



## Central Savannah River Section

### Mark your Calendars:

#### UPCOMING AACEI-CSRA SECTION MEETINGS

- 1/27/2011 – Tony Gilman, Director, Project Information Management Department, URS**
- 2/24/2011 – February dinner meeting**
- 3/24/2011 – March dinner meeting**
- 4/28/2011 – April dinner meeting**
- 5/26/2011 – May dinner meeting**

#### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### Additional Certification Exams

- 1/15/2011 – Exam - Augusta State University**
- 2/28/2011 – Early Deadline for Certification Exam**
- 3/15/2011 – Final Deadline for Certification Exam**
- 5/14/2011 – Exam - Augusta State University**
- 8/29/2011 – Early Deadline for Certification Exam**
- 9/13/2011 – Final Deadline for Certification Exam**
- 11/12/2011 – Exam - Augusta State University**

**1/22/2011 – South Carolina Regional Future City Competition**

**2/28/2011 – Deadline to apply for the AACE International – CSRA Section Competitive Scholarship Program**

**6/19/2011 Thru 6/22/2011 – The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA**

### Join us at the next AACEI-CSRA Dinner Meeting January 27, 2011



**Tony Gilman**  
Director, Project Information Management Department  
“URS Information Management and Document Control”

#### Section Membership Dues

The annual membership dues in 2011 will be \$143, an increase from \$130. This will be the first AACEI dues increase in nearly a decade. Members can renew via our secure website by clicking here: <https://www.aacei.org/Portal/Tools/Login.cfm> to log in. A member’s dues are not due at the first of the calendar year but according to each member’s expiration date for their dues.

If you have changed your address, phone number or e-mail address in the past year, please update it once you have logged in so AACE can provide membership services without interruption.

#### Members and Friends Spotlight





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### President's Corner



**Kathy Roberson**  
AACEI-CSRA  
Section President

# Happy Holidays Everyone!



*Tis the season to celebrate, enjoy some well deserved time off, and spend the holidays with our loved ones. Seasons Greetings to each and everyone of you from the AACEI-CSRA Board.*



*We look forward to seeing you at our next AACEI-CSRA dinner meeting on January 27th.*



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**AACE International's 55<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Meeting**  
**TCM: Imagine the Possibilities!**

Don't miss out on this excellent opportunity to network with your peers, earn CEUs/PDHs and attend the latest papers on cost, schedule and management at AACE's 55th Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA.



**\*\*\* Reminder \*\*\***

***AACEI-CSRA SCHOLARSHIPS***

The AACEI-CSRA Section is now accepting Scholarship Applications from qualified rising sophomores through graduate students who are attending school in either Georgia or South Carolina, and who are pursuing a related degree/associate degree in engineering, construction management, building construction, computer sciences, business, quantity surveying, information technology, etc.

**Applications are due 2/28/2011**

***(See Attached files for Application)***

**Members Reach Milestone Anniversaries with AACE International**

Two AACE International members have reached their golden anniversary with AACE. This is a great accomplishment because these members joined the Association while it was still in its infancy, and helped it develop into a vibrant association that offers many valuable services to our members and the cost engineering community at large.

Additionally, this year's class of 25-year members numbers exactly 50. These individuals have held continuous membership with AACE International for a quarter of a century! They hold their memberships in 30 Sections, all around the globe. Several hold one or more certifications, and many have served AACE on the Section or association level.

Congratulations to all of these members:

**Fifty Year Members**

Anghel Patrascu, ECCE, San Francisco Section  
Edward F. Cooke, Delaware Valley Section

**Twenty-five Year Members**

The 50 people who have been members for at least 25 years including **Manan N. Vakil, CCE, EVP, PSP**, of this section, the **Central Savannah River Section**.

AACE International was founded on June 2, 1956, in Durham, New Hampshire, by 59 visionaries intent on professionalizing their work. There are seven founding members alive today.



The above information is from the AACE Headquarters newsletter called *AACE Section Connection* which is sent to all members of AACEI



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### The Secret of Shelter Island

I've been reading a book lately. Yes, I do occasionally read a real book. Most of what I read are investment newsletters and I don't do much in the way of social networking on the computer. I've logged on to facebook a few times but I keep seeing names and photographs that I don't recognize so I'm not sure what's going on there. At that point I'll usually go read another article from a newsletter.

The book is called "The Secret of Shelter Island" by Alexander Green. Mr. Green has been an investment newsletter writer in recent years but has been very interested in the study of history, philosophy, psychology, science and religion for decades. The book was written in response to the stock market collapse of 2008. "A recession can shake up the status quo and force us to examine our goals and priorities." The book is meant to aid in the process. It's partly about money but also about putting money into perspective.

"The pages lean heavily on quotes and sources from antiquity. Why? When it comes to wisdom about how to live your life the best ideas are not new. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "All my best thoughts were stolen by the ancients."

"*The Secret of Shelter Island* is about recognizing the importance of money, but also the primacy of honoring and fighting for your highest potential, living the life you want, doing the work you enjoy, paying attention to your highest goals and values."

"Material wealth alone doesn't bring lasting satisfaction. And neither will nonmaterial blessings if you're wondering where you're going to get this month's rent. But combine a sensible approach to money with good choices about nonfinancial matters and the result is the best of both worlds."

The book has 68 chapters. Most of which are only three or four pages so you can easily read one or two chapters in just a few minutes. I just read the chapter called "The Secret of Shelter Island". What is the secret? It's a zinger. I'll tell you what it is in another newsletter. I'll finish this article with a story from the book.

"In 400 B.C.E. the Greek philosopher Diogenes taught that no man needed much – and that we shouldn't complain of material loss. He once went to Athens with his slave Manes, who ran away. Diogenes shrugged off his ill fortune saying, 'If Manes can live without Diogenes, why not Diogenes without Manes?'

So that's the philosopher Diogenes. "In *It's All in Your Head*, Stephen M. Pollan and Mark Levine relate a story about the famous ascetic:"

Diogenes is sitting on the side of the road eating his simple meal of porridge. A court philosopher sees him and comes over to chat. "You know, Diogenes, if you learned how to play up to the king like the rest of us, you wouldn't have to live on porridge." Diogenes doesn't even glance up from his bowl; he just says, "If you learned to live on porridge, you wouldn't have to play up to the king."





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### Highlights from Previous Dinner Meetings



#### Central Savannah River Section News

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Membership is open to cost and management professionals and visitors are welcome at Section meetings.

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