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## **ASCE Pittsburgh Legacies: 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Engineer's Week and Awards Banquet**

"D'App died last night," Mr. Richard Gray said quietly that Wednesday morning. "His funeral mass is next Tuesday." At that moment I thought what an honor it had been to have exchanged a few conversations with Dr. Elio D'Appolonia, the last being this past summer when he continued to vigorously hearten our DiGioia Gray staff to execute services at the highest level. With conviction, he stated that we (civil engineers) must be marketers of our profession and be living, continuous advocates for infrastructure, innovation and advancing our profession. Although we will not benefit from his mentorship for our [100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in 2018](#), we certainly intend to convey and acknowledge his legacy through some of our publications and activities presently in the planning. And we invite you to leave an anecdote or few words on Dr. D'Appolonia's influence through our Section's [D'App Memorial Page](#).

On the theme of legacy, it is once again time to commemorate – and celebrate – the work of our profession. [Engineers' Week](#) is right around the corner and this year will be one of our finest complete with an impressive list of [Section Awardees](#) and our [Section Awards Banquet](#) featuring engineer and author [Todd Wilson](#), PE, as keynote speaker. 'Been meaning to make one of these events? Make this your first year! The historical, centric venue in downtown – complete with original bankers vault – and the achievements of the professionals, projects and students being recognized, will make of this social networking evening a most memorable occasion for all attendees (*Note: We are limited by fire code regulations on the number of attendees, so please [register early](#)*).

Additionally, as part of our celebratory month, the organization by our [Outreach Committee](#) of our traditional weekend at the [Carnegie Science Center](#) is well underway. The available openings to staff our popular ASCE Pittsburgh table are going fast! We encourage students, young colleagues – and more experienced ones too – to [reserve](#) your spot soon. This event is one of our most dynamic outreach to youngsters and young-at-heart adults, and it is an invigorating way to share our knowledge and expertise with civil engineers "in the making." Additional opportunities to be a judge for the upcoming [Covestro Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair](#) will be conveyed via e-mail soon.

Now is the time to build your own legacy. Please [contact us](#) for more information on our upcoming [Section Awards Banquet](#) and [CSC E-Week](#) weekend, or to become part of our [100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration](#). We continue to encourage our members' participation and leadership through the "Three E's": Engagement, Erudition and Energy!

Sincerely yours,

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