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May 2016 Newsletter

Meeting Info

Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Doors Open: 11:30 am Lunch Starts: 11:45 am Program: 12:00- 1:00pm

Location:

Maggiano's Little Italy 205 North Park Center Dallas, TX

Pricing:

- Member Lunch Presentation (1.0 PDH) \$25.00 (USD)
- Non-Member Lunch Presentation (1.0 PDH) \$35.00 (USD)
- Member Presentation Only, No meal (1.0 PDH) – Free
- Non-Member Presentation Only, No meal (1.0 PDH) – \$10.00 (USD)
- Student Lunch Presentation Only (1.0 PDH) – \$10.00 (USD)

*Late registrants will incur a \$5.00 additional fee

Reservations

Please register by 1:00 pm on **Monday, April 18, 2016.**

*Limited walk-ins available.

Click Here to register on-line.

THE TEXAS ECONOMY AMID THE ENERGY BURST

Laila Assine – Business Economist from the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank

Laila Assanie will discuss the state of the Texas Economy amid the energy burst and how this ties into the real estate and construction sectors.



Laila Assanie is a business economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. As a member of the Research Department's regional group, she conducts research on regional economic issues, produces articles for various bank publications and contributes to the Dallas Fed's website. Her other responsibilities include briefing the Bank's president on regional economic conditions, coordinating the production of various economic updates for the Dallas Fed website and writing the Eleventh District Beige Book—the Bank's survey of regional economic conditions.

Assanie holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Northwestern University and a Masters in Economics and Finance from the London School of Economics.

Upcoming Events

Next chapter meetings:
June 21, 2016
ACI 301 Specifications for
Structural Concrete for Buildings
Jim Cornell

July 19, 2016 Klyde Warren Park Project Brian Kuehl

Industry Events:

New NCSEA Structural
Engineering Summit
Disney's Contemporary Resort
Orlando, FL
Sept 14 – Sept 17, 2016
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President's Message

By Asma Momin, PE

Last year, I went to New York for the first time. I remember it was snowing in March, and the airlines were threatening to cancel all the flights. I told myself I will find a way to get there if I have to walk. New York was beautiful, in a moment's time big snowflake filled parks and found their way between the towering skyscrapers. I remember walking through central park in the snow with coffee in hand. My face was frozen for 4 days straight, and I told myself it was good for my face. I ate at the café overlooking the ice skating rink at Rockefeller Center. I visited the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and Macy's on 34th Street. Another memorial I visited was the 9/11 memorial. The memorial consists of a museum and two memorial pools. When I first walked upon this and started to decipher the scene before me, I stopped in my tracks and for a moment I stopped breathing, my stomach knotted and I felt a lump in my throat. I was surprised by how emotionally overwhelming the experience felt to me. In bronze, on each of the memorial pools were the engraved names of the people who lost their lives that day in each tower. The names caught me off guard. I imagined the people who lost someone close to them coming across their names for the first time. My first reaction was to turn around and leave because of the uneasiness and sadness that fell on me. I did end up staying and went through the museum, but my emotional reaction and the affect it had on me surprised me. It is a beautiful memorial and experience. If you have a chance I recommend going.

Recently, with my new job I have been making many trips to OKC. My coworker was telling me about her visit to the OKC memorial. She said it was tough visit. They have empty chairs to represent each life that was taken that day. She also told me they had a lot of smaller chairs each representing a child that died. I have past that memorial multiple times, but I have not been inside. I see it in the corner of my eyes, but I can't go inside. It crosses my mind, I imagine seeing the empty chairs, but I can't face them.

There are events that happen here and around the world that renders you speechless and helpless. Often times these events that make you feel powerless. There are so many problems in this world that we cannot control that may leave us feeling small and wonder at the significance of our own lives. The only thing we have control over is ourselves and our actions. Amid the multitudes

that harm and take, whose selfish actions sometimes leads to catastrophic events, the one thing we can do is make sure our actions are not adding to the world's problems. We can make sure we are contributing to the world positively.

I had a conversation with a Buddhist Lama once. He said you see the world around you and all its miseries and you let it bring you down and make you miserable because you can't control them, but what have you accomplished? You added one more miserable person to the equation. You have increased the world's problem by one.

The days you go to work, pressured and strained, you may not feel there is significance in what you do. When you are helping your clients achieve their goal—even when they are asking you to pull a rabbit out of a hat, your hard work in creating the world around you is a step in the right direction. It makes a difference.

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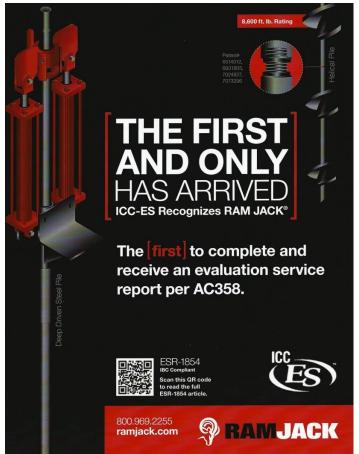
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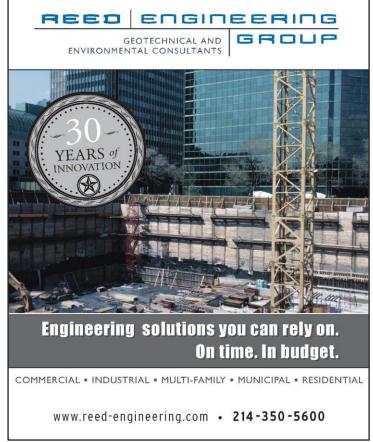
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