Notes From The Director

In the 30 years that I have been involved in the precast industry, I have had the extreme pleasure of getting to know so many producers and associates from all over the country. In many ways, attending NPCA events such as The Precast Show and the National Convention feels almost like a family reunion. Sadly, one of our precast family members, Gainey’s Concrete Products of Holden, LA suffered severe flood damage as a result of an extreme rain event last month in southern Louisiana. Fortunately, due to their resiliency and dedicated employees, they were able to replace equipment and get their business back up and running in fairly short order. However, many of their employees have not been so fortunate. While the CNN cameras and politicians have left the scene, these hard working folks are still struggling to recover from devastating losses.

Accordingly, the management of Gainey’s has set up an Employee Relief Fund to help those who were displaced or disadvantaged due to flooding. All funds will go directly to the employees. Please visit www.gaineysconcrete.com for information or to contribute.

Warmest Regards,

Ronald E. Thornton, P.E.
Long Island Expressway Exit 56 Rest Stop—Hauppauge, NY

Submitted by Tom Montalbine of Roman Stone Construction.

A retaining wall was needed for the new rest stop being built along the westbound lanes of the Long Island Expressway (I495). The wall is being constructed with 2080LF of single slope safety barrier modified with a simulated stone form liner and integral dark umber concrete color.

Curvature of the wall was achieved by mitering the ends of those sections forming the curve. Fabricated MC8x18.7 steel channels are bolted to the back side of the wall sections for continuity.

Project Credits:
Owners: New York State Department of Transportation
Contractor: Intercounty Paving
Engineer-of-Record: NYSDOT
Precast Manufacturer: Roman Stone Construction Company
Rockaway Beach Beautification Project

Submitted by Moffette Tharpe of Easi-Set Worldwide

The Jamaica Bay Restoration Corps and hundreds of volunteers worked together to create the longest mural in NYC (1.5 miles), on J-J Hooks barrier provided under a NYCDOT maintenance contract, by Easi-Set licensed producer Roman Stone Construction of Bay Shore, NY. The barrier protects pedestrians and bicyclists along Shore Front Parkway in Rockaway Beach - an area significantly damaged by Superstorm Sandy. The NYC Parks Department invited local artists to envision the surface of these ordinary construction barriers as canvases for art and received more than 50 submissions. The community residents were then allowed to vote for their favorites. All three winning designs were beachfront themes containing the ocean, waves, surfers, and seagulls. The murals, covering more than 37,000 square feet, were hand-painted by over 250 volunteers and the NYC Parks staff during a 12-day period.

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“Roman Stone Construction,” says Anna Faia, VP-Sales/Corporate Secretary, “is very proud to have been a part of the Beautification Project by providing the barrier and we continue to work with designers and contractors as they work to restore and beautify the Rockaway Beach area.”
Dr. Ken Hover to Speak at ACI Dinner
Cornell University Professor, Ken Hover will be the featured speaker at the ACI-CNY dinner meeting Thursday 9/15/16 at the Double Tree Hotel in East Syracuse. 1 PDH to be awarded for attending. (Information)

New York Construction Materials 18th Annual Fall Meeting...
Will be held November 9—11 at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in Albany (information)

NPCA Annual Convention
The 51st Annual Convention will be held September 28—October 1, 2016 at the Renaissance Austin Hotel in Austin, TX. (Information)

PCANY Fall Meetings to be Announced
We are currently working to confirm the exact date and time for the Fall 2016 Membership and Joint NYSDOT Meetings. The membership meeting will include election of officers for the 2017-2018 term.

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