



# PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS OF COLORADO

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## PIKES PEAK CHAPTER FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 4<sup>th</sup>, Green Buildings, Morey Bean
  - Mollica's, located at 985-A Garden of the Gods Road
  - 5:30pm (social), 6pm (dinner), 6:30pm (presentation)
  - \$20 per person
  - RSVP Abby Ortega 719-668-8748 or [ajortega@csu.org](mailto:ajortega@csu.org)
- April 1<sup>st</sup>, Colorado Springs Bridges and Inspections, Mark Leonard
  - Antler's Grille
  - More details to come
- April, Nominate and Elect New Officer Team
  - More details to come

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**NSPE ANNOUNCEMENT:** In January, the NSPE Board of Directors approved an increase in national dues to \$125. This increase will take effect in July 2008. If you would like to take advantage of existing rates, you may renew now, which will extend your membership for an additional 12 months beyond your current expiration date. After July 1, all renewal invoices will reflect the new dues rate. You will receive an invoice at your normal renewal date. If you have any questions regarding your membership or this dues increase, please contact Member Services at 1-888-285-6773 or by e-mail at [memserv@nspe.org](mailto:memserv@nspe.org).



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – CONNIE H. KING, ESQ., P.E.

On Saturday morning, February 9<sup>th</sup>, I volunteered to help with the MathCounts Competition in Palmer Hall at Colorado College. Mike Bartusek asked me to proctor the exams in one of the classrooms. After Mike explained my duties as a proctor, I was left alone in a room with sixteen middle school students. I read the exam instructions aloud to the students and handed out the first exam. Everything went well while the students were taking their individual exams. However, the last exam of the morning was taken by teams of four students each. There was one team of boys who seemed to be having way more fun than they should while taking a math test. I had to put on my sternest look – which apparently isn't as intimidating as I would like it to be -- and repeatedly ask them to focus on the test. Their ability to focus on the exam as a team seemed to last about a nanosecond! I actually thought they were hilarious but I didn't want them to know that. After the team exam ended and I picked up the test, I told those boys that they reminded me of some guys I used to work with. One of the boys asked me if I had worked at a film company. Surprised, I said "Yes, I worked at Kodak." He replied that he meant "The Three Stooges."

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This just proves that there is fun to be had anywhere, even at a MathCounts Competition. I really enjoyed my time with the students and I look forward to volunteering again next year. I encourage you all to do the same! -Connie

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### MATHCOUNTS UPDATE:

The MathCounts Competition, held on February 9<sup>th</sup> was a meeting of the incredible minds. Here are the names of the top three winners (aka – Your Future Boss):

#### INDIVIDUAL WINNERS AND AWARDS

1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE – OWEN NUGENT (MOUNTAIN RIDGE)

2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE – CAROLYN PAULY (EAGLEVIEW)

3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE – KYLE FLANEGAN (MOUNTAIN RIDGE)

\*The finalists will be heading to the State competition in Denver on March 8<sup>th</sup>

#### SCHOOL WINNERS

1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE – MOUNTAIN RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE – HOLMES MIDDLE SCHOOL

Are you smarter than a 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grader???

Thank you to everyone who donated their time to help.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT:** An 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Sabin Middle School would like to talk for an hour or so to a Chemical Engineer with a career in the medical field. The student is interested in learning what is involved in that career path and the educational requirements for that type of career. To volunteer to meet with this student, please contact School District 11 volunteer Deanne Ladefoged at 520-2302 or [ladedfk@d11.org](mailto:ladedfk@d11.org). -Thank you for your consideration!

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### ENGINEER JOKE OF THE MONTH:

Murphy applied for an engineering position at an Irish firm based in Dublin. An American applied for the same job and both applicants having the same qualifications were asked to take a test by the Department manager. Upon completion of the test both men only missed one of the questions. The manager went to Murphy and said:

Manager: "Thank you for your interest, but we've decided to give the American the job"

Murphy: "And why would you be doing that? We both got nine questions correct. This being Ireland and me being Irish I should get the job!"

Manager: "We have made our decisions not on the correct answers, but on the question you missed."

Murphy: "And just how would one incorrect answer be better than the other?"

Manager: "Simple, the American put down on question number 5, "I don't know"...You put down "Neither do I."

