

**HOLING****THROUGH**

MAY, 2023

Al Daloisio is 84th President of The Moles

Alfonso "Al" Daloisio, Jr. literally grew up in the heavy construction business. His grandfather, Joseph Daloisio, Sr., founded Railroad Construction Company (RCC) in 1926, performing railroad track repairs. Through 1942, RCC operated out of a small office next to the Daloisio home on Summer Street in Paterson, NJ. It was a family-run business with Al's father, Al Daloisio, Sr., joining his father from the beginning. A 1941 project for the Todd Shipyards in Brooklyn, New York for \$25,000, marked Al Sr.'s start in leading RCC toward larger contracts. A year later, with Al Sr. now at the helm, and with the help of his brother Tony, sister Mary Daloisio Falcione and her husband Tony Falcione, RCC moved to Grove Street, Paterson, where it remains firmly entrenched.

Al Jr. worked at RCC during the summers through grade school, high school and college, gaining experience working in the garage, warehouse and field. In 1975, Al officially joined the family business following his graduation from Villanova University. Al continued to learn various aspects of the business as he moved to estimating and project management positions. In 1979, Railroad Construction Company was incorporated and in 1983, Al Jr. took over as President of RCC. As the company grew, RCC branched out into excavation, drainage, and site work by adding co-workers with expertise in those areas, taking on more diverse projects and entering into the heavy-highway sector as a general contractor.

Through Al's leadership, RCC has grown from a \$2 million company, focusing only on railroad track construction and maintenance work in the NY/NJ area, to the multi-discipline organization it is today, grossing over \$200 million in revenue. RCC has completed an impressive list of projects performed in more than 15 states for a myriad of public and private owners. The company runs anywhere from 15 to 50 projects at a time, ranging in value from a few thousand dollars to over \$100 million. RCC recognizes that the partnerships it has fostered with local unions is a major reason for its success; another is the company's culture of "Safety, Quality, Productivity and Having Fun".

For Al, his employees are family and after 94 years operating as a family-owned business, RCC re-established as an ESOP in 2020. With ownership now shared between



Alfonso Daloisio, Jr.

co-workers, their sense of team-spirit is laser-focused on providing the same service and quality on which RCC was founded. Al encourages his colleagues to go the extra mile, showing by example both at work and through philanthropic pursuits. Al and "company" routinely assist at Moles Students Days, both in generous PPE donations and by providing a crew of volunteers eager to help. A few years ago, Al sent members of the RCC family to build a bridge under the auspices of "Bridges to Prosperity".

On a personal level, Al's generosity has benefitted so many, but perhaps no more so than the Paterson, NJ community. Al is actively engaged with Boys & Girls Club of Paterson & Passaic; Eva's Village; Oasis - A Haven for Women and Children; Paterson Habitat for Humanity and St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church.

Al was recognized at The Moles' 2022 Awards Dinner, receiving the Member's Outstanding *Achievement in Construction Award*.

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The Award Committee also includes two Members-At-Large: Michael Ryan and Thomas Tuozzolo; Past Moles Presidents and Member Award Recipients.



*Newly added this year is an **informal** Education Subcommittee for the Washington, DC Area. We thank the following for accepting this assignment: Rebecca Clark; Robert Goodfellow; Ray Hashimee; Larry Melton; Victoria Sheehan; Jeff Taylor and Brian Vella. The group has already met and begun planning an inaugural Students Day for the fall, with an expected site tour of the River Renew Tunnel Project in Alexandria, VA.

Moles Charitable Fund St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

The fourth annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon co-hosted by the General Contractors Association of New York and The Moles successfully raised over \$20,000 toward the MCF's Michael McHugh Scholarship benefitting Manhattan College! We appreciate those who continue to support this FUNdraiser; Mike McHugh was a beloved Mole, whose humor and presence filled a room. He actively volunteered at Moles Students Days and enjoyed mentoring and encouraging young engineering students to pursue careers in the heavy construction industry.

We thank Mike McKenna for spearheading this event!



Construction Industries of Massachusetts – Labor Relations Division Hosts First Annual Student Competition

The CIM-LRD sponsored its first Heavy Civil Infrastructure Design/Construction Competition. Invited were several New England engineering colleges and universities with civil engineering and construction management programs, several of whom actively participate in our Moles Scholarship and Students Day programs. The students were tasked with designing two subway stations; one at the existing Park Street station and a new Newbury Street station for a proposed western extension of the MBTA Blue Line subway in Boston. Presentations were made to a panel of five judges on April 22, 2023.

The competition was the brainchild of Jim Lambrechts of Wentworth Institute of Technology and Moles Member John Roma, who co-founded the event aided by Miranda Jones, counsel for the CIM-LRD. John and Moles member Rob Pine are members of the CIM-LRD Executive Committee.

Dave Puza accepted an invitation to judge the event and was most impressed with the caliber of the students' professional, well-thought-out presentations. A total of \$30,000 in prizes were distributed to the first, second and third place schools: University of Connecticut, Norwich University and UMASS Lowell, respectively.

Created to promote college-level student interest in heavy civil engineering design and construction, Dave sees this type of engaging, student interaction as a perfect opportunity for more Moles members to get involved, perhaps even leading to The Moles sponsoring its own competition. Members who currently are involved in similar competitions, and/or would like to get involved, are encouraged to contact Dave at dpuza@themoles.net.

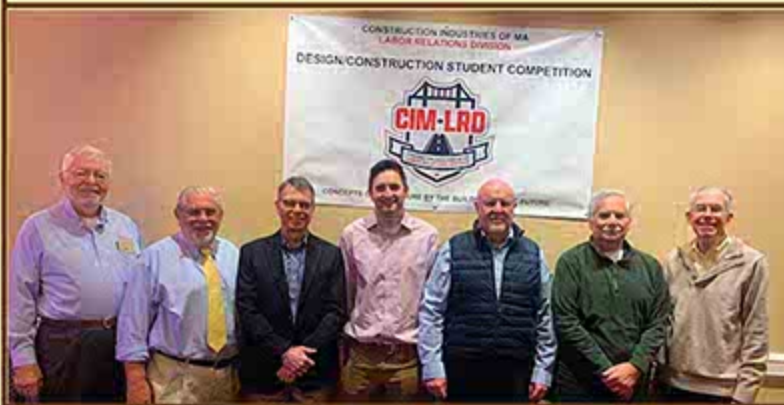


Photo at left: John Roma, Co-founder of CIM Student Competition, with judges Dave Puza, Executive Director, The Moles; Dennis Baker, WSP; Brendan Casey, MBTA; Rob Pine, Skanska; Howard Goldberg, Barletta and Co-Founder Jim Lambrechts of Wentworth.

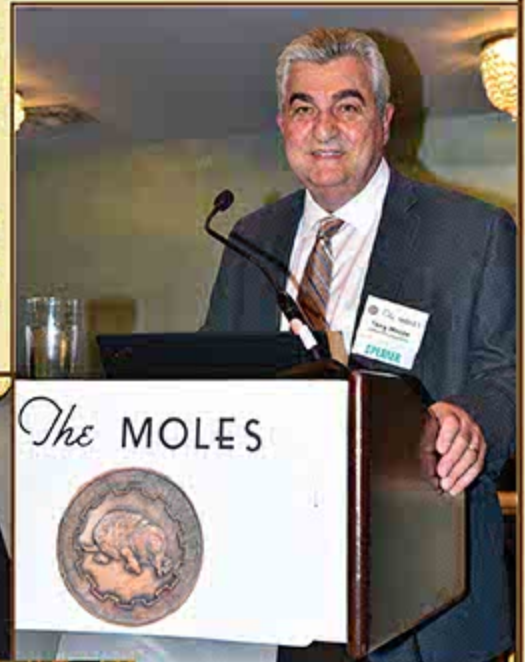
May Members Dinner

On May 2, 2023, The Moles held its annual Spring Members Dinner and Annual Business Meeting and while the evening followed its traditional format, it is always the members in attendance that give the event its special moment in time. Moles Member **Tony Mazzo** (top right photo), the inaugural recipient of the *Ralph Atwater Service Award* in 2018, presented a talk on the gravity-defying feat of "Raising the Palace Theatre" in Times Square, NYC (see pg. 4 for more details). New Members representing the Class of 2023 were inducted; we are continually impressed with the caliber of candidates that are sponsored by our members and we encourage all of you to seek out the best and sponsor them!

The May Dinner also recognized the "changing of the guard", affording us the opportunity to thank outgoing President Paul Schmall while welcoming **Al Daloisio Jr.** to the position, as seen in the photo at bottom, right. We thank Paul for his servitude, the extra hours he has selflessly expended on Moles matters not only this past year, but throughout many, as he helped establish the Moles Charitable Fund and his continued support of Moles Students Day.

Education Chair Terry Flynn was assisted by Pat McAlinden (top left photo) in selecting the ten winners of the McAlinden Scholarship. Pat is the nephew of Joseph McAlinden, who upon his death in 1992, bequeathed The Moles \$100,000 toward a scholarship fund. Joe's generosity continues to benefit members' children and grandchildren over three decades later, a nice legacy!

Capturing just a glimpse of the camaraderie felt in the room that evening, smiling for Bob Radske's camera included Geoff Fairclough, Chris McGrath, Dan Peterson and Steve Maggipinto; new Member Jessica Miller and Tom Maxwell; MCF Liaison Bob O'Neill with his newly-inducted son, Robert O'Neill (middle row of photos).



Upcoming Events:

New Member Orientation: June 13th

Clambake: August 22nd

Fall Members Dinner: November 8th

Annual Awards Dinner: February 8, 2024

The Program Committee will be adding a kayak trip and possible Summer Social; details to follow!

Check www.themoles.net for updates!

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2023 New Members



Twenty-seven of the twenty-eight new members ("Class of 2023") were in attendance at the Spring Members Dinner and Annual Business Meeting. Please welcome our new members:

In the Heavy Construction Category:

William Bracken - Obayashi Corporation
Dale C. Errico, Jr. - Railroad Construction
Nickolas F. Gikas- El Sol Contracting
John R. Grillo - Keller NA
John D. Householder - Kokosing Const. Co.
Dennis J. McNerney - Tutor Perini
Jessica Miller - Skanska USA Civil
James C. Myers - Keller NA
Robert P. O'Neill - Skanska USA Civil
Shane Thomas O'Neill - Phoenix Foundation
Rafael Perez Jr. - GCCOM Construction
Kenneth Prince - Stacy & Witbeck
Edward Pucciarelli - Skanska USA Civil
G. Daniel Rosinski - Yonkers Contracting
Jonathan Saukin - Weeks Marine
David A. Tullis - Skanska USA Civil

In the Engineering Category:

Riccardo M. Amodei - STV Incorporated
Ira A. Beer - GEI Consultants
Jan Cermak - Mueser Rutledge
Jessie M. Jaime - Keville Enterprises
Nancy E. Nuttbrock - Brierley Associates
Wei Wang - UrbanTech

In the Associated Occupations Category:

Margaret Hagerty Duffy - ADSC
Rick P. Lovat - Lovat Tunneling Sol.
Connie Pisani - Amaracon Testing/Insp.
Catherine T. Sheridan - Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority (MTA)
Wendy Kennedy Venoit - Cozen & O'Connor
Michael Wallace - Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

Membership Milestones

We recognize the following members with admiration as they celebrate their FORTY years as a Mole!

William L. Acker III ran Acker Drilling Company, a supply company of drilling equipment for foundation work, until it's sale to Warren George, Inc. William informed us recently that he is enjoying retirement, spending much of it either golfing or downhill skiing.

Lawrence R. Eckert was associated with several consulting and manufacturing companies dealing with the underground industry prior to his retirement. Larry sent his regrets that he could not make the May Dinner, sharing his gratitude for his friends and fellow Moles members. Larry resides in Louisville, KY with his wife Cathy, where they enjoy time spent with family.

Leonard A. Epstein career spanned 42 years in heavy construction, principally with Grow Tunneling Corporation. Retired since 2001, he continues to reside in Tappan, New York.

G.W. Gilfillan enjoyed a 28-year career with Morrison Knudson, where he rose to President of MK, before moving to Flour Corp and then Dutra Group. We trust G.W. is enjoying retirement in California.

Eugene F. Kelley attended the May Dinner to receive his Life Member certificate in person. Gene splits his time between homes on Lake Winnepesaukee in NH and St. Pete Beach, FL. Gene continues to be a member on Wagman's Board of Directors and periodically consults, keeping him in touch with many Moles members.

John L. Kolaya, a former President and Chief Operating Officer of Yonkers Contracting, has been a long-active Mole, including its President in 2004. In 2014, John received The Moles Member *Outstanding Achievement in Construction Award*. Anyone who knows John knows he applies his intense focus and dedication to everything he does. John is an active volunteer for the Parkinson's Foundation, raising valuable funds for research and outreach programs.

Paul E. McNulty enjoyed a successful, nearly 50-year career at the Washington, D.C., law firm of King & King, handling exclusively construction matters. Paul sends his best regards and shared that he continues to enjoy DC during retirement.

Michael S. Torre, had a long career in construction contract law, first with the firm of Tunstead Schecter & Torre, and then with various successor firms, until his retirement. Michael continues to live in Huntington, NY.

50 YEARS! The following two individuals have significantly contributed to our industry, which warrants our utmost respect:

William F. Collins, at 93, still actively owns and manages Collins Engineering. Best known for his work with Crimmins Contracting, Perini Corporation and Conesco firms, Bill is a highly-respected member of our industry.

David B. Perini was Chairman and President of Perini Corporation from 1972, until his retirement. Forty-three years ago, David accepted The Moles gavel and became its 44th President. In 1984, David received the Moles Member Award. David continues to live in Massachusetts.



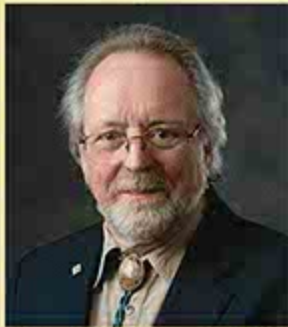
Eugene Kelley (left) and John Kolaya (right) flank Moles President Paul Schmall at the May 2nd Members Dinner, where they received their Life Member Certificates commemorating 40 Years as a Mole.

We Honor Them....

John A. Caddell passed away on March 27, 2023 at 93. After graduating Georgia Tech, John joined Blount Construction where he rose to CEO and President. In 1983, he founded Caddell Construction, developing it into a worldwide company, where his grandson continues his legacy as CEO. John became a Mole fifty years ago.

Evaristo G. Cruz, 82, a 30-year member of The Moles, passed away at his home in New Jersey on December 18, 2022. Born in Portugal, Evaristo emigrated to the US at 18 years old. In 1962, he began his construction career with Cruz Construction Company and in 1984, he and his cousin Ed, also a respected Moles Member, formed E.E. Cruz and Company, which became a heavy construction giant in the NY and NJ Metropolitan area. After retiring in 2002, Evaristo enjoyed life with his wife of 60 years, Elaine, their children, three granddaughters and extended family. His daughter, Denise Cruz Serpico, became a Mole in 2004.

Bernie Hertlein passed away at 73 on December 9, 2022. Bernie moved to the United States from England in 1989, while working for Testconsult and later joined STS Consultants. He was most recently with GEI Consultants. A Mole since 2018, Bernie was recognized world-wide as an expert in Non-Destructive Testing and wrote extensively on the topic. Bernie had just recently spoken at a DFI function honoring the late Clyde Baker (a Moles Honorary Member). A man of many interests, he will be fondly remembered by many, including his two daughters.



Jerome P. Hill, a Life member, passed away February 20, 2022, at 95, in Roscoe, NY. A World War II Veteran, Jerome spent 25 years with S.J. Groves Construction before retiring in 1989.

Leslie A. Hynes, 94, passed away June 22, 2022. By the time Leslie became a Mole, he was a well-respected heavy construction industry attorney with a JD from Fordham Law School and a partner in Steelco and Buffalo Crushed Stone. At the age of 18, Leslie enlisted into the Navy and placed in pilot school. He was a member of Company 48, Platoon 3, serving until the end of World War II. We thank him for his service.

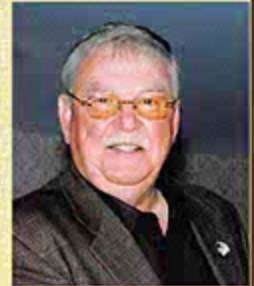
Lawrence H. Lehman passed away December 21, 2021 at his home in Boynton Beach, FL at 92. With Dr. Louis Berger, he founded Berger-Lehman Associates in 1967 and served as its CEO until the late 1990's. In more recent years, he served as a consultant to the MTACCC's East Side Access and Second Avenue Subway projects. Predeceased by his wife, he is survived by two sons and their families.

Ronald A. Marra passed away at 88, on April 20, 2022 in Palm Dessert, CA after a long illness. A Life member, Ron

first worked for his father before forming S&M Constructors, Inc. with his two brothers, based in Cleveland. Ron was a "tunnel man" and travelled the country to jobs which included the BART San Francisco Subway twin tube hard rock tunnel in the late 60's.

David McCullough, Honorary Member, author and historian who was a two-time recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for "Truman" and "John Adams", passed away on August 17, 2022 at age 89. During his address as Speaker at the 1980 Moles Award Dinner, David compared the "greats of construction" to the "magicians" of his childhood which he admired so.

Donald S. Miner, 81, passed away on December 17, 2022. Originally from New Hampshire where his family worked in quarries, Don spent the majority of his career in field construction, working for Parsons Corp and Mergentime Corp. on such projects as Mass Turnpike Extension into Boston; Atlantic City Expressway; Thames River Bridge; NY's Second Ave. Subway and tunnel construction in Baltimore DC and Los Angeles. A 40-year Mole, Don spent retirement in Denver, CO.



John M. Mulvoy passed away unexpectedly on July 27, 2022. Jack graduated with a BS in Mining Engineering from University of Wisconsin-Madison and was Chief Engineer at DSI Tunneling, with extensive experience in underground support design. Jack was licensed in 27 states, authored several publications and was well-respected in the tunneling world. He is survived by his three daughters.

Paul Scagnelli, 72, passed away February 2, 2023 after a fall. Paul graduated from Stevens Institute of Technology in 1972, received his Masters from NJIT and began his career with Schiavone Construction, where he progressively moved up the ladder to Executive Director before retiring in 2013, after 41 1/2 years. Paul was recruited to return to work, opening the New York/ New Jersey office for Walsh. He finally retired for good in 2017, after being involved in the JV for the Laguardia Airport Redevelopment with Skanska. Paul enjoyed wood-working, fishing and spending time with family in Missoula, MT and NJ.



Herbert Wasserman passed away on March 7, 2023 in West Palm Beach, FL just shy of 99 years old and 57 of those years as a Mole. Post-service during WWII, where he received the Silver Star, Herb started at Slattery Contracting Co., where he remained until his retirement in 1989. Herb will be remembered for mentoring so many in the industry.

Winter Meeting 2023 - Puerto Rico!

AMTRAK travels to Puerto Rico! Running with Dave Puza's suggestion to address The Moles, Amtrak Representatives, **Tony Ryan**, VP, Program Development and Project Services; **Jaidev Sankar**, VP, Infrastructure Project Delivery, and Deputy Chief Engineer of Major Capital Program Delivery, **Kerry Donovan**, led a panel discussion at The Moles Winter Meeting in Fajardo, Puerto Rico. For over two hours, the trio shared Amtrak's upcoming major projects and its efforts underway to improve partnerships with contractors, including several new approaches to build accountability; improve and reshape contracts; seek alternative delivery methods, and sharpen its procurement schedule.

Tony Ryan delved into Amtrak's concerted effort to be proactive and improve long-term outage planning to increase predictability and execute synced work among states, commuter lines, MTA, NJT and RIDOT. Recognizing that the FRA, while tasked to oversee the enormous influx of federal funds for infrastructure lacks experience with a project of this magnitude, Amtrak plans to lead by preparing new delivery models; improve processes for design and review and facilitate the transition of projects from planning to implementation. In all, Amtrak's goal is to form "partners in success".

When the acronym "CMAR" (Construction Manager at Risk) came up, a number of Moles were quick to enter the conversation. Dave Puza noted that use of a middle-man between contractor and owner frequently puts them at odds and diminishes accountability. Gary Almeraris stated that many of Moles members' companies self-perform 60-70% of a project and don't need CMAR to effectively control it. Gary suggested that Amtrak allow companies to self-perform the majority of the work and only involve CMAR where needed. Larry Melton countered that the intent of CMAR is to be used during the collaborative phase where risk is assessed and guarantees of maximum price are established. The biggest take-away of the exchange was Amtrak's genuine interest in the contractors' expressed viewpoint, encouraging members to keep the dialogue open with the railroad. As Tony stressed, they are



Above Amtrak Reps, **Tony Ryan**, **Jaidev Sankar**, and **Kerry Donovan**.

"shaping contracts at this point and nothing is finalized".

Jay Sankar "switched gears" by focusing on upcoming projects, including Amtrak's largest: the \$6Bil+ Frederick Douglass Tunnels in MD; the Susquehanna River in PA, and the \$1.6B Portal North Bridge Project in NJ, the first project to be delivered within the Gateway Program.

Kerry Donovan opened with a photo entitled, "Poster Child of Decaying Infrastructure", aka the 104 year-old Portal Bridge. Kerry proceeded to review several Gateway projects in NY/NJ that are in the planning stages including the Hudson Tunnel Project, noting that early work would start soon on both sides of the river that would help de-risk the project. As one guest remarked at the end, having the three owner reps open the floor for a real two-way discussion felt like "the holy grail".

DEFYING GRAVITY

Saturday morning, February 25th: Winter Meeting attendees were greeted at the lecture site's door with a choice of bloody mary or mimosa, setting the vibe for **Tony Mazzo's** presentation, "Raising the Palace Theater". With the audience now comfortable, Tony delved into the technical challenges that he faced in raising the historical building from street level, up 30' vertically to nestle within a niche being created in the attached hotel on one of NYC's busiest streets. While Tony insisted he used "common sense", tying in old world techniques to new world technology, his design of the lifting post and guide rail system utilizing 34 jacks to simultaneously lift 7,000 tons one ft/hour required far more technical genius than Tony was willing to acknowledge.

The 60mil project required engineering prowess, beginning with the necessary excavation within the tight confines of the historical theater's footprint and the HOV lane dug in the basement to allow trucks to cart out milled stone. Tony detailed the need to design and build machine prototypes that would test the laws of gravity and culminate in the raising of the theatre in seven weeks' time in February 2022. Tony's enthusiasm as he recounted the excitement he felt in writing history was palpable; there was no textbook to refer to as he felt "Isaac Newton sitting on his shoulder". Tony's take away from the project was the personal satisfaction in knowing this project will serve as an inspiration to younger generations of engineers to get out of their comfort zones.

Tony is the President of Urban Foundation/Engineering and a long-time Mole, whose volunteerism was recognized in 2018 as the (inaugural) Recipient of the *Ralph Atwater Service Award*. We were delighted that Tony agreed to present his lecture to a broader audience at the May 2nd Members' Dinner!

Moles Enjoy the Sun!

The Winter Meeting in Fajardo, Puerto Rico was the perfect mix of sunshine, meetings, sight-seeing, relaxing and enjoying the company of fellow Moles! The El Conquistador was a beautiful venue to host out-door cocktails, a professional-looking volleyball match and informative meetings! We thank Tim Watters for hosting Thursday evening's cocktail hour.

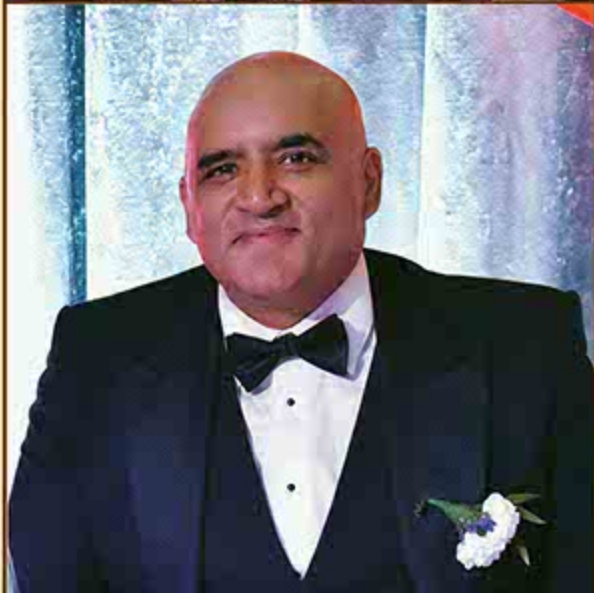
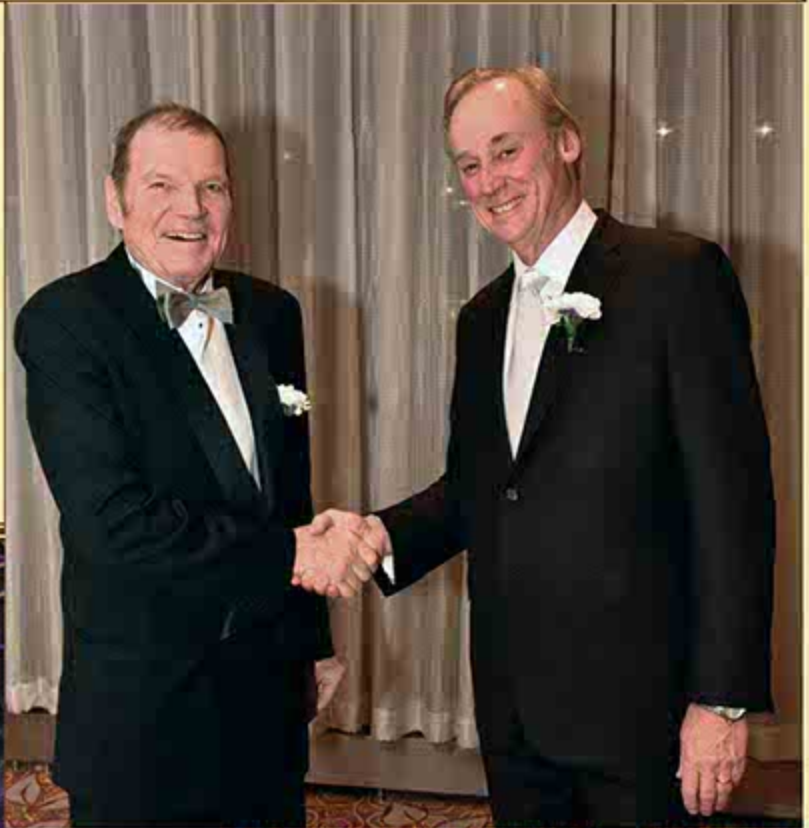
Join us next year, details to follow!



Awards Dinner 2023

The Moles Annual Awards Dinner on February 1, 2023, recognized industry leaders **Henry A. "Hank" Adams** of Kiewit Companies and **Dr. Gerhard Sauer**, founder and co-owner of Dr. Sauer & Partners Corporation, with the Member and Non-Member *Outstanding Achievement in Construction Awards*. Pictured at right, Dr. Sauer and Hank Adams congratulate one another at the Honored Guest Reception.

The Moles Executive Committee took the opportunity at the gala to present outgoing Executive Director **Thomas Groark** with a scroll recognizing his leadership, faithful service, mentorship and promotion of goodwill over the past seven years. President Paul Schmall and Tom Groark are pictured below left.



Above, seated at the Dais included, among others, John O'Keefe, Vice Chair, Awards Committee; David Woods, Executive Director of the Beavers; Gerry Brady, Moles Counsel; Jesse Ottesen, President of the GCA-NY; Ledlie Klosky, United States Military Academy; guest Franz Wilhelmstoetter; Marsia Geldert-Murphey, President of the ASCE; Henry Massman, Treasurer, AGC of America, and guest Astrid Sauer.

The black-tie event was well-attended and The Moles were fortunate that **Shailen Bhatt**, 21st Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and pictured at left, accepted the invitation to address the attendees. Mr. Bhatt is tasked with leading the FHWA in administering more than \$350 billion as part of President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and he shared his optimism on how the funds will positively impact the industry.