Notes From The Director

This September will mark 17 years since our country was viciously attacked. As tragic as the event was with the loss of nearly 3000 souls, there was a sense of unity in the aftermath both among Americans and with our friends throughout the world. Sadly, much of that sense of unity has seemed to have eroded over the years.

The Flight 93 National Memorial under construction in Pennsylvania will include a 93ft tower with 40 wind chimes, representing the plane’s 40 passengers and crew members. The chimes will provide a living memorial in sound to the eternal voices of the heroes on board that day. As I read an article(1) about this impressive monument, I began to wonder what those voices might be saying today. Perhaps something like “come on people, let’s get together, LET’S ROLL”.

(1) https://www.nps.gov/flni/getinvolved/tower-of-voices.htm

Warmest Regards,

Ronald E. Thornton, P.E.
Target Department Store—Huntington, NY

Submitted by Michael Verruto, Sr. of Long Island Precast, Inc.

According to an article by Long Island Contractor’s Association (LICA), every parcel approved for development on Long Island is precious. This was particularly evident in the development of 150,000 square foot Target store literally along side of a mountain in Huntington.

Site work for this store includes over 1000 lineal feet of Evergreen® Retaining Wall elements in stacks up to 42ft high. Evergreen was selected for the project for its constructability and to provide a plantable, noise absorbing, graffiti resistant framework for this massive wall.

Evergreen® Macro walls can be used as retaining walls or slope stabilizer, for earth embankments or rock revetments, or as a noise barrier. Each Macro element is 16’ long x 2.6” high and varies in depth from 4’ to 12’.

Long Island Precast, Inc. is a Producer Member of PCANY and is NYSDOT approved and NPCA certified

Project Credits:
Owner: Target
Contractor: Ruttura & Sons Construction
Precast Manufacturer: Long Island Precast, Inc., Brookhaven, NY
U.S. Congresswoman Visits Precast Facility

Submitted by Jay Abbey of Binghamton Precast & Supply Corp

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) toured Binghamton Precast & Supply Corp. on July 5 to see the facility, meet with employees and learn more about the ways tax reform has directly benefitted the business. Binghamton Precast & Supply Corp. is an established manufacturer of precast concrete products to the heavy highway and general construction industry throughout upstate NY.

“For over 30 years, Binghamton Precast & Supply Corp. has produced quality precast products for our community and have continued to develop new ways to keep local infrastructure on the cutting edge, which keeps our local economy here in Binghamton competitive,” said Congresswoman Claudia Tenney. “During my tour, I learned that they significantly benefited from tax reform, and now have more opportunity to improve and grow their business. I would like to thank Jay Abbey, President of Binghamton Precast & Supply Corp. for allowing me to stop by and tour his facility and for the chance to meet and speak with the hardworking employees of Binghamton Precast & Supply Corp.

“It was very nice meeting Congresswoman Tenney today. As a business owner herself, I found her to be extremely knowledgeable about the challenges facing small businesses today. We are very supportive of Claudia’s efforts in Congress, including the new tax law. I look forward to her representing our area for another two years,” said Jay Abbey, President of Binghamton Precast & Supply Corp.

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EJ Breaks Ground for New Fabrication Facility

Submitted by Brian Steitz of EJ USA, Inc.

EJ, a global manufacturer and distributor of construction castings and other infrastructure products conducted groundbreaking ceremonies on June 16 for its new, state-of-the-art fabrication facility in Schroeppel, NY. The company will move equipment and employees from their current site in Cicero, NY upon completion anticipated for Spring 2019.

EJ USA, Inc. is an Associate Member of PCANY
Fall 2018 National Concrete Consortium
NYSDOT will be the host agency for the NCC fall meeting being held September 18-20 at the Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs. (Information/Registration)

PCANY Member Recognized in Florida
Ralph Verrastro, PE was selected by the Florida Engineering Society to receive their 2018 Engineer of the Year Award. Ralph is President of Bridging Solutions, LLC of Naples, FL (www.bridging-solutions.com)

Registration Now Open for NPCA Convention...
Being Held in Providence, RI, October 4—6 at the Omni Providence Hotel. The convention will include plant tours, Precast Marketplace exhibits, educational sessions, committee meetings and more. (Information)