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A letter from The President:

Happy New Year Everyone!

*I keep asking myself, is it 2014 already and what happen to 2013? It seems as the year was just getting started and I had just watched Alabama defeat LSU in the 2012 BCS Championship game. Speaking of National Championship game “ **how bout them Noles** “ I could not have ask for a better way to end the2013 football season and to start 2014. Enough football talk, I would like to thank everyone for their dedication and support of the Columbia Chapter of PCEA this past year and I'm asking that we carry that same support and dedication into 2014.*

I know it may seem a little premature, but it's time we all start thinking about our 2014 National Convention. This year's convention will be held in Virginia Beach, Virginia, let's represent our local Chapter and support our National President Matt Solomon as he leaves office as President and takes on his new role as Past President. See you on Thursday.

I hope 2014 brings us all great success.



Go Noles

Sincerely,

Anthony Reddish

The National View:

Since its creation in 1956, PCEA has been open to Student Membership as a means of connecting the up-and-coming generation of construction professionals to the network of general contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers who comprise our organization. A few attempts to push the Student Membership status may have been made over the years, but one element was lacking that prevented that from being successful...the establishment of a Student Chapter within an institution of higher learning where a group of like-minded students could develop their own group styled after the local PCEA chapters.

That recently changed for the better. Columbia's own Bill Barton, during his term as National Vice President of PCEA, made it his goal to promote and establish the first PCEA Student Chapter. Unfazed by several roadblocks and hurdles encountered with several colleges, Bill did manage to find a receptive institute where that first seed could be planted. With the help of National President Matt Solomon (also of our own) and the invaluable commitment of the Catawba Valley Chapter, the PCEA's very first Student Chapter was recently chartered at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina. That chapter is now in operation, and will host the PCEA National Board of Directors for a joint meeting on the ASU campus in February. Having adopted a “go slow and get it right” attitude, development of additional chapters is planned once the ASU chapter is fully functional and the inevitable kinks and quirks in the operation are smoothed out. They will be under the watchful eye of members of the Catawba Valley Chapter a short distance away in Hickory, so they have the “local” resource for guidance and networking.

Great work by Bill, Matt, and our friends at Catawba Valley made all of this come together. We look forward to seeing the ASU chapter lead the way for more student chapters in the coming years, and to seeing these bright-eyed students coming into our industries.

Jim Cormany
Columbia Chapter National Director



With the Columbia mayor's push for minor league baseball and Columbia City Council's 5 to 2 vote, a new stadium near Bull Street could eventually turn this into a before and after proposition. The council's vote signals the desire to continue assessing the feasibility of a team calling the capital city its home.

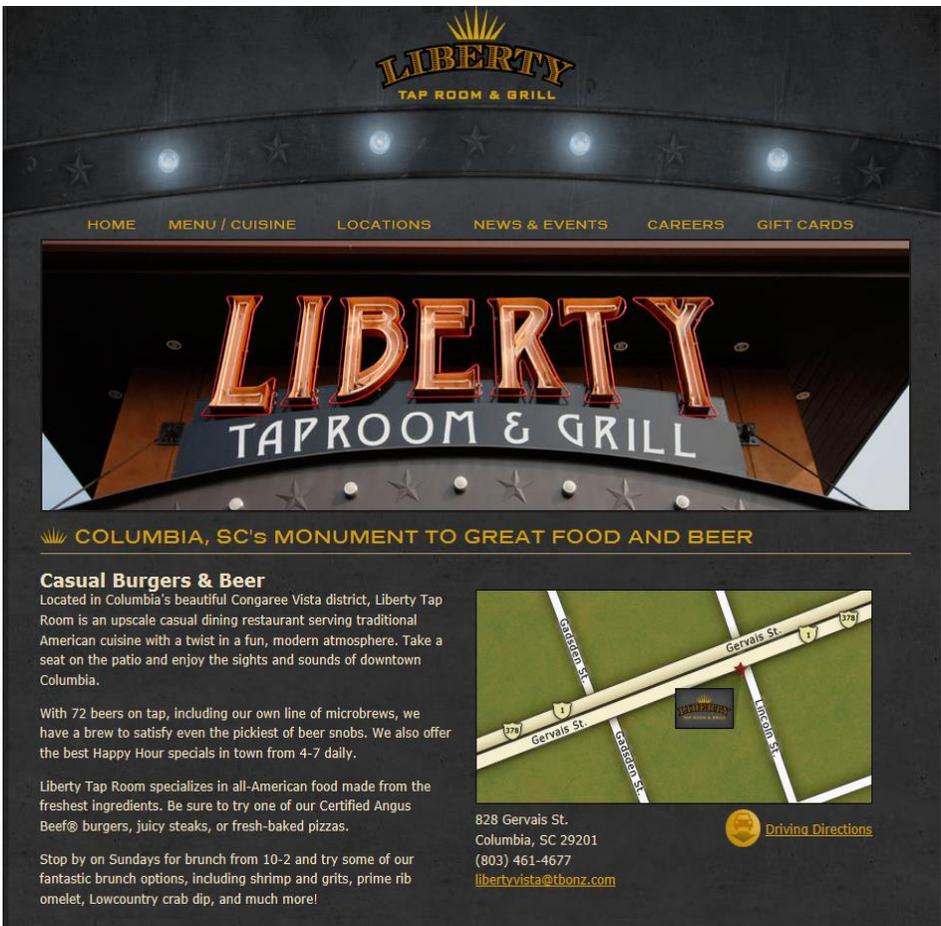


A baseball park could be located in the heart of the proposed Bull Street neighborhood and become a catalyst to retail and residential development.

JACQUI — Image courtesy of Hardball Capital

According to Columbia Regional Business Report, analysts feel Columbia would be a viable market for a minor league team and that the stadium required to accommodate such a team would help revitalize the Bull Street area into a family friendly amenity.

This Month's Activities



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Located in Columbia's beautiful Congaree Vista district, Liberty Tap Room is an upscale casual dining restaurant serving traditional American cuisine with a twist in a fun, modern atmosphere. Take a seat on the patio and enjoy the sights and sounds of downtown Columbia.

With 72 beers on tap, including our own line of microbrews, we have a brew to satisfy even the pickiest of beer snobs. We also offer the best Happy Hour specials in town from 4-7 daily.

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Stop by on Sundays for brunch from 10-2 and try some of our fantastic brunch options, including shrimp and grits, prime rib omelet, Lowcountry crab dip, and much more!

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Please join us for Pub Night on January 30th, at the Liberty Tap Room. There will be several potential members in attendance with **Scott Rankin** of the **Kenny George Band** performing solo. Scott is a guitarist and vocalist who blends an eclectic mix of Rock, Soul, and Classic Country music on the stage. Come enjoy a night out with the PCEA, and be on your best behavior (just like usual). 828 Gervais St Columbia SC

RSVP to Whit Suber at hsuber@argos-us.com

This month's speaker

Our speakers for the meeting on January 16th will be Mark Muller , Bobby Phillips, Shannon Sapp all with Wayne Brothers Concrete and Paul Williams with Ductilcrete. They will be telling discussing a new concrete floor and paving system that they are marketing for large warehouses, industrial floors and concrete paving. This system provides the owner with a warranty, requires little or no saw joints, and alleviates on curling and cracking.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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