

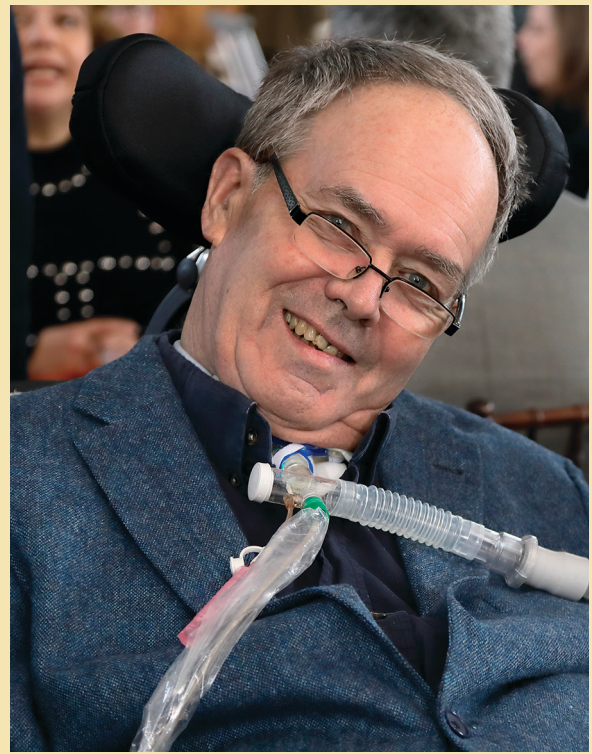


DECEMBER, 2023

## 2024 Outstanding Achievement Awardees: Gary A. Almeraris and James C. Maxwell



**Gary A. Almeraris**



**James C. Maxwell**

**A**wards Committee Chair John O’Keeffe recently announced the recipients of the esteemed **2024 Outstanding Achievement in Construction Awards**, which will recognize the accomplishments of **Member Gary A. Almeraris and Non-Member James C. Maxwell**. The Moles Awards Dinner will take place on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at the New York Hilton Midtown hotel. Dave Raymond, former Phillie Phanatic turned motivational speaker, will be the 2024 Principal Speaker.

Gary Almeraris, Vice President of Operations for Skanska USA Civil, is recognized as a leading underground expert worldwide. Gary is a quintessential Mole, dedicating 100% of his nearly fifty-year, heavy construction career to tunneling. Starting as a summer intern working on the 63<sup>rd</sup> street tunnel project under the East River in NYC in 1975, Gary graduated from City College of New York a year later with his BSCE, joined McLean Grove and began managing a series of tunnel excavation projects in NYC, Washington DC and Boston.

Joining Skanska/Slattery in 1987, Gary’s expertise and

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James C. “Jim” Maxwell is Chairman of the Board of Hub Foundation Co., Inc., a third generation, family-owned business founded in 1966 and located in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. Jim joined his parents, Francis and Kathleen, at their pile driving business and took ownership of the company in 1981, when Hub had about 10 full-time employees executing approximately \$1.5 million dollars annually in pile driving contracts.

In 1990, Jim traveled to Italy where he witnessed firsthand European-style drill rigs and their technology.

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## Gary Almeraris

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management skills (Gary also holds a Masters in Management from Worcester Polytechnic Institute) have made an impact on high-profile, urban mega projects, including the construction of several SEM caverns, utility infested cut and covers, tunnels in rock, soil and mixed-face driven by conventional or TBM. Gary has managed many varied SOEs including several frozen ground solidifications.

Gary's humble demeanor belies his substantial contribution to these projects' successful design, construction and implementation; each one a feat in engineering and tunneling precision: New York City's DEP's Water Tunnel No. 3 (C542); MTACC's \$2bil tunnel boring and ground-freezing extension of the No. 7 line in Manhattan; MTACC's 86th Street Station Cavern Mining, and Heavy Civil Structural; MTACC's Second Avenue Subway, Route 132A Tunnels, 92nd to 63<sup>rd</sup>; MASSDOT's Central Artery/Tunnel, 1-93/1-90 Interchange (The Big Dig); PANYNJ's World Trade Center Transportation Hub PATH Hall; Dey Street Connector; DC Water's First Street Tunnel Design/Build and Blue Plains Tunnel Design-Build, both in Washington, D.C. and CSX Howard Street Tunnel Progressive Design/Build in Baltimore, MD.

Inducted into The Moles in 1989, Gary has been actively engaged in its Education, Membership and Program Committees and progressed up the Executive Committee's Officer ladder, becoming President of The Moles in 2021. A mainstay at Moles Students' Day, Gary served as a Moles Charitable Fund liaison to his alma mater.

Gary has been recognized by the heavy construction in the past, making ENR's *Top 25 Newsmakers* in 2012 and receiving the UCA of SME's *Outstanding Individual Award* in 2020 for his lifetime contributions, its inscription aptly describing Gary, "For being an inspiration to young engineers with unprecedented achievements in first-of-a-kind, extremely challenging, design-build construction of tunnels and underground spaces". Gary also received CCNY's *Engineering Alumni Career Achievement Award*, its highest honor for engineering alumni in 2016.

Crediting the mentoring he received early in his career, Gary continues to pay it forward, sharing his incredible knowledge and enthusiasm as he encourages young engineers in their careers in underground construction.

## Jim Maxwell

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Impressed and recognizing that the American drilling revolution had come to New England, Jim invested in Hub's first drill rig, buying the first SoilMec sold in the United States. Over the following decades under Jim's leadership, Hub increased its capabilities to include micropiles; drilled shafts; underpinning and SOE. In the last five years, Hub has joined the slurry wall, load bearing element and ground improvement markets. Currently, Hub performs approximately \$50 million in revenue annually and has 120 full-time employees. In their 55-year history, Hub has completed more than 1,500 contracts.

Hub Foundation is known for tackling geotechnically challenging projects in New England, both public and private. Some of these projects are high profile, such as Logan Airport Light Pier, and Hub's partnership with Keller on the Green Line Extension. Other projects may be lesser known to the general public but nonetheless are marvels in the deep foundation sector, such as the German Trinity Catholic Church. Jim's appetite and aptitude for meeting challenges has secured Hub's standing as an important player in New England heavy construction arena. Jim's drive to find new technologies and ability to identify the best way to re-engineer a project, or conduct the highest load tests, are well respected by colleagues.

Throughout his career, Jim has been extremely active in the Association of Drilled Shaft Contractors (ADSC). Jim was instrumental in the conception and execution of the ADSC's Anchored Earth Retention School and until recently, was the instructor in the critical "Role of the Driller" segment of the program. Jim received the ADSC Northeast Chapter's *Living Legend*, created to honor Jim and given out to only one other recipient since. Jim was an active Trustee of the Industry Advancement Fund, which awards scholarships for engineering students interested in the deep foundations industry and also vetted and allocated funds for research proposed for anchored earth, micropile, and drilled shaft technologies. Jim's willingness to share his knowledge has undoubtedly advanced industry practices.

Today, the company is led by the third generation of Maxwells: Jim's daughter and Moles member Alissa Maxwell Weiss, President; and sons, Jeff Maxwell, Treasurer; and Greg Maxwell, Vice President.

## John H. O'Keefe



### Award Committee Chair

John O'Keefe is the current Award Committee Chair, responsible for hosting the upcoming annual Award Dinner on February 8, 2024.

John received his BSCE from Manhattan College in 1981 and has worked at Underpinning & Foundation Skanska for over twenty-one years, currently as Senior Vice President of Operations.

John was inducted into The Moles twenty years ago and spent more than half of them as a member of the Education Committee, culminating with a term as Committee Chair and Trustee from 2018 to 2021.

During his tenure, John led the Committee's Students Days at East Side Access; LIRR 3<sup>rd</sup> Track and Bruckner Blvd and brought Students Day to New England, visiting the Green Line Extension in Somerville, MA. John has served on the Board of the Moles Charitable Fund since its inception in 2018.

From the Archives:  
Postcard from 1942

"Uncle Sam

Done Got Me"

Uncle Sam has commissioned me a Captain in the U. S. Marine Corps and I expect to be called into active service at once

I have always operated as a "one-man outfit" so I will close my Steel Form Business down tight for the duration. When this thing is over, you can be sure I'll be back calling on my friends and customers in the heavy construction field

ROBERT S. MAYO  
Construction Engineer  
LANCASTER, PA.

Steel Forms  
Tunnel Equipment -- Air Locks  
Tunnel Shields

# THE MOLES' ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER: Thursday, February 8, 2024

New York Hilton Midtown  
1335 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, NY 10019

Black Tie Event

6:00pm Cocktail Hour, Americas Hall I & II, 3rd floor  
7:00pm Dinner and Award Presentation, Grand Ballroom  
10:00pm Post-Awards Reception, Mercury Suite, 3rd floor

## TICKET & HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Event registration and ticket purchases are available on our website beginning Dec. 4th under the Upcoming Events Tab. Visit [www.themoles.net](http://www.themoles.net), where you can also use a link to make hotel reservations.

Ticket price per person: \$600

To facilitate our planning, please purchase your tickets by January 5, 2023

Payment options include paying by credit card or selecting "member charge", which a member can select if paying by check. Register online to provide your guests' names and business affiliations; the latter will be used for name tags being distributed again this year and printed on the back of each ticket.

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** New York Hilton Midtown rates: Standard Room: \$209 Skyline Room: \$239 plus taxes. To reserve a room, use the link available on our website under the Upcoming Events Tab or sign in as a member and it will be on the members' home page. Room Rates good through **January 15th**, unless sold out..

**SPOUSE EVENT:** It's back! Dinner followed by the Broadway show, "Six", a musical look at King Henry VIII's six wives, at the Lena Horne theatre located at 256 West 47th Street, New York, NY 10036. Register on the website!  
Ticket price: \$300/person.

## 2024 PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

**D**ave Raymond, will bring his "The Power of Fun!®", can-do approach to effective corporate management to the Awards Dinner!


Dave pioneered the field of sports mascots as the first person to go out on the field as the world-renowned Phillie Phanatic. Taking that 16-year experience, Dave shares his powerful message of harnessing fun to make you happier, healthier and more effective in your personal and business lives. Dave is a highly sought-after keynote speaker, author and brand consultant. His work has been highlighted on NBC Nightly News, HBO, NPR, ESPN, The New York Times and Jimmy Kimmel Live and recently highlighted on HBO Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel.



# Unveiling a New Website!

A “soft” opening of The Moles website is now taking place and members should be happy with its improved functionality, including simplified access to member information, the ability to pay dues on-line, and an interactive calendar, among other features! While a few site functions are still under construction with anticipated access by December 8<sup>th</sup>, including the new capacity to accept payment for members’ outstanding balances, most features are ready to go, including purchasing tickets to the upcoming Awards Dinner and Spouse Event!

The website continues to have a public-access section enabling non-members to purchase tickets to the annual Awards Dinner and Clambake; view available Internships and information regarding The Moles organization.

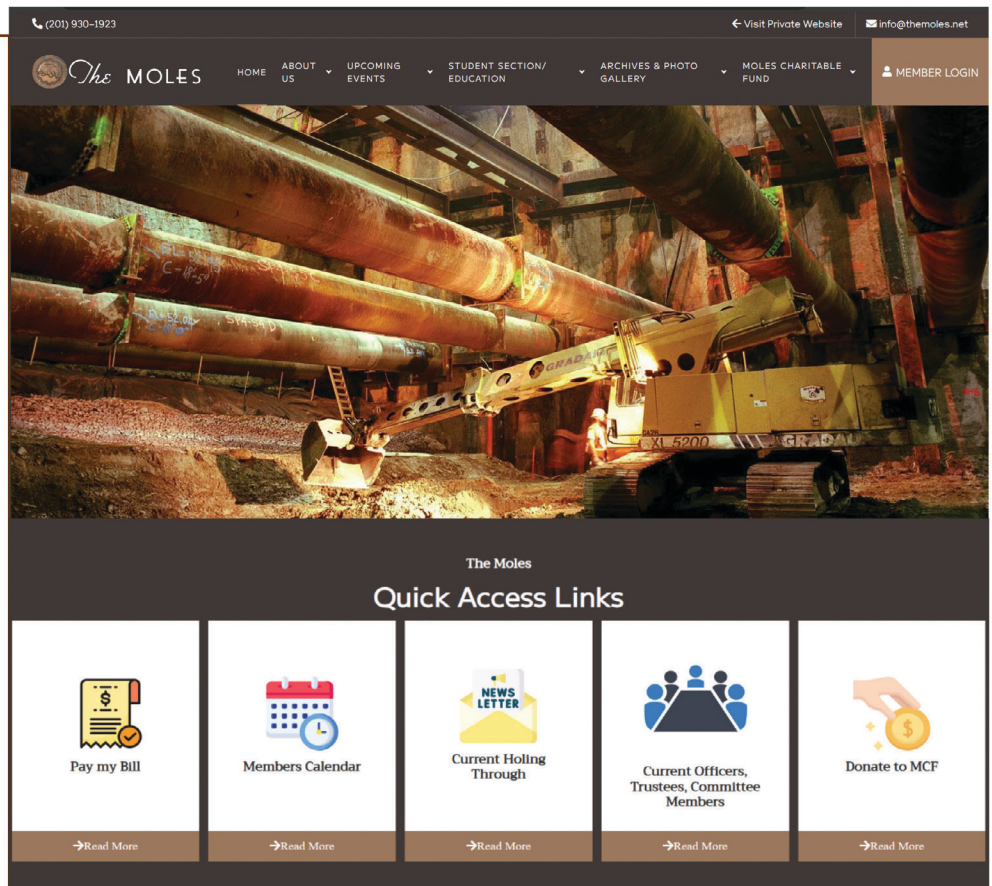
Access to the **Members-Only Section** is gained by clicking on the  button located in the upper right corner. Members are prompted to enter their Member number and password, the latter may be changed. Members will be provided with their member number (the number assigned when becoming a Mole) in an email; the default password is the member’s last name in all lowercase. During the initial log-in, members will be prompted to voluntarily complete their “interests”, which will provide The Moles office with members’ interest in volunteering at Students Days, committee assignments and/or offering to lecture at The Moles spring and fall dinners.

At Right: **The new Public Home Page** for the Website [www.themoles.net](http://www.themoles.net)

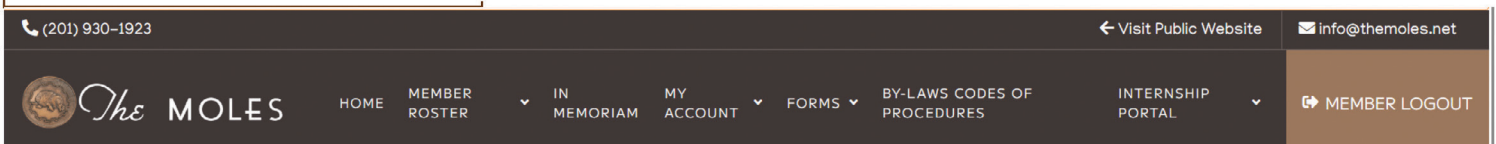
Clicking on, or hovering over, the topic tabs in the top banner will prompt a drop-down list to access public information on historical and current information on The Moles.

Quick-access links mid-page provide shortcuts to frequently accessed areas, some only accessible to members and requiring log-in credentials. Note the “Pay My Bill” link will be available shortly!

Members should log-in using the top right button “Member Login” to make full use of the website’s features including registering for events (only members will be able to charge their account; non-members will be required to make immediate payment for events on the public page); access the membership directory, forms and view the full calendar including members-only events and committee meetings.



NOTE: when navigating between the public and members’ section of the website, toggle buttons appear in the upper right top banner. Shown below is the toggle button as it appears in the Members section. To return to the public page, one simply clicks on the toggle button:



Once logged into the Members-only Section, the tabs listed across the top banner change to Members-only information, including a new section "My Account". By hovering on the "My Account" tab, a drop-down list appears which members can then select to see and edit their profile; view reservations; review and make payments to their account. As noted previously, the latter feature is still under construction and as such does not currently show unpaid balances.

- View Profile
- Member Reservations
- Member Interests
- My Settings
- My Statements
- My Recent Transactions
- Make Payment

Members may access commonly requested forms under the Forms tab, including Form 1, the form to sponsor a candidate for membership. To date, thirty members have completed the new "Post an Internship" form! →

## FORMS

- FORM 1 - CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP
- FORM 5 - NEW MEMBER
- VOLUNTEER SPEAKER FORM
- VOLUNTEER FORM
- POST AN INTERNSHIP FORM

Below: The new Members' Home Page for the Website [www.themoles.net](http://www.themoles.net)

The box to the left of the Announcements (above) lists the tabs on the website's public page, which can be accessed by clicking on them here in addition to using the toggle button at the top of the page. Immediately visible on the Members' Home Page are current Moles events (sample shown at right). By clicking on the picture next to the listed Event, members will be able to register and purchase tickets to events or elect to add their ticket order to their account as a "Member Charge". Members will receive monthly account statements and will be able to make payments directly on the website or continue to make payment by check. There is a quick link to the members' calendar, as well, at the bottom of current events.

Please take the time to get acquainted with the new website. It will continue to provide our members with timely information on Moles events and as with all new things, there may be a learning curve associated with the new website's features.

The Moles office appreciates your patience as new features are "rolled out" and the office gets acclimated to the new website's back-office functionality to better serve membership needs. As always, members may reach out to the Office with questions; there is a convenient email link at the top right corner of the website.

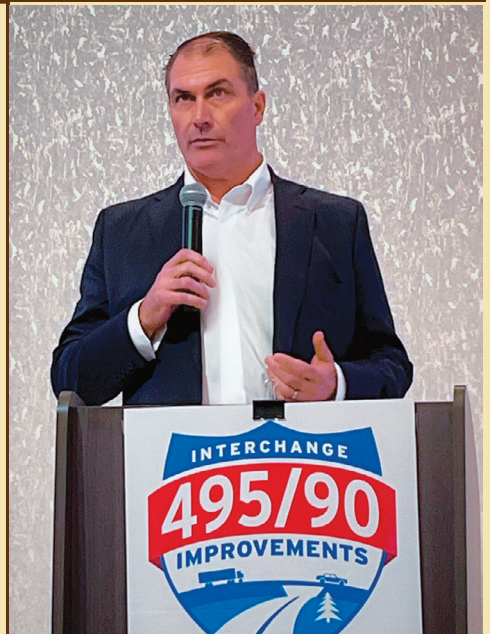
# A First: THREE Students Days in the Fall!

This fall marked an unprecedented feat; the Education Committee, led by Chair Terry Flynn and Vice Chair Patrick Rooney, and now reorganized with three sub-committees coordinating additional regional Students Days, pulled off three Students Days within five weeks of one another! Terry's and Pat's multi-year experience on the Committee provided the necessary confidence as committee members stepped up to the challenge, each tour offering the same format of breakfast; a morning program including a thorough project overview; on site, in-depth construction presentations followed by lunch. Our members' generosity ensured every attendee was outfitted with the necessary PPE. Ever appreciative of owners allowing The Moles to conduct its Students Days at active mega projects, plaques acknowledging the same were presented to Owners' and Contractors' representatives at each event.

## MASSDOT's I-495/I-90 Interchange Improvements Project

The New England-area Students Day was the culmination of five months of extensive planning to safely transport students along the active I-495/I-90 Interchange during fall foliage season! Education Sub-committee member Kevin Huie suggested the MASSDOT's \$400mil project with the design/build JV of BHD (Barletta Heavy Division) O&G-AETNA and spearheaded the logistics including state police to escort the buses, providing the safe maneuvering at the exit/entryways at each stop. Nearly 200 students and faculty from eleven New England schools, including "newcomers" Springfield Technical Community College (STCC), Norwich University and Western New England University, signed up for the September 29<sup>th</sup> tour in Westborough, Mass.

Instrumental to pulling off this successful Students Day were Moles Vin Barletta, Kevin Huie, Michael Foley and their support team at BHD. Assisting that day were over sixty volunteers, twenty of them Moles. The MASSDOT opened the doors to its Research and Materials Lab as one of the station stops, supplementing the presentations on replacing the interchange, including several new bridges; new and redesigned ramps and lanes; restoration and mitigation of environmental resource areas requiring compliance with a noise control plan to best serve the neighboring communities. Despite a down-pour that continued throughout the tour, the students' enthusiasm when they returned for lunch reinforced The Moles' commitment to the importance of Students Days.



Vin Barletta Welcomes Students



Al Daloisio presented Jonathan Gulliver, MassDOT Highway Administrator, with The Moles' Plaque of Appreciation



# Students Days Fall 2023! (con't.)

## NJ Transit's Portal North Bridge

On October 20, 2023, over 300 students and faculty representing nineteen colleges and universities from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut and the United States Military Academy, attended Students Day at NJ Transit's Portal North Bridge project in Kearney, NJ.

The New York/New Jersey Education Sub-Committee and Moles members Brian Reilly, who is the Project Director for Skanska Traylor PNB JV and Construction Manager Willie Cruz along with their logistics team, worked tirelessly to ensure students were exposed to the project's various construction features that were fortuitously on display along the project's 2.5 mile route. Drilled shafts; micropiles; steel pre-fabrication; trestle work; marine and substructures, this site had it all!

The \$1.56bil dollar bridge replacement project, the largest award in NJ Transit history, involves building a new two-track fixed structure rising more than 50-feet over the river, doubling the height of the existing bridge, and, including the approaches, will span nearly 2.5 miles of the Northeast Corridor linking Newark, NJ and Penn Station, NY. Once completed, the new bridge will replace the 110 years-old bridge, whose malfunctioning swing span has caused congestion issues affecting more than 450 Amtrak and NJ Transit trains that run daily on the track.

This Students Day was no small undertaking and The Moles thanks NJ Transit for allowing and supporting The Moles in hosting the annual "walking classroom". We thank Amtrak for their role in approving and assisting in this event. Impressive were the over eighty Moles volunteers who helped set up and chaperoned the tour; their enthusiasm (did anyone see Mike Attardo *without* a smile all day?) was palpable despite the rain!

Due to the generosity of Skanska and Moles Members' donations, all attendees were outfitted with proper safety equipment, a requirement on all Moles Students Day tours!



# Students Days Fall 2023! (con't.)

## AlexRenew's River Renew Tunnel Project

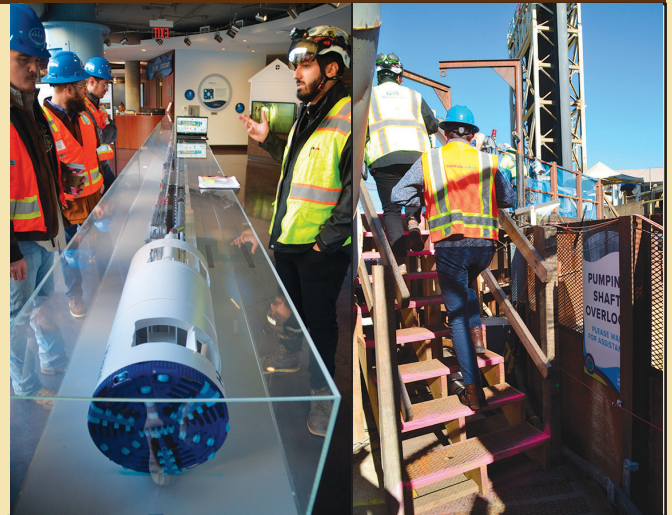
This year marked the creation of an informal Education Subcommittee in the Washington, D.C. area with the intention of expanding The Moles' outreach further! Members Ray Hashimee; Rebecca Clark; Robert Goodfellow; Brian Vella; Larry Melton; Jeff Taylor and Victorian Sheehan identified area schools to invite and Ray "hit the ground running", quickly offering a current project for the tour: AlexRenew's River Renew Tunnel Project in Alexandria, VA, the largest infrastructure project in the city's history. Once completed, the new Waterfront Tunnel, a two-mile long sewer tunnel lying 100 feet below ground, will prevent millions of gallons of combined sewage from polluting local waterways.

Owner AlexRenew and the JV Traylor Bros/Shea lent considerable support to put on an impressive Students Day tour on Friday, November 3, 2023. The morning program and station areas showcased a model of the TBM *Hazel* combined with in-depth station presentations covering the grout plant and overflow structure; a ride on the Alimak to view the screen shaft, slurry walls and tunnel, and micro-tunneling and by-pass pumping at the Hoofs Run interceptor.

Three schools opted to participate: Catholic University, Morgan State University and University of D.C. The small-group atmosphere afforded students and faculty to engage with a large contingency of Moles volunteers and the day's success was measured by the students' visible interest and faculty's resounding approval and excitement in learning that Students Day would be available to their students again next year. As Catholic University professor, Dr. Gunnar Lucko wrote, "I am glad I was mistaken about the awesome tour at AlexRenew today, it was not a site visit... It really was a great half day boot camp in tunnel building and as such was on a whole bigger level than a mere construction site tour. Loved it!"

A new feature this year was offering students a QRcode providing immediate access to nearly thirty companies' internship opportunities. We thank our Moles who eagerly provided this information and hope they share with us their success stories. Anyone interested in posting a current internship position can do so on the new website after logging in to the Members' section. The form can be found under the "Internship Portal" tab.

Well done, everyone!





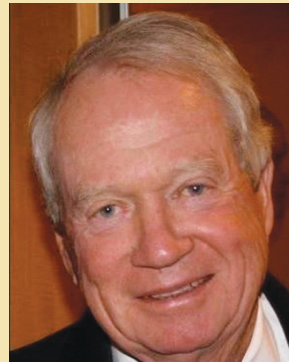
## Rest in Peace

Leland H. Crosby passed away October 9, 2017 at 90 years old. A Life Member Emeritus, Leland overcame childhood poverty, served two years in the Navy and started his civil engineering career as a surveyor, working on highway and subways in NY and NJ, including Newark Airport and the World Trade Center. Leland referred to his accomplishments as “symphonies in concrete and steel.”

Max Reimbold, a 29-year member of The Moles, passed away on July 27, 2023 at 90 years young in his native Canada. Max spent his early years in Germany, obtained a degree in civil engineering in Montreal and settled in NJ with his wife of 55 years, Maren, raising a family and building a career, which included founding Belbold Construction Corp. with fellow Mole Al Beljan.



Peter O. Shea, Honorary Member and recipient of the 2011 *Non-Member Award*, passed away at 88 on October 23, 2023, after a courageous battle against Parkinson’s disease. Peter’s work ethic was cultivated early on, having worked on dam and tunnel jobs for the family business and became a giant in the heavy construction industry. Peter was President of J.F. Shea Construction, Inc., renowned for its work on the Golden Gate Bridge, Hoover Dam, and Interstate Highway System and Vice President of J.F. Shea Co., Inc., companies he helped build with his cousin and brother. From 1960, with his BSCE from USC in hand, Peter led every heavy construction project. Peter had a life-long passion for golf and will be missed by his wife Carolyn and extended family and friends.



Ronald P. Wells passed away on November 25<sup>th</sup> at 77, after a long battle with cancer. Ron received his BSCE from Clarkson College of Tech. in 1968 and joined Peter Kiewit Sons’ Company, where he worked until 1990, making a career move to Dillingham North America as VP, while simultaneously leading as President of Dillingham, Canada for the next 30 years. Ron later became President and CEO of Stacy & Witbeck, growing the firm to a nationwide leader in light rail and other heavy civil transportation projects.



## In “Memoriam” Donations to the

## Moles Charitable Fund

In our September 2023 edition of **Holing Through**, we shared with our membership the recent passing of several individuals: Neal Friets, Juan Gutierrez, Michael Horodniceanu, and Joseph A. Ferrara. A number of members sought to acknowledge their respect for their colleagues and friends by making “in Memoriam” donations to the Moles Charitable Fund and suggested that The Moles encourage others to consider donating to the MCF as a way to honor their fellow members and continue their legacy in the heavy construction industry.

While The Moles and the MCF have received In Memoriam Donations in the past, several of which were substantial sums that allowed a scholarship to be named in their memory - Arturo Ressi di Cervi; Michael McHugh; George Yoggi; Eugene Fasullo - The Moles has respected the privacy of its members and never thought to disclose donations made in Memoriam. However, with the urging by Past President Art Corwin and current President Al Daloisio, we notified the families of generous donations received and with their permission, gratefully acknowledge in Memoriam donations made by Arthur Corwin and Al Daloisio in the names of Juan Gutierrez and Joseph Ferrara and Joel Moskowitz’s donation in memory of Evaristo and Elaine Cruz.

The Moles is very appreciative of financial gifts made to the Moles Charitable Foundation honoring the memory of its deceased members. Donations made to the Moles Charitable Fund, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization [EIN# 83-0549296], are 100% tax deductible and assist in funding annual scholarships. Checks may be made payable to the Moles Charitable Fund and mailed to The Moles office at 50 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Suite 102, Montvale, NJ 07645.

For those interested in making a pledge to the ongoing MCF’s **Fund the Future** drive, please contact Trustee John Eckart at [njeckart@aol.com](mailto:njeckart@aol.com) for further information. There are a number of levels of giving and payment schedules available. As always, donors retain the option to remain anonymous:

**Platinum** - \$ 100,000 and up

**Gold** - \$ 50,000 to \$ 99,999

**Silver** - \$ 25,000 to \$ 49,999

**Bronze** - \$ 10,000 to \$ 24,999

**Brass** - \$ 5,000 to \$ 9,999

**Sponsor** - \$1,000 to \$ 4,999

**Contributor** - \$ 500 to \$ 999

# Fall Members' Dinner in Review

Over two hundred members attended the November 8th Fall Members Dinner at the New York Hilton Midtown. Invited as guests, were fourteen Moles celebrating their 25year Anniversary. Shown in the far right column of photo are the six who were able to attend: Fred Cardillo, Bill Dean, Paul Hubert, John Moore, Giancarlo Santarelli and Jim Marquardt. President Al Daloisio presented each with their framed certificate as seen in the bottom, middle photo below.

Dong Chang (*seen below*) and Steve Nastro of Tutor Perini and Dave Moody, President of Becho Inc., were guest speakers, presenting an informative lecture on the geotechnical innovations at Henry Hudson Bridge (NY). Earlier in the afternoon, the Education and Executive Committees, trustees of the Moles Charitable Fund ("MCF") and Liaisons (*top left photo*) welcomed the 2023 student scholarship recipients and faculty from the twenty schools participating in the programs. Over \$400,000.00 was distributed in scholarships this year! See the related article on the Moles Charitable Fund for details on how to donate.

Award Committee Chair John O'Keefe and President Al Daloisio presented John Eckart with the 2023 *Ralph Atwater Service Award*, (*bottom left photo*), citing John's service on the Education and Membership Committees; two decades of volunteering at Students Days; assisting The Moles office in archiving records; writing an article for **Holing Through** and serving as Sergeant-At-Arms in 2021. John organized the MCF's "Fund the Future" pledge drive that raised more than \$1,000,000 for student scholarships in one year and was appointed a trustee to the MCF in February 2023.



# Recognizing the Class of 1998!

**Jean J. Abiassi** began his career at Brown & Root's marine division in 1981, after obtaining his BSCE and MSCE from Texas Tech University. Jean joined Kiewit Construction in 1986, where he worked in numerous capacities on interesting projects including on the Shell Bullwinkle Platform; Storbelt Tunnel in Copenhagen, Denmark; the Central Artery in Boston, MA and the Ted Williams Tunnel. From 2002 until 2019, Jean was President and COO of Zachry Construction Corp. Jean holds a patent for an offshore wind turbine and continues to consult.

**Robert E. Alger** graduated with a BSCE from Penn State University and spent the next four decades of his career at Lane Construction Corporation. From 2001 through 2020, Bob was President and CEO, increasing the company's annual revenues to over \$1 bil/year. Bob is currently President of Major Projects for Atkins Realis. Bob is active in several industry organizations, and served as President of The Moles (2009-10); member of the Beaver's Board of Directors (2010-11) and received The Moles *Member Award* in 2011.

**Timothy J. Arborio** is Vice President of Arborio Corporation, a heavy highway and utility contractor located in Cromwell CT. Tim received his BSCE from the UCONN ('79) and serves as a Moles Charitable Fund liaison at his alma mater. Tim has served as President of the Connecticut Road Builders Association and Director of ARTBA, in addition to being an active member of industry associations.

**Lynn E. Barr PE**, is the Past President and CEO Emeritus of Underground Construction Co., Inc. of Benicia, CA, where he worked for 36 years before retiring in 2003. Lynn has kept busy since then serving on various Boards of Directors, including the Dutra Group; Foundation Constructors Inc.; past Director of Traylor Bros., Inc. and is Chairman Emeritus of The Beavers Charitable Trust and a *Golden Beaver* Awardee.

**Fredrick Cardillo** received his BSCE from Manhattan College in 1976 and has spent the past forty+ years with Yonkers Contracting Company. Fred is currently Senior Project Manager working on the Rehabilitation of I-95 in Norwalk and Westport, CT. Fred resides in West Nyack, NY with wife Donna and enjoys time with his family, including his 6-year-old twin grandchildren, enjoys live music concerts and is an avid Ranger fan.

**Stephen P. Darnell** received his BA and MBA from Wake Forest University in 1970 and 1974, respectively. Stephen is a Manager Director at FMI Group, where he has worked for 45 years and is well known to the heavy construction industry predominantly for mergers and acquisitions, based in Raleigh, NC.

**William A. Dean** received his BSCE from Clarkson College of Technology in 1981 and joined Mergentime Corporation. Bill made some career moves before joining Frontier Kemper Constructors Group, where he enjoyed a twenty-nine year career in tunnel and bridge construction. Bill is currently a chief estimator for the Michels Corporation based in NY and loves spending time with wife Dana Marie and his family.

**Christopher C. Grieb** has worked primarily in Asia for the past 20 years, first with Perini Corp., overseeing the Restore-Electricity work in Southern Iraq. Chris has been in charge of a number of interesting infrastructure projects including the Palm Jumeirah Island in the Persian Gulf; the 2008 Port Wharves re-

construction in Karachi, Pakistan; roads design/construction and airport re-construction in Micronesia and Guam; Katahira Int'l's re-construction of the Samar Island, Philippines, and 1,015km of village roads throughout the foothills of the Indian Himalayas. Chris "retired" to Miami, FL, where he enjoys his 1988 Corvette C4 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition car, but recently returned to Guam to rebuild three military bases after Super Typhoon Marwar.

**Paul R. Hubert** received his BSCE in 1968 from Penn State University and spent his forty-eight year career at Yonkers Contracting before retiring in late 2021 as Vice President of Construction. Paul recounted his good fortune to be involved in numerous high-profile projects including the NYS Thruway Interchange 8 Reconstruction in Elmsford NY; Interstate Route 287 Reconstruction in White Plains NY; Accelerated Bridge Reconstruction Route 84 at Dingle Ridge Rd in Brewster NY, and most recently the \$260 Million Reconstruction of Route 84 in Waterbury CT. Paul is enjoying his retirement golfing, skiing and traveling with wife Carol, wintering on Skidaway Island, GA.

**James M. Marquardt** started his career in Washington DC in 1971 as an apprentice surveyor for Intercounty Associates before joining Gates and Fox, where he worked on the MX Missile Project, the Bath County Pump Storage Project, and two WMATA subway projects. In 1987, Jim joined the J. F. Shea Company and for the next 30 years amassed quite a tunneling portfolio, while rising up the corporate ladder to Senior VP in 2008. Jim was recognized by his peers in 2020, receiving The Moles *Member Award* and served as Moles President in 2015.

**David P. McCarthy** graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a BSCE in 1978, whereupon he joined the Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company starting as a field engineer and advancing up the ranks to Chief Estimator for the North Atlantic Region in 1982. Throughout his career, Dave was Chief Estimator at Yonkers Contracting and Granite Construction and now enjoys his retirement with time to travel, golf, garden, splitting his time between CT and AZ.

**John C. Moore** graduated from Lafayette College with his BSCE in 1980 and began working at J. Rich Steers. In 1983, John joined the Perini Corp. training program, where over the course of the past 40 years, John has been answering the challenges of various major Perini projects in the Northeast.

**Robert S. Peckar** received his J.D from Columbia University Law School in 1972, and built a career and reputation in the construction industry as a Senior Partner of Peckar and Abramson, a national construction law firm before his recent retirement.

**Giancarlo Santarelli**, has built his career at Bencor Corporation, amassing over 46 years of executive management experience for geotechnical construction projects throughout the world. As its President, Giancarlo has been instrumental in guiding Bencor in its role as pioneers and developers of slurry diaphragm wall technology.

**Joseph M. Serigano** graduated SUNY-Farmingdale with a degree in Mechanical Technology in '69 followed by a BS in industrial engineering from Hofstra University in '75. Joe began his career in 1971 as a sales engineer for the Ingersoll Rand Corporation, where he built a solid reputation as a supplier and technical representative for pneumatic equipment.

# Dave Perini: 50-Year Mole

**D**avid Perini, Past President (1980) and Member Award Recipient (1984) recently celebrated 50 years as a Mole! Dave was immersed in the construction industry since his youth, officially joining the family business in its legal department in 1963. Dave was the third generation President of Perini Corp, taking the helm upon his father's death in 1972 through 1999. The company expanded from his immigrant grandfather's sole proprietorship in road and dam work to become one of the most respected and largest, fully-diversified construction companies in the nation.

It is a disservice to limit David's accomplishments to a mere paragraph. One can find David's interview with the ASCE taken in 2007 during his tenure as commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAM), Commonwealth of Mass., which offers depth to David's biography!

Seen at right: First VP John McNamara and Past President Christine Keville hand delivered David's 50-year certificate.



## WINTER MEETING MARCH 7-10, 2024

**T**he Moles are returning to The El Conquistador Resort in Fajardo, Puerto Rico this March! Visit the Events Calendar on the website to register! The weekend is a fun combination of technical presentations, volleyball game, ample time to explore the island; golf and evening events beginning with a welcome cocktail hour on Thursday, March 7th. Rob Buckley will give a technical presentation on the Philadelphia Bridge collapse and plans are underway for an informal event recognizing Women in Construction Week.

Room reservations should be made directly with the hotel: (787) 863 1000 ext. 7354 reference The Moles Winter Meeting for the discounted rate for Run of House rooms in the Las Brisas and La Vista wings: \$399/night plus \$68/day fees and 9% sales tax. Rates available through February 6th, unless sold out. There are (2) one-bedroom ocean view suites in the Las Brisas wing available at \$659/night plus resort fees and tax, available on a first come basis.

The cost per person for Moles events is \$750.00/person; register by logging in to the Members section of the website for the Event's Tab.

**Make your Reservations Today!**



**NOTICE TO MEMBERS:** since Covid-19, hotels have changed their practice of allowing The Moles to pay for events in their entirety at the time of the event. Hotels now implement a robust deposit schedule requiring payment in full *prior* to events including the Annual Awards Dinner and the Clambake. The Moles has had to react accordingly and reminds members to keep current with any outstanding balances. Annual membership dues are now expected to be paid within 60 days of invoice, which members can expect to see posted to their account in February 2024.

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Moles events through out the year and members, including Rich France, Bob Palermo and Ira Beer, who have forwarded photos taken at this year's Students Days! Photos at AlexRenew were courtesy of Prof. Gunnar Lucko and additional photos taken at 1495/90 MSD courtesy of Shannon Reilly at Barletta Heavy Civil.