

# Atlanta Section



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You Are Cordially Invited  
to the  
AAACEI Atlanta Section  
2004 Holiday Party

6:00 PM  
December 9, 2004

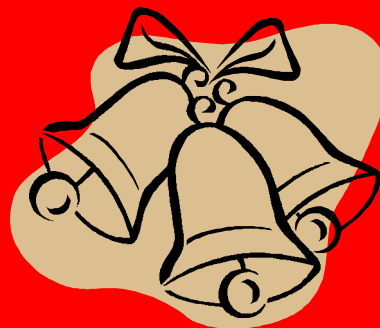
The Home Of  
Mike and Marilou Ray  
4171 D'Youville Trace  
Atlanta, GA 30341

Buffet Dinner Will Be Served

\*\*\* RSVP \*\*\*

to

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770-457-4486



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*If you are keeping your nose to the grindstone, don't look now but the Holiday Season is upon us. Please include the Atlanta Section in your plans and join us at 6:00 PM on Thursday, December 9 at the home of Mike Ray, CCE and his wife Marilow as they host the Atlanta Section for our annual Holiday Party. It's been an interesting year in the cost management field and a break with fellow AACEI members is in order and the Ray's always present a wonderful holiday setting to warm even the coldest Scrooge. If you can attend, **Please RSVP, as soon as possible, to Marilou at 770-457-4486.** We look forward to seeing you at Mike's and Marilou's.*

*Even with a break for the holiday season, AACEI work continues. I am asking for volunteers to work on the Atlanta Section Certification Committee to establish a certification study course for the Spring of 2005. We want to provide study help to anyone interested in taking the Certification Exam in June 2005. If you would like to volunteer a few hours this winter, please contact me by the first of the new year.*

*One of the strengths of our organization is helping fellow members. An example that occurred last month was a member needed some old Atlanta Section material and sent an email to a Board member. A couple of emails to past Section Officers got the needed information in short time. With the email network today, networking with fellow AACEI Atlanta Section members is only a few keystrokes away!*

*To All, Best Wishes For A Happy Holiday.*

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**\*\*\*\*\* 2004-2005 PROGRAM SCHEDULE \*\*\*\*\***

## Monthly Meetings

Date	Speaker	Organization	Topic
September 8, 2004	Wade Martin	US Cost	Value Engineering
October 13, 2004	Mark Rypel	Georgia Retaining Walls, Inc.	Estimating
November 10, 2004	Pete Bredehoeft	CH2MHill	Atlanta Sewage Project
December 9, 2004	N/A	N/A	AACE Atlanta Section Holiday Social
January 12, 2005	Forrest White	Heery International	SPLOST Program, Forsyth County, GA
February 9, 2005	TBD	Georgia Power	Environmental Care
March 9, 2005		TDT	MHJ Int'l Terminal
April 13, 2005	Dr. Khalid Siddiqi	Southern Polytechnic University	Cost Management/Cost Engineering
May 11, 2005	David Buford	Alpha-Omega Visual Systems	3D Time, Cost and Asset Management



Some of your fellow Atlanta Section members being brought up to date on the Atlanta Sewer Project by Pete Bredehoeft of CH2MHill at the November meeting .

Your Board of Directors met on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to review to progress of the 2004-2005 program year and discuss the meeting location time and place.

One of the actions taken was the agreement that the remaining 200-2005 program year meeting would take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at Cross Creek Café.

The Cross Creek Café meeting facilities are the best we have had in several years and while the Wednesday meeting date complicates some member's schedules, for others it is better. The Board wishes to **Thank** all members who took the time to share their views on the subject.

## [NEW MEETING LOCATION](#)

The meeting location for the 2004-2005 program year is the *Cross Creek Café* at 1221 Cross Creek Parkway, Atlanta on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month September thru May **excluding December**. ***Reservations are NOT mandatory but are strongly requested to assist in making proper arrangements for space and service.*** Please RSVP to: **Chris Schamel @ 404-946-2446 or [cschamel@heery.com](mailto:cschamel@heery.com)**. If you were not planning on coming to a meeting, but late in the afternoon you find you can attend, do not hesitate to attend. **Please come to the meeting.**

**Directions to *Cross Creek Café* can be found on their website – [www.crosscreekcafe.com](http://www.crosscreekcafe.com).**

Alternate directions traveling from downtown Atlanta: *Cross Creek Café* is located just north of the I-75/I-85 intersection at Brookwood/Atlantic Station – Take I-75 North to exit 252B (Howell Mill Road). Turn right at the exit of I-75 and Howell Mill Road and travel 0.5 miles north on Howell Mill Road to Collier Road. Turn left (west) at the first traffic signal onto Collier Road. Follow Collier Road, crossing under I-75, approximately 1.3 miles until you reach Defoors Ferry Road. Just past the *Citgo* Station on Collier Road, bear right onto Defoors Ferry Road and travel 0.4 mile to Bohler Road. (This is a 'T' intersection with speed bumps) Turn right on Bohler Road and travel approximately 1.0 mile to Cross Creek Parkway. Turn right on Cross Creek Parkway and the Café will be on your left.

***Reminder: Sign In at Meetings for Certification Credit***

**The sign-in log, available at Section meetings, is the official record of attendance and is submitted to HQ for attendance credits for certified members. Don't forget to sign in**

## Pride In Professionalism

The Atlanta Section of AACEI is committed to promoting the challenges and opportunities of our profession; providing continuing educational opportunities; encouraging the attainment of the CCE, CCC, ICC or PSP certification and exemplifying the standards of excellence which are recognized by the Atlanta business community.

Today's business requires more and more from every employee. The professionals of today have to provide a wide variety of skills that were not required -- even a few years ago.

Make the commitment...  
to your profession...  
to your career...  
to yourself!



November Guest Speaker  
Pete Bredehoeft of CH2MHil

*Common sense and a sense of humor are the same thing, moving at different speeds.  
A sense of humor is just common sense, dancing.*  
*William James*

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