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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Lehigh Valley Section program for 2021-22 is off to a great start.

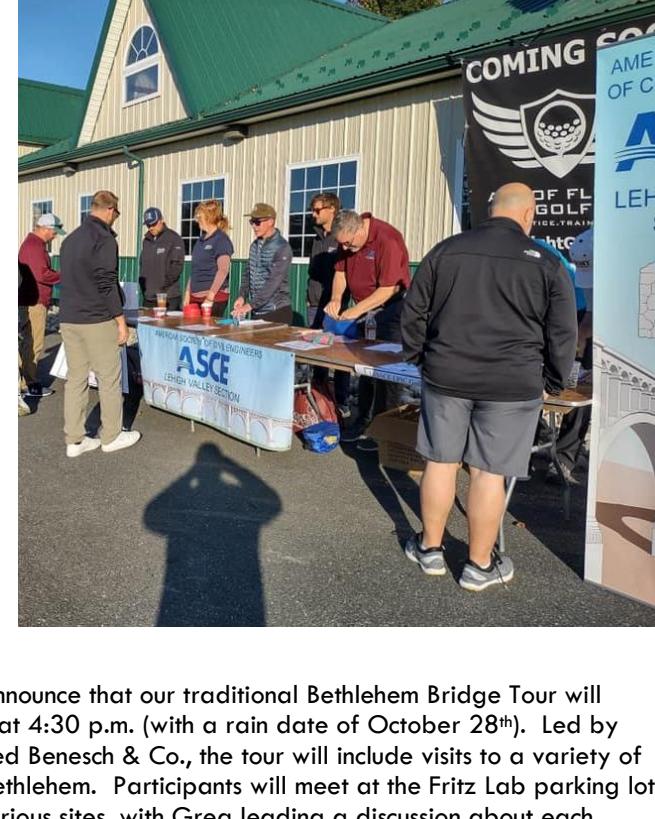
On September 18th, we sold out our block of 20 seats for the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs game at Coca Cola Park. Although the Iron Pigs lost (and are currently ranked last in the Triple-A East division), the winning team was the Scranton RailRiders—so we can still count this as a win for the Section. Special thanks to all the Lehigh students who joined us for the game.

On September 29th, the Reading Branch sponsored a webinar by **Michael Perlow, PE**, entitled “Sustainable-Resilient Regional Infrastructure Planning and Investment.” The event drew 46 registered participants. Many thanks to **John Caperilla** for setting up this webinar—and for getting our technical program off to such a strong start.

And on October 1st, our 4th Annual **EPIC Golf Outing** was a spectacular success. This was truly an EPIC event in every way—largest number of golfers (over 100!), largest number of sponsors, most cases of beer consumed, and most money earned. The event raised over \$6,300, of which \$2,400 will support our upcoming LVASCE 100th Anniversary celebration and the remainder our highly successful scholarship and educational outreach programs. Kudos to **Mike Derr**, who organized the event and recruited his team from **Geo-Technology Associates (GTA)** to assist with registration. Thanks also to **Chas Snyder** for his unfailing logistical support behind the scenes.

Thanks for your continued support of the ASCE Lehigh Valley Section. If you have any suggestions for our program, please don't hesitate to contact me at sjressler@gmail.com.

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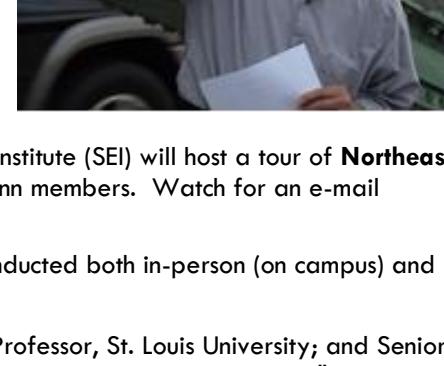


THE BETHLEHEM BRIDGE TOUR IS BACK!



We are delighted to announce that our traditional Bethlehem Bridge Tour will return on October 20th at 4:30 p.m. (with a rain date of October 28th). Led by **Greg Kuklinski** of Alfred Benesch & Co., the tour will include visits to a variety of bridges in downtown Bethlehem. Participants will meet at the Fritz Lab parking lot, then will drive to the various sites, with Greg leading a discussion about each bridge. The tour is **free** for all ASCE members. If you would like to participate, please RSVP directly to Greg Kuklinski by email (gkuklinski@benesch.com) no later than Monday, October 18th. Greg will provide directions and additional information to all who RSVP.

The Bethlehem Bridge Tour was created several decades ago by **Professor Ben T. Yen**, who served as a faculty member in Lehigh University's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering from 1963 until his retirement in 2001. Greg Kuklinski worked with Professor Yen on developing and refining the tour for nearly 15 years before Ben passed the torch to Greg. Ben died in September 2020 at age 88, but the Bethlehem Bridge Tour continues to honor the memory of this exemplary teacher, researcher, and mentor. You can learn more about Professor Yen at <https://www2.lehigh.edu/news/ben-t-yen-a-prolific-research-career>



OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

On November 4th at 7:30 a.m., the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the Structural Engineering Institute (SEI) will host a tour of **Northeast Prestressed Products** in Pottsville, PA. The tour is free for all LVASCE and ASHE East Penn members. Watch for an e-mail notification and registration information soon.

Lehigh University's 2021 **Fazlur Rahman Khan Distinguished Lecture Series** will be conducted both in-person (on campus) and via Zoom. Participants in each lecture will receive 1.0 PDH. The lectures are as follows:

- On Wednesday, October 27, at 4:30 p.m., **Phillip L. Gould**, Distinguished Adjunct Professor, St. Louis University; and Senior Professor, Washington University, St. Louis, will present "From Slide Rule to FEA: Some Highlights Along the Way." For more information and a registration link, please see: <https://www.lehigh.edu/~infrk/2021Fall/pdfs/Announcement-Gould.pdf>
- On Wednesday, November 17, at 4:30 p.m., **Richard Sause**, Joseph T. Stuart Professor of Structural Engineering; Director, Advanced Technology for Large Structural Systems (ATLSS) Center; and Director, Institute for Cyber Physical Infrastructure & Energy at Lehigh University will present "A Research Perspective on Seismic Performance of Steel Building Structures." For more information and registration, please see: <https://www.lehigh.edu/~infrk/2021Fall/pdfs/Announcement-Sause.pdf>

Our technical webinar schedule for the remainder of the year still has a few openings! If you'd like to make a presentation or can recommend a presenter, please contact Steve Ressler at sjressler@gmail.com.

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