

section news

Application Transducers" at the 9 April meeting. President Langlois is not only an eloquent speaker, but is most knowledgeable on ultrasonic transducer design, construction and optimization for use. Her presentation imparted knowledge and information to both seasoned and novice users.

The Section extends its thanks and appreciation for a stimulating presentation and an opportunity to present some of its needs and ideas for ASNT services. The Section recognizes ASNT's president as an energetic and hard working leader, and a contributor to technical excellence in this specialized technology.

Greater Houston

TEXAS

April was a banner month for the Greater Houston Section, which hosted 140 golfers at the annual Golf Outing at Deerwood Golf Club in Kingwood, Texas on 6 April. **Bob Dunn** orchestrated a magnificent event complete with gifts, a putting contest, carts, beverage carts, hole sponsors, mulligan options, a door prize drawing, an awards ceremony and a

buffet. No one left hungry, thirsty or empty handed. Olympus NDT was the gold sponsor and **Jack Walsh** awarded two digital cameras as part of the door prize drawings. Primary sponsors were AIP, Mistras Group and TechCorr. Other sponsors included Ashtead Technology Rentals, CAN USA, Chemetall Aerospace, Dakota Ultrasonics, HMT, Hocker, Mechanical Integrity, MPM Products, NDE Associates, NDT Seals, North Star Imaging, PetroSpect, Plasteco, Pro-Inspect, the Ocean Corporation, WeldSonix and **James Zimmer**. Thank you to all of the sponsors, participants and to the photographer, **E. Jay Taul**.

Team trophies were awarded to All-Tech Inspection for first place, Team Industrial Services for second and Mistras Group/Conam for third. **Geraldo Lopez** won closest to the pin and **Russ Black** won longest drive. Congratulations to all. See all of the team photos at www.asnt-houston.com.

On 8 April, the Section hosted 270 members and guests at a record breaking annual Vendors Night & Job Fair at Brady's Landing. Section Vice Chair **Dwayne Witter**

orchestrated this event. He signed up 30 vendors to participate in the exhibition and four to take part in the job fair. Section Treasurer **Ron Hayden** contacted local TV, radio and newspaper owners to help get the word out about the event, and it appears word got out. There were three times as many people as were expected.

The exhibition room included a full buffet, bar, and projector and screen to scroll through photos from the Golf Outing. Section Chair **John Iman** welcomed everyone and announced upcoming events, including the APIP meeting, the ASME Trade Show, the Spring Educational and finally the ICPIT-XI conference.

Primary sponsors included Hocker, Inc., GE Inspection and 3E NDT. Other exhibitors included Access Plug Flange, Acuren, Ashtead Technology Rentals, Birring NDE Center, Danatronics, Fuji NDT, Hellier, Inspection Plug Strategies, Iris Inspection, itRobotics, Mechanical Integrity, MFE Enterprises, Mistras Group, NDT Seals, North Star Imaging, the Ocean Corporation, Oceaneering, Olympus NDT, Physical Acoustics, QSA Global, Quality Inspection Services, RBG USA, Reinhart & Associates and San Jacinto College. Thank you to all those who exhibited and attended. This was a spectacular event.

Greater Philadelphia

PENNSYLVANIA

The 2 April meeting of the Greater Philadelphia Section was held at the Holiday Inn in Trevoze, Pennsylvania. Thirty-one members and guests attended. After a buffet dinner, **Lem Hunter**, of Mechtronic Solutions, Inc., gave a thorough introduction to resonance testing, including a description of the essential principles of this testing technology and several interesting case studies of its successful application.

Following the presentation, the Section held its annual drawing for attendance prizes ranging from \$75 to



Nancy Dunn (left) and Bonnie Blanchard staffed the sign-in desk at the Houston Section's Vendors Night.



Greater Philadelphia Section Chair Les Jenkins (left) thanks Lem Hunter for his presentation.

\$700. Top winners were **Mark Carlos**, of Mistras Holdings Group/Physical Acoustics, **Mark Tierney**, of Laboratory Testing, Inc. and **Randy Jacobs**, of PRL Industries.

Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS

The Minnesota Section held its monthly meeting on 16 April at the Green Mill Restaurant in Plymouth, Minnesota. A total of 39 members, guests and students were present to hear presentations by **Bob Potter**, regional director, and **Robert Bouck**, program manager at EPRI.

Potter presented information about the ASNT Certification Management Council, including the current status of the ACCP and what the program will provide for employers and NDT certificate holders.

Bouck introduced the "Fast-Track" workforce development plan, which aims to reduce the time to certify and qualify NDT professionals in the power generation industry from five years to one year. The program will be a collaborative effort with EPRI and Ridgewater College in Hutchinson, Minnesota. For additional information about the "Fast-Track" program, contact Ridgewater College or EPRI.

Pittsburgh

PENNSYLVANIA

The April meeting of the Pittsburgh Section was held at the Air Heritage Museum at Beaver County Airport, where a tour was

given to the 16 Section members of various aircraft under restoration or operation. Examples include the L-21 Super Cub, T-28 Trojan, F-24 Maggie's Pride and the C-123K Thunder Pig. The tour guides allowed the Section members to take a look inside the Thunder Pig and sit in the cockpit. The Section would like to thank the Heritage Museum for this excellent tour.

St. Louis

MISSOURI

Sixteen members and spouses of the St. Louis Section gathered at Syberg's Restaurant on 25 March to enjoy the Section's annual Spouses Night. The attendees sampled a variety of sumptuous appetizers, courtesy of the Section, followed by individually selected dinner entrees.

The guest speaker for the evening was **Laura Gorman**, objects conservator for the St. Louis Art Museum. Her presentation was entitled "Technical Analysis of Works



St. Louis Art Museum Objects Conservator Laura Gorman (left) with St. Louis Section Chair April Beisiegel.