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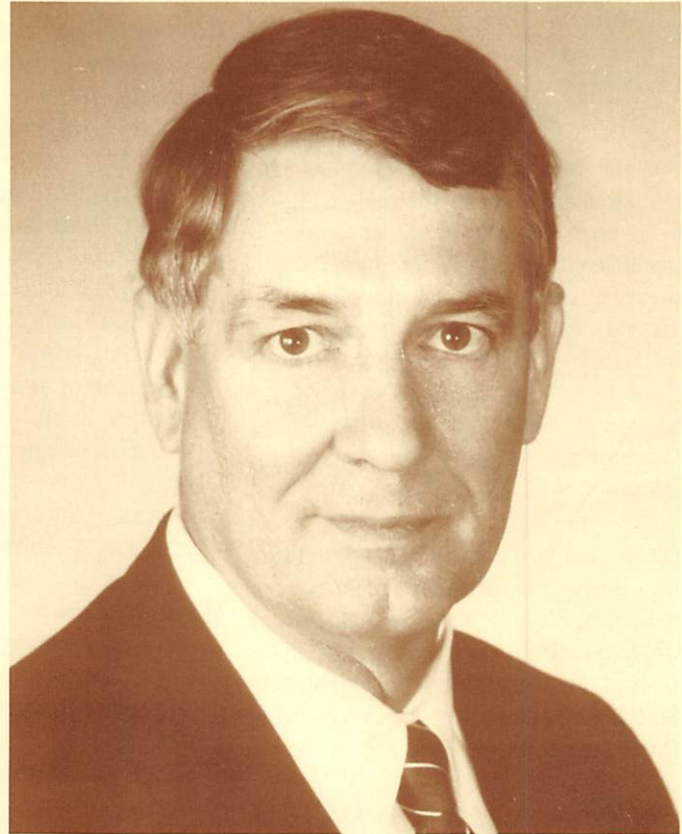
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APRIL, 1998

## JOHN F. DONOHOE ELECTED PRESIDENT of THE MOLES

JOHN F. DONOHOE, President and Chief Executive Officer of Moretrench American Corporation, Rockaway, New Jersey, has been elected to serve as President of The Moles for the 1998/1999 year. He will receive the gavel from retiring President, Roger J. Ludlam, at the Annual Business Meeting and Dinner to be held on Wednesday, May 6, 1998, at The New York Hilton Hotel.

Other officers elected are: First Vice President, RAYMOND R. ONEGLIA; O & G Industries, Inc. Second Vice President, ROBERT R. BUCKLEY, Buckley & Co., Inc.; Treasurer, ARTHUR B. CORWIN, Moretrench American Corporation; Secretary, EDWARD CRUZ, E.E. Cruz and Company; Sergeant-at-Arms, CHARLES J. TRAINOR, Conesco Industries, Ltd.



JOHN F. DONOHOE

Trustees elected for three (3) year terms are: ALFRED J. BELJAN, Belbold Contracting Corp.; DENIS P. MC INERNY, Frontier-Kemper Constructors, Inc.; THOMAS J. O'NEILL, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.; and BYRON F. WETMORE, The Lane Construction Corp.

John F. Donohoe earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Notre Dame in 1964. He thereupon went to work for Moretrench Corporation as a job engineer on the Armco Steel Cold Rolled Mill Expansion in Middletown, Ohio and the construction of Lock and Dam 5 on the Arkansas River near Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He took on increased responsibilities as Superintendent and Project Manager and became Chief Engineer of American Dewatering Corporation, the then contracting affiliate of Moretrench in 1970. After the merger of Moretrench Corporation and American Dewatering Corporation in 1972, John became Executive Vice President of Moretrench American Corporation, responsible for the operations of the combined companies. He became President of MTA in 1984 and was made CEO in 1995.

Moretrench American Corporation (MTA) is a 67 year old contracting company which concentrates on dewatering for civil construction work. MTA's *freezeWALL* division has been installing and operating ground freezing systems for 22 years. MTA's Moretrench Environmental Services subsidiary focuses on installing and operating ground freezing systems to

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control, contain and treat contaminated groundwater and on the installation of landfill gas collections systems. MTA's Ground/Water Treatment and Technology subsidiary specializes in the installation and operation of groundwater recovery treatment systems. The company works nationally with offices in Rockaway, New Jersey and Tampa, Florida. MTA's revenues in 1997 were in excess of \$25 Million Dollars.

For the past 25 years, John has had overall responsibility for the execution of groundwater control system installations. He has been involved with many of the major construction projects around the country, including the following tunnel projects: BART System in San Francisco, MARTA System in Atlanta, WMATA System in Washington, D.C., MBTA System, Boston.

He has also had considerable experience in deep foundation construction, including the following projects: Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Station, New Jersey, St. Lucie Nuclear Generating Station, Florida, Red River Lock and Dam, Louisiana.

Ground freezing projects on which John has worked include the following: Midland Power Plant, Michigan; the following shafts for the New York City Board of Water Supply: Nelson Street Shaft, Shafts 19B, 21B and 22B for City Water Tunnel Number 3, all in New York City.

John is a Trustee and Past President of AGC of New Jersey and is a Director of AGC of America. He is also a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

John and his wife of more than 34 years, Kathy, reside in Short Hills, New Jersey and are the parents of five children and four grandchildren.

## Twenty New Members Elected

At the Executive Committee meeting on April 7, 1998, twenty new members were elected to membership in The Moles with membership effective May 1, 1998. In alphabetical order, they are:

Jean J. Abiassi  
Atkinson Construction  
Robert E. Alger  
The Lane Construction Corp.  
Timothy J. Arborio  
Arborio Corporation  
Lynn E. Barr  
Underground Construction Co.  
Edward C. Burns  
Tuscarora Construction Company  
Frederick Cardillo  
Yonkers Contracting Company  
Stephen P. Darnell  
FMI Corporation  
William A. Dean  
Frontier Kemper Constructors  
Thomas P. Gorke  
Seaboard Surety Company  
Christopher C. Grieb  
Parsons Brinckerhoff  
Darrol N. Groven  
Morrison-Knudsen Corp.  
Juan A. Gutierrez  
Northeast/Remsco Construction  
Paul R. Hubert  
Yonkers Contracting Company  
Richard A. Maitino  
New York State DOT  
James M. Marquardt  
J. F. Shea Company  
David P. McCarthy  
Yonkers Contracting Company  
John C. Moore  
Perini Corporation  
Robert S. Peckar  
Peckar & Abramson  
Gian C. Santarelli  
Bencor Corporation  
Joseph Serigano  
Ingersoll-Rand

A brief profile of each new member will appear in the July issue of *Holing Through*

## 1998 FLORIDA WINTER MEETING

The location was different but the conviviality remained the same. This year's Winter Meeting was held at the beautiful Registry Resort in Naples, Florida. Naples proved to be an ideal location with so many things available for attendees to do.

Activities commenced on Thursday evening with a cocktail hour and dinner. This event was hosted by Jerry Neumann, Sr. at the Port Royal Club, where he is a member.

Golfing activities were arranged by Joe D'Annunzio and Joe served as our local coordinator. There was an Executive Committee meeting and two very interesting seminars.

Friday night was the Dinner Dance and on Saturday evening there was a cruise on the catamaran, "Sweet Liberty". Generally, the weather was good, except for a heavy rain on Sunday. As usual, everyone had a great time.

Attendance was down from the previous year and the Executive Committee is considering various options for a 1999 Winter Meeting. Program Committee Chairman Al Brand would be pleased to hear from any member who would like to have input to this decision.



A sunset cruise on the catamaran Sweet Liberty



## **Three Moles Celebrate Forty Years**

The following Moles' elected to membership in 1958 will receive life membership effective May 1, 1998.

JOSEPH A. DOOLEY was affiliated with New York Trap Rock from 1947 to his retirement in the late '70s. He built a log home in Sudden Valley, Washington and has been living there for a number of years, enjoying golf and fishing.

WILMOT A. MILBURY, known as Monty, was employed by Western Foundation Company when he became a Mole in 1958. In 1962 he joined Franki Foundation Company, where he served as Vice President and Mid Atlantic District Manager. He continues to live in Rahway, New Jersey and has paid Moles' dues for forty years, making him eligible to join the other twelve Life Members of The Moles. Monty plans to be at the May 6th meeting to receive his certificate in person.

THOMAS R. TRENT retired to Stuart, Florida in 1987 after living for many years in the New York Metropolitan area. Early in his career he worked for Slattery Construction Company before founding his own company, Boring, Inc., which was a speciality contractor in the horizontal pipe drilling and pipe jacking field.

### **ROOMS AT NEW YORK HILTON HOTEL**

The Moles office has arranged for a block of rooms at the New York Hilton Hotel for all functions at the special rate of \$190.00 per night. It is necessary that you make your reservation 30 days in advance of your arrival.

## **NEWS OF MEMBERS**

JUSTIN CARDARELLI has retired from Perini Corporation as Vice President, Equipment Fleet Management, after 48 years of service with the company.....HUGH P. CASPE has established his own firm, Caspe Consulting Company, located in Sudbury, MA.....Many Moles' members were pleased to see ARLINE GALLAGHER, retired Executive Director of The Moles, at the 1998 Awrad Dinner.....Current Moles' President, ROGER J. LUDLAM, has been named President and CEO of Perini Corporation.....SAL MANCINI was recently named Chief Operating Officer of Slattery Skanska Inc. Sal has been with Slattery since 1968.....LES MARINO, founder and President of The Modern Continental Construction Company, Inc., was the subject of the feature article of the March 2, 1998 issue of Engineering News Record.....JOEL MOSKOWITZ was named a Partner of Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers.....Congatulations to JACK MURPHY, former Moles' President and Member Award Recipient, on celebrating his 90th birthday this year. Also, on a personal note, PETER SHANNON, of Linde- Griffith Construction Company, and his bride Virginia, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on February 10, 1998. Congratulations Virginia and Peter.....DON STAGER, who split his career between Guy F. Atkinson Company and Dillingham Construction Corp., where he now serves as Chairman, was honored with the 1998 Golden Beavers Management Award.....FRANK WARREN retired March 31, 1998 after ten years as President and CEO of Rogers Group, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee. Frank previously served as President of J.A. Jones Construction Compnay and Raymond International Builders..... DON WEISSTUCH , Sverdrup Corporation, has been nominated as a Director of the Society of American Military Engineers.

Please send in any information about Moles members which would be of interest to our readers.

### **THE MOLES**

Holing Through is published by The Moles three times a year: April, July and November. The Moles is an organization of people engaged in heavy construction. Its purpose is to promote better acquaintance among individuals engaged in heavy construction to the end:

- That past and future friendships and a spirit of fraternization among the members be fostered.
- That meetings and other gatherings be held to exchange construction information and promote good fellowship among members.
- That advancement of the Construction art be achieved and outstanding performance be recognized through awards and otherwise.
- That the youth of our country be encouraged to participate in heavy construction by a multi purpose program of education in cooperation with engineering colleges and other associations.
- That, in the public interest, standards of construction shall be raised both as to engineering and business ethics.

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## **JACK WALLE SELECTED FOR FOUNDERS AWARD**

The Executive Committee recently established a new award, "The Founders Award". The award is to be presented to a member who has dedicated significant and long term service to The Moles and who is not a current member of the Executive Committee nor a Past President or Award Recipient. The award is to consist of a plaque and a momento.

It was not a difficult decision to select the first recipient of this award, Jack Walle. Jack is a Life Member of The Moles, having become a member in 1956 and having paid dues for 40 years. In 1978, 1979 and 1980 he served as a Trustee and Chairman of the Program Committee; in 1981, 1982 and 1983 he served as Secretary; and in 1985, 1986 and 1987 he served as Trustee and Chairman of the Publicity Committee

Jack continued to serve The Moles after these official positions in a number of ways. He has always been at the Clambake at Travers Island helping out at the reception desk and he has attended most Student Days assisting where needed.

Jack is blessed with calligraphic skills and has made seating cards for the honored guests at the Award Dinner for as long as we can remember and has used these same skills with a poster at the Clambake.

After distinguished military service as an engineering officer during World War II, participating in the landings at Saipan and Okinawa, Jack earned his engineering degree and went to work for Thomas Crimmins Contracting Company, where he spent his career.

Congratulations Jack on this well deserved recognition.

## **A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

The Moles' office only recently became aware of the death of DAN S. BROCK on August 22, 1997. Dan was in his 90's and had been attending Moles' meetings on a regular basis up to a couple of years ago. He became a Moles member in 1956 while employed by Johnson, Drake & Piper, Inc. Subsequently he served as Executive Vice President of C. W. Blakeslee & Sons and after that for a long period served as a Consultant.

ARTEMAS HOLMES CRIMMINS, JR., known as TONY, died on January 15, 1998 at the age of 64. Tony worked for Thomas Crimmins Contracting Company, a major New York City foundation contractor. He was a graduate of Yale University and served as Chairman of the Education Committee from 1976 to 1979. He is survived by his father, A. Holmes Crimmins, who was President of the Moles in 1955.

JAMES F. FINN died on November 11, 1997 at the age of 73. He was a graduate of Newark College of Engineering and spent almost his entire career with Howard Needles Tammen & Bergendorf, where he was a partner in charge of their New Jersey offices. He was actively involved in the firms' New Jersey Turnpike widening work.

The Moles' office is grateful to Al Hammond for informing us of the death of ANDREW GULL in 1996. Mr. Gull became a Moles' member in 1941. He had been President of Gull Contracting Company, Inc., which, for many years, was a prominent New York City highway contractor.

Al Hammond also informed us of the death of JACK LAWENDA in early 1997. Mr. Lawenda spent his career selling construction equipment. He was Vice President of Bell Eastern Corporation when he became a member of The Moles in 1967 and subsequently was with Cavanaugh Construction Equipment Leasing Company.

THOMAS J. O'SHEA died on November 16, 1997. When he became a member of the Moles in 1959 he was General Superintendent for the Foundation Company on the installation of the caissons for a powerhouse in Ohio. Subsequently he worked for Burns and Roe until his retirement in 1979.

## **SOME ADVICE STILL CURRENT TODAY**

"It is easy to go out and get a lot of work. All we have to do is low bid. Only intelligent bidding in the areas we know best can be rewarding and profitable" - By Henry F. Le Mieux - 1969.

"Our success secret? There isn't any. We all just work like hell" - By Willis E. McKnight - 1977.

"We keep in contact with our jobs better than most. We insist on good communications, watch everything. Know by sundown of any trouble and what's being done about it" - Lloyd Babler - 1972.

"We always consult with our older practical supervisors before making any important project decision" - Otis Bellamy - 1975



**NOVEMBER DINNER  
SAMUELS LECTURE  
25 YEAR and 50 YEAR MEMBERS HONORED**

The Program Committee continued with its lecture series at the November Dinner. Past President and Member Award Recipient, RUBE SAMUELS, gave a talk on the Los Angeles Subway Project and more particularly what really caused the problems on the troubled section which gained so much publicity within the industry.

A similar program will be presented at the May 6th Annual Business Meeting and Dinner. JIM GOULD, one of the country's most respected Geo-technical engineers, will talk about rock conditions and foundation construction in lower Manhattan. The Lecture will start at 5:00 P.M., followed by the reception at 6:00 P.M. and dinner at 7:00 P.M.

All 25 Year members present at the dinner were brought to the lectern and presented with their certificates. Two fifty year members, Dan Lazar and Francis Thomas, were present to receive their certificates.

In addition to Dan Lazar and Francis Thomas, there are several other Moles members who have been members 50 years or more. They are Jack Murphy, John DiMenna, Ed Foley, Sam Winterberg, Jerry Neumann, Sr., Holmes Crimmins and Bill Mahood.



President Roger Ludlam presents 50 year certificate to Dan Lazar



President Roger Ludlam presents 50 year certificate to Francis Thomas



Rube Samuels presenting lecture on Los Angeles subway project.

**MAY MEETING AND  
DINNER  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1998**



# *SCHOLARSHIP FUND UPDATE*

## OVER \$500,000 Pledged from 50 Donors

As is obvious from the above headline, much has been accomplished by a very few. It is time for all Mole members to join the ranks of those who have contributed.

Retired Kiewit Executive, Martin Kelley has pledged to match all contributions to the Scholarship fund up to \$100,000.00 between the time of the 1998 Award Dinner and the 1999 Award Dinner. This is an extraordinarily generous offer and one which should motivate Moles' members to action.

To date ,the following Moles members and firms have participated in the Fund Drive:

### **PLATINUM CIRCLE (\$100,000.00)      GOLD CIRCLE (\$50,000.00)**

MARTIN KELLEY

STEVE GREENFIELD  
MUESER RUTLEDGE  
NORMAN NADEL  
PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF

### **SILVER CIRCLE (\$25,000.00)**

GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY  
KIEWIT CONSTRUCTION GROUP  
O & G INDUSTRIES  
SLATTERY ASSOCIATES

### **BRONZE CIRCLE (\$10,000.00)**

GERRY CARTY  
JOHN DONOHOE  
CHARLES VACHRIS

### **BRASS CIRCLE (\$5,000.00)**

PHIL BONANO  
JAY CASHMAN  
MEL FEBESH  
FRANK GREGORY  
FRONTIER-KEMPER  
POSTNER & RUBIN  
SVERDRUP CORPORATION  
TREACY, SCHAFFEL, MACKAY  
& MOORE  
E.E. CRUZ & COMPANY, INC.

### **CONTRIBUTOR (\$1,000.00)**

FRAN ANGINO	BOB LENZ
BOB BRUNGRABER	ROGER LUDLAM
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DAVID GOODMAN	MERGENTIME CORP.
RON GOTTLIEB	BILL MURPHY
CHARLIE GUILD	JOHN PICONE
DICK HALL	BOB POLVI
BILL HUGHES	PAT POWERS
TOM IOVINO	HARRY SACKS
JOHN LAMBERSON	TIDEWATER CONST.
TILCON NEW YORK	DOM ZARRELLA

### **OTHERS MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS**

GEORGE FOX	EDWIN JONES	MARV LIFSON	JIM MC CLARY	JOHN PECKHAM
CHARLES MOLINEAUX	NAB CONSTRUCTION		RUBE SAMUELS	MICHAEL TORRE

### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

THE SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECENTLY MET, AND BASED ON THE INCOME RECEIVED IN THE PAST YEAR, DECIDED TO AWARD FOUR THREE THOUSAND DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS STUDYING CIVIL ENGINEERING AT THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS:

CITY COLLEGE    CORNELL UNIVERSITY    MANHATTAN COLLEGE    POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

THESE FOUR SCHOOLS WERE SELECTED TO RECEIVE THE INITIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BECAUSE THEY REPRESENTED THE SCHOOLS HAVING THE GREATEST NUMBER OF GRADUATES AMONG MOLES' MEMBERS. OTHER SCHOOLS WILL BE CONSIDERED IN FUTURE YEARS AS FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE.



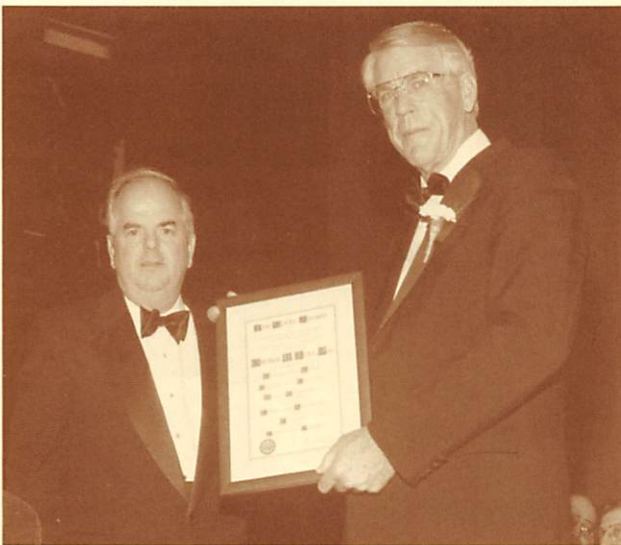
## AWARD DINNER - 1998



John Sununu, Elmer Richards, and Ken Stinson



Roger Ludlum and John Sununu



Gerry Kenny and Jerry Toll

The largest turnout in recent years was in attendance at The New York Hilton Hotel's Grand Ballroom on Wednesday evening, January 28, 1998, to pay tribute to this year's Award Recipients, Jerry Toll and Elmer Richards. And they were not disappointed.

One has to admit, that on some occasions the speeches have dragged on a little too long and may not have had the audience spell bound. Not the case this year.

John Sununu, the Principal Speaker, had something very much in common with many of his listeners. He is an engineer, having attained his undergraduate and graduate degrees from MIT in mechanical engineering and he continues to practice engineering.

Of course he is better known for his political accomplishments as three term Governor of New Hampshire and as Chief of Staff for President Bush. Many expected the Governor to present a political address. But that was not the case. He spoke of the need for engineers and construction people - as problem solvers by training and experience - to become involved in the political process.

Ken Stinson, President of the Kiewit Construction Group, presented the Member Award to Elmer Richards, Senior Partner of Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers and Gerry Kenny, President of Kenny Construction Company, presented the Non Member Award to Jerry Toll, Executive Vice President of Kiewit Construction Group. The presenters and recipients all did a marvelous job preparing their speeches, touching on incidents and experiences in their careers which were of great interest to their listeners. The enthusiasm of the audience flowed over into a long receiving line during the post dinner reception in the Grand Foyer.

Richards is the fourth member of his firm to receive the award, being preceded by Carlton Proctor (1963), Bill Mueser (1975) and Jim Gould (1992). Jerry Toll similarly is preceded by Peter Kiewit (1953), Walter Scott, Jr. (1986) and Charlie Cappella (1994).

The open reception in the afternoon had its largest attendance since its inauguration several years ago. Some members complain that the evening goes by without sufficient time to meet and talk to old friends. This reception presents a further opportunity to do this.

Many spouses came together for an enjoyable dinner in the Inner Circle Restaurant followed by attendance at the Broadway Show, Chicago. All had a great time.



# EDUCATION COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

## CAREER CONNECTION

The Moles Career Connection, our new student employment program, has been designed to bridge the gap between a student's formal education and a career in the related fields of heavy construction.

Introduced by The Moles Education Committee last year, The Moles Career Connection now permits students of the 20 participating colleges to access a list of active Moles affiliated organizations that are interested in attracting entry level engineers. Nearly 40 Moles member firms have already enrolled in the program representing over 120 of our members.

The benefit that this program provides to students is significant. The Moles Career Connection gives these young engineers a step up in their job search. The program leads them to a possible source of summer or full time employment in the broad spectrum of construction related fields represented by The Moles.

The Moles Career Connection also benefits our members. The "Participating Moles Member List" sorts the Moles members firms by primary business discipline and provides the student with some basic information about your company. Your firm will be exposed to a large pool of qualified candidates which will likely result in a continuous flow of current resumes to meet your recruiting needs.

Consider joining this valuable program by contacting John Kolaya, Moles Education Committee at 914-965-1500 Extension 843.

## NOVEMBER MEETING

The Education Committee hosted student award winners and faculty representatives at the November 5, 1997 Annual Business Meeting and Dinner. A special reception for the students and faculty was held in the Inner Circle Restaurant of The New York Hilton Hotel at which time awards were presented. The students and faculty then joined Moles members at the lecture by Rube Samuels and at the general reception and dinner.



Student Award Recipients come together for group photograph.



Education Committee Chairman John Kolaya addressing group at reception in Inner Circle Room