



## MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS DETROIT METRO CHAPTER

### *President's Message*

By: Philip J. Spalding, P.E.

Change is good! We all hear this saying on a regular basis and surely have our own thoughts on the matter. I am personally putting the theory to the test right now. NTH's Detroit office moved into Ford Field on October 28<sup>th</sup> and we are still unpacking boxes, working out the bugs in being the first commercial tenant in the stadium, and adjusting to a very different environment. (I hope that everything is resolved before the December 10<sup>th</sup> chapter board meeting here!)

Similarly, last month I moved my family into a long-anticipated new home that we had built in Macomb Township. Like the NTH move, we are still unpacking boxes, etc. and my kids are adjusting to new schools.

While both moves involved huge change, both have provided me with personal satisfaction and growth. Change is good? Those of us have read the little book, Who Moved My Cheese?, or similar "classic" references may agree with this sentiment.

As engineers, we must embrace change as the engineered world changes. New building materials or methods, advances in information technology, and other major changes in our profession require that we stay current with changes in our profession. To that end, I encourage all of you to continue to learn, continue to grow, and continue to change. As much as I hate clichés, the old adage "the rolling stone gathers no moss" gives a roundabout idea of what happens when we fail to change.

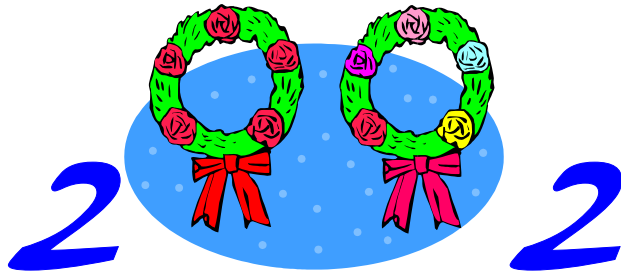
To support your continued learning, the Detroit Metro Chapter is sponsoring a tour of the new Compuware headquarters project on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Last month's tour of GM's renovations to the Renaissance Center was well attended and we expect to fill up the Compuware tour pretty quickly. They have limited us to 25 people so sign up soon.

Our new Secretary, Dave Mast, has embraced change and has begun broadcasting information on upcoming programs, etc. via email. He received the list of addresses from the NSPE database so if you are not receiving his emails and would like to, please send him a note at [dmast@nthconsultants.com](mailto:dmast@nthconsultants.com).

How is the recruiting going? I have not finalized the prize for the top recruiter yet but it will include a night's stay away from Detroit, so get those applications in!

As always, I hope to see you at upcoming programs. Do not hesitate to call if you have any suggestions for improving our society or questions on how you can become involved.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!



# *MSPE Holiday Party*

*hosted by the Oakland Chapter  
(All Chapters Invited)*

*\*\*\*Friday, December 6, 2002\*\*\**

*Castillo di Bologna*

Formal high ceilings, brass chandeliers, beautiful oil paintings, hand-carved imported oak paneling and woodwork, antique cabinets, and museum quality knights in shining armor are just a few of the features of this luxurious, old-world venue. The restaurant is part of the Olde World Canterbury Village, in Orion Township. This unique shopping center hosts many specialty shops with a myriad of gift items you can't find at the mall. Come early and get a jump on your holiday gift list!

Also on this day, Olde World Canterbury Village will be presenting their Light Up the Season Event. This is the event to get you into the Holiday Spirit! A "Create-Your-Own-Ornament" display, a community tree lighting ceremony, caroling, and a fireworks display are just a sampling of what Canterbury Village has planned.

*Please visit their website at [www.canterburyvillage.com](http://www.canterburyvillage.com).*

*6:45 p.m. Cocktails, 7:30 Dinner & Entertainment*

*\$60.00/person*

*Hosted Bar, Valet Parking*

*For reservations, Contact Beth Bullard at 248-865-8855, (Fax) 248-865-9449  
E-mail: [bbullard@rubyusa.com](mailto:bbullard@rubyusa.com)*

## MSPE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

In our continuing effort to support students that pursue an engineering degree, MSPE offers financial support through grants and scholarships for those earning a degree at a Michigan college or university. The scholarships are awarded based on merit and can only be used toward tuition. Thirty five scholarships are available ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000 for one year. A complete list is available through the MSPE website, <http://mspe.web.voyager.net>.

### MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Be accepted at a Michigan ABET accredited college or university and enrolled in an engineering program. Scholarship awards are contingent upon acceptance for admission and intent to earn a degree in engineering and enter the practice of engineering after graduation.
- Be a high school senior, a resident of Michigan, and a U.S. Citizen at the time of application.
- Have at least a 3.0 grade point average (based on a 4.0 scale) for the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades.
- Attain a minimum composite test score of 26 on the American College Testing (ACT) exam. **ACT scores must be available no later than the first Monday of January.**
- **Completed applications must be submitted to the Scholarship Chairperson by the second Monday of January.**

### HOW TO APPLY

Applications can be obtained from the school guidance counselor, the Detroit Metro Chapter Scholarship representative, Pamela A. Lemme, P.E., or MSPE Headquarters. Submit only the current year MSPE Scholarship application. Attached to the application should be a list of senior classes being taken, a documented high school transcript and a copy of the ACT test score. Applications should be submitted to the Detroit Metro Scholarship Representative at the following address:

Pamela A. Lemme, P.E.  
Scholarship Chairperson  
MSPE-Detroit Metro Chapter  
c/o PEER Consultants, PC  
65 Cadillac Square, Suite 2200  
Detroit, MI 48226

Ms. Lemme can be contact by phone at (313) 965-1912.

In addition to the scholarships for graduating high school seniors, six scholarships are available for engineering students already in an ABET accredited college. Minimum eligibility requirements are to be a member of an MSPE student chapter, if available on campus, or a State member-at-large, be a U.S. Citizen and a resident of Michigan, Be in an ABET accredited engineering program at a Michigan college or university, have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, and demonstrate leadership and an interest in the engineering profession through involvement in school and/or outside activities. Applications are available from the website and are due the first week of April.

Additional information about MSPE's grants and scholarships and copies of the applications are available from the website, <http://mspe.web.voyager.net>.



## MSPE Detroit Chapter Presents: Tour of the **COMPUWARE** Headquarter Building

**Date:** November 20, 2002 **(REVISED FROM 11/6/2002)**

**Time:** Tour starts at 5:00 p.m. \*\*Tour limited by Compuware to 25 people.

**Parking:** Street parking free at 6 p.m. (meters, \$0.50 for ½ hour)  
or Surface Lots or Greektown Casino Garage.

**Meet At:** Meet at the offices of U.S. Equities, located on the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor of the First National Building. The First National Building is located at the corner of Cadillac Square and Woodward, immediately south of the new Compuware Building site. The tour will be led by Mr. Steve Belcaster, U.S. Equities. **HARD HAT is required.**

**Dinner:** Dinner after tour at the New Parthenon Restaurant, starting at 6:30. The restaurant is walking distance from the site and is located at 547 Monroe Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226. Tel (313)963-8888

**Cost:** \$25.00 per person for dinner.

**RSVP:** **Compuware has limited the tour group to 25 people. Spots filled in the order of RSVP. Space still available as of 10/29!!**

Please RSVP by Nov. 15, 2002.

RSVP to Mahmoud E. El-Gamal, Ph.D., P.E.  
Professional Service Industries, Inc. (PSI)

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