

All members, families and friends of Polish-American Engineers Association are cordially invited to attend our April meeting:

DATE: Friday, April 20, 2007

TIME: 7:30 - 8:00 pm - Social 1/2 hours
8:00 pm - Business and Technical Session

PLACE: Copernicus Center
5216 West Lawrence Ave.
Chicago, Illinois
John Paul II Room Main Floor (Note the change)

SPEAKER: Mrs. Melissa Kehoe
Water Resources Department Manager
Chicago Office, Stanley Consultants, Inc.

TOPIC: New Orleans Hurricane Protection System Restoration

Repairing the extensive damage to New Orleans' hurricane and flood protection system caused by the devastating winds and flood waters generated by Hurricane Katrina was high priority for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The initial rebuilding goal of bringing the levees and floodwalls back to pre-Katrina protection levels in time for the June 1, 2006 hurricane season has recently been accomplished by Task Force Guardian. Stanley Consultants provided Quality Control and Management Support to facilitate the work of the task force. This presentation covers the planning, management and execution of the rapid response required to address the monumental engineering challenges. Photographs of the damage and reconstruction efforts are included.

Melissa Kehoe professional experience extends from 1985 including 15 years with the Corps of Engineers in water resource planning, design and engineering. She had acted in the capacity of Designer, Project Manager and Department Manager. She has design and Project Management experience for projects ranging in size from \$10,000 to over \$100,000,000. She is responsible for field investigations, studies, and design for water resources, environmental and municipal projects.

Experience includes designing and managing flood control projects consisting of shoreline protection, levees, floodwalls and reservoirs; removal of leaking underground storage tanks (LUST), breakwater repairs, harbor and river dredging, beach nourishment, dredged material confined disposal facilities, new and rehabilitated water mains and sewers, road improvement and beautification, and local drainage improvements. She has also participated in relief efforts for a number of natural disasters including Loma Prieta Earthquake and most recently Katrina and Rita for the New Orleans District. She is the graduate of the University of Illinois and is a member of ASCE and SAME.

A business meeting will precede the technical presentation. Coffee and pastries will be served during the intermission.

SPECIAL INVITATION for Polish engineers and technicians who recently came to Chicago.

CONFERENCE OF POLISH ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION IN NORTH AMERICA will be held in Chicago between 27-29 of April 2007. Program of the Conference is being prepared, everybody is invited with their ideas and recommendations. We will be host of this Conference and we hope that we will be able to welcome engineers from all over the continent. We also expect Conference attendees from Poland and other European countries. Honorary Chairmanship was assumed by His Excellency Mr. Janusz Reiter, ambassador of Poland in Washington, Professor Andrzej Stelmachowski, President of "Wspolnota Polska", Dr. Inz. Wojciech Ratynski, President of Poland's Engineering Society "NOT" and Mr. Frank Spula, President of Polish National Alliance. Conference will be held at "The Wyndham Garden Chicago O'Hare", former Holiday Inn at 8201 West Higgins Rd. in Chicago. Please register to attend.

125 YEARS OF POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE. Mrs Stanislaw Rawicka will address our Group during this meeting on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of this distinguished organization of American Polonia.