Chair’s Message

Have you never seen Paige Alms surf? That was one of the thoughts swirling in my head.

Personal responsibility means taking responsibility for the outcomes you are trying to achieve, and not making excuses. I was recently in a meeting, I had a tough decision and was looking for insight and inspiration. The available options varied from uncomfortable to unsavory.

I was concluding inaction was the bigger enemy, the best direction was to move and deal with the consequences. I was having trouble taking that first step… then, crisis. ‘Take it like a man’, I heard.

Paige Alms surfs a cove on the north side of Maui, a place called Pe-ahi that consistently produces the largest rideable wave in the world. Paige Alms is among a handful of elite athletes that train for the extreme demands of the pursuit. There is no question Paige chooses to move forward, in this case paddle, with a clear-eyed understanding of the consequences of her actions and decisions.

Back at the meeting. Preparation, action and a clear-eyed understanding of the consequences are exactly what the situation called for. I thought I knew which way I wanted to go. However, I began doubting my decision-making. Was I making a consequential decision based on an inflated sense of self, was I choosing based on perceptions or machismo?

The answer of course is ‘No’. I never get good results when those are the basis. However, for the moment I was in crisis I was acutely aware of the impact of our business metaphors, and that taking personal responsibility means also taking responsibility for the impact our sayings and phrases have on others. Ride like Paige may have been more inspiring to me. Step-up like Aretha. Roll like Sue would have worked. If you are taking responsibility, it may be time to update your metaphors.

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If you have an interest in helping your Branch in any capacity, please contact any of the executive or board members list above.
APWA Suncoast Branch Breakfast Meeting

When: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 7:30 AM

Where: Der Dutchman
3713 Bahia Vista St. Sarasota, Florida

Cost: $15

RSVP to Mike Elfers at apwa.fl.suncoast.branch@gmail.com or (941) 539-2334

About the Speaker

Trends and Emerging Technologies in Wastewater Treatment

This month’s meeting will feature Mr. Brian Karmasin, CDM Smith.

Brian is a senior environmental engineer with over 19 years of experience in the planning, evaluation, design, permitting, bidding and construction of municipal wastewater treatment facilities including project management responsibilities for conceptual, preliminary, and final design as well as engineering services during construction.

He has focused experience in biological nutrient removal (BNR), secondary clarifier evaluation and design and aeration system evaluation and design. Brian has been the process engineer responsible for expansions or upgrades at nine facilities totaling nearly 200 million gallons per day (MGD) of permitted treatment capacity.

Four of these facilities, at a combined permitted capacity of 53.5 MGD, meet or will be required to meet effluent total nitrogen (TN) concentrations of 3 mg/L and total phosphorus (TP) concentrations ranging from 1.0 to 0.18 mg/L. Brian has also managed several wastewater treatment plant projects and one wastewater collection system retrofit totaling approximately totaling $55,000,000 in construction fees and $6,000,000 in engineering design and construction services fees.
October 27, 2018—Joint Golf Tournament with the Peace River Engineering Society (PRES) — Pelican Pointe Golf & Country Club, Venice Florida

November 28, 2018—Greg Coker, FPL. Working under power lines

December 2018—No Meeting. Joint Social. More info to follow

January 23, 2019—Sarasota County Administrator Jonathan Lewis. Topic TBD

February 27, 2019—Special Hoperations: Beer from Wastewater. Yum
Meeting Location Change TBD

March 27, 2019—Chas Jordan, Pavement Technologies Inc.; Titanium Dioxide as a pavement additive to reduce smog
Meeting Location Change TBD

April 24, 2019—TBD

April 27, 2019—Sporting Clay Shoot at Knight Trail Park

If you know of a speaker with a topic that our members want to hear, please contact Arne Lash (see Pg. 2) to coordinate.

The Joint APWA—PRES Golf Tournament will be held in just 8 days on October 27th, 2018.

If you have not yet committed to play or sponsor—please let any APWA officer know by Friday October 19th for sponsorship (so we have time to make signs or banners) Players or teams can still sign up through Wednesday the 24th - Bring your application to the Breakfast meeting next week
**Current Job Openings**  In and around the Suncoast Branch

**Sarasota County — 39 current job openings:**
https://www.scgov.net/HR/Pages/CareerOpportunities.aspx

- Civil Engineer or Traffic Engineer (Tech Spec I, II or III)
- Stormwater Operations Engineer (Technical Specialist III)
- Utility Engineering Senior Manager

**Manatee County — 11 current job openings:**
https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/manateecounty

**City of Sarasota — 19 current job openings**
https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sarasotagov

**City of North Port — 7 current job openings:**
http://agency.governmentjobs.com/northportfl/default.cfm

**City of Venice — 7 current job openings:**
https://www.venicegov.com/government/human-resources/apply-online

**City of Longboat Key — 2 current job openings:**
http://www.longboatkey.org/employment.aspx

**City of Bradenton Beach — 0 current job openings:**
http://www.cityofbradentonbeach.com/current-opportunities/

**City of Anna Maria — 0 current job openings:**

**City of Holmes Beach — 2 current job openings:**
http://holmesbeachfl.org/cities/cohb/employment.asp

**City of Arcadia — 3 current job openings:**
http://arcadia-fl.gov/job_listings.php

**Charlotte County — 26 current job openings:**
https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/charlottecountyfl

**DeSoto County — 3 current job openings:**
http://desotobocc.com/department/human_resources/employment-opportunities
Local Events of Interest
- **The Florida Surveying and Mapping Society** will hold their Inaugural Sporting Clay **Shoot** on Saturday, December 1, 2018—See flyer attached to the email.
  Contact Shane Cristy at Hyatt Survey 941-748-4693 or shane@hyattsurvey.com
- **APWA Suncoast Branch** is looking for someone interested in heading up a **Young Professional Group** for the Branch.
  Contact Seton Katz (941) 365-2200 or Seton.Katz@sarasotaFL.gov.

**In Memoriam —Susan Kay Garland**  
**November 4, 1953 - October 4, 2018**

The Suncoast branch of APWA mourns the loss of Sue Garland last week. Sue had been very active in the branch over the years, especially in the annual Golf Tournament and always willing to pitch in and help out where needed. Sue made a difference in the lives of many people and will be greatly missed.

Sue Garland, 64, lost her battle with cancer on October 4, 2018. Sue was born November 4, 1953 in Fort Dodge, Iowa and moved to Sarasota, FL in 1963 where she spent the rest of her life living her mantra of Live, Laugh, Love. Sue retired from Sarasota County Government in 2011 and spent her retirement years traveling, bowling, enjoying multiple arts & crafts, volunteering and playing games with anyone and everyone.

Sue was a part of many organizations: Girl Scouts, Sarasota Bowlers Hall of Fame, APBW, Venice Basket Weavers Guild, Sarasota Surface Design Guild to name a few. Sue loved the Arts and crafted many beautifully woven baskets as well as clay, glass, fabric and paper items. Sue was a proficient bowler winning many awards over the years but also winning the hearts of all she came in contact with. She was sharp witted, loving and giving. Sue loved animals and enjoyed multiple pets throughout her life. Sue loved to volunteer and supported the Girl Scouts by becoming a volunteer troop leader for the past 7 years.

Sue is survived by her brothers Kemper Slidell III (Janice) and James Slidell (Joan); nephews and nieces; Bill Slidell, Kemper Slidell IV, April Neuhaus, Justin Slidell, Ashley Schmidt: 10 great nephews and nieces as well as countless cousins and friends and by her loving dog Jibbons. Sue's ashes will be laid to rest with her loving parents Kemper and Ruth Slidell Jr. at Palms Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to be made in Sue's name to Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast FL Inc.