

# 2010 ENGINEERS WEEK DINNER

**DATE:** Thursday, February 18, 2010

**LOCATION:** Holiday Inn Arena, 2 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY (West of Veterans Memorial Arena)

**TIME:** 5:30 - 6:30 PM Cash Bar, 6:30 - 7:30 PM Dinner, 7:30 PM Awards, 8:00 PM Speaker

**AWARDS:** Engineer of the Year, BU NYSSPE Scholarship Recipient Recognition

**SUBJECT: "Walkway over the Hudson".** This unique project saw the rebirth of the Poughkeepsie-Highland Bridge, a dormant 1.25 mile long railroad bridge over the Hudson River & a National Historic Landmark, into the World's Longest Pedestrian Bridge and newest NY State Park. The presentation includes: an overview of the bridge history, the "fast track" processes employed for bridge rehabilitation, and a review of the bridge reconstruction project and grand re-opening in October 2009. The railroad bridge was originally opened in 1888. At the time, it was touted as the longest bridge in the world. The bridge provided a critical link in rail transportation, connecting New England manufacturing and markets with western materials and growth. Following a fire in 1974, the bridge was closed to all traffic. *Walkway over the Hudson*, a private not-for-profit organization, envisioned a re-birth of this historic structure as the world's longest pedestrian/bike bridge. The concept gained traction in 2007 as it was linked to the fall 2009 Quadricentennial of Henry Hudson's exploration of the Hudson Valley. (This presentation will provide one (1) PDH credit to NYS licensed PEs. As a special offer, there will be no extra charge for the PDH for ASCE and NYSSPE members. Nonmember PEs will pay a \$10 charge).



**John T. Brizzell, P.E.**

**SPEAKER:** John Brizzell, P.E. has 37 years of experience in a wide range of Bridge and Highway engineering and management activities. This includes: planning, design & construction of Interstate highways; bridge rehabilitation & replacement; materials testing & QC/QA oversight; Construction Management; Contract Administration; and Executive level positions in both the NYS Dept. of Transportation (former NYSDOT Binghamton Regional Director) & the NYS Thruway Authority (retired Chief Engineer). Currently, Mr. Brizzell manages the Transportation Construction Inspection program for the Albany office of Bergmann Associates. John's education includes an Associate's Degree in Engineering Science at Hudson Valley CC and a BS in Civil Engineering from RPI in Troy, NY. Additional education was obtained at Indiana University, Cornell University and SUNY Albany. He is a Past Board Member & President of the Association of Bridge Construction and Design; a Board Member for the NYS Associated General Contractors; a past panel member on the Civil Engineering Foundation for Innovation and a member of the Hudson Mohawk Chapter of ASCE. He is licensed in New York and Florida.

**SPONSORS:** The Broome Chapter of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers (NYSSPE) and the Ithaca Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

**RESERVATIONS:** Send form below with your check payable to **Broome Chapter NYSSPE** by **Thursday February 11, 2010**. You also will be able to register and pay by credit card on-line at [www.broomepe.org](http://www.broomepe.org). If you need information, you may call (607) 751-2452 (Wonjune Hong, P.E., Broome Chapter Past President) or e-mail him at [whong@stny.rr.com](mailto:whong@stny.rr.com). Sorry, no refunds after February 11.

**ENTREE CHOICES:** (1) Sliced Sirloin of Beef, (2) Grilled Swordfish, or (3) Vegetable Lasagna. Included: Chef's choice vegetable and starch, mixed greens salad with rolls, coffee or tea, and dessert (apple pie).

**COST:** \$30 for each attendee, including NYSSPE & ASCE members with 1 PDH certificate; \$40 for nonmember NYS PEs with 1 PDH certificate. Special dietary requests should be referred to Wonjune Hong.

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**RESERVATIONS FOR ENGINEERS WEEK DINNER THURSDAY FEB. 18, 2010 AT HOLIDAY INN ARENA**

Names and Entree No.: \_\_\_\_\_.

Number of Persons for: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Sliced Sirloin of Beef Daytime telephone no.: \_\_\_\_\_.

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Swordfish Society Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_.

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetable Lasagna E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_.

Total No. of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_. Want receipt? \_\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_\_No.

No. of Nonmember PDH Certificates: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_. Want receipt? \_\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_\_No.

Reservations due by Thursday Feb. 11, 2010. Make Checks payable to Broome Chapter NYSSPE. Mail to: Engineers Week Dinner; c/o Wonjune Hong, PE; 416 Jodie Drive; Vestal, NY 13850.