

SAN FRANCISCO BAY SECTION  
California Water Environment Association

*Inkspot*

December 2008

## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Is everyone ready for the upcoming wet weather season? Hopefully we get some rain this year, but not all in one or two huge storms.

We had a full house at the November dinner meeting. Nearly 100 people attended the solar economics presentation by Alex Fortin of Whitley Burchett & Associates. Alex discussed energy cost trends and how they relate to the potential cost savings of solar energy projects.

The December 4th dinner meeting sees the return of **Family Night**. Once again, Doug Nolan will provide a kid-friendly presentation on stormwater, wastewater, and pollution prevention using juggling, magic, and humor. Please see the included flyer for additional details.

The **SFBS Safety Committee** continues to get back on track. The next committee meeting will be on 12/9 from 10-1 at The Covello Group in Walnut Creek. Please contact Ed O'Brien (eobrien@covellogroup.com) for additional details.

Here's a quick rundown of the training and social events available in December (please see the included flyers and the SFBS and CWEA web sites for additional details): the **SFBS Younger Members Forum** is planning a **holiday mixer** (date TBD); the **SFBS Student Activities Committee** is hosting an informational meeting on the **ACE Mentor Program** on 12/3 at 6:00 PM at Carollo Engineers in Walnut Creek; CWEA is hosting a workshop on

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**“Crisis Communication: How to Handle the Public & Media”** on 12/9 in Oakland; and the **US EPA** is presenting an **“Innovative Energy Management Workshop”** on 12/16 in Sacramento.

Don't forget to submit your vote for the **2009 2nd Year Director**. Three great candidates have been nominated. Please return your ballot to Rick Chan via mail, fax or email. Ballots must be received or postmarked by **December 10, 2008**.

Thanks to everyone that submitted nominations for the SFBS awards. The committees are busy reviewing the awards and selecting the winners. The winners will be announced at the **SFBS Annual Awards and Installation Dinner** on 1/23 at Scott's Seafood in Oakland.

Finally, my run as SFBS president is almost over. Next month we turn the reins over to Florence Wedington as I move to the Awards Chair position. I've enjoyed serving the section and meeting so many great people, both locally and across the state. Thank you to the entire section for your support and to all of the volunteers for your hard work.

Kevin O'Toole, 2008 SFBS President

### **Important Stuff:**

**Dec 3** ACE Mentor Program, Carollo Engineers, Walnut Creek (see flyer)

**Dec 4** Family Night, Spenger's, Berkeley (see flyer)

## Ramblings from the Editor...

Greetings!

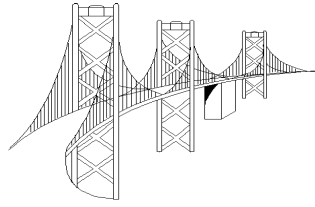
I have figured out a way to combat that dreaded leafy time of the year. Those bazillions of tiny leaves on my lawns are now the primary task of two young boys who wish to line their pockets with good ol green backs. Of course, Kyle, the soon to be engineer, wants to use the leaf blower. But no, Dad wants him to earn his money and learn about physical labor (other then pushing the buttons on the game controllers). So now I have two little minions to do (most) of the labor for me. YIPPEE!!

Kyle, the soon to be engineer. Why? How can I tell? Well he is a "kit bashing" genius when is comes to Legos. He is also really getting into Military Weapons. So, to meet a fancy of his, he has created a Lego rubber band chain gun. He has used a battery powered motor with remote, many gears, and an elaborate trigger mechanism so he can fire, in sequence, about forty rubber bands in less then a minute. The kid is very creative. He has done many other creations that boggle the mind too. He "kit bashed" a motor propelled car that can steer. Both the power for the steering and the propulsion are from the battery powered remote motors. Maybe a future mechanical engineering professor???

I hope you all enjoy your time with your family this holiday season. Yes, sometimes it can be chaotic but isn't that what makes it so fun? Usually for us, it is ten or so kids running around chasing each other until dinner, then no one can sit still long enough to let their parents enjoy dinner. Speaking of family, I will see you at the family night this year and I will have grandma (aka Joan Beall) in tow. See you then!!

Hope you all have a great day!

*Steve*



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## December 2008 Dinner Meeting

### Family Night Bring the Kids!

Featuring: **Doug Nolan, Rock Steady Juggling**

# Go With the Flow



Performer/Educator Doug Nolan uses juggling virtuosity, magic, and humor to teach you and your family about stormwater, wastewater, and pollution prevention. All 'go with the flow' to find out where storm water ends up. Doug leads everyone in creating a rainstorm 'soundscape' as they learn how the water cycle works. A giant 'backdrop' banner illustrates the flow of storm water and wastewater to your creeks and the bay. A "special" volunteer joins the act to promote tips on water pollution prevention for a memorable stunt. In a nail-biting finale, Doug heroically mounts a six-foot unicycle and attempts to juggle while he reinforces the lessons learned in 'Go with the Flow.'

**Where: Spenger's Seafood Grotto**  
1919 Fourth Street  
Berkeley, CA  
(510) 845-7771

**Adult Dinner:** \$30.00 CWEA Members  
\$45.00 Non-CWEA Members  
\$15.00 Students

**Children: 18 and under Free!!!**

**When: Thursday, December 4, 2008**  
5:00 – Board Meeting  
6:00 – Social Hour  
6:30 – Dinner (note earlier start time)  
7:30 – Presentation

**Adult Menu:** Cedar Roasted Atlantic Salmon  
Grilled London Broil  
Pasta Primavera

**Children Menu:**  
**18 –13 years: Select Adult Entree**  
**12 and under:** Chicken Strips/Fries/Soft Drink

**Contact:** Email Polly Villarreal, East Bay MUD at [cweasfbs@aol.com](mailto:cweasfbs@aol.com) for **number of adults and children** dinner reservations. Include your name and agency or company affiliation.

**Reservation deadline for Dinner Meeting is Friday, November 28, 2008. This is a firm deadline, we cannot accept reservations past this date.**

**REMEMBER – a reservation is a commitment to pay.**

**Directions:** Check out [www.spengers.com](http://www.spengers.com) for directions

# ACE Mentor Program

## Informational Meeting

*Learn About Becoming a Mentor*

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, December 3, 2008  
6:00pm - 7:30pm

**Location:** Carollo Engineers  
2700 Ygnacio Valley Rd, Suite 300  
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

**Schedule:**

6:00 pm	Pizza and Soda
6:15 pm	Presentation about the objective, history, and structure of the ACE after-school mentoring program
7:00 pm	Introduction to local ACE teams
7:15 pm	Questions/Answers

**Cost:** Optional \$3 donation for pizza and soda appreciated

**RSVP/Questions:** Travis Richards at [travis.richards@gmail.com](mailto:travis.richards@gmail.com) or (650) 464-2314  
Please RSVP by Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> with company name and industry, if applicable.

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**ACE Mission:** To enlighten and increase the awareness of high school students to career opportunities in architecture, construction and engineering and related areas of the design and construction industry through mentoring; and to provide scholarship opportunities for students in an inclusive manner reflective of the diverse school population.

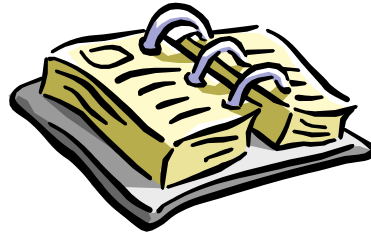
**ACE Website:** <http://www.acementor.org>

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**Hosted by:** ACE Mentor Program, in conjunction with ASCE YMF and CWEA.



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## SFBS CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2008	
<b>3</b>	<b>ACE Mentor Program Informational Meeting – 6:00 PM Carollo Engineer, Walnut Creek, Ca</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>SFBS Dinner Meeting – “Family Night”, Spenger’s Seafood, Berkeley, Ca</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>CWEA Conference – “Crisis Communication”, Oakland, Ca.</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>US EPA – “Innovative Energy Management Workshop”, Sacramento</b>
	<b>Happy Holidays!!!!</b>
JANUARY 2008	
<b>23</b>	<b>SFBS Awards Banquet, Scott’s Seafood, Oakland, CA</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>CWEA Biosolids Dewatering Workshop, EBMUD</b>
FEBRUARY 2008	
<b>5</b>	<b>SFBS Dinner Meeting – Student Night</b>

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