Notes From The Director

2016 begins with an air of optimism with the passage, by Congress, of a five-year $305B transportation bill. While we still do not know exactly what this means for New York State, it does provide a greater level of certainty for the planning of major infrastructure projects. Rebuild NY Now (www.rebuildynow.org), a broad-based coalition seeking to raise public awareness about the issues impacting New York State’s infrastructure, is calling on the Legislature and the Governor to ensure funding parity between the capital plans for mass transit and NYSDOT in the 2016-17 budget. We should all follow their lead.

In this issue we feature the 65th anniversary of one of PCANY’s charter members, Lakelands Concrete Products of Lima. This year also marks 30 years since the incorporation of The Precast Concrete Association of New York. The growth of this industry and the accomplishments of our members over the years has been nothing short of remarkable and we look forward to exciting things in the next 30 years.

Warmest Regards,

Ronald E. Thornton, P.E.
NYS Rte 86 Over West Branch of Ausable River

Submitted by Jim Willis of LHV Precast, Inc.

Wilmington, NY, home of White Face Mountain, is a major year-round tourist destination for outdoor enthusiasts and Rt 86 over the West Branch of the Ausable River is a critical artery for both its residents and visitors. Unfortunately, the existing 80 year old concrete and stone dual arch bridge exceeded its useful service life and had to be replaced in 2015. Faced with a 3-mile detour and the need to maintain the historic look of the bridge, precast arch elements became the material of choice for the new structure.

The new structure consists of twin 70' span Bebo arch units with an overall length of 146'. Total construction including demolition of the existing structure, placement of footings, precast, parapets, backfill, pavement, and lighting took a little over 3 months to complete. The accelerated schedule, afforded by the use of precast concrete, was much appreciated by those inconveniently affected by construction activities.

Project Credits:
Owner: New York State Department of Transportation
Contractor: Tioga Construction
Specialty Precast Design: Contech Engineer Solution, LLC
Precast Manufacturer: LHV Precast, Inc.
Lakelands Concrete Products 65 Year Anniversary

Submitted by: Gina Lathan, Lakelands Concrete Products, Inc.

Todd Clarke is the proud third-generation owner of Lakelands Concrete Products in Lima, which began operations in 1951. From their humble beginnings as a producer of septic tanks and patio blocks, Lakelands has become an industry leader in the production of a diverse line of products including architectural, prestressed elements, box culverts, utility buildings, retaining walls, utility vaults, bridge systems, drainage structures, shoreline protection, and more. Lakelands is a PCI A-1 Certified Plant and is an approved supplier by NYSDOT under its QA/QC program.

The company recently celebrated its 65 years of operation by hosting employees and their families to a plant tour, catered dinner, slide show, and awards ceremony. Over 160 people attended the celebration and commemoration of their team’s accomplishments.

PCANY is proud to have Lakelands Concrete Products as a charter producer member and Todd Clarke as Past President. Todd’s father, Richard, was one of our founding members in 1986. You can find information about all of our members in the PCANY Buyer’s Guide and on our website.
Capital District Celebration of National Engineers Week.
This 2-day event will include 70 seminars offering 5 PDHs per day in a variety of engineering disciplines. It will be held February 25-26 at the Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Road, Albany. PCANY will have an exhibit table for this event. (Information)

ACEC New York Eastern Region Presents NYSDOT Region 1 Program Updates
This is a joint transportation association meeting with ASHE Albany Section, ASCE Mohawk-Hudson Section and the Eastern NY Chapter of ACI. The event will be held on February 17 at the ACEC New York Conference Room, 6 Airline Dr., Albany. (Information)

The Precast Show 2016
NPCA and PCI are co-sponsoring the event occurring March 3-5, 2016 at the Gaylord Opryland Convention Center in Nashville, TN. There will be several meetings and educational opportunities along with hundreds of exhibitors on display. (Information)