Hello fellow APWA members and friends,

I hope this message finds you well and feeling festive before the holidays. This time of year can be a hectic one as we rush to complete tasks for projects that are set to shut down for a week or two as well as hurry to get our holiday plans finalized and get ready to ring in a new year! As busy as this time of year can be, it is also a fun, joyful time that can bring us together to celebrate family and friends, reflect on professional accomplishments and give us some time to relax.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season filled with happiness and laughter! Please join us on Thursday, December 19th as we celebrate the holiday season and another great year at the Joint Society FWEA, AWWA, APWA, ASCE, and FES Holiday Social from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Evie’s Tavern and Grill, 4725 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, Florida 34233. This is a free event for members of any participating society and no R.S.V.P. is required. If you can attend, please remember to bring an unwrapped toy for donation to Toys for Tots!

Our next monthly breakfast meeting will be on January 22nd, 2020 and we will be voting to submit any projects for the Annual Awards Banquet in February. I hope to see you all at the social at Evie’s to celebrate another great year! I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very happy holiday time! Thank you for being a part of the APWA and helping us keep our Suncoast Branch thriving, growing and making a difference in our community!!

Happy Holidays! Arne

Please remember to renew your APWA National Membership! The Suncoast Branch benefits from your renewal!
APWA Suncoast Branch 2019-2020

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• Mike Elfers
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(Not Currently Active)

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

When:
Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 7:30 AM

Cost: $15

Where:
Der Dutchman Restaurant
3713 Bahia Vista St.
Sarasota, FL 34232

RSVP to Lisa Cece and Susan Raines at apwa.fl.suncoast.branch@gmail.com or (941) 861-0949

About the Speaker—Mr. Jason Bird

Mr. Jacob Bird is the Florida Resilience Practice Leader for Jacobs Engineering, and the UN ARISE US Network Chair. Mr. Bird utilizes his 20 years of experience in land development engineering, sustainable infrastructure and water resources to help communities reduce risk and improve their resilience to severe weather and climate threats. His experience evaluating current and future vulnerabilities and developing adaptation strategies to harden at risk infrastructure for coastal communities, utilities and transportation systems along with evaluations of critical infrastructure at U.S. military bases around the globe, has allowed him to apply global industry best practices to advance mitigation for severe weather events and adaptation to future climate threats, ultimately enhancing system and community short, mid and longer-term performance.
December, 2019—No Meeting

January, 2020—Jason Bird, Jacobs Engineering

February, 2020—Anne Ross, Executive Director Lakewood Ranch CDD

March, 2020—Tony Centurione, City of Sarasota Capital Projects

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

Upcoming Events of Interest:

- Engineer’s Week or E-Week, is a week long celebration of how engineers make a difference in our world as well as raise awareness of the engineering profession. Please join us as we celebrate the culmination of the week’s activities with our 3rd Annual E-Week Awards Banquet and recognize those that make a difference in our community! The Joint Award Ceremony is set for February 21, 2020 at Mote Marine.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
SAVE THE DATE

3rd Annual E-Week Awards Banquet

Friday, February 21, 2020
5:30 PM Drinks | 6:30 PM Dinner
Mote Marine Aquarium
1600 Ken Thompson Parkway
Sarasota, FL

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Please join us as we celebrate the culmination of the week’s activities with our 3rd Annual E-Week Awards Banquet and recognize those that make a difference in our community.

This is a FES and ASCE Sponsored event recognizing local individuals, organizations and industry advocates that have had a positive impact on infrastructure needs in the Region.

Sponsorships will be available

For additional information please e-mail FLSuncoastengineers@gmail.com or call Norman Robertson at 941.451.6676.
Current Job Openings  In and around the Suncoast Branch

City of Arcadia — Current job openings: 6
http://arcadia-fl.gov/job_listings.php

City of Bradenton — Current job openings: 28
https://cityofbradenton.com/employment

City of Longboat Key — Current job openings: 3
http://www.longboatkey.org/employment.aspx

City of North Port — Current job openings: 17
http://agency.governmentjobs.com/northportfl/default.cfm

City of Sarasota — Current job openings: 8
https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sarasotagov

City of Venice — Current job openings: 11
https://www.venicegov.com/government/human-resources/apply-online

Charlotte County— Current job openings: 22
https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/charlottecountyfl

Desoto County — Current job openings: 10
http://desotobocc.com/department/human_resources/employment-opportunities

Manatee County — Current job openings: 21
https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/manateecounty

Sarasota County — Current job openings: 51
https://www.scgov.net/government/career-opportunities