BRIDGES OVER TROUBLED WATERS: A DISCUSSION OF THIRD WORLD WATER PROJECTS

“We shall not finally defeat AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria or any of the other infectious diseases that plague the developing world until we have also won the battle for safe drinking water, sanitation and basic health care.”
Kofi Annan, United Nations Secretary General

Rosemont, Pa- More than a source of refreshment, more than a means to clean clothes and cooking dinner, water is a life-sustaining element that is more than want. Water is a necessity and according to the World Health Organization (WHO) 80% of all sickness in the world is attributable to unsafe water and sanitation. On Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. Todd D. Stong, PE, will present his lecture, “Bridges Over Troubled Waters” at Rosemont College’s McShain Performing Arts Center. The discussion will focus on water related projects in third world countries. This event is free and open to the public.

A native of Downingtown, Pennsylvania, Dr. Stong is a graduate of West Point, Purdue University, and New Mexico State University specializing in civil engineering. He is a retired Colonel of the United States Army and spent time in Vietnam, Korea, Berlin, and the United States working on numerous military service engineering projects. With a personal mission of doing hands-on projects at the grassroots level to raise awareness for water related humanitarian projects, Dr. Stong spends his time organizing and performing engineering services in Armenia, Nigeria, Guatemala, Mexico, and elsewhere. Currently has providing advice on projects for the newly elected government of Sierra Leone. Dr. Stong has also initiated and manages a micro-loan program for start-up businesses in several African countries.

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