



Investing In Our People



Around the District

District Member Earns Corps Architect of the Year

Carm Senatra, Engineering Division, earned the Corps of Engineers' Architect of the Year award for introducing architectural refinements that have added aesthetic value to the Rock Island District's civil works, while being sensitive to the facilities' historical integrity and cultural character.

He will receive the award Aug. 6, in Chicago, Ill.

Locks and Dam 14 Reels 'em in

Sixty-Two people gathered at Locks and Dam 14, LeClaire, Iowa, for the 10th Annual Fishing Clinic held June 23.

The clinic featured fish identification, casting demonstrations, an Iowa Department of Conservation presentation, bait and tackle discussions, a water safety program, and the featured fishing derby.

Prizes were awarded for the biggest fish, the most fish, and the least fish, in each age group.

More than \$1,200 in gift certificates, fishing poles, drink cups, tee shirts, and hats were donated by more than 20 Quad-City area businesses.

Steve Vacek, Mississippi River Project Office, coordinated the event.

"Feedback from everyone was positive," said Vacek. "I was surprised that 15 participants did not know that the recreation area existed. They mentioned that they will be repeat visitors and use the shelters and fish in the area again."

Thomson Causeway Celebrates Heritage Days

Celebrations for the Village of Thomson's "Heritage Days" took place at Thomson Causeway, but only after the successful clean-up work from Thomson Ranger station staff, Mississippi River Project Office maintenance staff and contractor effort, after the recent flood.

The event took place June 23-24, and included an antique tractor parade. Nearly 50 antique tractors took part in the event drawing a crowd of 100 onlookers along the route.

During the same weekend, the annual Wal-Mart Fishing Derby was held at Thomson Causeway. A record 200 participants attended the event. Thomson Ranger Station volunteers Pam Erich and Denny Becker coordinated and ran the event.

Lock and Dam 20 Gets an Unusual Tenant

After flood waters receded at Lock and Dam 20, workers were left with a little friend ... a raccoon.

The furry animal decided to take up residence in the lock house.

Park Ranger Ed Adcox, Quincy Ranger Station, captured the raccoon with a net and sent it on its way unharmed.



Recent Retirements ...

Jimmy D. Wyble, Construction Division, Central Area Office, was a construction inspector and retired July 3, after serving 34 years and 9 months with the federal government.

Sympathy ...



Robert D. Brockhage, 79, of Bellevue, Iowa, passed away Feb. 18, at Mercy Medical Center in Dubuque, Iowa.

He served as assistant lockmaster at Locks and Dam 14,

LeClaire, Iowa, and then transferred to Bellevue, Iowa, in 1964, where he was lockmaster until his retirement in 1982.

Brockhage served in the Army during World War II.



Thomas L. Geerlings, 47, Bettendorf, Iowa, passed away June 11, at his home.

He was employed with the District Mississippi River Project Office

maintenance crew.

Geerlings served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War.



John R. Orr, Rock Island, Ill., 73, passed away June 21, at his home after an extended illness.

He retired from the Rock Island District, Operations Division, Structures Maintenance Unit, in 1982.

Notes from the Mississippi*

Lock and Dam 11, Dubuque, Iowa

- ✓ Wind socks replaced.
- ✓ Lock machinery motors installed.
- ✓ Flood bulkheads stored.

Lock and Dam 12, Bellevue, Iowa

- ✓ Tow haulage units placed on lock wall.
- ✓ Air signal horn system repaired.
- ✓ Tainter gate trunnions greased.

Lock and Dam 13, Fulton, Ill.

- ✓ Flood debris removed.
- ✓ New crossover pit pump float controls installed.
- ✓ Sprinkler system is up and running.

Locks and Dam 14, Le Claire, Iowa

- ✓ Transom on bridge crane replaced.
- ✓ Ballasts on lock lights replaced.
- ✓ Power cables repaired.

Locks and Dam 15, Rock Island, Ill.

- ✓ All jib cranes greased and oiled.
- ✓ New flood light on boat dock installed.

Lock and Dam 16, Muscatine, Iowa

- ✓ Deck of pontoon boat painted.
- ✓ Lock wall security fence installed.
- ✓ Front porch taken down.

Lock and Dam 17, New Boston, Ill.

- ✓ Trunnion bearings on dam greased.
- ✓ Lock walls washed.
- ✓ Tile in break room floor removed.

Lock and Dam 18, Gladstone, Ill.

- ✓ Selsun units removed and replaced.
- ✓ New level wind rollers on tow haulage units installed.
- ✓ Pump drains in basement installed.

Lock and Dam 19, Keokuk, Iowa

- ✓ Upper approach walls and bull noses washed and painted.
- ✓ Sump pumps grease lines replaced.

Lock and Dam 20, Canton, Mo.

- ✓ All sandbags removed.
- ✓ Lock wall, I-wall, river wall, and street power washed.

Lock and Dam 21, Quincy, Ill.

- ✓ Basement flood proofing braces installed.
- ✓ Floor in generator building grouted.

Lock and Dam 22, Saverton, Mo.

- ✓ Flood bulk head from both doorways removed and stored.
- ✓ Steps to dam power washed.
- ✓ Lower tow haulage unit repaired.

*This is a small sample of work completed at District locks and dams throughout the month.

Speakers Bureau

By Justine Barati, Public Affairs

Kara Mitvalsky, Engineering Division, hosted a job shadow student on May 15. The student is a sophomore at Davenport North High School. Mitvalsky discussed her career as an engineer.

More than thirty students in a geology class from Western Illinois University Regional Center in Moline, Ill., learned more about the Spring 2001 flood when they discussed flood control in the Quad Cities with **Bob Riebe**, Engineering Division. Their discussion included a field trip to local flood protection projects June 2. Riebe is the flood area engineer for the Quad City area.

Members of the Rock Island District's Boy Scout Explorer Post learned more about the Arsenal's hydro plant when they toured it on June 4. **Don Bardole**, Operations Division, and **Justine Barati**, Public Affairs, represented the Corps at the meeting. The purpose of the post is to foster the students' interest in careers in science and engineering.

On June 7, **Karen Hagerty**, Programs and Project Management Division, attended a meeting of the Partners of Scott County Watersheds at the Davenport Public Works office in Davenport, Iowa. At the meeting, representatives from the Putnam Museum of History and Natural Science and River Action presented the Putnam Museum's annual Environmental Stewardship Award to the group. In addition to the award, the

Partners will have a display area in the Putnam's Black Earth/Big River exhibit.

The Burlington Kiwanis Club learned more about the Henry P. Bosse Mississippi River Prints when **Charlene Carmack**, Programs and Project Management Division, spoke with them on June 21. More than 100 members of the club attended her presentation at the Pizzazz Motor Inn in Burlington, Iowa.

A special thanks goes out to our Junior Achievement volunteers for the spring semester. Each of these individuals spent numerous hours at local schools helping students better understand economic issues and the role of the Corps in the nation. These volunteers were: **Justine Barati, Sue Clevenstine, Maj. Stephen Cooper, Mari Fournier, Bob Hoffman, Michael Hrzic, Joe Kellett, Camie Knollenberg, Kevin Landwehr, Nicole McVay, Kara Mitvalsky, Rick Nickel, and Steven Russell.**

The Speakers Bureau, the Explorer Program, and Junior Achievement are part of the District's outreach program. Through these programs, employees work to foster positive relations between the community and the Corps. Contact with our public provides an opportunity to reaffirm the importance of the District's role in our communities, the Midwest and the nation. District employees interested in these outreach opportunities should contact Justine Barati. 