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## A Message From Joe

Having recently returned from the ACEC annual fall conference, I am encouraged for the future outlook of our industry. We most definitely have our issues to work on (has anyone figured out how we will deal with healthcare? Can we ever pass a true infrastructure package? ) but there are great minds in our industry and at ESI we are pleased to be a small part of that. As ESI nears our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary ( that is a hard one for me to believe) we are looking towards the future as well; how to make us better for our clients and business partners, how to make us a better place to work, and how to make us more valuable to our investors. In that effort we are re-focusing our energies and looking to build upon our past successes. I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter, if only to get a little insight to ESI happenings. As we are heading into the holiday season, we are thankful for our many blessings and we look forward to our 15 year anniversary party early next year.

Thank you,

Joe

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## The 12th Annual Kane County Cougars Game and Fundraiser



Along with the warm weather and events that summer brings, it also means the time for our annual Kane County Cougars Game and Special Olympics Fundraiser has come! We just held our twelfth one, and it was a success as always. About two hundred people came out for the game, and with the sun shining and a nice, light breeze to keep everyone cool, it was a beautiful day for a game of baseball with fireworks afterwards.

As another part of our tradition at this event, people were able to donate towards the Special Olympics, and we were able to collect one thousand dollars for this great cause from our guests! It was great to see so much support for the Special Olympics. We rotate the donation to our local office community Special



Olympics Programs and this year's donations went to Special Olympics Illinois. We are appreciative of people's kindness and thankful to everyone who donated.

Although the game was a loss for the Cougars that night, the atmosphere and the weather were practically perfect – fun was had by all who attended. Thank you to everyone who came out for our yearly event, and we hope to see you next year!

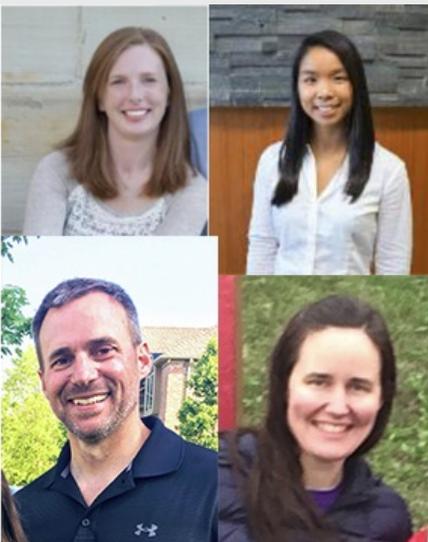
## ESI's Emerson / Ridge / Green Bay Project Earns Two Prestigious Awards

In these past few months, ESI's exceptional work has been noticed. ESI received the APWA Project of the Year Award and the ACEC Award, both acknowledging our work on the Evanston Emerson/Ridge/Green Bay Intersection improvements. The APWA award "recognizes the partnership between the managing agency, the consultant/ architect/ engineer, and the contractor who, working together, complete public works projects," while the ACEC award is given projects that they deem worthy of recognition.



## Pulse of the City Award

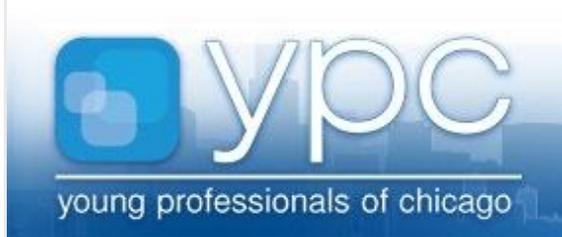
ESI was also awarded the Naperville Pulse of the City Award. It is an award that is given to "... companies and individuals in the building and construction industry that have successfully embraced the combination of quality product and exemplary customer service, and providing services to them and others aspiring to embrace both objectives." It is always an honor to be recognized. We are grateful for every award we get and hope to continue to provide service that is excellent and with integrity.



## ESI Employee Highlights

Some exciting things are happening at ESI. Five new people recently joined our team! Maya Heidtke is a recent engineering graduate from Valparaiso University in Indiana, while Nickie Madlem-Easterday and Heidi Zamecnik have joined the admin team within ESI; Nickie is located at the Charleston office while Heidi works in Naperville. Gary Mraz, P.E., S.E., a licensed structural engineer, has joined our team to further strengthen our structural staff, and Shannon Nestorowicz, also a licensed P.E., recently joined us as a project engineer. Please join us in welcoming them all to our team.

One of our bright, young engineers, Stephen Moy (P.E. pending) was featured in this month's Young Professionals of Chicago's (YPC)



member spotlight! The YPC is an organization to help young, like-minded people within the Chicago area to connect, network, and provide them with career development opportunities. They are considered to be the number one networking group for young professionals, and it's an honor for one of our employees to have been chosen for this. Congrats, Stephen, and keep up the good work!

## ESI Project - Reviving History in Greenup



The business district of Greenup, IL, known as the “Village of the Porches,” is listed in the National Registry of Historic Buildings. When several years of deterioration were showing in aesthetic and structural issues, the Village partnered with ESI Consultants, Ltd. to prioritize the porches’ restoration.

ESI Consultants, Ltd. provided the planning, design, project management, and construction engineering services for the Village of Greenup’s repairs to historic porches within its business district.

During the planning stage, ESI staff performed an inspection of the existing porches along Cumberland Street and Kentucky Street. Since maintaining the historical integrity was a major point of significance, ESI staff worked closely with the Village staff and business owners during each stage to maintain the balance needed to restore the porches while minimizing disruption to the community and business operations. All parties were involved in everything from the selection of materials to suggested construction times, as the success of the project was critical for the future of the downtown area from a tourism and economic standpoint.

Together, ESI and the Village restored the overhanging porches’ aesthetic appeal while preserving their historical integrity, maintaining their attraction to tourists and historians traveling the National Road from Cumberland, Maryland to Vandalia, IL.

Not only was this a fun and interesting project for the ESI staff, it was a privilege to be able to restore an integral element to the Village of Greenup’s listing on the “National Register of Historic Places.”



Lots of fun activities have been occurring at ESI for our employees too. We have planned events on a regular basis, and recent team building has included a bags tournament, a ping pong tournament, and a company-wide meeting that ended with a party at an indoor sand volleyball bar.

The bags tournament along with having an outdoor pizza party was part of our farewell to our interns as they left to return to school. Two of our interns played valiantly against many other teams, but Mark Reznicek and Brian Henrichs took the title of bags champions that day. Either way, the interns will be missed and ESI wishes them the best as they complete their degrees!

ESI also held our second Ping Pong tournament. On the line was the 2017 ESI Pong Trophy, a very prestigious and coveted symbol of ping pong dominance. Employees young, old, and in between, joined the competitive tournament to experience the free-for-all of one on one ping pong action! The double elimination tournament was held over an entire week, and after much competition and tight matches, Anthony Bryant, our Director of Municipal Services, took the prize.

All ESI employees were invited to a 2017 Beach Outing to celebrate ESI and thank all our employees for their dedicated service! At the outing, we had a brief presentation updating new business, overall firm goals, and unveiling some organizational changes as we look to the future. Afterwards, employees were invited to enjoy sand volleyball, bags, darts, giant jenga, shuffleboard, all while enjoying food and beverages. We work hard, but we also know how to have a good time!

Congrats to everyone who won, and we look forward to the next company event, which includes a team competition at Dave and Buster's!

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