Happy Advent and Merry Christmas..

By John Turner, President

In the words of one of my favorite Christmas Carols, this is such a wonderful time of the year. This time of preparation for the annual celebration of the birthday of Jesus Christ inspires gratitude, giving and get-togethers with our family and friends.

This year is particularly joyful for us at Team as we celebrate our new home at 80 Palomino Lane in Bedford, NH. I have recently come to know Bedford as the “business center” of New Hampshire, and we could not be more proud to be at the heart of it.

Giving the Gift of Good News

By Brian, Ki - E.I.T

The holiday season is finally upon us! As we all know, this time of the year revolves around giving gifts and sharing good news to enlighten the surrounding festivities. We, at Team Engineering, love to give the gift of good news when it comes to inspecting, reviewing, and designing your building projects.

Sometimes people take for granted the structural integrity of their homes. Not until they try to sell their properties, renovate, or even glance towards new construction, does the local building inspector start to question some of the structural adequacies of the buildings and designs.

Project Spotlight

Technology is such a mixed blessing. It makes so much in our lives faster and less expensive. It also seems to increase the incidence of errors in Structural Design and best construction practice. We are seeing this with increasing frequency with our “Plan Review” services. Far too many are utilizing the internet to “shop for building plans” instead of utilizing local architects. One recent example was for a new construction carriage house design.

We were asked to provide the structural design for a carriage house. The plans were clearly generated by a southern inspired designer. A quick glance at the plans indicated problems with the foundation and roof framing for this climate. However, the most disappointing aspects of these plans were the thoroughly impractical structural design. A good architect understands that good design is pretty, but is also practical to build. When I suggested this to our experienced client, they responded that “of course they were going to build it the way it should be built” . . . interesting, but it was not only the structural aspects that were in error and poorly designed. The thermal envelope was also clearly not designed for this climate.

Charitable Giving: Toys For Tots
MISSION:
The mission of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

GOAL:
The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens.

OBJECTIVES:
The objectives of Toys for Tots are to help less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation’s most valuable resources – our children; to unite all members of local communities in a common cause for three months each year during the annual toy collection and distribution campaign; and to contribute to better communities in the future.  "Learn More"

Team Engineering will donate $150.00 this month to Toys For Tots