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ABOUT SIAEA

SIAEA (Society of Indo American Engineers and Architects), is the organization of Engineers and Architects. Through education, licensure advocacy, leadership training, multi-disciplinary networking and outreach, SIAEA enhances the image of its members and their ability to ethically and professionally practice engineering and architecture.



President's Message

My fellow members,

Welcome!

*T*ime is certainly flying by very quickly as we are already in fall 2011 and we still are having some nice thoughts about the summer that just went by. During the summer, we had the wonderful cruise and it was a welcome break from the usual office meetings, seminars and other business gatherings. We hope that all the people who attended the cruise had a great time and were able to meet old friends and also make some new ones. The weather cooperated perfectly and we all were able to enjoy the food, dance and the scenery of New York City.

However, the weather did not cooperate so well during late August, and the summer picnic, for which we had spent a lot of time and energy, had to be scrapped due to the arrival of hurricane Irene. We hope that all of your families, homes and businesses did not suffer any loss from this hurricane.

I thank Rakesh Shah, Samir Shah and Ketan Shah for their tireless efforts towards the preparation for the picnic. Who can conquer the Mother Nature? I don't think anyone can!!

Oh well, as you all know on 19th of November we held our annual gala event at Grand Hyatt hotel's ball room in Grand Central Terminal and it was indeed a "GRAND" success. I will provide you with more details and photos in our next newsletter.

Our seminar attendance each time seems to exceed its expectations and that shows the quality and popularity of our professional event. Do participate in this regular event and learn from the experts in engineering, architecture and other professional services.

And lastly, we are working hard towards amending our 31 year old constitution in order to make SIAEA a national organization and create chapters in the various states. We will keep you posted of the progress.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

Sincerely,

Nayan Parikh

SIAEA MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of SIAEA shall be to organize and unite in fellowship the engineer and architectural professionals of Indian origin; to assimilate the arts and sciences of Indian Heritage into the American Society to enhance the image and high visibility of Indian professional and to stand tall within American mainstream.

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Continuing its tradition of organizing opportunities for networking among members, their families and invited guests, Society of Indo American Engineers and Architects hosted this year's Dinner event aboard World Yacht Princess at Pier 82. Dressed in attractive attire members and guests arrived at the yacht where they were treated with sparkling wine and welcomed on board by the society's officials.



It was a night of cool breeze, cheers and giggles as the boat slowly sailed around the river providing spectacular view of Manhattan's coast dazzling with colorful lights from high rise buildings. There were a number of guests who held high positions in government agencies. These guests spoke on topics of interest for all members. They talked about enforcing various legal provisions for providing fair share of contracting opportunities in construction, demolition and leasing of real property for women and minority-owned businesses in New York State. At the same time the officials freely mingled with members and their families.

SIAEA's Dinner-On-Cruise proved to be a very successful event as it served the real purpose of networking and entertaining. With public officials at hand the members of the Society of Indo-American Engineers and Architects felt very enthusiastic about a brighter future for their businesses.

New York State Senator Ruth Hassel-Thompson, who played a major role in drafting the legislation for equal share to women and minority owned businesses, invited minority and women business entrepreneurs to avail the opportunities unleashed by the passage of the legislation in the State Senate. She asked them to work as equal partners in construction, purchases and investment areas.

Addressing an annual gathering of engineers and architects aboard World Yacht Princess over the Hudson River in New York City, Senator Hassel complimented the Society for building bridges between its members and government agencies. She urged minority and women entrepreneurs to work hard to improve the economy of New York State. Encouraging them to take full advantage of opportunities created by the new law Ms. Hassel pointed out that passage of legislation was only the beginning. "We must continue to fight to ensure that all barriers are removed in order to creating equal opportunities for minority and women-owned businesses."

Senator Hassel, who was cheerfully meeting and greeting the members of the society aboard the ship, acclaimed the professionalism of engineers and architects of Indian origin, who are engaged in a variety of infrastructure projects in the New York Metro area. In her key note speech, Veronique Hakim, Executive Director, New Jersey Turnpike Authority emphasized the common goal shared by the entrepreneurs and government agencies. She appealed the members of the Society to work together for solving environmental, economic and political problems of the day. "Let us focus our energy over commonalities and not the differences among us", she commented.

Commenting on the spirit of team work among committee members, Nayan Parikh, President of SIAEA, said that his organization was surging ahead with enthusiasm and vigor. "Over the years we developed a variety of programs to involve and motivate our members. We have successfully organized a number of workshops and symposium to keep our members updated on current happenings in the construction industry. The work will continue with full force and vigor", he declared.

"We worked very hard to put together this event", said Mihir Patel, President-elect and Cruise Chair. "We were overwhelmed by the response from the officials as well as our members who showed great interest in attending this event."

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A number of leading entrepreneurs from construction industry and officials representing development and construction agencies attended the Society's Dinner Cruise on the World Yacht Princess. Ralph Esposito, Executive Vice President, Lend Lease complimented the Society for maintaining high standards in its projects. Plaques were presented to Pamela Parlor of Port Authority of NY-NJ, Flora Ramos of Tishman Construction, Arnold Manville of RR Construction, Stephanie Burns of Turner Construction, Laura Cooley of Cooley Construction, D. Clarke Pile of Hill International, Shalini Mohan of URS Corporation, Rajeev Bhambri of India Abroad and Prakash Shah of TDX Construction.



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Complimenting the valuable contribution made by his predecessors, office bearers, supporters and sponsors, President Parikh felicitated Immediate Past Presidents, Ravi Shenoy, Past President Banshi Shah, Executive Vice President Amar Malla, Vice President Ketan Shah, NYC DDC's Assistant Commissioner Vinod Devgan, Secretary Samir Shah and hosts of sponsors.

TECHNICAL SEMINARS

By: Amar Malla, Chairperson, Technical Seminar Committee

Carlisle Roofing By Samir Ibrahim, AIA

Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at 6:15 PM • Superstructure's Auditorium

Samir Ibrahim is a Director of Design of Carlisle Roofing. He is responsible for all design services provided by Carlisle Roofing. Mr. Ibrahim coordinates all the training programs. This Seminar was made eligible for AIA credit.

Presentation Highlights:

- Picking the Best Roofing System of the building
- Warranted Peace of Mind
- EPDM Roofing Systems
- PVC Roofing Systems
- Roofing System Options: Ballasted, Mechanically fastened, Fully adhered
- Roof Garden

UPCOMING SEMINAR'S

- March 21, 2012:** Construction Management with Architecture and Engineering credit
- May 23, 2012:** LEED with Architectural credit
- July 25, 2012:** Architectural with Architectural credit
- Sep. 26, 2012:** Hill International with Architecture and Engineering credit

Welcome New Members to
SIAEA Family

- ✓ Anurupa Patel
- ✓ Chintav Shah
- ✓ Esha Shanbhogue
- ✓ Foram Marwala
- ✓ Harshil Patel
- ✓ Hiten Patel
- ✓ Imran Mohammad
- ✓ Indradeep Chakrabarty
- ✓ Mahendra Patel
- ✓ Meenakshi Varandani
- ✓ Mitul Parikh
- ✓ Piyush Joshi
- ✓ Prabhu Patel
- ✓ Pushkar Bajpai
- ✓ Ranjith Shivarudrappa
- ✓ Shivam Kashiwala
- ✓ Shivam Mewawala
- ✓ Shyamalkumar Shah
- ✓ Sunil Saigal
- ✓ Umesh Jadhav
- ✓ Vikram Singh
- ✓ Yusuf Sheth

Editor's Note:

- As part of our service to our members, the editor will post all job opportunity and job wanted ads at no cost. If you are an employer looking for qualified, experienced and hardworking engineer or architect forward your ads to us. If you are a member and seeking employment, please let us post your job wanted ad. Please e-mail your ad not more than 25-30 words to president@siaeany.org
- SIAEA event dates are tentative and subject to change. Confirmation of events shall be sent via email. Visit our website for further information.

"all omissions and errors are regretted"

Rajiv K. Bhagat
Editor-in-Chief
NEWSLETTER

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Glimpses:
SIAEA participation in
India Day Parade
Sunday, August 21, 2011 at NYC



Job Wanted:

Plumbing and Fire Protection Engineer:
With 14 years of experience in plumbing and fire protection engineering looking for job.
Contact via email:
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Members News:

Damyanti Radheshwar AIA, LEED AP, a life time member of SIAEA, has been appointed by Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer as board member to Manhattan community Board 4 (Chelsea, Clinton and Hell's Kitchen area). She has joined Quality of Life-arts, culture, education and security committee. She is also a co-chair on Landmarks committee.

In Memory of:

It is with deep sorrow to announce the demise of the mother of our beloved President of SIAEA Nayan Parikh on Nov 20, 2011 in India.

It is with deep sorrow to announce the passing away of one of our active SIAEA member Nayan Trivedi's father in August 2011.



**JOIN US in our
MEMBERSHIP
DRIVE**

*"each one
reach one"*

