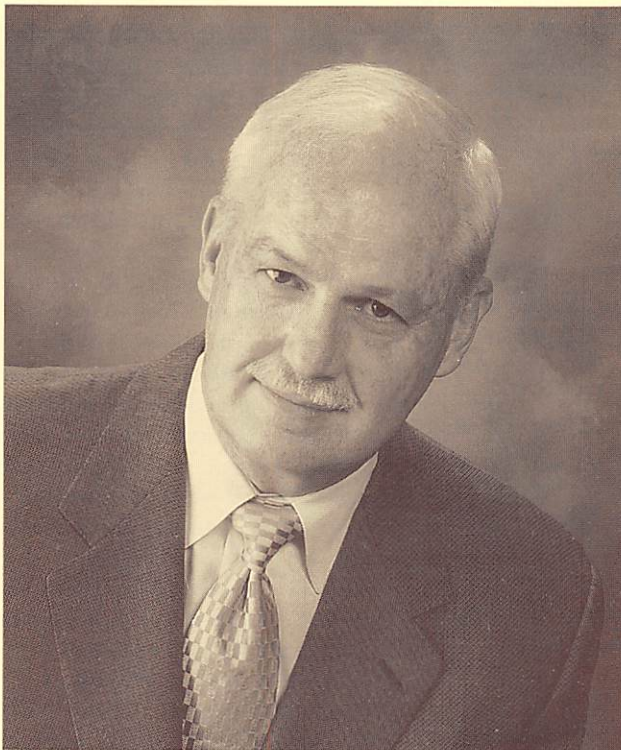
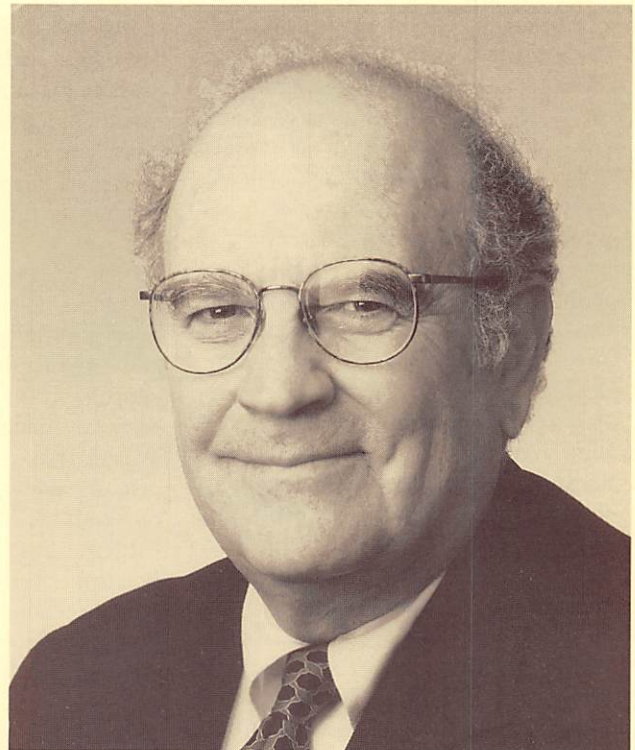


NOVEMBER, 2002

CORDING and TAMARO Selected for 2003 Outstanding Achievement Awards



EDWARD J. CORDING



GEORGE J. TAMARO

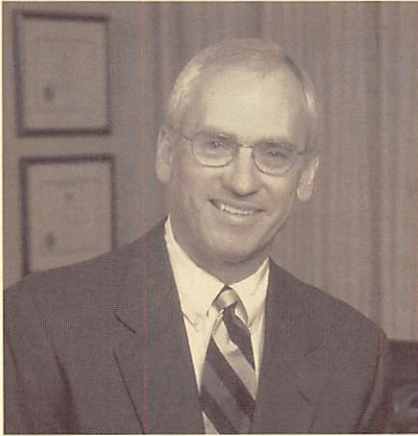
E

DWARD J. CORDING, Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Illinois, and GEORGE J. TAMARO, Senior Partner at Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers, will receive The Moles Outstanding Achievement in Construction Awards at the Annual Award Dinner to be held on Wednesday evening, January 29, 2003 at The New York Hilton Hotel.

EDWARD J. CORDING was born in Geneva, Illinois on December 20, 1937. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from Wheaton College in 1963; and MSc and Phd. Degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois in 1963 and 1967 respectively and joined the faculty in 1967. The Civil Engineering department at Illinois has had a long history of testing, observing and analyzing the behavior of real structures and applying that knowledge to the design and construction of

GEORGE J. TAMARO was born in Weehawken, New Jersey on March 16, 1937. He earned a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree from Manhattan College in 1959, a Master of Science in Civil Engineering degree from Lehigh University in 1961 and a Master of Science in Architectural Technology degree from Columbia University in 1969. Upon graduation from Lehigh, George joined the New York Port Authority where he was assigned to the construction of the George Washington Bridge Bus Station. At the completion of

Award Chairman



THOMAS J. O'NEILL

This years Award Committee Chairman is THOMAS J. O'NEILL, President and Chief Executive Officer of Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. (PB), one of the oldest and continuing operating engineering companies in the United States with more than 9,200 employees located in over 250 corporate and project offices worldwide.

After graduating from Dartmouth College in 1974 with both Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Engineering degrees, Tom went to work for Parsons Brinckerhoff-Tudor-Bechtel joint venture, the general engineering consultant for the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) system in Atlanta Georgia. In 1978, Tom joined Tudor Engineering Company in San Francisco and subsequently managed the firm's offices in Atlanta and Seattle. In 1988 he became Tudor's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer and in 1989 was appointed President.

In 1992, he returned to Parsons Brinckerhoff as Senior Vice President and Eastern Group Manager of Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, PB's U.S. infrastructure subsidiary. He subsequently was named President of the subsidiary company with a then work force of over 2500.

In 1996, Tom was named President and CEO of PB, having just attained the ripe age of 45.

EDWARD J. CORDING

(Continued from Page 1)

engineering works and to the education of outstanding practitioners. In this respect, Ed Cording has followed in the footsteps of Ralph Peck and Don Deere, both of whom are past Non Member Moles Award Recipients.

Field observations and instrumentation have been at the core of Ed's research. He started in 1965 as a field mining engineer, working for Fenix and Scissons on three large caverns at the Nevada Teat Site. The results were summarized and analyzed in his thesis.

As a young faculty member, he went on to the Washington Metro in the early 70's and conducted a program of field observations and instrumentation on the Phase I construction. Such work continued on the Dupont Circle Station, at the Gallery Place Station and on various tunnel sections of the subway.

Ed has been a consultant to contractors, designers and owners on tunnel and excavation projects throughout the U.S. and internationally. He has been a consultant on most North American subway tunnel and station projects; Washington, D.C., New York (2nd Avenue subway in 1972 and currently on both the 2nd Ave. Subway and the L.I.R.R East Side Access project), Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Portland, Rio Piedras Project in P.R., Toronto and Seattle.

Among his many assignments for contractors, he worked with Wally Baker in the first use of compaction grouting for active tunneling at Boston Hill Tunnel, Baltimore; for Traylor Bros/Fruin Colnon on the USBR Stillwater Tunnel Completion Contract; for Mergentime on ground water control on the Washington Metro Navy Yard Tunnels; and for Slattery/Skanska on NYC Water Tunnel No. 3

Ed is most proud of the engineering students he taught at the University of Illinois, many of whom are active in underground construction. Prominent

GEORGE J. TAMARO

(Continued from Page 1)

that assignment, he was awarded the Howard S. Cullman Service Fellowship to study under Pier Luigi Nervi, the Architect/Engineer of the Bus Station, at his office in Rome, Italy. Upon his return, George was assigned to the task force designing the redevelopment of Newark Airport, the World Trade Center slurry wall construction team.

In 1971, Mr. Tamaro joined ICOs Corporation of America as Vice President and Chief Engineer, working on major foundation and transportation projects worldwide.

George Tamaro joined Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers in 1980 and was made a partner in 1983. While at MRCE he has been responsible for the design and construction of structures and foundations for numerous projects around the world. Such projects include the four building World Financial Center in New York City; the Torre Mayor project in Mexico City; the Friedrichstadt Passagen, Hofgarten and Sony projects in Berlin; the Federal Triangle project in Washington, D.C.; as well as other building foundation projects in New York City, Boston, Milwaukee and Frankfurt, Germany; dams in New Jersey, and Washington; marine projects in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Oregon and the Philippines; subway and highway tunnels in New York, New Jersey, Boston, London, Taipei, and Korea; and sewerage projects in New York, Milwaukee, Boston and Egypt. He most recently led the MRCE team responsible for the re-support of the World Trade Center slurry walls.

George is licensed as a Professional Engineer in over a dozen states; is a chartered Engineer in the United Kingdom; and a registered European Engineer. He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and among other affiliations is a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Institution of Civil

LAMMIE AND BRAND *To Present Awards*

JAMES L. LAMMIE, former CEO of Parsons Brinckerhoff, will present the Non-Member Award to Edward J. Cording and **ALFRED H. BRAND**, Partner at Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers, will present the Member Award to George J. Tamaro.

MAKE PLANS FOR THE AWARD DINNER NOW

It may seem far away, but the 2003 Award Dinner will be upon us quickly. Act now.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS Call the New York Hilton Hotel, 212-586-7000, or mail in the reservation card included with your ticket package. **Last day to make reservations is January 8, 2003 for the very special rate of \$209.00.** Every year members are calling up looking for reservations after the cut off date and rooms are just not available.

SPOUSES DINNER AND SHOW - This makes for a great evening for the spouses and friends. Dinner will be at the Halcyon Restaurant, just across the street from the Hilton Hotel. A bus will take everyone to the show. This year's show is the popular Broadway musical, "Thoroughly Modern Millie". Then back to the hotel just in time to join the men at the conclusion of the Award Dinner

AFTERNOON RECEPTION - There will be an open reception in the East Suite (4th Floor) of The New York Hilton Hotel from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on the day of the Award Dinner. A cash bar will be available.

SEATING LIST - **Payment for tickets and names of attendees must be in The Moles office no later than Friday, January 10, 2003 in order to be included in the Seating List.** The cooperation of all members will be appreciated.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

On September 21, 2002 Oregon State University broke ground for the new Kelley Engineering Center named for **MARTIN N. KELLEY**, former President of Kiewit Engineering Company and Recipient of the Moles 1999 Member Award.

STUART E. GRAHM, has been named new CEO of Skanska AB, the Stockholm based construction and real estate company. Graham will be succeeding **CLAES J. BJORK**, who is retiring.

KENNETH E. STINSON, Chairman and CEO of Peter Kiewit Son's, Inc., presented the 12th Mueser Rutledge Lecture at the October 1, 2002 of the ASCE Met Section Geotechnical Group.

Changes at Moretrench: **KENNETH R. CHADWICK** has joined the company as Chief Engineer of Moretrench Geotec and **PAUL C. SCHMALL** has been appointed Vice President of Engineering.

PETER K. TULLY, Of Tully Construction Company, Inc., will be honored on November 8, 2002 at the 2002 Annual Tribute Luncheon of ORT. Moles' member **MICHAEL C. ASCHER**, is current ORT Chapter President.

AUA TO HOLD NEW YORK CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE AT TIME OF AWARD DINNER

Tom Peyton is chairing this conference, **TUNNELING IN NEW YORK**, to be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2003 (the day before the Award Dinner). Gary Almeraris, Mike Greenberg, Hugh Lacey and Ed Plotkin are assisting Tom. For more information call 612-825-8933 or ccm@mcg.net. Included among subjects will be the Eastside Access project and New York City Transit projects.

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.

The Moles' office is located at 577 Chestnut Ridge Road, Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey 07677. Telephone: 201-930-1923 Fax: 201-930-8501 Executive Director: Gerard J. Carty, P.E.

25 YEAR MEMBERS

At this time of year, the editor writes to all upcoming 25 year members inviting them to submit a brief report of their activities during the period of their Moles' membership and about their retirement (for those who have reached that milestone). The editor is grateful to those who responded and a condensed version of their replies follows. For those who did not respond, the editor provides information from the Moles records and archives.

CHARLES M. AIKEN had a long career with Raymond International before moving on to The Conduit & Foundation Corporation. Upon retirement from that company, Charlie has been living and working as a consultant in Orlando, Florida.

CARLTON W. ALDRICH writes: "I started with C. L. Guild Construction Company about fifty years ago and worked with "Charlie Guild" related companies until 1979 when I became Vice President of American Pile Driving Company. In 1985 I started American Equipment & Fabricating Corp. where I am currently, but working fewer hours and enjoying more boating and fishing. I still live in Warwick, RI."

HAROLD S. BIXBY writes from Orchard Park, NY: "Presently, I am retired from active construction and limit my activities to some consulting work and real estate development. In 1978 I was President of the NYS Chapter of the AGC and President and CEO of Tri Delta Aggregates, a construction company I founded with others in 1976, after a long career with Johnson, Drake & Piper. I served JDP for 18 years as Engineer, Superintendent, and finally Vice President. Between 1964 and 1976, I was a Vice President of Tri-Delta Construction Co., involved in heavy & highway work in Western NY and

Western Pennsylvania."

RICHARD C. CALLAHAN writes: "Served as Vice President and Chief Engineer of Schiavone Construction Company until retiring in 1987. Received the Engineer-Constructor Award from the New Jersey Professional Engineers in Construction and have since chaired their Student Engineer Award Committee. Presently active as a mediator and arbitrator on construction disputes throughout the Northeast".

EDWARD COHEN writes: "Received my BS in CE in 1954 from Columbia University. Joined Amman & Whitney, Consulting Engineers in 1949 and was Managing Partner and CEO when I became a member of The Moles in 1977.... retired in 1996, after 47 years of service in NYC and around the world...including engineering restoration of the Statute of Liberty and the United States Capital...My wife Carol and i are in good health and now live in Lake Worth, Florida. We plan to celebrate our 22nd wedding anniversary and my 82nd birthday in January.

At the time he became a member of The Moles in 1977, STEWART DAVIS was President of Syracuse Supply Company, a major distributor of Caterpillar equipment in Northern New York State. He continues to live in the Syracuse area.

Most of JOSEPH DI MICELLI's career was with Slattery Corporation. Starting as a Party Chief on the construction of the Major Deegan Expressway he rose to the position of Vice President. He continues to live in Hartsdale, New York.

JOSEPH M. FALCO writes: "Founded Falco Construction Corp. in 1952. The company has become a leader in the pile driving business and has performed on many projects including Battery Park

City and the World Trade Center Building 7. Served as a substructure consultant for many agencies including the Department of the Navy. At 79 years of age, still heads the corporation and is involved with day-to-day operation, which keeps me perpetually young. Susan, my wife of 50+ years, and my daughters work with me in the company."

THOMAS J. GALLIGAN was President of National Prestress, Inc. when he became a member of the Moles. He continues to live on Long Island, in Mattituck.

ROBERT B. GITTINS writes: "My wife Joan and I just had our 52nd wedding anniversary and are living in Reno, Nevada...Retirement here has been marvelous allowing us to participate in all of the winter and summer activities made available by an abundance of snow, water and mountains. Our main hobbies are travel, boating, hiking and gardening. (In my career) have been engaged in projects abroad: Australia, New Zealand, Belgium, Canada, Israel, Lesotho and Pakistan".

BURTON P. KASSAP writes: "It is hard to believe that the years have encompassed so many events and happenings in our lives and profession. I am fortunate that it has resulted in enrichment for me and not a disappointment...This past July, concluded 15 years of my working on the "Big Dig" project for Bechtel in Boston...I..started with Merritt Chapman & Scott on the open box caisson foundations that support the towers of the Throggs Neck Bridge, (then) Horn Construction Company, Fitzpatrick Construction, Schiavone Construction, Franki Foundation and Morrison-Knudsen.... I hope to spend more time with my wife Mildred and my three daughters and their families (which include seven grandchildren).

25 YEAR MEMBERS - Continued

MARVIN LIFSON writes; "My construction career has not been complicated. My first job was with Slattery Construction in 1959. After eight years....I left Slattery to join the newly formed firm of Gardner M. Bishop, Inc., as Executive Vice President. ..I joined Beaver Concrete Construction as President and Owner..I sold all of my interests in 1997...Most of my time is now spent with children (9) and grand children (15)..and my wife Fran".

Former Moles' President ROGER J. LUDLAM, continues to be active in the construction industry, serving as President of PB Constructors, Inc., the newly formed design-build and construction subsidiary of Parsons Brinckerhoff. After a long career with S. J. Groves, Roger served as CEO of Perini Corporation and as Executive Vice President of Morrison Knudsen Corporation. In his current position. Roger is headquartered and living in Northern Virginia.

We were pleased to hear that HUGH M. MIZE, JR. will be present at the November 6th Dinner to receive his 25 year certificate. Hugh worked for Gordon H. Ball when he became a member of The Moles and then went on to work for Dillingham, settling in Georgia, where he continues to live.

CHARLES B. MOLINEAUX, JR., a former Trustee, and son of Moles' member Charles Molineaux (longtime Chief Engineer at NY contractor Arthur A. Johnson) wrote from where he is now based in Northern Virginia. He has been a

lifelong construction attorney, was general counsel for Perini Corporation in the 80's and is now doing arbitration work, mostly internationally. He received the Prangey Award from FIDIC in 1996. From the depths of compressed air subway work in Manhattan (McLean Grove), and an underground water storage tank in Staten Island (Walsh-Atkinson) to the heights of a power dam in Greece (Kaiser), construction has always fascinated him. He has six children, none lawyers.,

BERNARD MONAHAN writes: "Presently engaged as Consulting Engineer and Expert Witness... specializes in infrastructure and safety. Betty and I have residences in in Florida and New York and commute between the two. Have four children and three grandchildren. Friends and officers of Thomas Crimmins Contracting Company made my nomination to The Moles. (After Crimmins worked for) URS Engineering and the New York office of J.A. Jones where I served as Vice President. Enjoys travel and ASCE activities."

Former Moles' President, GERARD A. NEUMANN, JR., continues as President of Spearin Preston & Burrows and is active in all Moles functions. His son, Matthew, recently became a member of The Moles representing the first fourth generation Moles member. Of course, Jerry will be present to receive his 25 year certificate on November 6th.

JULIUS NIMORWICZ writes: "I had been with J. Rich Steers for 31

years and retired in 1983. We have lived in Florida since then. I spent about five years of my retirement working for various Surety Bonding Companies assisting them in completing bridge projects in which the contractors were in default. My wife and I travel extensively by car and by cruises. Being a member of the Moles has been a richly rewarding experience."

ROBERT K. PATTISON writes: "My career started after graduation from the University of Illinois with a Civil Engineering degree. From 1947 to 1978 worked for the New York Central, Penn Central, Conrail and Long Island Rail Road (1976-1978). Fired as president by Governor Hugh Carey. Became Technical Director of Railroads for Parsons Brinckerhoff (1978 To 1995). I have travelled all over the world riding high speed rail. Hobby is golf. It has been my honor to be a Mole for the last 25 years."

J. PATRICK POWERS writes: "Graduated from Rensselaer Polytech in 1948 and joined Moretrench, who promised me the opportunity to travel. Except for some interruptions, including a two year stint in the dry land navy building ships, remained with Moretrench until 1986, eventually becoming Vice President and Chief Engineer. They fulfilled their travel promise. By last count worked in 49 of the of the United States and seven other countries. Wrote a book to make Construction Dewatering as complicated as possible. For the past 12 years have been a Consultant with Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers."

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 25 MEMBERS

50 YEAR MEMBERS

HOWARD R. GOULD was President of the Moles in 1968. He had a long career with the then pre-eminent foundation and underpinning company, Spencer, White & Prentice, serving as Vice President and Midwest Regional Manager. Howard has been living in Florida in the winter and in Virginia in the summer. We had a telephone conversation with Howard within the last year and at which time he was doing well. Howard is now 91 years old.

ALFRED C. MAEVIS is known in The Moles as the man who wore many hats. After a lengthy period of service with Arthur A. Johnson (NYC subway builder), Al went on to serve as Chief Engineer of the NYC Transit Authority, as Commissioner of the NYC Public Works Department and then as Assistant Postmaster General for Construction. Al was very active in the American Society of Civil Engineers, serving as Chairman of the Construction Division. Al continues to live in Sarasota, Florida, and we recently had a note from Al about the death of Henry Schmeckpepper (see next column).

Like Howard Gould, **HENRY M. WASUNG**, worked for Spencer, White & Prentis before opening his own consulting office. Henry is now 87 years old and, not having heard from him in sometime, we trust everything is going well.

John Donohoe Honored by Manhattan College

On November 15, 2002 The Manhattan College Chapter of Chi Epsilon will install John Donohoe as Chapter House Member. John is president and CEO of Moretrench American Corporation and a Past president of The Moles. For the past 8 years, he has served as a Manhattan College Civil Engineering Consultant, along with other Moles members **GEORGE TAMARO, JOHN KOLAYA AND STEVE GREENFIELD.**

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Life Member **JOHN J. DI MENNA** died on September 6, 2002 at the age of 93. John and his brother Frank (also a Moles member presided over Nicholas DiMenna & Sons, Inc., a construction company that constructed many landmark structures in New York City. Among the projects were original sections of FDR Drive, Park Avenue and the Queens Public Library. Among others, John is survived by his son, Nicholas J. DiMenna, a Moles member and his nephew Francis P. Di Menna, Jr., also a Moles member.

ALBERT J. MAIORANO, a Civil Engineering graduate of Cornell University, died suddenly on July 17, 2002 at the age of 77. Al spent his career with two construction companies: initially with Poirier & McLane Corp. and then a 30 year career with Walsh Construction Company, where he served as Vice President of Construction. Al was a very active member of the Moles having served as Chairman of the Membership Committee and as a Trustee.

Life Emeritus Member **HENRY L. SCHMECKPEPPER** died on August 23, 2002 at the age of 98. He was a graduate of Cornell University and was a Vice President of Arthur A. Johnson Corporation. The Editor had occasion to meet Henry in the early 60's (just after Arthur A. Johnson was purchased by Kiewit) when Henry was Project Manager for the construction of the Brooklyn Anchorage of the Narrows Bridge.

The Moles office only recently became aware of the death in December 2001 of Life Emeritus Member **S. JAY WINTERBERG**. Known as Sam, he spent most of his career with the Fehlhaber Corporation which performed a large amount of pile driving and foundation work in the New York area. Sam became a member of the Moles in 1944, making him a member of the Moles for 57 years.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2003 AWARD
DINNER
JANUARY 29TH
NEW YORK
HILTON HOTEL

WINTER
MEETING
FEBRUARY 27
TO MARCH 2,
2003
LA PLAYA
BEACH
RESORT
NAPLES,
FLORIDA

MAY BUSINESS
MEETING AND
DINNER
MAY 7, 2003
NEW YORK
HILTON HOTEL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mangla Dam generated an enormous response - three communications. That's considered enormous in view of the fact that normally there is no response from members about the contents of *Holing Through*.

FROM TOM KUESEL

I enjoyed greatly the article on Joe McNabb and the Mangla Dam in the July 2002 issue of "*Holing Through*". It brings to mind a story told to me by Bob Kerr, who directed the business end of Atkinson's participation in the project. As Bob put it:

This was the largest hard money contract awarded in the world up to that date (1961). Within 6 months of award, India and Pakistan went to war on the project site, and the Arabs and Israel went to war around the Suez Canal, through which all equipment and supplies had to come. But the JV persisted, and despite what today might be called "differing site conditions" the project was completed in 1968. Bob flew out to attend the dedication, and on the way home he stopped in London for a week of discussions with Binnie and Partners who were the Engineers for the project.

After one week, Bob left London with two checks - one for a full settlement of their claims and the other for the Award fee of 10 million. If this project were to be undertaken today, how many decades would be required to achieve a settlement?

The *Holing Through* article also mentions the Tarbela Dam,

which recalls another story (this one perhaps apocryphal):

The engineering contract between TAMS and the Pakistan government contained a clause requiring that at all times during construction a TAMS partner was to be resident at the project site. This was enforced quite simply - the current resident did not get a visa until his successor showed up.

And so the legend arose that the way to become a partner at TAMS was to volunteer to spend six months in Pakistan.

FROM JIM LAMMIE

Gerry, that was a really fine Article on Joe McNabb in the July issue of *Holing Through*. Well written, informative and interesting.

FROM JOHN WEIDMAN

John Weidman called to say that during the construction of Mangla Dam he was Vice President of Walsh Construction Company in charge of the Midwest District. Since most of the JV meetings were held in Chicago, he was assigned to represent Walsh at the meetings. It was a great experience for him to be involved in such a momentous project.

Unfortunately, in June 1972 Bob Kerr was driving John Weidman to the San Francisco airport from the Atkinson office in South San Francisco when Bob Kerr suffered a fatal heart attack and died at the age of 55. He had just become a member of *The Moles*. in April 1972.

EDWARD J. CORDING (continued from page 2)

among these are Gary Brierly, Bill Hansmire, Jim Mahar Tom O'Rourke and Gabriel Fernandez, all members of the University of Illinois team that worked on the first Washington Metro projects.

Ed is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and recipient of ASCE's Middlebrooks and Martin S. Kapp Awards.

Ed and his wife Norma live in Urbana, Illinois, with their son, Evan, who is preparing to start college.

A mother was tucking her young son into bed one night. A storm raged outside, and the boy was afraid. "Can you sleep with me tonight?" he asked his mother. "No dear, I have to sleep with your father." Leaving the room, the mother heard her son mutter, "The big sissy."

GEORGE J. TAMARO (continued from page 2)

Engineers and Structural Engineers in the United Kingdom.

George has been a member of the Moles since 1976 and has served in many positions; Chairman of the Award Committee, as Vice President and as President in 2001.

George and his wife, Rosemary, reside in Leonia, New Jersey and have four children. Mark received a Moles Student Award in 1989 and is now a project manager for Thornton Tomasetti Cutts in Washington, D.C. Jean is an Architect/Project manager for Chase Manhattan Bank. Peter and Paul are in finance and computers.

FURTHER REMINDER - AWARD DINNER

Get your ticket requests in early and make your reservations at the New York Hilton Hotel before the end of the year to assure *The Moles* special low rater of \$209.0. Those who vacillate will pay the piper.

TRAVERS ISLAND

— Welcomes —

"THE MOLES"

2002 CLAMBAKE - ANOTHER RECORD TURNOUT

JACK BURKE writes about the Clambake:

The Annual Moles Clambake has been ongoing every year since before WW II. Originally a boat ride and picnic with limited people consisting primarily of underground contractors from the New York area, it has grown to be a much sought affair held at the prestigious New York Athletic Club facility at Travers Island. The attendance has grown to approximately 800, all enjoying a day with tugboat rides, horseshoes, softball, golf and other attractions.

The 2002 affair was held on August 6th and what a day it was; the weather was perfect, mild, sunny and not humid; just right. The writer drove up and arrived Sunday evening to meet ...for a round of golf on Monday. This annual affair was its normal match with various scorecards being submitted and only a mistake in submitting a correct card governed the result.

Early Tuesday, I visited the Bergen Tunnel project of Merco/Obayashi.....Great progress has been made and it is a fine looking job. Just up the road and enroute to the George Washington Bridge, Frontier Kemper/Shea/BuM Joint Venture are starting the Weehawken Tunnel and Station rebuilding for NJ Transit. When complete, it will allow train service to a new series of ferries serving New York City.

Met SUSAN NELSON, Executive Director of the American Underground Construction Association at the club portico. This was Susan's first clambake. GERRY CARTY was his usual ebullient self as he greeted guests at the sign in desk. The Moles' hat this year was the nicest yet.

The club has been completely renovated since last August and what a beautiful job they did. The buffet luncheon was served on the enclosed porch and I headed for the steam clams and sausage and peppers. Sat with DON BRENNAN, retired from Elgood Mayo and now running his own company, Brennan Engineering and Consulting in Lancaster, PA.

There is a grassy knoll overlooking the sports complex where a constant breeze blows and lots of people congregate to enjoy a brew and talk. It has the feeling of a Paris cafe with the small tables to allow intimate talking. They claim if you wait long enough everybody will come by. STEVE PRICE back in New York with Halmar Division of Granite; with PAT COSTANZO, BRIAN KAUB; RICH REDMOND with DMJM/Harris and promised an update on 1st Ave TBM; STEVE GREENFIELD looking great and enjoying extra leisure in retirement; JACK ELY back in town after spending a few months in Boise doing some work for JACK LEMLEY.

BRIAN FLAHERTY joined JIM MARQUARDT, JIM ROSTECK down from Metro West in Boston and JEFF SALAI, PM on the Fall River Tunnel Project, discussing the forthcoming East Side Access Project. ALAN PASKOFF, Construction Manager for Bechtel Infrastructure advised they were pre-qualifying contractors and were looking for good contractors to bid. This project is so huge that unless they change the rules in NYC on powder, the logistics involved would seriously hamper the cycles. ROGER LUDLAM has joined PB Constructors as President in Herndon, VA. Talked with DICK WEEKS and son RICH WEEKS, BOB BUCKLEY and HUGH CASPE. I am constantly amazed at the ability that RAY ONEGLIA has to remember so many one liner jokes, better than Henny Youngman.

Once again, did not win the Wheel of Fortune, no luck on wheels. GARY ALMERARIS, BOB JENNY, TOM GELORMINO AND JIM KELLEY all suffer this syndrome. The dinner they serve is really superb with lobster, steak and all the trimmings. Tried to visit some of the other tables. Made the Frontier Kemper group with RICH RAAB, MIKE GREENBERG and PETE SCHNEIDKRAUT who is recovering from massive back surgery.

Traveling between the sports field, grassy knoll and wheel of fortune you miss people you really want to visit, with time going so fast.