

***Continue Education Committee and YMF Joint Event
Dinner/Seminar (2 PDH) – Regional Construction Projects***

First Speaker:

Travis Kniss is an Area Construction Manager at McDonald's Corporation. Mr. Kniss earned his Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering & Technology from University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and has 10 years of experience in consulting and construction management.

Topic Description:

The presentation will be centered around the most aggressive plan ever taken on by any corporation to modernize all US restaurant locations by the end of 2020. The presentation will cover all aspects of a construction project, from due diligence to final inspection, and the many hurdles encountered along the way while juggling a massive volume of projects.



Second Speaker:

Miranda Slomkowski is a Regional Sales Manager at Menard Group USA, where she is in charge of Sales, Business Development, and Management of ground improvement projects throughout Western Pennsylvania, Upstate New York, West Virginia, and Kentucky. Ms. Slomkowski earned her Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering & Technology from University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown.

Topic Description:

At sites with problematic soils, the conventional approaches have been removal and replacement or piling. In recent years there has been a proliferation of the use of a wide variety of ground improvement techniques. In many situations, ground improvement techniques offer cost and scheduling advantages over the conventional approaches. Ground improvement can be used to support warehouses, buildings, material storage piles, processing areas, embankments, fills, roadways, port facilities, storage tanks, containment structures, and platforms. For structures, when ground improvement is used, it is possible to eliminate pile caps, grade beams and structural slabs, and shallow foundation systems can be used.

When: March 25, 2020

Where: UPJ Campus, Heritage Hall in the Living and Learning Center, University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown, PA 15904. Carpooling will be available for Pittsburgh attendees, please contact Justin Brooks if you want to carpool.

Agenda:

- 5:00 PM: Networking hour, wine bar, and buffet dinner
- 6:00 PM: Presentation on McDonald's: Modernization of the US Restaurant Fleet – Fast Food and Faster Construction
- 7:00 PM: Presentation on Menard Group's: Ground Improvement vs Deep Foundations

Registration: Register and pay online at www.asce-pgh.org/event-3749897

Register by March 20, 2020. Early bird pricing closes March 11, 2020.

- ASCE Member - \$25.00 (Early bird \$20.00)
- Government Employee - \$25.00 (Early bird \$20.00)
- Students - \$5.00 (Early bird **Free** or will be charged \$10.00 at door)
- Non-Member - \$30.00 (Early Bird \$25.00)

For Questions Contact: Justin Brooks, Chair Continuing Education Committee, justinmb82@hotmail.com 724-302-6069.