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Meeting Location:

**LOCATION CHANGE:** 140 South Wabasha St., St. Paul, MN. 651-222-2435

Agenda:

Social time and lunch (if you so desire) will be from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. A holiday feast will be available for $18/person. Buffet menu includes honey glazed ham, pineapple glaze, au gratin potatoes, vegetables du jour, house salad, dinner rolls and butter. Presentation will be from 12:30 PM to about 2:00 PM.

Please RSVP **no later than Thursday, December 10th,** with your intent to either partake in the lunch or to come for the presentation only; this will help to ensure that an adequate amount of food is prepared. Either leave a message with Michelle Larson at 651-290-5632, click the RSVP button in the left-hand column of page 1, or send an email to Michelle.J.Larson@usace.army.mil Please also advise if you have any specific dietary concerns with your RSVP.
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A Look Into the Future:
Volunteers Needed for Future City Competition!

This will be the 14th year that teams from Minnesota have participated in the national Future Cities Competition and will be the 8th year that the SAME M-SP Post will be sponsoring a special award category at the Regional Finals for the team that best addresses "Readiness for Natural and Man-made Disasters. The M-SP Post needs the assistance of four volunteers on the morning of Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Dunwoody College of Technology to help select the team to receive our special award. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Peter Allen at peter.allen@stantec.com or 651-604-4801.

Habitat for Humanity—Volunteers Needed!

The SAME-MSP post is looking for volunteers to help with our annual Habitat for Humanity event on February 20th, 2016. We are looking for 10-13 volunteers to help from 8:30 AM to 4 PM. Please contact Rebekah Hudson at rebekah.hudson@jedunn.com if you’d like to sign up. Lunch and T-shirts will be provided for all volunteers!

Thank You!

SAME-MSP sponsored $400 for the Green Girls Robotics Team to attend The World Adolescent Robotics Competition (WARC) in China November 23-25. See below for a special message from the girls…

A Note From the President

Readers,

Welcome readers to the SAME Minneapolis-St. Paul Post monthly newsletter. It is that time of year when construction projects slow down and many of us take a much needed break to celebrate the holidays with family. As we end the year, it is important to emphasize staying vigilant on the project site and keeping safety top of mind. Complacency has no place in our industry, so please stay safe. This month’s meeting focuses on safety and how design decisions can impact safety during and after construction. Looking forward, your Board of Directors will be meeting this month to work on strategic goals for our Post. This will ensure we are aligning ourselves with national as well as defining what long-term looks like. Thank you for reading and I wish you all a safe and successful end to the year.

-Jon Gustafson, Post President