JOE TITLE: Project Manager/Mechanical Engineer
COMPANY: Kent State University – Office of the University Architect
HOMETOWN: Minerva, OH
ASPE CHAPTER: Cleveland
IMMEDIATE FAMILY: Patty (wife), Katie (daughter), and Michael (son)
PETS: My Golf Clubs

“Being involved with and being a part of ASPE provides professionalism, advanced training, and recognition to others within the workplace and with my clients that there is more to being a great engineer and designer.”

WHAT BOOK DO YOU RECOMMEND EVERYONE SHOULD READ? HVAC Pump Handbook by James B. Rishel, PE. This book is one of the most comprehensive books for engineers when dealing with the fundamentals of pumping and pumps for both plumbing and HVAC design. Although written back in 1996, the principles are as true then as they are today, even given all of the advancements in technology. As an added bonus, he lives in Ohio and autographed my copy.

IF YOU COULD TRAVEL ANYWHERE, WHERE WOULD IT BE? The Galapagos Islands. I believe this to be one of the areas in the world that most represents an area of nature that has not to date been ruined by human contact.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT OUTSIDE OF YOUR CAREER? Having the same wife for 42 years now and having two great kids. Outside of that, in 2013 I was inducted into the Minerva High School Hall of Fame for basketball.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES OUTSIDE OF WORK? Golf, golf, and fishing. I also collect poker chips from every casino I have been able to visit during my travels.

WHICH HISTORICAL FIGURE WOULD YOU MOST WANT TO MEET AND WHY? Sam Snead, professional golfer. He had the title for having the “perfect swing.” I would love to know how he perfected it and trained.

WHAT DO YOU DO TO RELAX? Golf and reading books both technical and by my favorite author Clive Cussler, who is an adventure novelist.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEAL? Steak prepared at a restaurant called Bakers 33 in Canton, Ohio.