



APRIL, 2006

RICHARD S. WEEKS ELECTED PRESIDENT of THE MOLES

RICHARD S. WEEKS, Weeks Consulting, LLC, has been elected to serve as President of The Moles for the year 2006/2007. He will receive the gavel from retiring President, Thomas J. O'Neill, at the Annual Business Meeting and Dinner to be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2006 at The New York Hilton Hotel.

Other officers elected are: SALVATORE MANCINI, Skanska USA Civil, Inc., First Vice President; ALFRED H. BRAND, Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers, Second Vice President; JOSEPH M. MC CANN, Moretrench American Corporation, Treasurer; HENRY E. ADAMS, Kiewit Constructors, Inc., Secretary; and MARTIN T. CORCORAN, Weeks Marine, Inc., Sergeant-at-Arms.

Trustees elected for three-year terms are: HENRY J. MASSMAN IV, Massman Construction Company; MICHAEL M. MC HUGH, Moretrench American Corporation; and ALLAN U. SYLVESTER, The Clark Construction Company. JOEL MOSKOWITZ, Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers, was elected to a one-year term as Trustee.

RICHARD S. WEEKS, known as Rich, grew up in New Jersey and attended Mountainside public schools. Both of his parents were from New York City. His father, Richard N. Weeks, known as Dick, (Moles Member Award Recipient in 2001) served in the U.S. Air Force before joining Weeks Stevedoring Company, then a small bulk stevedoring company with seven McMyler steam cranes on wooden hulls. His mother, Virginia, also served in the Air Force as a lieutenant and flight nurse.

After graduating from high school, Rich attended Johns Hopkins University and the Advanced School of International Studies (BA 1974, MA 1975). He then attended the Harvard Business School from 1975 to 1977, receiving an MBA in 1977. He had started working for Weeks Stevedoring when he was 17 years old and joined the company full-time upon completing his studies at Harvard.

The company he joined in 1977 is not the company of today. The company not only changed its name but also changed its mix of work and principal businesses from stevedoring to marine construction and dredging. Notable projects in construction included the Staten Island Homeport and Cross Bay Boulevard Bridge (in JV's with Yonkers), Mamaroneck Outfall, Robert Moses Causeway Reconstruction, Trinmar Offshore Platforms in Trinidad, Petrozuata Bulk Material Handling Facility in Venezuela for Conoco Phillips, APM Portsmouth Marine Terminal, FDR Drive/Bypass (JV with Skanska), Enron Ecoelectrica LNG facility in Guayanilla, Puerto Rico, Tappen Zee Fender Project (JV with Kiewit) and Naval Weapons Earle Pier 3A Complex Replacement. In Hawaii, Healy Tibbitts performed award winning projects with the NELHA Deep Seawater Pipeline and Fort Kam Outfall.



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In dredging, Weeks performed the USAEC's largest single dredging contract at the Houston Ship Channel; Lake Carraizo Reservoir (6 million cubic meters in San Juan's sole active reservoir); and numerous coastal restoration and beach replenishment projects.

With Rich's efforts, the company made a number of acquisitions: Healy Tibbitts and parts of Raymond International, which brought the company into work in the Caribbean and into design build work; Beachbuilder JV; American Dredging Company; M.P. Howlett; Lahaina Pier and Pile Company; the assets of Gulf Coast Trailing (the hopper dredging entity of T.L. James) and subsequently the hydraulic dredging operations of T. L. James and Gates Construction Company.

Rich was named President of Weeks Marine in 1999. When the 9/11 tragedy occurred, Weeks Marine developed the marine transfer facilities and performed all loadout and barging work.

Rich served as President of the National Dredging Association from 2002 to 2004; has served on the Boards of the Maritime Association of New York and The Beavers; and as a trustee on a number of Local 25 Operating Engineers funds.

Rich and his wife, Candace, met while graduate students at Johns Hopkins University, have been married 31 years and have three children: Alexandra, Katherine, and Richard Matthew. He lives in Harding Township, New Jersey and is active in the Presbyterian Church of New Vernon, where he has served as an elder on session.

He is a principal shareholder of Weeks Marine, which is now a preeminent marine contractor and the second largest dredging contractor in the United States. He is currently working as a consultant in the marine field; is focusing on family and other personal matters; and preparing for his next career phase.

19 New Members Elected

Congratulations and welcome to our new Moles members.

Peter J. Arborio
Arborio Corporation
Anthony C. Barila
Terra Drilling Company, Inc.
David F. Benton
The Lane Construction Corporation
Andrew J. Ciancia
Langan Engineering & Environmental Services, PC
Domenic D'Argenzio
Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers
John P. Dargin
Barletta Heavy Division, Inc.
Jay Dier
Judlau Contracting, Inc.
Michael J. Goldstein
Schiaivone Construction Company
Jack Harney
J.F. White Contracting Company
F. Keith Jacobson
Massman Construction Co.
Clyde L. Joseph
MERCOCORP, INC.
James L. Kaufman
Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers
Christine Keville
Keville Enterprises, Inc.
Robert Koch
Koch Skanska, Inc.
Vincent D. Krause
Slattery Skanska, Inc.
Peter M. Kutil
King & King, LLP
Bernd N. Laudorn
High Steel Structures, Inc.
David A. Noelken
Caterpillar, Inc.
Jeffrey P. Petersen
Kiewit Construction Company

New members will be welcomed into The Moles at the May 3rd Business Meeting and the July issue of *Holing Through* will contain a brief profile of each new member.

**ITS GREAT TO BE A
MEMBER OF
THE MOLES**

MORE ABOUT THE BEAVERS AND THE MOLES

As was reported previously, The Beavers celebrated their 50th Anniversary in 2005. They prepared an Anniversary Journal, which was recently distributed to its members.

Like Ralph Atwater, who was considered to be the "founding father" of The Moles, The Beavers had a gentleman named Jimmie Lovell, who worked for DuPont and who was the originator of the concept for the founding of The Beavers.

The 50th Anniversary Journal contains the following concerning the relationship of the Moles and The Beavers:

During his calls on the contractors on behalf of DuPont explosives, Jimmie continued to discuss the concept of The Beavers. Many of the people he spoke to were already members of the Moles. ...Eventually, Jimmie and Tom Walsh, chairman of Walsh Construction Company, met with officials of the Moles in New York to see if they had any problem with the formation of a sister organization in the west, focused on dam builders. Not only did the Moles provide their best wishes, but many Moles members who were involved in dam building in the west expressed interest in joining.

With the blessing of the Moles in hand, Jimmie went back and one by one, obtained the approval of the most influential industry leaders.

The Beavers were subsequently founded in 1955.

Walsh Construction played a major role in The Moles for many years. Presidents of the Moles from that company include John S. McDonald (1943), Thomas J. Walsh, Jr. (1956), John J. Walsh (1964), John J. Murphy (1970) and Gerard J. Carty (1988). There were also five Award Recipients from the company, including Thomas J. Walsh in 1955.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY BUSINESS
MEETING AND
DINNER
MAY 3, 2006
NEW YORK
HILTON HOTEL

CLAMBAKE
AUGUST 1, 2006
TRAVERS ISLAND

NOVEMBER
MEMBERS
DINNER
NOVEMBER 1,
2006
NEW YORK
HILTON HOTEL

2007 AWARD
DINNER
JANUARY 31,
2007
NEW YORK
HILTON HOTEL

PHASE II SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISING EFFORT CONTINUES

In November 2004, the Scholarship Fund Raising Committee established the goal of raising an additional \$2 Mil. for the Scholarship Fund. To date, the following major contributions have been received or pledged:

The Moles	\$250,000.00
Richard N. Weeks	100,000.00
Mueser Rutledge	50,000.00
Moretrench American	50,000.00
David Goodman	50,000.00
Thomas Iovino	50,000.00
Norman Nadel	50,000.00
Caterpillar Tractor	50,000.00
Lane Construction	50,000.00
Everett Cruz	30,000.00
Ray Oneglia	25,000.00
John Deere	25,000.00
Moles Members with Dues Payments	25,000.00
Total	\$805,000.00

As can be seen from the above, there is considerable work to be done to accomplish the Phase II objective of raising \$2 Mil. Let's all get behind this most praiseworthy effort.

The current value of the fund is approximately \$2,175,000.00. For the upcoming academic year, \$79,000.00 is being awarded in scholarship grants to civil engineering students at 17 of the colleges and universities which participate in The Moles Education Committee programs.

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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NEWS OF MEMBERS



JOHN BIDOSKY

After a 23 year career with American Bridge Company, JOHN (Jake) BIDOSKY has joined Railroad Construction Company as Vice President. Railroad Construction, Paterson, New Jersey, is a general contractor, founded in 1926 Jake is a civil engineering graduate of RPI and earned an MBA from Marist College.

RICHARD CAVALLARO has been appointed President of Slattery Skanska. A civil engineering graduate of the City College of New York, and with Slattery Skanska since 1966, Rich played major roles on the San Francisco International Airport rail Extension and the JFK Air Train Project.



RICHARD CAVALLARO

GARRY HIGDEM joined CH2M Hill in October 2005 as President and Group Chief Executive for engineering, procurement and construction. His early career was with Granite Construction Company and more recently, he was President of Ashland Paving and Construction.

Construction Contract Attorney ROBERT RUBIN, after a long career with the firm of Postner & Rubin, has joined the law firm of Seyfarth Shaw.

2000 Non Member Award Recipient G. M. (Pat) Stricklin has joined Bilfinger Berger Civil, Inc. as President and Managing Director. The firm will be headquartered in the Northwest and will be pursuing major bridges and tunnels in North America.



Gittleman (left) and Lacey

The Moles Staff

When you call the Moles office, you are likely to be welcomed by Valerie Lacey, Administrative Assistant, who is into her third year with The Moles Moles. During peak periods, she is assisted by Kathy Gittleman.

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REST IN PEACE



JAMES H. KEELER

JAMES A. KEELER, a 1955 civil engineering graduate of the University of Notre Dame, died on July 24, 2005 at the age of 72. Since 1969, he served as President of Keeler Construction Company, Albion, New York, a prominent upstate New York General Contractor. He served as President of the NYS AGC.

STEPHEN M. OLKO died on December 2, 2005 at the age of 79. He was Founder and President of Olko Engineering, a firm which specialized in waterfront related civil engineering.

THE MOLES WELL REPRESENTED IN THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING

The following Moles members are members of the National Academy of Engineering:

Clyde N. Baker	Thomas R. Kuesel
Stephen D. Bechtel, Jr.	James L. Lammie
Wilson V. Binger	Thomas D. Larson
A. James Clark	John W. Leonard
Wayne G. Clough	John Lowe III
Edward Cohen	Albert R. Marschall
Edward J. Cording	Albert A. Matthews
Don U. Deere	James E. Monsees
Eugene J. Fasullo	Norman A. Nadel
Gerard F. Fox	Robert S. O'Neill
Ben C. Gerwick, Jr.	Ralph B. Peck
Paul H. Gilbert	Henry Petroski
Delon Hampton	Richard J. Robbins
William H. Hansmire	George J. Tamaro
Donald G. Iselin	Charles H. Thornton

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ED CRUZ AND CLYDE BAKER HONORED AT 2006 AWARD DINNER - JIM OWENS, PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

The key players of the U.S. construction industry gathered in New York City at The New York Hilton Hotel on Wednesday evening, January 25, 2006 for The Moles 66th Annual Awards Dinner. As has been the custom, two persons were honored: Ed Cruz with the Member Award and Clyde Baker with the Non Member Award. Jim Owens, CEO of Caterpillar Tractor, was the Principal Speaker.

The 1650 people present had a thoroughly enjoyable evening renewing old friendships and making new acquaintances. All segments of the construction industry were represented: contractors, engineers, equipment manufacturers and distributors, material suppliers, bonding and insurance people, and the finance and legal community. Who knows how many future joint venture relationships and teaming arrangements were established?

Spouses of Moles members and their guests were afforded the opportunity to gather, have dinner and attend a Broadway show. This year's show was the *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*.

Because this event brings so many people to New York City, other organizations, namely The Construction Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Underground Association, sponsored seminars on Tuesday and Wednesday of the same week.



Presenter Joe Malandro, with Ed Cruz



Gerry Kenny, after presenting Award to Clyde Baker



Moles President Tom O'Neill and Speaker Jim Owens



Receiving line after Award Dinner

Florida Winter Meeting Largest Attendance & Best Ever



Almost 40 Moles members (most with spouses) participated in the 2006 Winter Meeting. There was an open Executive Committee meeting and great lectures on Ground Freezing by John Donohoe and on the Flushing, New York CSO project, by Joe Malandro and Charlie Montalbano. Mel Febesh provided hats to the women (photo above) and Marlene Buckley composed the poem *Proud To Be a Lady Mole* (see below). A great time was had by all.

Proud To Be A Lady Mole

By Marlene Buckley

We are proud to be a LADY MOLE!

Unlike moles we don't live in a tunnel hole.

We walk, we hop, we skip and run-a-bout.

We talk, chatter, whisper, and sometimes SHOUT!

"Yes, we're proud to be a LADY MOLE, you see."

Unlike the moles who live in darkness and cannot see.

We are THE bright shining light

That shines brightly in the still of the night.

"Yes, we're proud to be a LADY MOLE, ya'll knows."

Our mates are not furry, beady eyed, with a pointy nose.

No our mates are handsome, intelligent, "Man of the Year."

Because a smart witty LADY MOLE, chose you, my dear!!!

We are proud to be a clever LADY MOLE

Sometimes unlike moles we fall in a tunnel hole.

But a LADY MOLE engineers life through a dark time

With a "GENTLEMAN MOLE", can dig-up, push-up
and up we will climb.

So, yes, we're proud to be known as LADY MOLE

With class, dignity – a part which becomes a whole.

"HERE SHE COMES! "Hello World" "Please step
aside!"

This Lady, known as LADY MOLE, walks with Pride!

50 & 40 YEAR MEMBERS

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When he became a member of the Moles in 1956, L. GARLAND EVERIST, JR, was President of Western Contracting Corporation, Sioux City, Iowa, a company very active in constructing major heavy construction projects throughout the West and in other parts of the country as well. Projects included sections of the Ohio and Indian toll roads; Summerville Dam in West Virginia, at the time, the largest rock fill dam east of the Mississippi River; and the principal parts of Fort Randall Dam and Oahe Dam in South Dakota. Garland is a 1938 engineering graduate of Purdue University and his brother, Hubert, is also a member of The Moles.

Another member of the Moles, who may be celebrating his 50th Year of membership is JACK WALLE. Unfortunately, in 2004, Jack's son requested that we discontinue mailings to him so we do not know whether he is still living. Nevertheless, we want to let Jack know, wherever he may be, that he is still remembered by many of his friends in The Moles for his life of integrity and accomplishment and for his many years of faithful service to The Moles. May God be with you, Jack!

40 YEAR MEMBERS

RICHARD Q. PRAEGER, unfortunately is also among the missing. Rick is the son of the famous civil engineer, Emil Praeger. Rick was active in Praeger Cavanaugh, Madigan Hyland and the URS Corporation and has been retired for many years, living in Paris and San Francisco furthering his interest in rare books.

GERALD D. SARNO continues as an active member of The Moles. His early career was with the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, followed by a second career with Perini Corporation, where he served as Vice President of Business Development and Marketing. We are hopeful he will be present at the November Dinner to receive in person his 40 year certificate.

After graduating with a civil engineering degree from Colorado State University, WALTER SCOTT, JR., joined Peter Kiewit Sons, Inc., where he spent his entire career developing the company into the powerhouse it continues to be today. For his accomplishment, Walter was honored with the Moles Member Award for Outstanding Achievement in Construction in 1986.

Except for military service during World War II, HERBERT WASSERMAN spent his career with Slattery Associates, the forerunner of Slattery Skanska. Herb retired from Slattery in 1989 as Executive Vice President and has been spending his time between Florida and Manhasset, Long Island. Herb, hope to see you at the May Dinner.

MOLES 2006 STUDENT'S DAY WHAT A DAY!

Student's Day took place on Friday, March 31, 2006. It was truly an unprecedented event with 470 students and faculty members in attendance. The normal attendance at this event is 200 to 250 students and faculty. The reason for the record breaking attendance was two fold: the sudden surge in the number of students enrolled in civil engineering programs and the site to be seen .

The site was Lower Manhattan and the itinerary, which included the World Trade Center site, was a big drawing card, particularly for students who had never been to that part of New York City. Large groups came from such far away schools as the University of Connecticut, RPI, Lafayette, Lehigh, Bucknell, the Coast Guard Academy, the Military Academy and SUNY Delhi. All of our local colleges and universities were also well represented.

The big challenge that the Education Committee faced when putting together the plan for Student's Day was to find an assembly place in Lower Manhattan which could accommodate the group. Education Committee Vice Chairman, Mike McHugh, was able to find and arrange for the use of a floor at 7 World Trade Center, an unoccupied building just nearing completion, in which the interior finish work had not yet started on any of floors. The Silverstein Organization offered The Moles (at no charge) the use of the entire 26th floor. From the south side of this floor, one has an excellent view of the World Trade Center site and all of Lower Manhattan.

Three projects were to be visited: the World Trade Center site; the Dey Street Subway Connector; and the South Ferry Transit Project. After coffee and donuts, the briefing on each project commenced. George Tamaro of Mueser Rutledge and Peter Rinaldi of the Port Authority described the slurry wall construction and ensuing problems after 9/11 at the WTC site. Mike Attardo of Slattery Skanska described the work at the Dey Street Subway Connection; and Paul Scagnelli of Schiavone/Granite, described the South Ferry Transit work. With that, the students were broken up into groups and escorted around the various sites.

When it had become apparent that such a large group of students would be attending, a last minute SOS went out to Moles members to come and assist as guides. The response was most heartening, with twenty-five Moles members responding. This was in addition to the members of the Education Committee. There were also a number of other helpers from Moles member



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companies and other organizations.

In addition to the call for last minute guides, a call had to go out for additional hard hats, vests and protective glasses. The response was magnificent. As usual, Tony Mazzo and the Urban people handled the reception of the hard hats and brought them to the site for distribution.

There were other last minute concerns in addition to the number of guides and hard hats: including the requirement for special insurance. Frank Lombardi stepped in and helped out. Initially we were told by the building owner that only one freight elevator would be available to transport our group up and down to the 26th floor. Rather than this, the new high speed building elevators were made available.

After the site tours, everyone came back to 7 WTC for lunch. The program was completed at about 2 P.M.

As was done last year, The Moles gave a memento to the students in attendance – a pocket engineer's scale with an inscription *The Moles Student's Day – March 31, 2006*. This was in addition to the hard hat each student received. Each student will remember long into their careers The Moles and this exceptional Student's Day .

Thanks to the Port Authority, the Silverstein organization, the Education Committee, the additional Moles guides and other helpers and the hard hat contributors, for making this such a memorable event. All Moles members can be justifiably proud of what was accomplished on 2006 Student's Day.

2006 STUDENT'S DAY

