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I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Holiday with Family and Friends! It won't be long now before Mother Nature turns on us. For some of us we have already seen the snow on the ground. The day after Thanksgiving we woke up to find a light blanket of snow on the ground. The kids were absolutely thrilled. I guess we are in for possible Lake Effect snow later this week!

For those who may have missed last month's meeting on Combined Sewer Overflows, we had a good turnout. **Richard Switalski** of the **Northeast**

**Ohio Regional Sewer District** discussed long term control plans for sanitary and storm overflows. Currently there are approximately 6 major tunnel projects in the works with sewers as large as 20 feet in diameter being bored right below our city. Of course you don't see any evidence of what is being done until you see the rather large dirt piles here and there.

I raised a question to Richard regarding a possible tour of one of these tunnels and in fact he stated that for a professional organization they would surely consider it as they have done it in the past. A possible tour of the tunnel projects is certainly not out of the question. We may look into this for next spring. I will keep you posted.

I would like to thank **Tom Porter** of **Disney McLane** for being on hand at last month's meeting representing the Watts product line of products. Tom had with him **Dave Windler** from **Watts**. Both were very knowledgeable about the Watts products. I hope that everyone took the time to talk to these gentlemen and ask any questions that you may have had pertaining to their products. Our reps take great pride in what they represent and they certainly do not mind coming in to bring us up to speed on the latest in their product lines.

The next series of **Webinars for 2010** will be announced very soon and will be posted on the ASPE Website at [www.aspe.org](http://www.aspe.org). The proposed date for the first Webinar is slated for January 13<sup>th</sup>. For more information please contact the ASPE Education manager at [cries@aspe.org](mailto:cries@aspe.org).

Have you visited the ASPE Website lately? It has a fresh new look! The Staff at ASPE have worked very hard to make the site more user-friendly. One of the upgrades to the site is the integration of both the ASPE and PS&D websites. It's possible you may encounter a bug as the site is still under construction. If you have any comments or have any other suggestions please contact the Webmaster Richard Albrecht at [ralbrecht@aspe.org](mailto:ralbrecht@aspe.org).

The next **CPD Exam** will be held April 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> of 2010. Registration opens January 5<sup>th</sup> and will remain open until March 19<sup>th</sup>. For more information please see separate insert in this month's Newsletter.

Believe it or not we have some last remaining gifts left over from last year's Convention in Long Beach. We have been giving them away at different times throughout the year and now it's come down to the last of them. For our meeting this month we will be doing something a little different.....

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**From the President (Continued):**

In addition to our normal program this month we will be playing a little **Pass Around Gift-Exchange Game** otherwise known as the **right/left game**. What is the right/left game? It's simple – Each person will start out with a wrapped gift in front of them. A story pertaining to the Christmas Holiday will be read aloud. When the words Right and Left are mentioned within the story each person passes the gift to his or her right or left. This game is a lot of fun because you never know the end result and who will end up with up with gift.

**Reminder** - In order to provide an accurate head count for Harry's Steakhouse we need for you to send in your RSVP's to Kevin Noble at [knoble@sbmce.com](mailto:knoble@sbmce.com) by Friday December 4<sup>th</sup>. If you do not RSVP by this date, we cannot guarantee that a meal or handout will be available for you.

Wishing everyone a great Holiday Season!

Michael Drab  
President, Cleveland Chapter

**From V.P. Technical:**

I would like to thank Richard J. Switalski, PE with Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for being our guest speaker at the November 10, 2009 training session. The topic of the seminar was NEORSR's Long-Term Control Plan for Mitigating Combined Sewer Overflows. The presentation outlined the history of sewers in Northeast Ohio, formation of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, sewer design and construction, combined sewers versus separate sewers, combined sewer overflows and their detrimental environmental impact, Mill Creek Tunnel project, and Euclid Creek Tunnel project.

The December 9, 2009 seminar topic will be Chemical Waste & Vent Piping Systems. The speaker will be Steven Leek with Schott North America. Steven is a regional sales manager with over 38 years of plumbing industry experience.

Please confirm your reservation for this seminar by noon of Friday, December 4, 2009 with Kevin Noble at [knoble@sbmce.com](mailto:knoble@sbmce.com). If you have any questions and/or comments about the seminars, please do not hesitate to contact me at [jvarga@sbmce.com](mailto:jvarga@sbmce.com).

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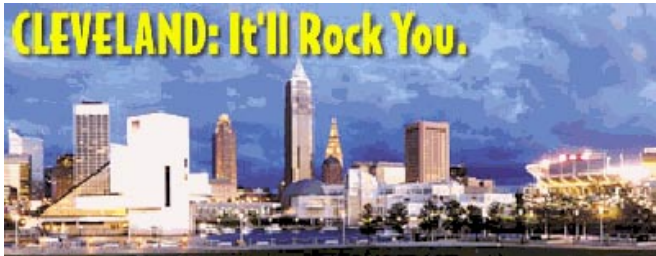
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