
WATTS HAPPENINGS



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WATTS AWARDED SUCF PRIME ASSIGNMENT

Watts has recently been notified that we were selected to be the *Prime Consultant* for the State University Construction Fund's Replace/Repair Walks, Exterior Stairs and Curbs project at SUNY at Buffalo – North Campus. This designation is the culmination of our effort to continually provide the SUCF with quality service and design work. Our efforts on completing the UB ADA Assessment and our reputation proved invaluable in procuring our first prime designation with the Fund.

WATTS SPONSORS MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP

Watts and Wendel Duchscherer (WD) recently announced that each firm is sponsoring a Minority Scholarship Program for undergraduates attending the University at Buffalo. Watts' scholarship will be limited to area African Americans who attend UB's Engineering School, whereas the WD Scholarship will be available to architecture majors.

This joint decision made by Watts and WD was a response to the reality of how few minorities there are in our two fields, and that fact was brought into sharp focus by the workforce diversity requirements of the Buffalo Schools reconstruction program. Watts is pleased to sponsor this scholarship opportunity which clearly demonstrates our commitment to increasing the number of minorities in the engineering and architecture professions.

WATTS RECOGNIZED WITH GSA 2004 DESIGN AWARD

Watts was recently recognized by the United States General Services Administration with one of the 2004 Design Awards for our contribution to the new Federal Courthouse in Buffalo. As part of the design team led by Kohn Pederson Fox, Watts received a citation that recognizes our contributions to the award winning project that is still under construction.

WATTS AWARDED PRIME ASSIGNMENT AT VA CANANDAIGUA

Watts has recently been notified that we were selected to be the *Prime Consultant* for the Veteran's Administration Medical Center's project to Upgrade the Boiler Controls at the VA Medical Center in Canandaigua.

The work involves upgrading the controls on three steam boilers in the boiler plant at the Canandaigua VAMC aimed at improving fuel efficiency.

NYSDOT ACCEPTS AWARD



Pictured are Regional Director Charles Moynihan, Melissa Rowe, Karen Brown, Ed Watts and Mike Pratt at the NYSDOT Region 4 offices.

Mike Pratt and Ed Watts presented members of the NYSDOT staff with the ACEC Gold Award for Excellence in the Category of Structural Systems for our design of the Latta Road Bridge over Lake Ontario State Parkway.

In 2002, Watts completed the design of this award winning NYSDOT \$2.35 million bridge replacement project.

*Don't forget... the 2005 Holiday Party
is on Saturday, December 3rd at
Fanny's Restaurant.*

PARKS & TRAILS NY CONFERENCE

On June 17th and 18th **John Honan** attended the *Parks & Trails New York: Statewide Greenway and Community Trail Conference* in New Paltz. This conference was set-up to provide a forum for trail stakeholders of all kinds (designers, trail users, community oversight groups, and government managers) to learn what is being done to advance trails in different parts of the State and throughout the Country. About 150 attendees were present.

The conference began with an excellent keynote address by Robert M. Searns from Denver. He has been a trail design consultant for decades and has authored several books on the subject. It was fascinating to hear his experiences about how trails have become more than simply recreational outlets, but that, in addition, they have played important roles in energizing economic livelihood in communities and in revitalizing urban areas ... this idea is well summarized in his pun "*The Trail Wags the Dog!*". Very coincidentally, Mr. Searns is a North Buffalo native who was very familiar with the site where our City of Buffalo project is occurring and he was eager to hear about the continued progress of our assignment.

Trail development looks to be a continued important link in our society's infrastructure for years to come and, hopefully, by educating ourselves through conferences like this, the design of trail projects will continue an important part of the work we do here at Watts.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Watts is pleased to announce that **Rick Marczewski, P.E., LEED® AP** has recently joined the MEP Department as a Senior Mechanical Engineer. Rick possesses a broad background with 26 years of experience.

Watts also recently welcomed **Brian J. Swann** to the MEP Department. Brian is a Mechanical Designer with over 9 years of experience.

Watts is pleased to welcome **Mona Fox** as Administrative Assistant. Mona has 20 years of administrative experience.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

In April, **Phillip Galbo** and **Andrew Klimek** attended the *NYSTA/ACEC NY Spring Design Seminar* in Albany. This seminar covered various

topics including Design Philosophy & Expectations; Environmental Stewardship; Quality and Constructability; and Innovative/Noteworthy Projects and Lessons Learned.

Phillip Galbo and **John Honan** participated in the Bridge Design Workshop, sponsored by the Western New York Chapter of the *Association for Bridge Construction and Design* and the *Precast Concrete Association of New York* was held in Batavia in May. The full day seminar included sessions entitled Culvert 3.1.0 Design Program Overview; Land Development Bridges; PCI and County Bridges; and Accelerated Bridge Construction/Precast Bridge Decks.

The 2005 National AIA Convention was held in Las Vegas on May 19-21. Approximately 24,000 architects from across the country were in attendance. **Ed Watts, Jr., AIA** attended seminars on professional liability, the world trade center reconstruction effort, urban design and downtown revitalization, and public school construction in New Jersey and Chicago, and urban school design. During the breaks between seminars Ed attended the AIA Expo which had approximately 1,000 different manufactures in attendance representing a multitude of building products and services.

Becky Mingoia attended the Wind2 Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA. In addition to participating in the Positive Difference conference, Becky also attended 2 days of intense training on the Wind2 Award system. Award is the marketing database that Watts is using to maintain our project history and as a proposal generator.

EMPLOYEE UPDATES

Congratulations to **Kevin P. Janik, PE!** Kevin recently passed his professional engineers exam! Our hats go off to Kevin for his tireless effort of achieving this goal.

In other news... **Kevin Janik** has been elected for a two year term to the Board of Directors of the Air & Waste Management Association, Niagara Frontier Section.

Congratulations to **Ed Watts, Jr.** and his new wife Amy on their August nuptials.

Our best wishes also go out to **Eric Cunningham** and his new bride, Amy. They got married in September.