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ROCKPAC BREAKS MORE RECORDS IN 2008!

The 2008 ROCKPAC event held on Mar. 12 during NSSGA's annual convention in Las Vegas, Nev., proved to be its biggest and best ever! When the last ticket stub was placed in the drum for the door prize drawings, ROCKPAC had sold 1,718 tickets and raised \$441,950 from 468 contributors, besting last year's total of \$393,000 and surpassing the goal of \$425,000 that had been set for 2008.

Of special note is the number of major donors this year. For the first time ever, ROCKPAC had multiple Titanium level donors -- \$10,000 per couple. We would like to extend our special thanks and gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Paul I. Detwiler, III of New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co, Inc.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Mellott, Jr. of Mellott Company; and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen P. Zelnak, Jr. of Martin Marietta Materials, who truly have set a new standard for the industry with their generosity. There were a total of 23 Platinum donors (\$5,000), 32 Gold donors (\$2,500 - \$4,999), 73 Silver donors (\$1,000 - \$2,499), 174 Bronze donors (\$500 - \$999) and 163 donors of \$300 or less.

This year's themed event, "The Rat Pack at ROCKPAC" featured Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis, Jr. impersonators who entertained the crowd of nearly 600 attendees. During a break in the performance, ROCKPAC Chairman Paul C. Mellott, Jr. of Mellott Company and ROCKPAC Trustee Kim W. Snyder of Eastern Industries, Inc. – filling in for Joey Bishop and Peter Lawford – oversaw the drawings for the 39 door prizes that had been donated to the event

by NSSGA member companies. Frank, Dean and Sammy took turns drawing the winning tickets from the more than 1,700 that were purchased.

Prior to the drawing for the Grand Prize, Mr. Snyder presented the 2008 ROCKPAC Industry Leader awards to the companies that raised the most money from their employees for ROCKPAC. Those honored included Martin Marietta Materials, which raised \$53,850; New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co, Inc., which raised \$29,500; and Mellott Company, which raised \$28,900.

TOP 20 COMPANIES' EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROCKPAC

Company	Amount Raised	Percentage of Total Raised
Martin Marietta Materials	\$ 53,850.00	12.2
New Enterprise Stone & Lime Company, Inc.	\$ 29,500.00	6.6
Mellott Company	\$ 28,900.00	6.5
Vulcan Materials Company	\$ 27,700.00	6.2
Rogers Group, Inc.	\$ 24,800.00	5.6
Oldcastle Materials, Inc.	\$ 17,700.00	4
Anchor Stone Company	\$ 17,500.00	4
Lafarge	\$ 12,600.00	2.9
Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel	\$ 10,500.00	2.4
NSSGA	\$ 10,350.00	2.3
Martin Stone Quarries, Inc.	\$ 8,300.00	1.9
Austin Powder	\$ 7,700.00	1.7
Lehigh Hanson	\$ 7,500.00	1.7
CEMEX USA	\$ 7,300.00	1.7
Hilltop Basic	\$ 7,100.00	1.6
Dolese Bros.	\$ 6,800.00	1.5
Rock Industries	\$ 6,500.00	1.5
Luck Stone Corp.	\$ 6,100.00	1.4
Eastern Industries	\$ 6,000.00	1.4
York Hill Trap Rock	\$ 6,000.00	1.4
TOTAL	\$ 302,700.00	68.5

Tensions mounted as the 10 finalists for the 2008 Mercedes C-300 were selected and further heightened when it came down to the final two – Dan Gernatt, Jr. of Dan Gernatt Gravel Products (who won the Mercedes last year) and Jacqueline Riley, the 5-year old daughter of NSSGA Director of Government Affairs Jim Riley. When the final ticket was drawn, Miss Riley had the lone remaining ticket and was the winner of the Mercedes.

A complete list of sponsors, prizes and winners follows. NSSGA again would like to thank everyone who participated in the event from the contributors to the prize sponsors and we look forward to seeing you in Orlando in 2009!

Prize #	Prize Sponsor Company	Prize	Winner
1	Aggregate Industries	One week stay at Marco Island Condo	Jonathan Stewart - Martin Marietta
2	American Bin & Conveyor, Inc.	Custom Jewelry	John Boyt - Lafarge
3	Anchor Stone Company	His & Hers Apple - iPod touch 32GB MP3 Players	Herman Mellott - Mellott Company
4	Austin Powder Company	\$1,000 Crutchfield Electronics Gift Certificate	John Regenhardt - Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel
5	Baldor Dodge Reliance	6000 Watt Generator from Baldor Electric	Tony Basolo - Dolese Bros. Co.
6	Casper Stolle Quarry & Contracting Co.	\$1,000 Nordstrom Gift Certificate	Gus Edwards - NSSGA
7	CEMEX - Florida Aggregates	Tag Heuer Watch	Ron McAbee - Vulcan Materials Company
8	Chaney Enterprises	Magnolia Home Theater: Denon - Blu-ray Disc Player	Kirk Randolph - Oldcastle Materials, Inc.
9	Continental Crushing & Conveying	Diamond Tennis Bracelet	Ward Nye - Martin Marietta Materials
10	Prize Sponsor Company BONUS ROUND 1 - Grasan	\$2,000 Cash	Steve Sloan - Midwest Minerals, Inc.
11	Dan Gernatt Gravel Products, Inc.	\$1,000 Marriott Gift Certificate	Michael Johnson - Kolberg Pioneer, Inc.
12	Dolese Bros. Co.	Gold Cuff Links	Philip Sipling - Martin Marietta Materials
13	Dyno Nobel, Inc.	\$1,000 Neiman Marcus Gift Certificate	Edith Mellott - Mellott Company
14	Eastern Industries	Steuben Glass	Jeff Lott - Vulcan Materials Company
15	Falvey Steel Castings, Inc.	\$1,000 Sports Authority Gift Certificate	Danny Shepherd - Vulcan Materials Company
16	Granite Mountain Quarries	\$1,000 Bass Pro Shops Gift Certificate	Larry Beans - Maurer and Scott
17	Halquist Stone Company, Inc.	\$1,000 Best Buy Gift Card	Larry Beans - Maurer and Scott
18	Heavy Materials	\$1,000 Gift Certificate from Tommy Bahama	Ben R. Rechter - Rogers Group, Inc.
19	Hilltop Basic Resources, Inc.	\$1,000 Tiffany & Co. Gift Card	Dean Hardy - Martin Marietta Materials
	Prize Sponsor Company BONUS ROUND 2 -		

20	Mellott Company	\$2,000 Cash	Bruce Vaio - Martin Marietta Materials
21	Knife River Corporation, Sub. of MDU Resources Group	\$1,000 United Airlines Gift Certificate	Steve & Judy Zelnak - Martin Marietta Materials
22	Linwood Mining & Minerals Corp.	Sony - 3LCD HD Home Theater Projector	Neil Hise - CEMCO
23	Luck Stone Corporation	\$1,000 Orvis Gift Certificate	Paul Mellott - Mellott Company
24	Martin Stone Quarries, Inc.	\$1,000 Macy's Gift Certificate	Karen Albright - Martin Marietta Materials
25	McLanahan Corporation	Lap Top computer	Mike Hawbaker - Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.
26	McPherson Enterprises Limited	Florida Getaway	Dave Thomey - NSSGA
27	National Lime & Stone Company	\$1,000 Hilton Hotels Gift Certificate	Charlie Luck IV - Luck Stone Corp.
28	National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association	\$1,000 Lowe's Home Improvement Gift Card	Paul Mellott - Mellott Company
29	Nugent Sand Company	\$1,000 Saks Fifth Avenue Gift Certificate	Bill Kelley - Memphis Stone and Gravel Co.
30	Prize Sponsor Company BONUS ROUND 3 - New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc.	\$2,000 Cash	Paul Mellott - Mellott Company
31	ORICA USA, Inc.	His and Hers Movado Watches	John Steele - Hilltop Basic Resources, Inc.
32	Process Machinery, Inc.	Sharp - AQUOS 32" 720p Widescreen Flat-Panel LCD HDTV	Ron Williams - Baldor-Dodge Reliance
33	Rock Industries, Inc.	\$1,000 CallawayGolf.com Gift Certificate	Charlie Luck IV - Luck Stone Corp.
34	Standard Gravel	14k Gold 1/2 ct. tw. Diamond Three-Stone Pendant	Todd Griesemer - Anchor Stone Company
35	Stedman Machine Company	Nikon Digital Camera w/ Zoom Lens, Battery and Case	Ken Mulzer, Jr. - Mulzer Crushed Stone
36	West Coast Aggregates, Inc.	Weekend at Carmel, Calif. Cottage	Tony Basolo - Dolese Bros. Co.
37	York Hill Trap Rock Quarry Co., Inc.	Bose Acoustimass 10 Series IV home entertainment speaker system	Daniel Ferguson - Universal Engineering
	Prize Sponsor Company BONUS ROUND 4 -		

38	John Deere	John Deere Gator	James Van Buren - New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc.
39	Prize Sponsor Companies GRAND PRIZE ROUND - Astec Aggregate & Mining Group Caterpillar CEMCO Deister Machine Company, Inc. Granite Construction, Inc. Lafarge North America Lehigh Hanson Martin Marietta Materials Metso Minerals Oldcastle Materials, Inc. Vulcan Materials Company	2008 Mercedes-Benz C300 Luxury Sedan (Valued at \$33,000)	Jacqueline Riley - NSSGA

ROCKPAC CONTINUES DOUBLE-DIGIT GROWTH

ROCKPAC has shown consistent year-to-year double-digit growth. From 2007 to 2008, ROCKPAC grew by nearly \$50,000 or 12 percent. In 2008, ROCKPAC had 468 donors compared with 427 in 2007 for a 10 percent gain. Additionally, ROCKPAC saw an increase in the number of contributors at virtually every donor level over last year, particularly at the Titanium, Platinum and Bronze levels with individuals moving up from their contribution levels of prior years.

On the expenditure side, during the 2008 election cycle, ROCKPAC is on track to donate nearly \$800,000 to candidates for the House and Senate – more than \$160,000 compared to the 2006 election cycle – a 25 percent increase. ROCKPAC strives for a strategic partisan balance among its supported candidates, ensuring that the aggregates industry has many strong allies no matter which party controls Congress.

ROCKPAC continues to progress towards its end of the decade goal of raising \$500,000 per year and donating \$1 million per two year cycle to candidates. Thank you to everyone who makes this possible from contributing money to bringing candidates worthy of ROCKPAC’s support to our attention.

TCC FLY-IN IS YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The Transportation Construction Coalition (TCC) will hold its annual spring TCC Fly-In May 20-21 at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. The theme this year is “Transportation at the Crossroads.” The May 20 fly-in program is from 2:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.,

followed by a Congressional reception at 6:00 p.m. in the Rayburn Cafeteria. The following day, May 21, will begin with a 7:00 a.m. breakfast followed by a day of lobbying on the Hill.

Also, on May 20, NSSGA will hold a Government Affairs Committee meeting over a working lunch from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. in the Yellowstone/Everglades meeting room of the Hyatt. Please click [here](#) to download the TCC Fly-In brochure for more information on the event or here to [register](#) for the fly-in online.

The TCC is working to make this the best-attended fly-in yet held. It is imperative that members of all TCC organizations take this opportunity to come to Washington to communicate to members of Congress the importance of increasing investment in the nation's surface transportation infrastructure to the ramp up to reauthorization. Register today! If you have any questions, please contact NSSGA's [Government Affairs](#) Division.

Please Note: The deadline for hotel reservations at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill has expired and the hotel is sold out. Listed below are hotels located nearby. All have rates in the high \$200 range.

- Liaison Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn on Capitol Hill), across the street from the Hyatt
415 New Jersey Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20001
Phone: 202-638-1616
- Phoenix Park Hotel (several blocks away)
520 North Capitol St., NW
Washington, D.C. 20001
Phone: 202-638-6900 or 1-800-824-5419
- Hotel George (several blocks away)
15 E. Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001
Phone: 202-347-4200
- Renaissance Washington Hotel (one mile away)
999 Ninth Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001
Phone: 202-898-9000

NSSGA MEMBERS SEEK TO ROCK CONGRESS



Illinois, 11th Congressional District

Marty Ozinga of Ozinga Bros., based in Mokena, Ill., has tossed his hat in the ring for Congress. Ozinga Bros. is the parent company of NSSGA member Northern Materials, Inc., and is the largest private family-owned concrete company in the United States. Ozinga is running in Illinois' 11th Congressional District against State Senate Majority Leader Debbie Halvorson (D) for the seat being vacated by Congressman Jerry Weller (R) in a district that President Bush carried by 7 points in 2004. This is being listed as one of the most competitive House races in the country by political experts. Marty and his wife Ruth have been married for 37 years and have six sons, four daughters-in-law and eight grandchildren, with two more on the way.



South Dakota, At-Large District

Chris Lien, president of Birdsall Sand & Gravel, a division of NSSGA member Pete Lien & Sons Inc. in Rapid City, South Dakota, is challenging Congresswoman Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin for the state's At-Large congressional seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. Lien is the only Republican to have announced for the seat. With U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson's (D-S.D.) health uncertain, there is speculation that Herseth-Sandlin may jump into the Senate race should Johnson decide to retire, leaving Lien running for an open House seat. Chris is a director of the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce & Industry Board and serves on the South Dakota Workers' Compensation Advisory Council. He and his wife Julie have a 6-year-old daughter, Annie.

PRESIDENTIAL CONTEST ANYTHING BUT CONVENTIONAL

In a reversal of the conventional wisdom at the beginning of the year, the Republican nomination was clinched early on by Sen. John McCain (Ariz.) while the Democratic nomination contest may extend right through until the last primaries are held in early June as Sens. Barack Obama (Ill.) and Hillary Clinton (N.Y.) continue to battle it out. While Sen. Clinton has racked up victories in a number of large states, Sen. Obama has continued to win several smaller state contests, which has enabled him to build a lead of about 135 delegates.

At this point, however, there are not enough delegates at stake in the remaining states for either candidate to lay claim to the Democratic nomination prior to the convention based solely upon delegates won in primaries or caucuses. The argument has shifted to the role the super delegates will play in deciding the nomination. Just when you think that you have the 2008 primaries

figured out, you get a curve ball thrown at you and you realize that this nominating contest is anything but conventional.

OPEN CONGRESSIONAL SEAT CONTESTS COMPETITIVE

Similar to the 1996 elections when several House Democrats opted to retire following the loss of their majority status to the Republicans in 1994, a wave of Republican retirements have transpired over the course of the past year. To date, approximately 30 House GOPers have indicated that they will not seek reelection or will run for a different office while only a small handful of Democrats are retiring. This has created a broad playing field where the Republicans are often playing defense.

Nearly half of the open seats are expected to be competitive. Only two Democratic open seats – Alabama 5 (Bud Cramer) and Oregon 5 (Darlene Hooley) – appear to be in play. Meanwhile, 14 Republican held open seats are currently viewed as being potential pick-ups for the Democrats. Democrats must be wary of the 15 seats that they picked up in 2006 that are in traditionally Republican districts. As is true of all “wave elections,” there are some candidates who in any other year would not have won their races.

With six months to go until Election Day and the dynamics of the presidential election yet to be felt upon these down-ticket races, the only thing that can be certain is that these races all bear watching.