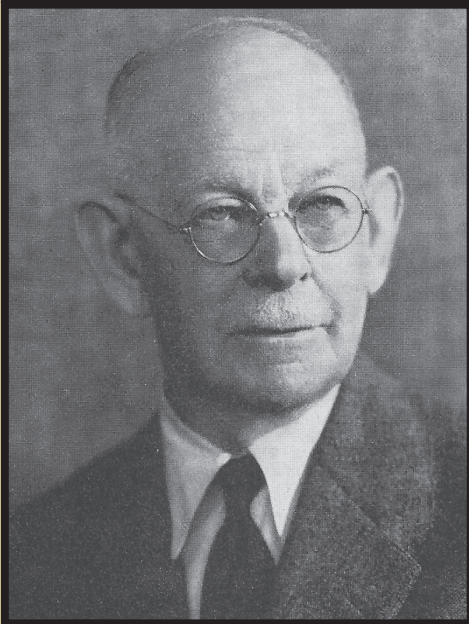




JULY, 2016

## A Glimpse Into Our Past

By John Eckart and Joel Moskowitz



The Moles' office maintains a wealth of intriguing artifacts including the minutiae of individual members whose character, grace and leadership skills have strengthened our organization. Excavated from the archives, we offer an admittedly brief glimpse of just a few of them over the decades:

### **1946:**

The 1946 Non-Member Award for "Outstanding Contributions to Construction Progress" was presented to **OSCAR W. SWENSON** at the February 6th Awards Dinner. Mr. Swenson, President of Foley Bros., Inc., New York City, was born in 1864 and was 81 years old at the time of the presentation by Edmund A. Prentis of Spencer, White & Prentis, Inc. In addition to noting the transformations he had witnessed during his time, the use of hands of men and power of horses to steam power, electric power and then gasoline and diesel engines, Mr. Swenson remarked, "while today you grapple with the physical problems (of construction) more quickly, you are saddled with man-made burdens the old-timer never dreamed of. In addition to being a constructor you must be a banker, lawyer, tax expert, be conversant with thousands of union and government regulations and be able to furnish at a moments notice 20 copies of anything." Remember he said this in 1946

- sound familiar?



### **1956:**

At the Awards Dinner in February 1956, the Non-Member Award was given to **HARVEY SLOCUM**, "the best dam man in the world." Born in 1887, Harvey terminated his formal education after graduating the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Starting at the age of thirteen, Harvey served as a messenger boy, newspaper route carrier, cabinet maker, iron worker, piledriver, rebar lumper, concrete laborer and bridge erector until 1913, when at the age of twenty-six, he got his first assignment as Superintendent. Between then and 1956, he built a multitude of dams including Lake Hodges, Hetch-Hetchy, Sierra Madre, Madden, Grand Coulee, Friant, Davis and Bull Shoals. At the time of the award, he was building the Bhakra Dam in India. It is said that in his career, Harvey poured over 20 Million cubic yards of concrete. Upon being told of his selection to receive the Non-Member Award, Harvey said, "Hell, I don't build a damn thing. It's the stiffs with the picks and shovels that build 'em and the big contractors who make 'em possible by putting up millions of dollars of their own money on the say-so of an old beat-up stumble-bum like me."

Top: Oscar W. Swenson

Bottom: Harvey Slocum

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## **1966:**

In 1966, **STANLEY MERJAN**, Vice President of Underpinning & Foundation Co. hired **ALFRED H. BRAND**, then a student at Cooper Union, as a summer intern as part of The Moles' Student Employment during Summer Vacation Program. In his letter to The Moles assessing the value and success of the program, Mr. Merjan wrote, "Al Brand was exceptional in the performance of his work as an assistant superintendent at the Nepco Fuel Oil Tanks and other jobs he was assigned. He showed unusually good construction sense, and a fine ability to handle men. In fact we have offered him a permanent position pending his graduation."

Mr. Merjan became a Member of The Moles in 1962 and was recognized as a Life Member in 2002. Al Brand became a member of The Moles in 1989 and served as President from 2008-09. Moles mentoring Moles!



*Stan Merjan and Al Brand remain good friends.*

Also in 1966, **A. HOLMES CRIMMINS**, the 1966 Member Awardee, speaking at a seminar on "Contract Award Practices" sponsored by the Met Section of ASCE, said:

"We must have less of the aloofness that comes between the engineers and the contractors. We have a common problem. Structures are not held up by just concrete and steel; they're held up by concrete, steel and paper – and the paper is money; and the owner's money has a great many problems that can be solved only by teamwork. I don't think Engineers have enough economics. You can't have sympathy for the whole problem if you con-

centrate just on the design of the structure; not only do you have to design it but your obligation to the owner is to see that it is executed."

...The more times change, the more they stay the same.

## **1976:**

At the 1976 Awards dinner, Moles President **FRANK VI-TOLO**, of the Corbetta Construction Co., pointed out that it was a bit strange that The Moles were presenting awards to a doctor and an Admiral for achievements in tunneling and heavy construction. But the doctor was **DR. ARTHUR CASAGRANDE**, Professor Emeritus of Harvard University and the Admiral was **ADMIRAL PETER CORRADI**, once Chief of the Bureau of Yards & Docks for the U.S. Navy and then Chairman of the Board and Executive Committee of Raymond International and Past Moles President (1972). Two stories concerning these distinguished individuals bear repeating.

During his introduction of the awards, President Vitolo related the following about Admiral Corradi, referring to him as a "dry land" Admiral. **HANK BOSCHEN** (former Moles President) was a friend of Admiral Corradi and an avid sailor. One day, he invited Corradi to go out on his sailboat as his crew. The weather was bad on the day they went out, seas were rough, but Hank figured, what the hell, I got an Admiral for my crew – what have I got to worry about? So off they went. As they got out, the water got rougher and rougher and the weather got worse, so Hank finally said to Pete, "You'd better get down below, get on the ship-to-shore, call the Coast Guard for help." Pete went down below, got on the ship-to-shore, radioed the Coast Guard their predicament and asked for immediate assistance. The Coast Guard said they would be on their way, but the Coast Guard radioman replied with typical protocol "state your position – repeat – state your position." So the now retired Admiral replied, "My position? I'm Chairman of the Board of Raymond International!" Needless to say, Hank Boschchen never asked the Admiral out on his boat again!

Dr. Casagrande related the following about himself during his acceptance speech concerning his summer vacation assignment while still a student in his native Austria. One of Casagrande's duties was to take visitors into rock tunnels being constructed for hydroelectric developments in the Austrian Alps. One day Casagrande was charged with an especially timid well-known writer and author, whom Casagrande had to convince it was safe to enter the tunnel. At the entrance to the adit, Casagrande checked to make sure they had time to inspect the nearest heading before the next blast, and there was time. As they walked along the adit, Casagrande explained to the writer that small trains

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# RICHARD N. WEEKS HALL OF ENGINEERING

The July edition of **Holing Through** traditionally highlights the current Moles President's business affiliation. However, Moles President **RICHARD D. MacDONALD**'s place of employment, Weeks Marine, Inc., where Rick is Senior Vice President and Construction Division Manager, needs no introduction to the heavy construction industry. Weeks Marine is helmed by the father-son team of **RICHARD N.** (better known as "Dick") and **RICHARD S. WEEKS** (a Past Moles President), both of whom have been recognized for their leadership in the industry as recipients of The Moles *Member Award* in 2001 and 2009, respectively.

Dick, a "Life Moles Member", needs no further introduction since truly everyone in The Moles knows and loves him already! His faithful attendance at nearly every Moles event is truly legendary. It is at The Moles' events where his unique presence fosters the concept that he is a "construction legend in his own time".

It is with this admiration and high regard, that we instead turn our attention to a project "near and dear" to the Weeks family.

For over 150 years Rutgers University School of Engineering has provided the spark to ignite the imaginations of students not only from New Jersey, but from all around the world. One student that received such a spark during his college years was Moles Member Dick Weeks. The spark ignited a lifetime of success for both his personal and family life and his business ventures.

A 1950 graduate of Rutgers Engineering, Dick, who remains extremely active at Weeks Marine Inc., has now turned some of his energy and financial resources into giving back to his alma mater where it all started.

On May 6th, despite terrible wind and rainy weather conditions (but to him it must have felt like a typical nasty day on one of the Weeks Marine dredge projects), there was the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Richard N. Weeks Hall of Engineering. The new building that will bear his name will provide a state of the art facility for student learning and research, further transforming the Busch campus. Designed to anchor the School of Engineering complex, the new facility is part of the University's Strategic Plan. It is the first structure to be built as part of this historic multi-year, multi-campus effort. This 100,000 square foot building is the first Rutgers building to be named for an Engineering Alumnus. It will house laboratories for advanced manufacturing and environmentally sustainable resources and systems as well as the Departments of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

We look forward to seeing Dick along with his entire Moles family at the ribbon cutting ceremony when the Richard N. Weeks Hall is ready for occupancy.

For more information regarding how you can support Rutgers Engineering and Weeks Hall, contact Spencer Masloff, Associate Vice President of Development at [spencer.masloff@rutgers.edu](mailto:spencer.masloff@rutgers.edu) or call (848) 445-4454.



Several Moles members attended the groundbreaking for the Richard N. Weeks Hall of Engineering, many of whom are also Rutgers graduates (left to right): Joel Moskowitz, John Eckart, John Kolaya, Jim Marquardt, Tom Groark, Dick Weeks, Eric Ellefsen, Richard Weeks, Chris Hynes, Malcolm McLaren, Patrick Whelan, Andrew Ciancia, Gerry Carty and Rick MacDonald.

# NEW MEMBERS



**Front Row (L-R):** Anthony O'Donnell, Patricia C. Darnell, Shane H. Yanagisawa, Robert W. Pereira II, Terese M. Kwiatkowski, Peter "Andi" Vigue, George E. Leventis, Robert J. Fischer and Drew Floyd.

**Back Row (L - R):** Robert J. Goodfellow, Richard A. Palmer, Matthew L. Swinton, David E. Simonelli, Jonathan C. Hurt, Mark E. Alexander, David R. Chapman, Paul A. Cocotis, Joseph Ascolese, Brian J. Vella, C. John Meagher and Rudolph P. Frizzi.

Presently **MARK E. ALEXANDER** is the V.P. of Operations for E.E. Cruz & Company, Inc. Since graduating from Worcester Polytech, Mark has worked on numerous major geotechnically challenging projects at JFK, WTC, Columbia University and road intersection projects.

As Vice President of John P. Picone Inc., **JOSEPH ASCOLESE** has been involved with large excavations and earth support systems. Joe has worked on numerous DEP projects including the Croton Water Treatment Plant project and many of the deep shafts along City Water Tunnel #3.

**PAUL E. COCOTIS**, the President and CEO of Shimmick Construction Company, is also the current President of the Beavers. Paul has extensive experience in roadway, railroad, bridge construction and water related projects.

Paul is a graduate of UC Berkeley with a degree in C.E. and is a licensed P.E. in California.

**DAVID R. CHAPMAN** is the Senior V.P. of Blakeslee, Arpaia and Chapman, a company founded in 1844. David oversees all operations including engineering of their Road, Bridge, Foundations, Deep Excavations, Underpinning and Marine projects. David is a Past President of the Connecticut Road Builders Association.

As Corporate Business Development Manager with Stacy & Witbeck Inc., **PATRICIA C. DARNELL** manages aspects of their Rail Transit and Transportation Projects throughout the U.S. Educated at Georgia Tech, Pat also uses her extensive experience to mentor women in heavy construction.

The Moles welcomes **DREW FLOYD** as a member! Since earning his Bachelors and Masters in Civil Engineering at Michigan State, Drew has worked for companies involved in Geotechnical projects and presently is Regional Manager & V.P. of Moretrench's New England Regional office.

As Chief Engineer of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, **ROBERT J. FISCHER** is a well known figure associated with the Authority's ten-year \$7 Bil Capital Improvement Program. Rob is a Trustee of the N.J. Society of Asphalt Technologists. We are pleased to have Rob as a member of The Moles.

**RUDOLPH P. FRIZZI** is an internationally recognized Geotechnical expert with Langan Engineering where

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# NEW MEMBERS

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he is the V.P. and Managing Principal. He has particular expertise on foundation design and construction for large scale land and waterfront projects throughout the world.

**ROBERT J. F. GOODFELLOW** is a Senior V.P. for Adler Services with extensive experience with all types of tunneling methods, ground behavior analysis and contractual risk management. He also serves on the Executive Committee for the American Underground Construction Association.

**JONATHAN C. HURT** is the leader of ARUP's Tunnel Practice in the U.S. He is responsible for providing resources, training and knowledge sharing within Arup's Tunneling Community. Jon is an expert in the design of TBM bored tunnels in soft ground.

As Senior V.P. and member of the Board at GZA GeoEnvironmental, **TERESE M. KWIATKOWSKI** specializes in geotechnical engineering on predominately major infrastructure projects with alternate delivery methods including DB, CM/GC and P3s. Her expertise also extends to buildings, energy distribution facilities and power plant upgrades.

**GEORGE E. LEVENTIS** attended college in Greece and then post-graduate studies at the University of Illinois, all related to Geotechnical Engineering. He is the Managing Director of Langan International and Managing Principal for Langan's New York office.

**C. JOHN MEAGHER's** application for membership listed Huntington Beach, CA as his residence, however John traverses the country in his duties as Traylor's V.P. and Division Manager of their National Heavy

Civil Division. We look forward to seeing John at future Moles' events.

**ANTHONY J. O'DONNELL**, raised and educated in Cork, Ireland, found his career in the tunnels of North America. Initially starting with the Mergentime Corporation on the D.C. Subway project, Tony is now the Design Engineering Director for Kiewit Infrastructure Co. and directs Kiewit's Underground District.

An expert in micro tunneling and small diameter tunnel construction, **RICHARD A. PALMER** is the Tunneling Manager for the past twenty-four years at Northeast Remsco Construction. Richard has also authored numerous technical papers on microtunneling and trenchless construction.

**ROBERT W. PEREIRA II** joins The Moles as the President and COO of the Middlesex Corporation based in Littleton, MA. Starting to work at his family's business at fourteen years old, he now runs the day-to-day operations in heavy civil construction that exceeds an annual revenue of \$300,000,000.00.

Back in 1979 when most of us had only a vague idea of where Dubai was located, **DAVID E. SIMONELLI** was responsible for the management of a \$100 million dollar dredging job there for Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company, LLC. Thirty-seven years later, Dave is presently the President of Great Lakes' Dredging Division.

**MATTHEW L. SWINTON**, a Colorado School of Mines graduate, has dedicated the majority of his tunneling career with Kiewit Infrastructure Co. Matthew is presently Senior V.P and District Manager of Kiewit's Underground District, responsible for all of its underground projects throughout the U.S.

The Moles welcomes **BRIAN J. VELLA**, an attorney with Smith Pachter McWhorter in Virginia. Brian has spent the past thirty years specializing in construction and government contracts and has represented contractors in construction-related matters.

**PETER "ANDI" VIGUE** followed in his father's steps, Moles member **PETER G. VIGUE**, as the President and CEO of Cianbro Corporation, based in Pittsfield, ME with \$600 million in revenue in 2015. Andi received both his BSCE and MBA from the University of Maine.

For nearly thirty years, **SHANE H. YANAGISAWA** has dedicated his efforts to tunnel construction across the country. His career has included tunneling projects in Chicago, Dallas, Portland, Arizona, New Jersey, Indiana, Portland, Detroit, Washington, Vancouver and now as Project Manager at S.A. Healy in Washington, DC.

## Visit the The Moles Website !

Our website, [www.themoles.net](http://www.themoles.net), continues to expand! Not only do we offer links for reserving hotel rooms online for our events including the annual meetings, the Annual Awards Dinner, Clambake and Winter Meeting, you can now make payments via credit cards! We rolled out this new service with the Clambake and will continue to add events as they draw near. The Calendar section and photo gallery are routinely updated and fellow members' contact information is available once you enter the Members' Section.

We promote our Career Connections section at Student's Day and ask that you take a look to ensure your company's offerings are current. Thank you!

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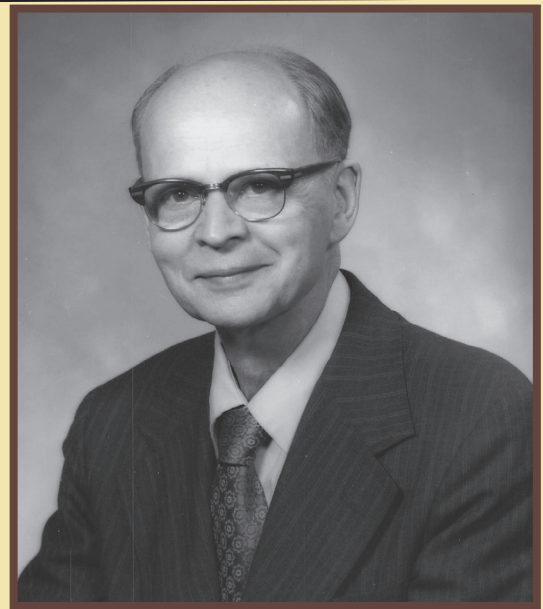
operated on the tracks they would be traveling, that they would see their lights and hear them, and that they should stand against the rock walls to allow the trains to pass. Just then, the rumbling of an approaching train could be heard, but no lights. Casagrande squeezed himself and the writer against the wall just in time to let the “ghost” train go by. After that close call, the writer lost his nerve and asked to turn back. As Casagrande was trying to persuade the writer to go on, he suddenly felt, through the rock, a blast wave coming. Apparently another crew was blasting at another far heading and the first air blast would reach the pair’s location in a few moments. Casagrande quickly explained what was coming and asked the writer to keep his mouth wide open and prepare for the air wave; just then the first air blast hit them.

Being shaken in the tunnel caused their carbide lamps to fail and there Casagrande stood, in the darkness, holding up this novice who was shaking with fear. After counting the blast delays, Casagrande told him it was over, but then, sure enough, another blast hit them. Either Casagrande had miscounted or there was an extra hole in the sequence. Despite the additional misinformation and the writer’s shaking legs, Casagrande managed to get the writer out to the portal where the writer uttered a prayer of thanks to God for his deliverance. Casagrande was fairly certain the writer subsequently referred to him as “the biggest liar he ever met.”

### **1986:**

On Friday, April 18, 1986, The Moles’ Education Committee hosted 250 civil engineering students and their professors at the Annual Student’s Day. They toured the completed, but as yet, unopened Roosevelt Island subway station and the NYC Water Tunnel #3 Valve Chamber and Shafts which were under construction by the joint venture Healy-Yonkers-Atlas-Gest. The day included the typical coffee and donuts, hard hat distribution, presentations on the subway station and valve chamber construction methods via slides and a lecture on the sites’ geology. A tour of the construction operations and the concrete batch plant and testing lab, including testing concrete cylinders, was provided. Moles members serving as guides and lecturers included: **ED BURKE**, Mueser Rutledge; **RUDI VAN LEEUWEN**, Spencer, White & Prentis; **GENE CASEY**, Mason & Hanger; **JOHN CHOW**, Perini Corp.; **J. MARSHALL DEAN**, Mergentime Corp.; **JOHN DONARGO**, Langan Engineering; **JACK ELY**, Maclean-Grove & Co.; **MEL FEBESH**, Urban Foundation Co.; **GUS FLEISCHER**, Schiavone Construction; **BOB HILL**, Parsons Brinckerhoff; **JIM MAHON**, Walsh Construction; **TONY MAZZO**, Urban Foundation Co.; **REMY PAPP**, Walsh Construction; **ED PLOTKIN**, MacLean-Grove & Co.; **ELMER RICHARDS**, Mueser Rutledge; **GEORGE TAMARO**, Mueser Rutledge; **JACK WALLE**, Thomas Crimmins Contracting and **CHARLES WORISCHECK**, Conduit & Foundation Corp.

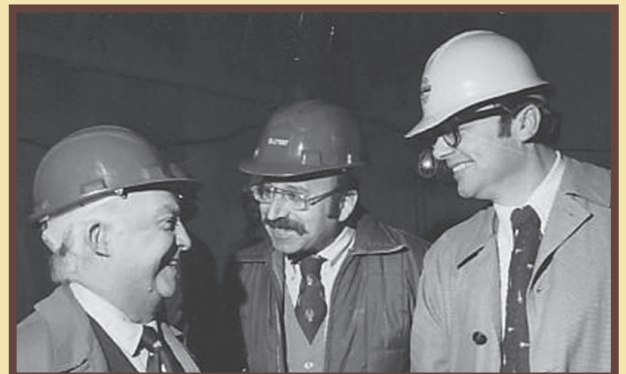
Do you think the students realized the depth and breadth of the engineering and construction knowledge and experience of the “old men” walking beside them that day?



Dr. Arthur Casagrande



Rear Admiral Peter Corradi



Lou Coakley, Mel Febesh and John Donargo

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## **1996:**

One of The Moles' finest, **CHARLES F. VACHRIS**, an engineering consultant to many Moles members' companies, was installed as President of the Moles in 1996. Tragically, Charlie died suddenly while playing basketball on October 7, 2014. Many Moles members still feel the loss of a great friend taken too soon.

On a lighter note, in May 1996, the first ever recipients of the McAlinden Scholarships were selected and announced. The sons of Moles members **CHUCK BECKNER**, **JOHN RUPICH** and the grandson of **THOMAS RANDOLPH, JR.** were each awarded \$1,000 scholarships toward their undergraduate studies. A new tradition that continues to this day was born. This year for 2016 five students (children or grandchildren of Moles Members) were awarded \$2,000 each to help with their college tuition costs.

The September 9, 1996 issue of *Engineering News Record* featured the Kenny family spearheaded by then Chairman **JOHN E. KENNEY**, in a cover article entitled, "Born to Build – Chicago's Kenny Clan Drives Midwest Dynasty". Founded in 1927 by John J. Kenny, the firm was the city's go-to contractor to head Chicago's emergency response to the "Great Flood" of 1992. Kenny Construction's "remarkable" performance handling the flood elevated the firm to "hero status" in the eyes of the citizens of Chicago and earned the firm the nickname "Flood Studs". However, in the article Gerry Kenny, then President, related this back-down-to-earth story:

About two months after the flood, I got a call at home at about 2:00am on a Saturday morning. It was a woman who had seen us on television and needed help because she had a toilet overflowing. I got her a plumber, but that's the kind of stuff that makes you humble pretty quick.

## **2006:**

The 2006 Moles Student's Day took place on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> and was a truly unprecedented event with 470 students and faculty members in attendance; double the normal attendance of 200 to 250. The itinerary of the tour included the new World Trade Center site. Large student groups came from most of the participating schools, including students from the UCONN, RPI, Lafayette, Lehigh, Bucknell and the Coast Guard Academy, who boarded buses in the middle of the night to arrive on time. The Education Committee, chaired by **JOE MALANDRO** and **MIKE McHUGH**, Vice-Chairman, with members **ALI CATIK**, **MICHAEL CHOW**, **CESARE DE ROSE**, **ED FORTE**, **BURT KASSAP**, **CHARLIE MONTALBANO** and **ARTURO RESSI** responded ad-

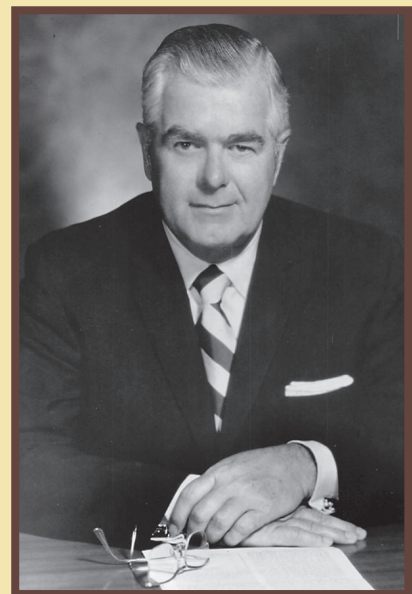
mirably to the almost overwhelming demand, arranging for an additional twenty-five Moles-member guides; additional hard hats; vests and protective glasses, marshalled as usual by **TONY MAZZO** and the Urban Foundation crew. **FRANK LOMBARDI** stepped in to handle the required special event insurance.

Three adjacent projects were visited: the World Trade Center site, the Dey Street Subway Connector and the South Ferry Transit Project. **GEORGE TAMARO** of Mueser Rutledge, **PETER RINALDI** of the PANY&NJ, **MIKE ATTARDO** of Slattery Skanska and **PAUL SCAGNELLI** of Schiavone Construction described the construction work and process at the three projects to the assembled crowd. 7 World Trade Center, still under construction, with it's view overlooking the WTC site, was the assembly place for the extraordinarily large group.

It is interesting to note that the reconstructed 7 World Trade Center was able to open later in 2006, only five years after the terrorist attack, largely due to George Tamaro's ability to certify that the original 7 WTC foundations were reusable to support the re-constructed building. He was the Engineer of Record on the foundations when the building was originally constructed in the 1980's and had inspected them previously.

*We appreciate the effort and time John Eckart and Joel Moskowitz spent in The Moles' office perusing the archives and extracting a bit of Moles' history for this article! We are looking for help in identifying Moles members in archived photos, please stop by the table set up at the Clambake's beer tent.*

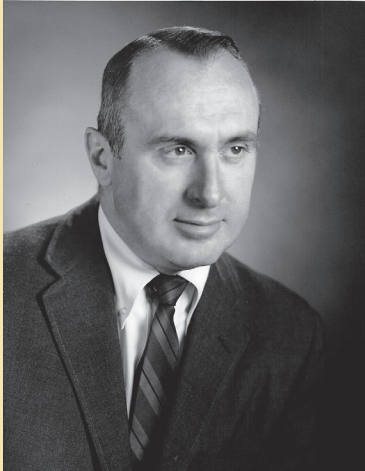
~ Editor's Note



**John E. Kenny**



## May They Rest In Peace



On May 11, 2016 at the age of 92, **ARTHUR J. FOX** passed away. A well-known Engineer in Engineering, Publication and Political circles, he will be truly missed. He was planning on attending our Winter Meeting last February when health issues forced him to cancel the trip. Arthur created numerous innovations that now

define the non-residential construction sector including ranking the size of construction companies and the initiation of the *ENR Award of Excellence*. Through his work with ASCE more stringent ethical rules were adapted for Engineering Professionals and Project Owners. He remained dedicated to making Civil Engineering education more relevant and received an Honorary Doctorate from Manhattan College – the same school where he received in BSCE in 1947.

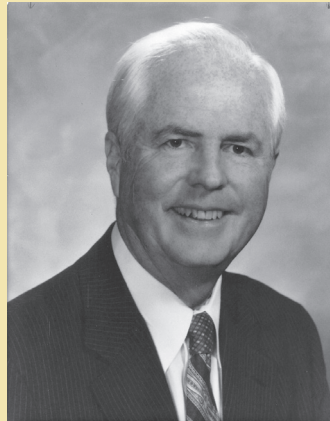
**ROBERT S. GATES** passed away on June 28, 2015. Bob, the founder of Gates Marine Construction Company, was the 1985 President of the Moles. He was an avid yachtsman who cruised extensively on the East Coast. Bob's perpetual smile will long be remembered by his family and friends in the Moles.

**PETER GETCHELL**, a past officer of The Moles, passed away on May 4, 2016. A 1970 Notre Dame graduate, his entire career was in the heavy construction Indus-

try. He became President of PKF-Mark III until his retirement in 2015.

**JAMES E. HALPIN**, who received his 50 year Moles member certificate in 2012, passed away on April 29, 2016. A proud graduate of Villanova University, he worked in the Concrete Industry specializing in concrete production, testing, quality control and its delivery. He was an avid traveler who especially enjoyed visiting his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**HENRY F. LE MIEUX**, a Past President of the Moles and



1980 Moles Award winner passed away on April 29, 2016. The longtime Chief Executive of Raymond International was a world traveler, doing business on six continents! Tulane University honored him as one of their Outstanding Alumnus of the School of Engineering, where he had both a degree in Civil Engineering as well as Electrical Engineering.

**HARRY P. SACKS** died peacefully at his home on June 6, 2016. Harry was a prominent construction industry attorney and was a senior partner at Saks Montgomery P.C. While attending Harvard he was the mainstay of their basketball team. Bob Crimmins, in supporting his Moles membership application, wrote, "Harry has helped contractors wend their way through the maze of regulations and frustrations that seem to grow greater everyday".

## The MOLES

Holing Through is published by The Moles three times a year: April, July and November. Revisions to the Moles' By-Laws were recently ratified to best reflect how: The Moles shall promote the interests of the heavy construction industry and better acquaintance among the Construction Professionals engaged in the heavy construction industry to the end:

- That past and future friendships among the members be fostered and cemented.
- That meetings and other gatherings be held to exchange construction information and promote good fellowship among the members.
- That advancement of the Construction art be achieved, and outstanding performance be recognized through awards and otherwise.
- That the youth of our country, including women, minority and disadvantaged engineering students along with engineering students who have service in the U.S. Armed forces, be encouraged to make careers and participate in Heavy Construction by a multi-purpose program of education in cooperation with engineering colleges and other associations. That through the establishment of The Moles Scholarship Fund deserving students shall receive financial assistance in order to continue their study of Engineering to the Heavy Construction Industry.
- That, in the public interest, standards of construction shall be raised both as to engineering and business ethics.

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## ***COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2016***

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## ***News of Members***

**DAVID A. FLICKINGER** has been named Executive Vice President of Kiewit Energy Group and will lead the teams performing more than \$1bil annually in power generation, transmission and distribution work in North America. Dave is a 23-year veteran at the firm.

**MICHAEL D. FLOWERS**, CEO of American Bridge has announced his retirement at the end of the year. Mike's retirement follows a 41-year career in the industry, the last 6 years spent at the helm of AB.

**JOHN R. ROMA** and his wife recently stayed at **ANDREW WALKER's** B&B called "Across the Pond" in Salisbury, NC. John was so impressed with his visit, he promptly wrote us to pass along the news. Many of you may know Andrew during his employ with Nicholson Construction.

### ***🌀 The Moles Office Relocates! 🌀***

As of August 1st, The Moles' headquarters will be located at 50 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 102, Montvale, NJ 07645. Telephone: 201-930-1923 Fax: 201-930-8501. As always we can be contacted via e-mail: Thomas J. Groark: [tgroark@themoles.net](mailto:tgroark@themoles.net), Heidi Taber: [htaber@themoles.net](mailto:htaber@themoles.net) and Gerry Carty: [gcarty@themoles.net](mailto:gcarty@themoles.net).

**In the area? Stop in and visit us!**

## **CLAMBAKE: AUGUST 2, 2016**

We are looking forward to a great turnout out at this year's Clambake held at Travers' Island, Pelham, New York! New this year: you may purchase your ticket(s) on The Moles' website, [www.themoles.net](http://www.themoles.net), under the Calendar Event section. Be sure to look out for the amazingly talented magician Matthew Furman and check out our new corn hole games on the field at 2pm! Stop by the table under the beer tent and help identify members in archived photos!

## **WINTER MEETING 2017!**

Mark your calendars! The Moles Winter Meeting will be held March 23-27, 2017 at the **Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino!** Reserve your room today; hotel details and a reservation weblink are available on The Moles website, [www.themoles.net](http://www.themoles.net), under the Calendar Event section.

Whether you are one of the many "repeat offenders" or a "newbie", we'd love to rescue you from the winter's cold! In addition to guest lectures and an Executive Committee meeting, there will be fun events planned for our Moles guests!



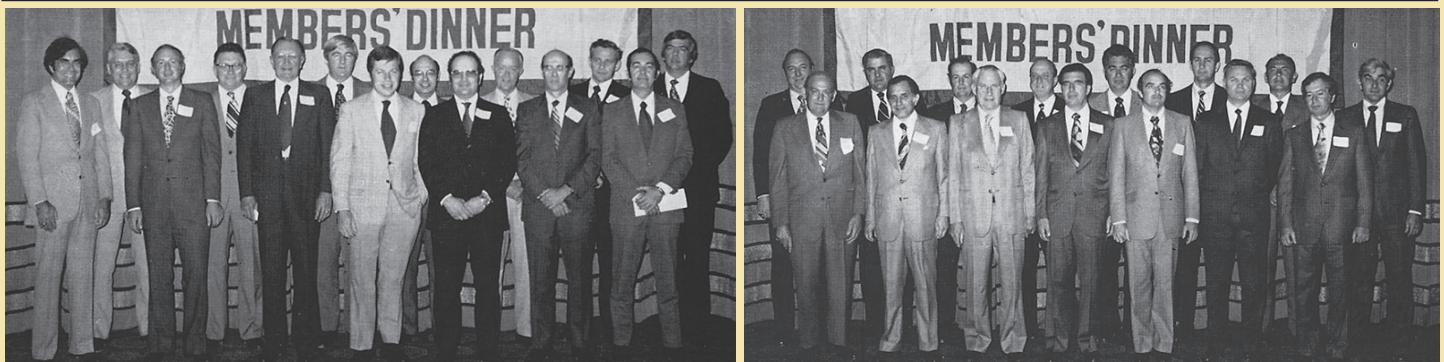


# Annual Business Meeting—May 4, 2016



Four out of fifteen 40-Year Members received their Life Certificate in person. **CARL E. PETRILLO**, **ELMER A. RICHARDS**, **CHARLES J. TRAINOR**, and **JEROME B. (“Jerry”) WHITE** (pictured left—right) received their Life Member Certificates from outgoing President **JAMES M. MARQUARDT** at the recent Moles’ Annual May Members’ Dinner. Fifty-year members **GERALD D. SARNO** and **HERBERT WASSERMAN** were missed.

The evening began with a well-received lecture on the Hudson Yards Platform by Moles Member **TERRENCE FLYNN**, followed by a cocktail reception and dinner. In addition to recognizing our long-time members, outgoing President Marquardt was thanked for his service and leadership, while incoming President **RICHARD D. MacDONALD** was ushered in with the time-honored passing of the gavel.



This year’s Life Members as they appeared at their induction in May 1976: Left photo, back row: William Best, Hugh Niven, Robert Quinn, Louis Pinata, Henry C. Scott, Jack Lemley and Charles Trainor. Front row: Carl Petrillo, Tony Berman, Sim Crews, Robert O’Neil, George Tamaro, Kirvan Pierson and Robert Jenny.

Photo on right, back row: Gustave Fleisher, James Dacey, John Dorsey, Royal Cleveland, William W. Moss, Frank Warren, Jr., A. James Clark and Elmer Richards. Front row: Gilbert Nolte, Thomas Tantillo, Thomas Doyle, Salvatore Valenza, Arthur Gould, Frank Kelly and Jerome White.



Above: Speaker Terry Flynn (3rd from left) flanked by assisting speakers from Tutor Perini and fellow member Ali Catik.  
Right: Rick MacDonald happily accepts the gavel from Jim Marquardt.

