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Gerard A. Neumann, Jr. Elected President of The Moles

GERARD A. NEUMANN, JR., President and Chief Executive Officer of Spearin, Preston & Burrows, Inc., has been elected to serve as President of The Moles for the 1995/1996 year. He will receive the gavel from retiring President, Thomas E. Dailey, at the Annual Business Meeting and Dinner to be held on Wednesday, May 3, 1995 at The New York Hilton Hotel.

Other Officers elected are: First Vice President, CHARLES F. VACHRIS, Charles F. Vachris, P.E., Consulting Engineers; Second Vice President, ROGER J. LUDLAM, Park Construction Company; Treasurer, PETER S. SCHNEIDKRAUT, Grow Construction Company; Secretary, MELVIN FEBESH, Urban Substructures, Inc.; Sergeant-at-Arms, THEODORE J. CIVETTA, SR., John Civetta & Sons, Inc.

Trustees elected for three (3) year terms are: ARTHUR N. AUBIN, Yonkers Contracting, Co., Inc.; JOHN J. JACOBS, Dillingham Construction Corp.; PATRICK J. MC AWARD, TAMS Consultants, Inc.; GEORGE J. TAMARO, Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers; and DONALD N. WEISSTUCH, Sverdrup Corporation. Elected for a two (2) year term: CHARLES T. DAVIDSON, J. A. Jones Construction Co., Inc.

Jerry Neumann graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering in 1963. He then entered the U.S. Navy, serving as an officer until 1967. While in the service, he graduated from the U.S. Navy Deep Sea Diving School in October 1964.

After completing his military service in April 1967, he joined Spearin, Preston and Burrows, Inc. (SP&B) as an Assistant Superintendent and was assigned to a cable laying project at Cook Inlet, Anchorage, Alaska. During the period from 1968 to 1975 he served as General Superintendent for the firm on various marine construction projects. Such projects included a Barge Unloading Slip in Puerto Rico; five Unloading Piers in Jacksonville, Florida; Bulkhead Construction in Perth Amboy, New Jersey; and Submarine Pipe Lines across Hempstead, L.I. Harbor.



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In 1979, Jerry became President and Chief Executive Officer, the position he currently holds. Since then, SP&B has completed over 800 construction projects, both large and small, along the East Coast of the United States. In addition, Jerry serves as President of George Burrows, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of SP&B. In this capacity, Jerry serves as Managing Partner of a Joint-Venture, Insituform-Metropolitan, a licensee for repairing sewer lines by the Insituform Method. This company has completed over 500 pipeline rehabilitation projects in the states of New York and New Jersey.

Jerry has been active in many professional, civic and trade organizations. He has served a two year term as President of the General Contractors Association of New York. He has served as a Member of Executive Committee and is currently secretary of the New York Building Congress and as a Member of the Board of Trustees of the College of New Rochelle. He is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers; the Deep Foundation Institute; and the National Utility Contractors Association.

Jerry comes from a long line of Moles members. His grandfather, the late George Burrows, was a Mole and his father, Gerard A. Neumann, Sr., received his Life Membership (40 years) in 1986. Jerry's brother, George, became a member of The Moles in 1986 and is currently Vice Chairman of the Membership Committee.

Jerry and his wife Susan have three children and live in Ridgewood, New Jersey.

Thirty-One New Members Elected

At a recent Executive Committee Meeting, thirty-one new members were elected to membership in The Moles. Their membership will become effective May 1, 1995.

In alphabetical order, they are:

Henry E. Adams
Grow Tunneling Corp.
Michael C. Ascher
Triborough Bridge & Tunnel
Authority
Edward J. Barr
Massachusetts Highway
Department
Walter C. Bell
Bechtel Corporation
Roger C. Borggaard
Perini Corporation
Jay M. Cashman
Jay Cashman, Inc.
Hugh P. Caspe
Sverdrup Corp.
Nicholas J. Cavalli
Hayward Baker, Inc.
Martin T. Corcoran
Weeks Marine, Inc.
Charles J. D'Agostino
Frontier Kemper, Inc.
David E. Dick
Dick Corporation
Peter Dunlop
Stone & Webster Engineering
Corp.
Bill T. Dutra
Dutra Companies
Gerald C. Gerletz
Stv/Seelye Stevenson
Peter E. Getchell
PFK-Mark III, Inc.
Lois A. Glasgow
Glasgow, Inc.
Robert B. Hambright
J.A. Jones Construction Co..
Donal A. Henderson
Leonard Kunin Assoc.
Kenneth C. Lieb
Yonkers Contracting Co., Inc.
Howard M. Mager
Engineering News Record
Peter J. Martin
J.F. White Contracting Co.
Joseph M. McCann
Moretrench American Corp.
Michael M. McHugh
Moretrench American Corp.

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Moles Scholarship Programs

Deceased Moles member, Joseph A. McAlinden, remembered The Moles in his will. He bequeathed \$100,000 (\$85,000 after the payment of Federal Taxes) for scholarships for the children and grandchildren of Moles members. The Executive Committee is formulating a program to administer the funds. The first awards are expected to be made in May 1996.

The Executive Committee is also considering the establishment of a General Scholarship Fund for the benefit of deserving and needy civil engineering students. Joseph McAlinden thought a great deal of The Moles to make this bequest to our organization. We expect that there are other members who feel the same way about the added dimension The Moles has brought to their lives.

More about both of these programs in the next issue of *Holing Through*.

Students Day Scheduled for April 21st

The Education Committee, at its meeting on March 7th, selected the construction work being performed in connection with the extension of the 63rd Street subway in Queens Plaza, New York City as the site for its Annual Students Day. The work involves the installation of several shafts and the slurry wall method with the use of tie backs is being employed for temporary and permanent construction. Utility relocation with the installation of steel sheetpiling will also be underway. Laquila Construction is the general contractor and ICOS Corporation is the subcontractor for the installation of the slurry wall. Lets all pray for good weather on that day.

Eight Moles Celebrate Forty Years

Moles elected to membership in 1955 will receive "Life" Membership effective May 1, 1995. They are:

DAN S. BROCK spent the major portion of his career with Johnson, Drake & Piper, Inc. For many years thereafter, Dan continued to be active as a consultant and only recently retired from that work. He and his wife live in Woodbridge, Connecticut.

ROBERT R. HELEN spent his life in marine construction work, working for Merritt-Chapman & Scott, Healy Tibbitts and Raymond International. He has lived for many years in California and now resides in San Mateo.

MILTON A. HENDRICKSON spent his life with Hendrickson Brothers, Valley Stream, Long Island. These days he spends a good deal of his time in the Palm Springs area of California. Milton served as President of The Moles in 1978 and expects to be at the May dinner to receive his forty year certificate.

GAIL B. KNIGHT has spent his entire career in underground construction work, a good part of it with S. A. Healy Company. He recently retired and is now a Tunnel Consultant, living in Frankfort, Illinois. Gail has been a regular attendee at Moles affairs and we hope he will be at the May Dinner to receive his forty year certificate.

GEORGE N. MARTIN retired as President of Bates & Rogers in 1968. Last we heard from George he was enjoying his retirement and living in Evanston, Illinois.

HENRY L. SCHMECKPEPER worked for Arthur A. Johnson Corporation and has been retired since 1969. He is now 91 years old and living in Cutchogue, New York. Our thoughts will be with you Henry as we

NEWS OF MEMBERS . . .

Last Fall, DAN LAZAR traveled to the southwest and visited with his long time friend and colleague, DOUG BURROW. Being the construction men they are, they took an excursion together and visited Glen Canyon Dam....Moles' President TOM DAILEY recently wrote an interesting and provocative article, entitled "Good Old Days" which was published in the November/December issue of Construction Business Review....LARRY ECKERT has joined Master Builders as manager of its underground systems operation... DELON HAMPTON was honored with an Honorary Doctor of Engineering Degree from his alma mater, Purdue University....VIC HERTSLET, wrote to say he would not be with us for The Award Dinner because of surgery on his knees. Trust everything went well, Vic....JACK LEMLEY was honored by ASCE with the John I. Parcell-Lief J. Sverdrup Civil Engineering Management Award for his accomplishments in international construction...JEFF LEVY has been named Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of EMCOR, the successor company to JWP...JOHN MACDONALD has joined Frederic R. Harris as Director, Construction Management Services...The March 20, 1995 issue of ENR had an interesting and very complimentary article about ERIC O'NEILL and his New England Foundation Company...DAVID PUZA has joined Allstate GeoTek as Chief Operating Officer...ED PFRANG retired recently after serving as Executive Director of ASCE for more than a decade...Retired executive of Morrison-Knudsen, FRANK ROBERTSON, wrote a nice letter to The Moles office saying that he has been enjoying the "good life" for more than ten years. He and his wife are avid fishermen and have even gone to Chile several times looking for new rivers to fish...GERRY SARNO has retired from Perini Corporation and has joined up on a part time basis with R.D.Vanasse & Associates of Andover, Massachusetts...GEORGE TAMARO of Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers was recently honored with election to the National Academy of Engineers. George joins twenty nine other Moles members in this most prestigious organization...Conesco Industries, headed by Moles member, CHARLES TRAINOR, recently celebrated its 25th anniversary....DON WEISSTUCH, Senior Vice-President of Sverdrup Corporation, has been given overall responsibility for transportation markets.

EIGHT MOLES CELEBRATE 40 YEARS (Continued)

honor you on being a Mole for forty years.

HOWARD A. (DUTCH) SCHROEDL spent 43 years with Turner Construction Company. He is now 92 years old and living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. We have not heard from Dutch for some time and trust he is doing O.K.

GEORGE S. SHINICK served as Sergeant-at-Arms of The Moles in 1981. Up to 1989 George was active with his own company, Shinck Construction Company, Malverne, Long Island.

THIRTY-ONE NEW MEMBERS ELECTED (Continued from page 2)

John F. McNamara III
Modern Continental Construction Co..
Joel Moskowitz
Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers
Priscilla P. Nelson
University of Texas
Vincent A. Sambrato
Frontier Kemper, Inc.
Edward J. Schmeltz
Frederick R. Harris, Inc.
George G. Searle
IA Construction Corp.
Allan U. Sylvester
George Hyman Construction Co.
John M. Testa
Kiewit Construction Co.

**THE MOLES
CALENDAR
OF EVENTS**

ANNUAL CLAMBAKE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1995

TRAVERS' ISLAND
PELHAM, NEW YORK



**ANNUAL FALL
MEMBERS' DINNER**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1995

NEW YORK HILTON
NEW YORK CITY



AWARD DINNER

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1996

THE NEW YORK HILTON
NEW YORK CITY

**THANK YOU
FOR THE
HARD HATS**

The Moles' Education Committee want to thank all those Mole member affiliated firms who donated "hard hats" to the Students' Day this year. This is a very necessary part of the day.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

JOSEPH B. DIAMOND, a member of the Moles since 1946, died on January 3, 1995 at the age of 88. Joe was both an engineer and an attorney. His most recent practice was with fellow Mole, Leslie A Hynes, with the firm of Hynes, Diamond & Reidy. Joe served as Treasurer of The Moles from 1960 to 1962. He is survived by his son, Patrick.

HOWARD G. DIXON, JR., died on December 31, 1994. The early part of his career was spent at Johnson, Drake & Piper, Inc. "Dick" then became involved in international projects, working in Thailand, Central America and Australia. From 1970-1975 he served as Vice-President of Pan American World Airways. In 1980 he was granted a medical leave from Dravo, where he served as Vice-President of International Operations. He is survived by his wife, Jean, and three children and several grandchildren.

One of the great constructors of The Port Authority, HENRY A. DRUDING, died on January 23, 1995. A 1928 civil engineering graduate of Drexel Institute, Harry as he was known, was with The Port Authority for thirty years during which time he supervised such major projects as the Third Tube of the Lincoln Tunnel; the George Washington Bridge Lower Level Expansion (where he was known to walk the cables of the bridge from one side to the other); and the foundations for the World Trade Center. He was 87 at the time of his death and is survived by a son and six grandchildren.

The Moles office was informed on December 16, 1994 of the death of VINCENT S. FOX at the age of 75. When he became a member of The Moles in 1962, he was with Fredrick R.

Harris where he was a Senior Vice President and involved in marine work. In 1970 Vincent became a partner in the Consulting Engineering firm of John J. Kassner & Co. where he was active until his retirement in 1992.

Long time Moles member, ROBERT M. HIENER, died on February 28, 1995. Bob took an early retirement as an officer of Walsh Construction Company in 1973 and joined George A. Fuller Company as Senior Vice-President. Subsequently he worked for General Reinsurance Company. Bob served as Chairman of the Membership Committee from 1974 to 1976. He was 76 at the time of his death and is survived by his wife Alice.

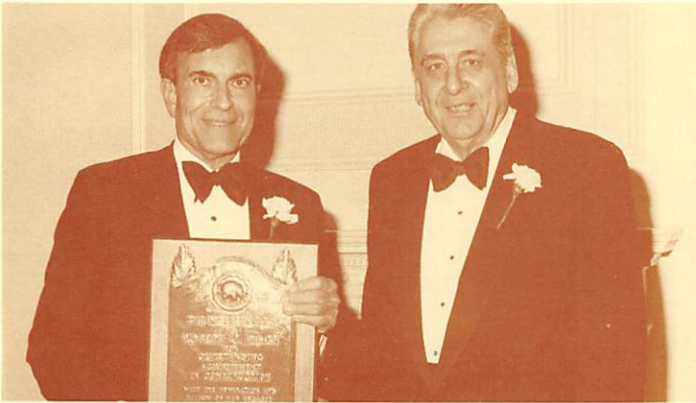
Another Moles member of almost 30 years standing, SIDNEY A. HOUCK, JR., died on November 6, 1994 at the age of 81. Sid worked for Grove Shepherd Wilson & Kruge, Inc. at the time he joined the Moles and was still employed by that firm when he retired in 1984. He was Chairman of the Publicity Committee from 1973 to 1975 and lived in Clarksville, Tennessee at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife Dorothy.

Honorary Member, JOHN A. VOLPE, died on November 11, 1994 at the age of 85. When he was the Principal Speaker at The Moles Annual Award Dinner in January 1968, John Volpe was Governor of Massachusetts. He was named Secretary of Transportation by fellow Mole, President Richard M. Nixon, in 1969 and Ambassador to Italy in 1973. Governor Volpe's background was in construction with the family owned company, The Volpe Construction Company of Malden, Massachusetts. Governor Volpe's brother, S. Peter Volpe, continues to be a member of The Moles.

Governor Whitman Speaks at 1995 Awards Dinner



Carl Petrillo, Bob Koch, Governor Whitman, Mac Magann, Sherwood Liles



Carl Petrillo (left) with Bob Koch



The playing of the National Anthem



Governor Whitman with Award Committee Chairman, Roger Ludlam (left)

The highlight of this year's Award Dinner was the presence of Christine Todd Whitman, the Governor of New Jersey. Governor Whitman won the hearts of Moles members and their guests by recounting in her address how her father was an engineer and a principal in the firm of Todd and Brown Construction Company which participated in the construction of Rockefeller Center in the early 1930's. The evening prior to the Awards Dinner, the Governor had appeared on national television responding on behalf of the Republican party to President Clinton's State of the Union Message.

In her talk to The Moles, The Governor presented her view of where she believes the country is today and her vision of the future direction of the country. She was a very gracious person and a number of Moles members and honored guests had an opportunity to speak to her before and during dinner. Thank you Governor for gracing The Moles with your presence.

Of course the principal business of the evening was the presentation of The Moles Member and Non Member Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Construction. As usual, there were two outstanding recipients. Former Moles President and retired Executive of J. Rich Steers and Yonkers Contracting Company, Robert C. Koch, received the Member Award. Carl Petrillo, President of Yonkers, made the presentation.

Wilfred F. Magann, Sr., President and Chief Executive Officer of W.F. Magann Corporation of Portsmouth, Virginia, was the recipient of the Non Member Award. Former Moles President, Sherwood E. Liles, III, presented the Award.

Both Bob Koch and "Mac" Magann recounted experiences from their careers which were most vivid in their memories. Some of the experiences were serious and some were quite humorous. Their remarks were well received by the attendees.

While the mostly male audience was attending the Award Dinner, many of their spouses (sixty in number) were also enjoying dinner in the Hotel, in the elegant Inner Circle Room of the Grill 53 Restaurant. They then proceeded by bus to attend the most popular show on Broadway, "Showboat". It depended on who you spoke to as to who had the better time.

Mark your calendars for next year's Award Dinner - January 31, 1995.

The MOLES WINTER MEETING

The Moles first Winter Meeting, held at the beautiful Indian River Plantation in Stuart, Florida, was deemed a success by all who attended. Second Vice-President, Charlie Vachris, wrote "We had a great time; everything was first class and we really enjoyed the entire

affair." Tom Treacy wrote : "We thoroughly enjoyed the first Winter Meeting of The Moles. We felt the accommodations and facilities were first class. All of the meetings were informative and the social activities were thoroughly enjoyed. We renewed old friendships

and met some new friends". Based on this type of reaction, the feeling is that we should do it again at the same place next year. The Executive Committee will be considering this matter at its upcoming meeting. More information in the next issue of Holog Through.

