RICHARD E. WAGMAN


RICHARD E. WAGMAN was born on June 1, 1944 in York, PA and after earning his B.S. in Business Administration from Georgetown University, he pursued his MBA at Drexel. In 1970 he joined the company as Treasurer. Rich was promoted to President in 1977 and a year later, his father, Bud, passed away. Given the cyclical nature of the business, he identified the need to diversify the company and did so by getting into water and waste water treatment plants, commercial

THOMAS N. IOVINO was born on June 15, 1952 in Brooklyn, New York. He earned both Bachelor (1973) and Master Degrees (1974) from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He started his career as a project engineer with J.D. Posillico, first working during winter and summer vacations, and later, upon college graduation, becoming a full time employee. In 1977, he joined Nanco Contracting in New York City, as a project engineer and then as superintendent and general manager. In 1981, while continuing to work for Nanco, Tom formed

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his own company, Judlau Contracting, naming it after his wife, Judy, and his daughter, Lauren. In March 1983, he left Nanco to put his full efforts into Judlau. Starting with small sewer and water main contracts, within its first 15 years, the company’s annual revenues reached $50 million.

In recent years, anticipating the growth of niche markets, Tom has formed affiliate companies, which perform track construction, signal systems, traffic information systems and mechanical construction. Today the company has revenues in excess of $245 million, has successfully completed over $1 billion in transportation and transit work; and is working on some of the most prestigious projects in New York City, including the major tunnel contract on the East Side Access project.

The Judlau Companies rank among the Top Ten Contractors in New York State, second in the Transportation category and third among General Contractors in the region.

The Moles Scholarship Fund

The Moles Scholarship Fund is, as of June 30, 2011, had a value of $4,539,000.00. During the current academic year the Moles is providing $175,500.00 in scholarship grants to our 17 participating colleges and universities. It is expected that this amount will increase in 2012.

Seventeen colleges and universities received grants of $9,000.00. There were also two $10,000.00 scholarships, The President’s Scholarship and the Gallagher Scholarship and a grant of $2,500.00 to Cooper Union.

To date in 2011, $378,000.00 has been contributed to the Scholarship Fund.

It is only through the generosity of our Moles members that we are able to do this and assist our future civil engineers with their staggering educational expenses. If you are a Moles member, please consider becoming one.

The Moles Website—www.themoles.info
The Moles will be returning to the Four Seasons Resort, Palm Beach, March 8th to March 11th, for the 2012 Winter Meeting.

Moles members like a smaller, more intimate venue and The Four Seasons Palm Beach Hotel, with only 210 rooms, ideally satisfied this objective.

It is an elegant hotel, located on the Atlantic Ocean, very close to the West Palm Beach International Airport. It has two tennis courts; a full service spa; heated freshwater pool; water sport activities, including kayaking, wave runners and snorkeling; deep sea fishing expeditions; and champion golf courses nearby. For the shoppers, the famous Palm Beach Worth Avenue is only ten minutes away.

A great program is planned: a Thursday evening outdoor Ice Breaker Party; a Friday evening Gala Dinner & Dance; and a leisurely and restful Saturday evening dinner with fellow Moles and guests.

The morning meeting agenda will include an open Executive Committee meeting and some interesting and informative lectures. There will be ample time for relaxation, and members are invited to bring guests. One can come early or stay later or do both. Come relax, and enjoy. Note below the very attractive room rates available to Moles members.

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** Call 561-582-2800. Rooms are available at the following rates: Garden View $365.00; Ocean View $435.00; and Premier rooms $665.00.

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**NEW BOOK BY HENRY PETROSKI**

Henry Petroski, the Alexander S. Vesic Professor of Civil Engineering at Duke University, and the Principal Speaker at the 2002 Moles Award Dinner, has written a new book, _An Engineer’s Alphabet_.

The book contains an article for each letter of the alphabet. Under the letter M is the following:

**THE FIRST ANNUAL MOLES AWARD DINNER WAS HELD IN 1938 IN NEW YORK, AND SEVEN DECADES LATER THE BLACKTIE DINNER HAD GROWN SO LARGE AS TO TAX THE CAPACITY OF THE LARGEST BALLROOMS IN THE CITY.**

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**THE MOLES**

The Moles is an association consisting of people engaged in heavy construction, epitomized by tunnel work and symbolized by the burrowing animal from which the group takes its name. The Moles as a formal organization grew out of a 1936 reunion of men who two decades earlier had worked on tunnels and other projects in New Jersey’s Newark Bay area. The success of the initial effort led to an organizational meeting in nearby New York City the following year, at which the group’s name and membership guidelines were formally adopted. Among those who were invited to join were engineers, contractors, and suppliers to the heavy construction industry. Initially located in the areas of tunnel, subway, sewer, foundation, marine and other subaqueous construction work, the broadened membership now includes the areas of bridge, highway, and dam building.

The first annual Moles dinner was held in 1938 in New York, and seven decades later the black-tie dinners had grown so large as to tax the capacity of the largest ballrooms in the city. In 2010, the number of active members of The Moles was limited to 535, but emeritus and honorary categories swelled the membership to around a thousand. With the large number of professional guests being invited to the networking event of the annual dinner, there was no room at the event for spouses. In lieu of attending the dinner, they were encouraged to dine as a group at a nearby restaurant and attend a Broadway-theater production afterwards.

Thank you, Henry, for including this article about The Moles in your new book. (Editor’s Note: Total membership is closer to 800 than 1,000.)
C.E. THOMAS CLEVELAND is currently Chairman of H.O. Penn Machinery Company, Poughkeepsie, New York, a major dealer in heavy construction equipment. Tom has stepped back some and has turned the company over to his son, Robert. His father, Robert W. Cleveland, was a long time Moles member.

A Civil Engineering graduate of Cooper Union and a graduate of the University of Washington law school, WILIAM J. DEASY, spent his early career with Morrison Knudsen Corporation, rising to the position of CEO. In 1992, he then went on to a similar position with T.L. James, New Orleans.

FRANCIS E. FENNERTY earned his B.S. Degree in Geological Engineering from St. Louis University and spent his career with Kiewit, serving as President and Director of Kiewit Eastern Company. He currently resides in Ellensburg, Washington.

JOHN M. JACOBS, son of 1981 Non Member Award Recipient John M. Jacobs, started his career with Kiewit and later joined Dillingham, where, over a 30 year career, he advanced to the position of President of Dillingham Construction—North America. Since his retirement in 1998, he has remained active serving as a DRB member on tunnel and heavy construction projects throughout the United States and Canada.

EDWARD P. KENNEDY, a graduate of Boston College, spent his career with the Explosives Division of E.I. DuPont. In such a position, he had the opportunity to establish friendships with many Moles members. He continues to reside in Newark, Delaware.


After graduating from Union College with a B.S. in C.E. and a stint with the Navy Civil Engineering Corps, GEORGE P. NEUMANN joined the family firm of Spearin, Preston & Burrows when the company was sold in 2000, he established a construction consulting practice, in which he continues to be active.

STEPHEN PIRIGYI retired from Maniwong Corporation in 2003 after a 36 year career. He currently is associated with WHICO. He and his wife, Joan, split their time between their homes in Valhalla, New York and Hilton Head, South Carolina.

LIAM J. DEASY

W. Cleveland, was a long time Moles member. He continues to reside in New York, a major dealer in heavy construction equipment.

K. KEITH ROE, a BSME graduate of Princeton University, has spent his career with Burns & Roe Enterprises, Oxnard, New Jersey, holding the position of CEO. His father, Kenneth A. Roe, received The Moles Non Member Award in 1985.

A Stanford University C.E. graduate, DONALD K. STAGER, had a 30 year career with Gay F. Atkinson Company, overseeing major heavy construction projects around the world, rising to the position of President and General Manager of the Construction Division. In 1982, he became President of Dillingham Corporation. He currently makes his home in Mansion, Washington.

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The 75th Anniversary Committee, consisting of Chairman John Kolaya, Alfred H. Brand, Arthur B. Corwin, Richard S. Weeks, Kirk Samuelson and President Stephen J. Barlow, remains busy planning the details for this landmark year.

One highlight of the 75th Anniversary will be a 120-page Commemorative Book chronicling the history of The Moles; its organizations, and activities throughout the years, and looking forward to a future that will feature construction greats who will continue to build our infrastructure for years to come. The book will reveal insights and observations about the construction industry through interviews with Moles members and will reflect upon some of the greatest engineering projects in the United States. Many photographs, graphics and a Moles Timeline will round out what we expect to become your favorite coffee table book of all time.

On May 4, 2012, The Moles will celebrate its 75th Anniversary with a Gala Dinner and Ball at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. For members, spouses or significant others only, the museum will provide an elegant backdrop for this black tie event, a location which cannot be matched anywhere else in the City. Guests will be welcomed to a cocktail reception in the Cullman Hall of the Universe followed by an unforgettable evening of dancing and socialization beneath the Blue Whale in the Milstein Hall of Ocean Life. We are expecting a great turnout for this historic event. Opportunities for corporate or individual sponsorships will be forthcoming later this year.