I hope everyone had a great holiday and you're charged up for 2017. Ready or not, 2017 is in full swing. This newsletter will be short and sweet. We have a lot coming up in the next six weeks. I want to focus on those events and the need we have for volunteers. My ask is that you please try and make it to at least one of them. Here is a quick rundown. There are more details later on in the newsletter. You can't say we didn't give you an opportunity to engage…

January Meeting with MSPE – Wind energy will be the topic at the Grand Street Café on January 19th.

Bridge Building - Bridges and engineers go together. Come spend some time at the Prairiefire Museum and help out on January 28th.

Legislative Luncheon - There is a lot of heavy lifting that will happen in Topeka this session. Let's show up February 1st, get some time with your legislator, and show how engineers care and want to engage!

Harvesters - The Chiefs are about to catch fire and have a chance to head to the Super Bowl! Let's celebrate by giving back February 5th.

Mathcounts - Every year I am humbled by the math problems these kids are solving for this event. We always need graders. The event is February 7th.

E-week luncheon - Come celebrate engineers February 23rd! http://eweek.mspe-wc.org Also, please think about sharing some of the great projects you work on with an article in the Kansas City Business Journal. Call for articles

As I mentioned in the December newsletter, the subject of time has been on my mind lately. Maybe it is because two small kids at home doesn't leave time for much else. I was caught up on the Craig Sager story and #SagerStrong around Christmas. He was a person that gave much to his profession and those around him. If you didn't see Craig's speech at the ESPYs when he received the Jimmy V Perseverance Award, I highly suggest you watch it. I loved his thoughts on time..."Time is simply how you live your life." I am always thankful for your time and your support for the engineering community.
Event Information

January Chapter Meeting
Joint lunch meeting with MSPE
January 19

Justin Larson, Vice President of Engineering with Tradewind Energy

REGISTRATION CLOSES MONDAY, JANUARY 16 AT 5:00 PM— please go to www.mspe-wc.org to register

Venue
Grand Street Café
4740 Grand Ave.
Kansas City, MO

Time
10:30 am – 11:30 am – WC MSPE BOD Meeting
11:15 am - 11:45 am – Registration and Networking
11:45 am - 12:15 pm – Lunch
12:00 pm - 1:00pm – Presentation

Cost
Guests- $27
Members - $25
Students - $15

Dinner Menu
1) Grilled Salmon Salad – Spinach, Boston lettuce, Blue Cheese, Potato Straws, Toasted Almonds, Cranberry vinaigrette
2) Turkey Sandwich – BBQ Bacon, Candied Bacon Aioli, Roasted Tomatoes, Butter Lettuce and Choice of Chips or Fries
3) Gnocchi pasta with roll – Blistered Cherry Tomatoes, Rustic Tomato Sauce, Fresh Mozzarella Pearls, Basil
Dessert - Cookie
Water at table and Tea and soda self-serve at the bar.  Cash bar available located near the main entrance.

Annual Legislative Luncheon at the State Capital

Eastern Chapter is in the process of planning our annual lunch meeting with the Johnson County Legislative Delegation.  This year it will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at the State Capital Building in Topeka.  Meeting at the State Capital in front of legislators is something many people never get the chance to do.  If you have attended in previous years, or never attended, don’t miss out on this great KSPE event and experience.  More details will be available in the next newsletter.
If you have attended previous years and have a recommendation, or if you haven’t attended before and just have questions, please contact Charlie Love at (913) 477-7660, or clove@lenexa.com.

Save the Dates

Bridge Building - January 28
Museum at Prairiefire

Legislative Luncheon - February 1
See article for details

Harvesters Volunteer Event - February 5
Harvesters

MATHCOUNTS - February 7
Jewish Community Center in Overland Park, KS

E-Week Luncheon - February 23
Downtown Marriott
KSPE Eastern Chapter News

**Event Information**

**Event Information**

**KSPE Community Service Event**
**Kansas City Souper Bowl of Caring**
**Harvesters Event**
**February 5, 2016**
**8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

Sign up [here](#) by January 31 if you would like to volunteer.

**Event Meeting Location:**
Harvesters' Kansas City facility
3801 Topping Avenue, Kansas City MO 64129

**Additional Information:**
The following are important things you need to know about volunteering in our warehouse:

- **Children under the age of 8 are not permitted in the warehouse for safety reasons.**
- Closed toed shoes are required.
- Dress casually (jeans and t-shirts, and sweatshirts to layer in the winter)
- Please leave all valuable jewelry at home. This includes rings which may come off in the packing process.
- No food, gum, or drinks are permitted in the warehouse.
- Cell phone usage is not permitted in the warehouse.
- All volunteers must be free of contagious illness (runny nose, colds, the flu, strep throat, etc)

Please contact Anne Schroer ([aschroer@gbateam.com](mailto:aschroer@gbateam.com)) for questions.
Event Information

Bridge Building Volunteers Needed

The Eastern Chapter’s 34th Annual Model Bridge Building Contest will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at the Museum at Prairiefire in Overland Park, Kansas. Students in grades 9 through 12 within the Eastern Chapter’s region are eligible to compete in the Model Bridge Contest.

The contest encourages students to get involved in a challenging and fun engineering project. The students each design and construct their own model bridge made entirely of basswood sticks and glue. The model bridges are then loaded to failure to determine the bridge’s structural efficiency (total mass supported divided by the mass of the bridge). The bridge with the highest structural efficiency wins. The top three finishers will be recognized at the Engineers Week luncheon in Kansas City, MO. The first and second place contestants are eligible to win an expense assisted trip to compete at the 2017 International Bridge Building Contest in Dallas, TX.

Volunteers are always needed to assist students with testing of their bridges. If you are interested in helping with the contest, contact Mark Johnston at 816.945.5898 (mjohnston@hwlochner.com).

MATHCOUNTS Volunteers Needed

We are once again coming up on that time of year when we hold our annual MATHCOUNTS competition for the Eastern Chapter of KSPE. This year’s competition will be on Tuesday, February 7, 2017. Like before, it will be held at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City (5801 W. 115th Street, Overland Park, KS 66211).

We need volunteers to help grade, register schools, monitor tests, and help with the awards presentation. Positions are needed for the following times:

Grade & Monitor Tests (majority of people): 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Set up: 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Registration: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Countdown Round & Awards: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer for more than one task, please feel free to stick around as much as you like throughout the day.

If you are able and willing to help out with the competition or if you have any questions, please contact Tony Rome at (913) 895-6001 or by email at tony.rome@opkansas.org.
**Treasurer’s Report**

**Eastern Chapter**  
**Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE)**  
**Treasurer’s Report for December 2016**  
December 30, 2016

**Cash on Hand**

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Respectfully Submitted,

Tony Rome, P.E.,  
Treasurer

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