

## Noteworthy

**Langan Engineering & Environmental Services** announced that it has opened an office in Pittsburgh to support the exploration and extraction efforts related to the Marcellus Shale industry. The new office, Langan's 16th worldwide, is located in the Southpointe Business Complex in Canonsburg. The Pittsburgh team will be led by Gerard Coscia, PE, a senior associate at Langan with 25 years experience leading major environmental remediation projects for utilities, chemical companies, and brownfield developers.

**McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC** employees volunteered 100 hours in a day-long effort to benefit Water Street Ministries. The firm also held two food drives for the organization in

June, collecting 1,055 pounds of food as part of its 75th anniversary celebration. Volunteers from the firm's Lancaster and Harrisburg offices served breakfast, lunch and dinner to the Ministries' residents, sorted donations and assembled hygiene packets. In celebration of its 75th anniversary, McNees selected one organization for each month throughout the year, and the firm's more than 240 personnel have an opportunity to volunteer or otherwise support that organization.

**Reinsel Kuntz Leshar LLP** announced a merger with Philip R. Friedman and Associates LLP, a public accounting firm based in York, PA. The merger took effect Aug. 1, 2010 and resulted in a Reinsel Kuntz Leshar office location in York. With this merger, Reinsel Kuntz Leshar will have a team of approximately 200 employees, including 31 partners. The firm will maintain all employees and partners in both firms, and will continue to maintain all four offices in York, Lancaster, Reading and Harrisburg.

**Norfolk Southern** was recently joined by local dignitaries to break ground on a \$95 million freight-rail facility expected to bring 4,800 new warehouse, distribution and light-manufacturing jobs to the area within the next 10 years. Norfolk Southern's Franklin County Regional Intermodal Facility, slated to open in 2012 at exit 3 off Interstate 81, is part of the railroad's 2,500-mile, multistate Crescent Corridor initiative to establish an efficient, high-capacity intermodal freight-rail route between the Northeast and the Gulf Coast.

**The Quandel Group, Inc.** was awarded a \$14.8 million general construction contract to upgrade the existing Wastewater Treatment Plan for the Danville Municipal Authority. The upgrades and additions will consist of improvements to the headworks, primary clarifiers, existing bioreactors, new bioreactors, final clarifiers, return sludge pumping station, chlorine contact tanks, anaerobic digestion, new boiler building and new operations building. The project is expected to be complete by August 2012.

**High Concrete Group LLC**, an affiliate of High Industries Inc., has introduced a new website for architects, general contractors and building industry professionals. The site, [www.highconcrete.com](http://www.highconcrete.com), provides important information and tools for planning, designing and constructing buildings with precast concrete. Features include a 3D model viewer, which visitors can use to explore recent parking garage projects High has engineered using Tekla Structures building information modeling software. The site also allows users to sort and select from a range of more than 500 concrete colors, textures and finishes. Other important site features include downloadable CAD details, interactive cut sheets and specifications that visitors can

**The Quandel Group** was recently selected by Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union (PSECU), the state's largest credit union, to manage the construction of its new three-story, 234,000-square-foot headquarters to be located on Kohn Road and Elmerton Avenue in Susquehanna Township. In addition to office space, the new state-of-the-art office facility will include a food court/cafeteria, daycare and physical fitness facilities for their employees. This project is being developed to pursue LEED Gold certification, which promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.



**PA Chamber of Business and Industry** Government Affairs Director Stephanie Catarino Wissman (bottom left) participated in the "Take a Swing Against Breast Cancer" home run derby on City Island in Harrisburg. Wissman represented the PA Chamber on a team comprising the Women in Pennsylvania Government Relations organization. The Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition, together with the Pennsylvania Association of Community Bankers, held charity home run derbies in all 11 of the state's minor league baseball stadiums, raising both funds and awareness for this important cause. **ParenteBeard** also participated in the event. Eight teams of company employees in Reading, Lehigh Valley, Lancaster, York, Harrisburg and Wilkes-Barre participated in their home stadiums. ParenteBeard serves as the state all-star sponsor of the derby.



**RETTEW** employees recently raised a total of \$13,000 for the American Cancer Society's (ACS) Relay For Life annual fundraising campaign. RETTEW's internal fundraising event, *Shave Your Head for Ed*, commemorated Ed Warfel. Warfel, who was with RETTEW for 36 years and passed away on Feb. 12, 2010, at the

age of 60 after a long battle with cancer. He was a professional land surveyor and instrumental in growing the firm. To celebrate the firm's 10th year participating in Relay For Life, organizers set \$10,000 as their goal. If donations reached \$10,000, 11 individuals agreed to have their heads shaved, including George W. Rettew Jr., CEO, and one female, Gina Hecker. On the day of the head-shaving event, employees raised an additional \$3,000 to spare Hecker's locks.

customize with their own project information and then to print, save and email.

### Concurrent Technologies Corporation

(CTC) has been awarded two competitively-bid contracts by the Engineer Research Development Center—Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (ERDC-CERL) totaling \$3.5 million. The contracts will be used to help improve energy security and islanding methodologies at U.S. Army installations. The first contract, worth \$2 million, focuses on enhancing the energy security assessment processes for U.S. Army installations. The second contract, worth \$1.5 million, will provide methodologies to “island” U.S. Army installations from the commercial electric grid.

The company has also been awarded a competitively bid contract by Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane (NSWC Crane) to develop ground robotic technology that can potentially save the lives of U.S. warfighters. The Cost Plus Fixed Fee (CPFF) Task Order contract has a ceiling of \$46 million over five years, consisting of two base years and three option years. CTC’s winning team includes 14 other organizations with significant expertise in the robotics industry, including iRobot, Toycen Corporation, and Indiana University.

**NRG Energy, Inc.**, awarded a \$40,000 grant to Harrisburg University of Science and Technology that will help the institution educate students for careers in applied science and technology fields. The grant will establish the NRG Scholars Program that will enable the University to award scholarships to deserving full-time undergraduate or graduate students based on a combination of financial need and academic merit. The Program will provide students with opportunities to earn a higher education degree in a science- or technology-related field necessary to thrive in a 21st century economy.

**Wohlsen Construction Company** announced that William J. Sutton II, LEED® AP, has been elected to the Board of the Harrisburg Young Professionals. Sutton is currently the sustainability chairperson and a project manager for Wohlsen Construction. Sutton founded Future City Central Pennsylvania, a non-profit engineering competition for middle school students. The program teaches children to utilize math, science, creativity, teamwork and communication to find unique solutions for the challenges we face throughout our society. Since 2005, nearly 1,000 students from 30 different middle schools have participated in the competition.

## People

**Compliance Management International**, a Montgomeryville, PA-based provider of environmental, health and safety services, recently appointed Robert Asher to its board. Asher is co-chairman of the Board of Directors of Asher’s Chocolates and is active in numerous political, industrial and medical/educational organizations.



**HACC**, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College, has named **Gretchen L. Ramsey** as its new director of legislative affairs. Ramsey was previously campus development officer for the Harrisburg Campus. In her new role, Ramsey will serve as primary liaison between the college and all elected officials.



**High Hotels Ltd** has appointed **Michael W. Fruin** senior vice president of development and operations. In this role, he is responsible for the development and acquisition of hotels, as well as the operating performance of the existing portfolio. He also provides leadership for regional managers and the vice president of sales and marketing. He graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in hotel, restaurant, and institutional management. High Hotels is an affiliate of High Real Estate Group LLC.

**Affiliated Power Purchasers International (APPI Energy)** announced that **Tom Hawes** has joined the company as the newest senior energy advisor. Hawes will be managing APPI Energy’s newest location in Berwyn, PA and will be assisting both clients and associations in the Pennsylvania market and throughout the rest of the country. Hawes will provide customized energy procurement and demand-side solutions to a broad range of consumers including industrial, commercial, governmental, and educational entities.

**Langan Engineering & Environmental Services** announced that **Jeff Smith, PG**, and **Christopher Vitolano, PE, LEED AP**, have been promoted to associates with the firm. Smith helps lead Langan’s environmental practice in Philadelphia, which encompasses

Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland. Vitolano helps lead the firm’s site/civil engineering practice in New York, which includes all five boroughs and Long Island.

### Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC

recently announced that **Eric Fischer** and **Brittany Brock** have joined the economic development arm of the chamber, CREDC. Fischer was named business finance officer; Brock was named finance specialist. Fischer will be responsible for all of CREDC’s state and federal loan programs. Brock assists CREDC with state and federal finance programs.

### Pepper Hamilton LLP

announced that **R. Lee Vanderpool** has joined the firm as “of counsel” in the Financial Services Practice Group in the Philadelphia office. Vanderpool concentrates his practice on banking and financing matters, with expertise in a wide range of finance transactions, including acquisition financings, real estate financings, restructurings, commercial paper financings and secured/unsecured syndicated loan transactions. Vanderpool received his J.D. from Tulane University Law School, his M.B.A. from the A.B. Freeman School of Business at Tulane, and his B.A. in international studies from Emory University.



**Stevens & Lee** announced that **Linda R. Evers**, a Stevens & Lee Shareholder, has been named chair of the firm’s Energy, Communications and Public Utility practice. She also will serve on the firm’s Executive Committee. She holds a J.D. from the University of Illinois College of Law and a B.S. from Northwestern University.

**Rette** recently promoted Charles L. Myers, PE, to assistant director of environmental engineering. Myers has more than 14 years experience in wastewater treatment facility design and evaluation; he is also experienced in designing stormwater systems and water distribution systems. He has been with RETTEW for more than five years as a project manager and has bachelor’s degrees in civil engineering and engineering management from Missouri University of Science and Technology (formerly University of Missouri-Rolla).

**ParenteBeard LLC** announced that Glenn R. James has joined the firm as a Partner in the firm's Tax Practice. James has been named financial services tax leader for the firm and is based in the Philadelphia office. James brings more than 30 years of broad based tax experience in public accounting and has extensive experience with the taxation of and issues surrounding corporations, partnerships, and limited liability companies, and has provided tax and advisory services to clients across a diverse range of industries. He has consulted with public and privately-owned regional, national and multinational corporations with respect to operations, accounting methods, entity structure, mergers, acquisitions, restructurings and consolidated return issues over the course of his career.

**Liberty Environmental, Inc.** has named Andrew J. Longenecker as a project manager. Longenecker will supervise the firm's projects in its natural resources practice area. He has more than 10 years of professional expertise in the evaluation of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, natural stream design, watershed management, and habitat assessments. Longenecker holds a Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife and Fisheries from West Virginia University, and a Masters' Degree in Biological Sciences from Marshall University.

**Eckert Seamans Cherin and Mellott, LLC,** announced that John W. Pauciolo has joined the firm's corporate and business counseling practice. He is based in the firm's Philadelphia, PA office. Pauciolo joins the firm from White and Williams LLP, where he was a partner and chair of the Corporate Practice Group. Pauciolo earned his J.D. from the Temple University School of Law and his undergraduate degree from Villanova University.

The company also announced that Harold F. Balk has joined the firm as the director of Business Development. He will be based in the firm's Pittsburgh, PA office, but will spend considerable time in all Eckert Seamans' offices. Balk joins the firm from Reed Smith, where he performed a variety of business development tasks over the last eight years. Balk earned his J.D. from Duquesne University School of Law, and B.A. from Bethany College.

**ParenteBeard LLC (ParenteBeard)** announced that Erika Schachle, Joshua Walker, and Rachel Ziegler have successfully passed the CPA exam. Schachle joined the firm in 2008 and received her BS degree in Accounting from West Chester University. She is a Staff Accountant II in the audit practice of

our York, PA office. Walker joined the firm in 2008 and received his BA degree in Business Administration from Shippensburg University. He is a Staff Accountant II in the audit practice of the York, PA office.

Ziegler joined the firm in 2007 and received her BS degree in Accounting, Business, and Fashion Merchandising from Albright College. She is a Senior Accountant in the audit practice of the York, PA office.

The firm also announced that Tristan Johnson and Clinton Smith have successfully passed the CPA exam. Johnson joined the firm in 2009. He graduated from Drexel University where he received a BS degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. He is a Staff Accountant I in the audit practice of our Harrisburg, PA office. Smith joined the firm in 2008. He graduated from Lafayette College where he received a BA degree in Business and Economics. He is a Senior Accountant in the Harrisburg, PA office.

## Recognition



**High Concrete Group LLC** was recently recognized by The Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI) for two precast concrete structures in its 48th Annual PCI Design Awards. The precast producer's projects garnered honorable mentions in both the competitive Best Parking Structures and Custom Solutions categories. High Concrete Group received an honorable mention, Best Parking System for the Lancaster Central West Garage, an \$11.1-million, 151,000-square-foot parking garage accommodating 405 spaces of discreet structured parking in historic downtown Lancaster, PA. The company also received an honorable mention, Best Custom Solutions for the Lewis and Clark Memorial Towers in Hartford, Ill., a \$4.8-million, 4,220-square-foot project comprising two 190-foot observation towers connected by observation and overlooking the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers where Lewis and Clark launched their expedition.

**ALL4 Inc.** was recently named a Top Small Company Workplace by Inc. Magazine and Winning Workplaces. The magazine features the 20 winners, which range from All4 Inc., an environmental consulting company, to the New York Jets professional football team to Patagonia, the outdoor clothing designer and retailer. Winning Workplaces and Inc. received nearly 500 applications for the contest. A national panel of experts in leadership and small to mid-sized business judged the finalists based on specific metrics and qualitative

**McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC** announced that 20 attorneys from Harrisburg and Lancaster have been named to the lists of Pennsylvania Super Lawyers and Pennsylvania Rising Stars for 2010. The lists will appear in *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* magazine as well as the June 2010 issue of *Philadelphia* magazine. Pennsylvania Super Lawyers recognizes the top five percent of attorneys in Pennsylvania, as chosen by their peers and through independent research. The list recognizes attorneys in more than 60 practice areas, and each year, more than 800,000 attorneys nationwide participate in the survey and selection process.

This year's McNees Pennsylvania Super Lawyers honorees are:

- Debra D. Cantor
- Jeffrey F. Champagne
- Robert M. Cherry
- Michael A. Doctrow
- Harvey Freedenberg
- Scott A. Gould
- Bradley J. Gunnison
- J. Paul Helvy
- Brian F. Jackson
- Daniel J. Malpezzi
- Carmen S. Santa Maria
- Diane M. Tokarsky

The Pennsylvania Rising Stars distinction is awarded to only 2.5 percent of Pennsylvania attorneys who are 40 or younger or in practice for 10 years or less. The selection process includes peer nominations, review by a blue-ribbon panel and independent research.

This year's McNees Pennsylvania Rising Star honorees are:

- Vance E. Antonacci
- Devin J. Chwastyk
- Clayton W. Davidson
- Kandice J. Giurintano
- Shawn K. Leppo
- Susan V. Metcalfe
- Pamela C. Polacek
- James M. Strong

assessments of their success in creating the kind of workplaces that engage employees and deliver successful results.

**Concurrent Technologies Corporation** has been recognized for the third time by *WashingtonTechnology* magazine as a Top 100 Government Contractor. The annual ranking of the top government contractors reveals a collection of companies that are keeping pace

with customer demands and entering new markets to fuel their growth. Companies are evaluated on how they solve customers' problems, support critical missions, decrease costs, and provide technology-rich products and services to the federal government.

The firm also was recently recognized by the U.S. Marine Corps for outstanding technical expertise in facilitating the successful deployment of the Transportation Capacity Planning Tool (TCPT) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The certificate of appreciation was presented to CTC during a ceremony on May 19, 2010 in Johnstown, PA.

In addition, Concurrent Technologies recently announced that **Paul J. Konkol** has been named a Fellow of the American Welding Society for his distinguished contributions to the field of welding science and technology. Konkol, one of only two Fellows selected for induction to the Society in 2010, is an expert in the fields of physical metallurgy and welding, especially those of high strength structural steels. He is a technical lead for CTC's advanced combatant materials project, supports multiple projects for the CTC-operated Navy Metalworking Center, and serves on the National Ship Research Program Welding Technology Panel.

**Skelly and Loy** announced that **Sandra Loy Bell**, CEO, was recently named as one of central Pennsylvania's 25 Women of Influence of 2010 by *Central Penn Business Journal* and its program sponsors. Bell was cited for her significant career accomplishments, leadership and mentoring, and community involvement. The Women of Influence Awards, created in 2010, are an effort to recognize women leaders in the central Pennsylvania area who are making significant positive impacts on their companies, industries and communities.

**Wohlsen Construction Company** recently received 14 awards, including Project of the Year, from the Keystone Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) at the association's Annual Excellence in Construction Awards Gala. The Manor East Healthcare Additions and Renovations project for Moravian Manor Retirement Community, located in Lititz, PA., won the Project of the Year Award. Wohlsen also won the first place award in the General Contractor LEED® Green Award category for The Lancaster Family YMCA Center City located in Lancaster, PA, as well as winning a second place award in the General Contractor LEED® Green Award category for the Campus Square Office Building in Harrisburg, PA.

**Quandel Enterprises, Inc.**, was recently named #15 of 100 Privately Held Companies by the Central Penn Business Journal. Quandel was also listed as the #2 Oldest Private Company and the #2 Private Company in Dauphin County. Quandel's ability to provide general construction, construction management and design-build services in both Pennsylvania and Ohio contributed to its success.

**High Construction Company** recently was honored across several different categories in the Associated Builders & Contractors' (ABC) Excellence in Construction Awards.

The Lancaster County Convention Center and Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square was recognized with an Excellence Award as top-scoring project in its category—commercial project representing a \$25-50 million contract.

Additionally, Awards of Merit were presented to High Construction for its role in the following projects:

- Lebanon Valley College—Stanson Hall (Institutional \$2 million to \$10 million)
- Lancaster Newspapers' Lancaster Central West Parking Garage (Commercial \$10 million - \$25 million)
- Courtyard by Marriott—Wyomissing (Commercial \$10 million to \$25 million)
- The Hotel Hershey—lobby, retail shops, and porte cochere (Commercial \$2 million - \$10 million)
- Lancaster General Health's Healthy Weight Management Center (Commercial under \$2 million)

**Eckert Seamans Cherin and Mellott, LLC** announced that attorney LeRoy S. Zimmerman received the prestigious Joseph P. Cianci Humanitarian Award at the 88th National Convention of UNICO National, on July 31, 2010 at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pennsylvania. UNICO National is one of the world's leading Italian-American service organizations. UNICO supports a variety of charitable works including disaster relief, the funding of undergraduate and graduate scholarships, support for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and the funding of Italian study programs at a number of colleges and universities.

Eckert Seamans Cherin and Mellott, LLC announced that 35 attorneys were recently selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2011.

In Pittsburgh, 15 attorneys were named *Best Lawyers*, including: Scott D. Cessar, Construction Law; Richard K. Dandrea, Mass Tort and Product Liability Litigation; Kathryn

A. English, Employee Benefits Law; John E. Hall, Commercial and Product Liability Litigation; John R. McGinley, Jr., Bet-the-Company and Commercial Litigation; John F. Meck, Tax Law and Trusts and Estates; John J. Myers, Commercial Litigation and Labor and Employment Law; Christopher R. Opalinski, Commercial Litigation and Construction Law; Peter N. Pross, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law; David V. Radack, Intellectual Property Law; Dean F. Richardson, Public Finance Law; James H. Roberts, Land Use and Zoning Law; Timothy P. Ryan, Commercial Litigation; Thomas J. Sweeney, Product Liability Litigation; and Raymond C. Vogliano, Tax Law and Trust and Estates.

In Philadelphia, seven attorneys were recognized: Albert G. Bixler, Commercial Litigation; Neil G. Epstein, Commercial Litigation; Stephen M. Foxman, Corporate and Securities Law; Peter J. Hoffman, Personal Injury Litigation and Professional Malpractice Law; Roberta Jacobs-Meadway, Intellectual Property Law; Jay K. Meadway, Intellectual Property Law; and Gary M. Schildhorn, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law.

In Harrisburg, four attorneys were recognized: Daniel Clearfield, Energy Law; Heidi B. Hamman Shakely, Insurance Law; Robert B. Hoffman, Health Care Law; and Alan C. Kohler, Communications and Gaming Law.

**Eckert Seamans Cherin and Mellott, LLC** announced that Member John E. Quinn was recently honored for his 25 years of dedicated service to the Board of Directors of Carson Valley Children's Aid. Carson Valley Children's Aid is a non-profit child welfare agency with a distinguished history of service to children and families, offering a comprehensive continuum of care commitment to strengthening children, families and neighborhoods by delivering programs and services that respond to today's needs as well as creating programs and services to respond to changing needs. Carson Valley Children's Aid has Neighborhood Centers located in Philadelphia and Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. ♦

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