



Winter 2023

## Message from the President

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone's 2023 has been off to a great start. It has been a busy 2022-2023 term serving as the ASHE Altoona Section President. I have enjoyed working with our other officers and directors (listed on the last page of this newsletter) as we've brought you a variety of in-person programs and look ahead to our upcoming programs throughout the spring. These programs have provided an opportunity for networking, education, and catching up with friends that we have made in this industry over the years. The membership came together, as you always do, to support each other, most notably this year for the family of our Immediate Past President, Dave Hoglund. Thank you all for your generosity through the 50/50 raffle at the golf outing in July and the gift basket raffle at the holiday party in December.

With the enactment of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) in late 2021, we've seen a positive impact in the investment in the design and construction of transportation projects across Pennsylvania. As we thank Secretary of Transportation Gramian for her leadership and welcome Acting Secretary of Transportation Carroll to this role, we look forward to continuing to come together to provide safe, accessible, and sustainable transportation for the citizens of Pennsylvania.

One of my major takeaways from the annual APC Conference in Hershey in November was what Todd Blackledge said about what makes a successful team. As quarterback, he led the 1982 Penn State football team to a National Championship. He noted that the three main components of a successful team are “**humility, accountability, and character**”. This has been helpful to me in the various roles and types of teams that I am a part of, and I hope that you find this valuable as well.



Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as President for the Section and I look forward to seeing all of you at an upcoming event soon!

*Barbara J. Hoehne*

# Spring 2022 Awards Night Banquet

On May 18, 2022, ASHE Altoona held its Awards Night Banquet at The Blairmont Club in Hollidaysburg, announcing the Bill Wilson Memorial Scholarship Award Recipients, the Richard L. McEldowney DSA Recipient, and the Installation of the 2022-2023 Officers.

### Scholarship Award Recipients-

Shane Felix (UPJ), Daria VanAllman (CMU) & William Prescott (University of Akron)

### Richard L. McEldowney Distinguished Service Award Recipient-

Edward Bettwy, PennDOT District 9-0, 35 years of service

*Congratulations to all the winners and best wishes to the new ASHE officers (listed on last page)!*



Scholarship award recipients Shane Felix and Daria VanAllman with Board member Clyde Naugle.



Incoming President Barb Hoehne, outgoing President Dave Hoglund, and immediate Past President Bill Wieserman.



Dave Hoglund presenting Past President (2018-2019) Josh England with appreciation award.



DSA Recipient, Edward Bettwy with outgoing President Dave Hoglund.

# ASHE Altoona 24th Annual Builder's Club Golf Outing & Picnic

It was a beautiful day on Monday, July 11, 2022 at Scotch Valley Country Club in Hollidaysburg for ASHE Altoona members and guests to hit the links. Some of us for golf and maybe just some exercise and camaraderie for the rest of us! Congratulations to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams listed below, as well as the skill prize winners. Thank you to all our sponsors and volunteers for another successful outing!



### Skill Prizes

- #2 CTP: **Scott Christie (14'4")**
- #4 Longest Drive: **Matt Thomas**
- #12 CTP: **Craig Hammond (9'3")**
- #16 Straightest Drive: **Chuck Meyers**
- #18 Longest Putt: **Joel Borrelli (70'0")**



### 1ST PLACE

- Devin Lansbery
- Derek Sullivan
- Louis Spaciano
- Ryan Rastachi

### 2ND PLACE

- Scott Christie
- Tom Macioce
- Don Herbert
- Lou Ruzzi

### 3RD PLACE

- Chuck Meyers
- Adam Shriver
- Garrett Leopold
- Tim Kessler



Winner in card off!



3rd place in card off!



# Annual Holiday Party and Trivia Contest

ASHE Altoona celebrated the holidays and another year of professional fellowship in the transportation industry at The Blairmont Club in Altoona on Tuesday, December 6, 2022. The annual trivia contest continued and a festive time was had by all. Thanks to all the companies who donated gift baskets and congrats to all the winners!



## September Dinner Meeting Highlights

Our membership enjoyed cocktails, dinner and a presentation at the US Hotel Wednesday, September 28, 2022 on the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's (PTC) Lawn Service Plaza MP 258.77 WB Project. The project highlighted the existing need for safe truck parking on the Turnpike and throughout the state's infrastructure. This project, at completion, provided 77 new truck parking spaces. The project included the construction of over 6.3 acres of full-depth concrete pavement, installation of signing and pavement markings, and stormwater management. ASHE Altoona would like to thank all of our members in attendance and congratulate Terry Olesniewicz, PE, of Trans Associates, and Nick Shaefer, PE, PTOE, of the PTC on great project and presentation!

### Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Lawn Service Plaza Auxiliary Truck Parking Project



## ASHE National- Saved the Date!

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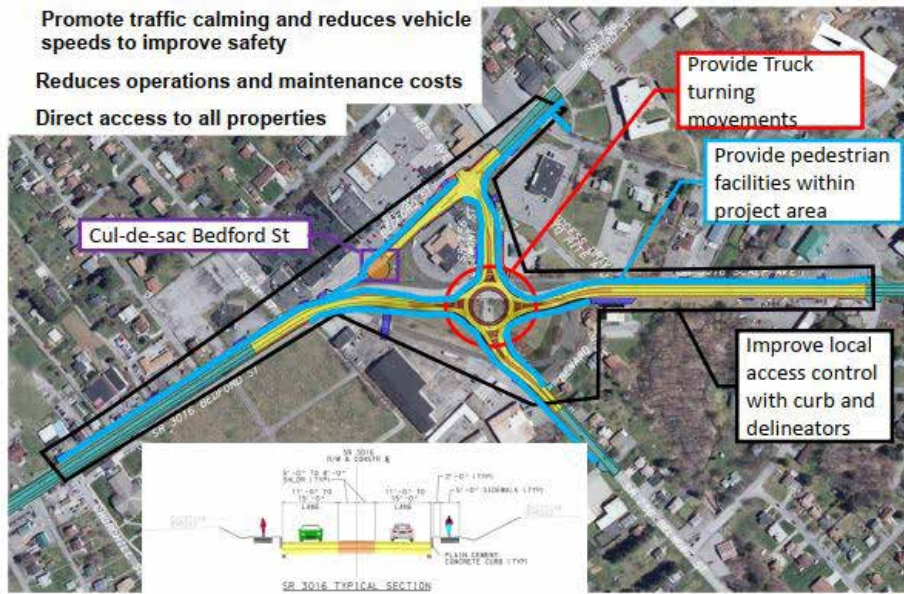
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# January Dinner Meeting Highlights

On January 18, 2023, Matt Thomas, PE, with Prime AE, presented the District 9-0 Scalp Avenue Roundabout Project following dinner at Anthony's in Johnstown, which was just outside the project area. The project began as a safety improvement project and grew to a roundabout to replace the bridge and interchange at the main intersection of Scalp Avenue and SR 756 as well as improvements to two other nearby intersections on Bedford Street. The project achieved its goals of improving safety, calming traffic and reducing speeds, reducing operation and maintenance costs, and maintaining access to all residential and commercial properties. Improvements to drainage, lighting and multimodal facilities such as sidewalks and transit stops were also incorporated into the project. ASHE Altoona would like to thank Matt for a very informative presentation!



## Scalp Ave Roundabout Project

SR 3016 Section 009 and SR 756 Section 012

ASHE Altoona/PennDOT District 9-0  
January 2023 Dinner Meeting



## Thank you from the Hoglunds

For those of you who have been involved in ASHE Altoona, you know past president Dave Hoglund and his long time involvement with the section and the transportation industry. Dave has volunteered for a number of years in many capacities and has been an integral part of our section's success. Dave had to step away this past year due to some devastating news for his family. His 13 year old son, Branson, was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma. After a lengthy road of chemotherapy, Branson then had to undergo a very long and complicated surgery, followed by more chemotherapy, which is currently ongoing. At the summer golf outing, ASHE Altoona did a 50/50 raffle for the Hoglund family and after the holiday party, sent a card and donation from the gift raffle. Dave sent the following message to the Section.

*"Hello ASHE Altoona. On May 27, 2022 my wife Andrea and I found out our son Branson had Ewing Sarcoma, a cancerous tumor that formed below his right knee. In the month leading up to that, our son had a limp that we thought was caused when our dog sideswiped his leg. Turns out the dog may have saved his life by setting us on the early cancer detection path.*

*Branson is being treated at Hershey Medical Center. We were in chemo all summer/fall which killed 95% of the tumor. On October 26th, Branson had an 11.5 hour surgery to remove the tumor, surrounding tissue and infected bone and reconstruct his leg in a way nature never intended, but he will be able to walk again and most importantly, the final pathology shows all of the cancer was removed. We still have 6 more months of chemo to make sure any microscopic cancer cells in him are destroyed, but everyone is extremely happy with the results.*

*He has a great matter-of-fact attitude toward treatment and somehow finds humor in things along the way which really helps. This Christmas meant something more for us as we spent much more time together. Well, as much time as a 14-year old boy wants to spend with his parents. The look in the photo below says it all.*

*Branson, Andrea, and I received the donations from the ASHE Altoona golf outing and the holiday party. We are blown away by the generosity provided by the ASHE Altoona membership. "Thank you" doesn't even begin to cover it. When we were told our son has cancer, it was the scariest time of our lives, but my friends at ASHE Altoona didn't hesitate to reach out and offer encouragement and support. I have always said that the best thing about ASHE Altoona is the people involved, and your support during this difficult time just further reinforces that statement.*

*Those of you who know me know I love my job, this industry, and the people within it. Your thoughts, prayers, messages, meals, gifts, and donations just reinforced my feelings about our community of highway engineers. You have helped me and my family carry this weight, and we are very grateful to all of you. "Thank you" will never be enough, but it's all I can say. I look forward to seeing all of you again this summer when we are done with treatment.*

*Thank you so much!"*

Dave, Andrea and Branson Hoglund



# PennDOT District 9-0 Featured Project

## SR 0031 (01B) Stonycreek River Bridge Replacement - ECMS #91440

The existing reinforced concrete T-beam bridge that carried SR 0031 over the Stonycreek River in Somerset County was replaced with a Single Span Composite Steel Rolled Beam Bridge using only a 14 day detour. The project also included minor roadway approach work, guide rail and drainage upgrades. The 14-day construction duration allowed PennDOT to get public support to detour such a major traffic route. The integral abutment bridge with precast abutment caps, wings, and galvanized steel beams with precast deck modules allowed the contractor to get in and out quickly while still providing a high-quality end product.

<b>County:</b>	<b>Somerset</b>	<b>Contract Cost:</b>	<b>\$1.23 Million</b>
<b>State Route:</b>	<b>0031</b>	<b>Contractor:</b>	<b>Cottle's Asphalt Maintenance</b>
<b>Start:</b>	<b>4/21/22-5/5/22</b>	<b>Engineer:</b>	<b>District 9-0 Bridge Unit</b>



The galvanized piles were predrilled and placed under a short term traffic control setup prior to the detour being implemented. The bridge was closed on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 11:00 am. The bridge superstructure was demolished, tops of the abutments cut off, and material around the piles excavated. The piles were driven to bearing on Sunday. The precast abutment and deck modules were set on Tuesday. UHPC concrete was placed in closure pours on Thursday in the morning and the AAA accelerated closure pours were completed Thursday in the afternoon. The elastomeric spray-on waterproofing on the back of the abutments was placed Friday along with grinding the UHPC. The abutments were backfilled and deck elastomeric spray-on waterproofing was done Saturday. The base course was placed on Monday. Binder and leveling courses on Tuesday, and wearing and shoulder back up on Wednesday. Guide rail and pavement markings completed on Thursday and the bridge was opened by 11:00 am Thursday, May 5, 2022.



## ASHE MID-ALLEGHENY AND ALTOONA SECTIONS JOINT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (UPJ)

Living-Learning Center - Heritage Hall

450 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown, PA 15904

### Presentations:

## Professional Panel Discussion

The transportation industry panel will be comprised of a mixture of both state and consultant professionals with varying backgrounds and experience so the UPJ students and other attendees can ask questions to the panel. This will help the students understand the unique job functions required of both the state and consultant level within the transportation industry.

Please note: The panel will not answer any questions related to current or future PennDOT transportation projects.

### Panel Participants:

Nicki Donahoe, PE  
Scott Roberts, PE  
Jason Layman, PE  
Tim Panzigrau, PE  
Douglas Zubal, PE  
Matthew Hetrick, PE  
Jennifer McCracken, PE, PTOE  
Marshall Kitchen, EIT

Senior Project Manager  
District Bridge Engineer  
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## UPJ-ASCE Student Chapter 2023 Events and Teams:

### Various UPJ Students

Concrete Canoe Competition  
Steel Bridge Competition  
Updates on other ASCE Pitt-Johnstown Activities

**Times:** 5:00pm - Social | 6:00 pm - Dinner | 7:00 pm - Professional Panel Discussions & Presentations

**Cost:** ASHE Member or Guest: \$40.00 (includes open bar) / Student: \$20.00\*

\* Must be 21 to consume alcoholic beverages / student rate does not include alcoholic beverages

**Meal:** **Hors D'oeuvres:** Seasonal vegetables served with ranch dipping sauce, Swiss and provolone with crackers, Swedish meatballs

**Dinner Buffet:** Classic Carolina pulled pork with slider rolls, buttermilk fried chicken, macaroni & cheese, BBQ baked beans, lime cilantro cabbage coleslaw, and cheddar jalapeño cornbread

**Dessert:** Strawberry shortcake, cookie and brownie station

(Please note any dietary restrictions in RSVP)

**RSVP:** Please submit registration via electronic payment no later than **Tuesday, February 7, 2023.**

### Electronic Registration and Payment:

<https://ashealtoona.ticketspice.com/ashe-mid-allegheny-and-altoona-section-joint-february-meeting>

If you have issues with electronic payment, please email Tom Imholte at [timholte@navarrowright.com](mailto:timholte@navarrowright.com)



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*ASHE Altoona likes to feature one of our Builder's Club members in each edition of the newsletter. If interested in this opportunity, please reach out to Kelly Field (kfield@eadsgroup.com) for details.*

## Career Opportunities

If your firm has job postings that you would like published in the newsletter, please send the information to Kelly Field (kfield@eadsgroup.com).

*Thanks*



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## Save the Date! A Look Ahead...

Wed 2/15/23- Joint ASHE Altoona/Mid-Allegheny Dinner Meeting/Panel - UPJ

Thurs 3/30/23- Dinner Meeting- Speaker Mark Compton, CEO-Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission- US Hotel, Hollidaysburg

Thurs 4/27/23- PennDOT District 9-0 Workshop- more details to come.

## The Roundabout

2/21/23 – ASHE Franklin Dinner Meeting- The Crane Room, New Castle

2/21/23- ASHE Pittsburgh Dinner Meeting-Hyatt, Pittsburgh International Airport

2/22/23- ASHE SW Penn Dinner Meeting- Rizzo's, Crabtree

3/14/23- ASHE Pittsburgh/Pitt/WTS/PennDOT Transportation Forum, University Club Ballroom B, University of Pittsburgh

3/15/23- ASHE Franklin Dinner Meeting- My Brothers Place, Grove City

## New & Noteworthy

Welcome new members-

- Joel Borrelli - Michael Baker
- Christopher Barnish - Larson Design Group
- Vasilios (Bill) Athanas, PE - WSP USA Inc.
- David DiGioia, PE - McMahan
- Thomas Imholte, PE- Navarro & Wright Consulting Engineers, Inc.
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- Adrian Fogle- Pennoni
- Marshall Kitchen- Markosky Engineering Group
- Jeremy Wyland- Stantec

With great sadness, we said goodbye to Ed Engle, Principal at Arrow Land Solutions, LLC, who passed away on Sept 29, 2022. Ed was a long standing member of ASHE and US Air Force veteran. Our condolences to his family.

If you wish to be involved with the ASHE Altoona section for the 2022-2023 season,

The mission of the American Society of Highway Engineers is to provide a forum for members and partners of the highway industry to promote a safe, efficient and sustainable transportation system through education, innovation and fellowship.

