at the University of Texas and the distinguished members of the National Academy of Construction.

Cristina also has an older brother and a younger sister who recently graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with BS degrees in Computer Science and Education, respectively.

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