Fellow APWA members and friends,
I hope your February is going well, and that you are as excited as I am about the upcoming events we have planned for our growing Suncoast Chapter.

We have started the new year with a bang, and public work projects are springing up all over the state, keeping us all busy working and pursuing new projects. It is a great time to be a professional in engineering and project management and working in Public Works. Old, outdated Infrastructures are coming down, and new, high-tech designs in construction are being implemented to help manage our areas booming population growth and ease us into a safer, more reliable future.

Our Suncoast branch has been busy planning our annual Sporting Clay Shoot fundraiser on April 25th at the Sarasota Trap, Skeet & Clays course located at Knights Trail Range. We have also been busy planning future events and organizing our scholarship fund. We look forward to seeing you all at our meetings and events, and we look forward to great things to come in 2020.

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

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• Ken Stokes, Alex Boudreau, Nancy Brooking, Dorian Popescu & Susan Raines

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• Lisa Cece, Susan Raines

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• Alex Boudreau
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• Susan Raines
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Awards Committee:
• Bill Vest
• Alex Boudreau
• Norm Robertson

Education Committee:
• Mike Elfers
• Harry Farrar (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.
When:  
Wednesday, February 26, 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 our Speakers—Anne Ross and Ronald Myers

Anne’s professional experience spans over twenty years. Fifteen of those years are in Florida local government and another seven years are in the private Sector practicing as a civil engineer. Anne was selected as the Executive Director for the Lakewood Ranch Inter-District Authority in October 2015. She has a bachelor’s and master’s degree in Civil Engineering and a Professional Engineering license. She is active in the Lakewood Ranch Rotary Club, serving on their Clean Water Committee and is the Youth Services Chair.

Ron Myers is a member of the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch and Chair of their Clean Water Committee. He is a retired Mechanical Engineer with work experience in the hydro-electric generation industry. He joined the Lakewood Ranch Club in 2002 and has served as Club President. In 2008 he volunteered to lead their Club’s Clean Water Program, which to date has resulted in their involvement in Rotary partnerships for 44 water and sanitation projects in Guatemala, Peru, Honduras, Bahamas and the Philippines with a total value of $2.6 million.

These Rotary projects have improved the lives of an estimated 117,000 people (19,000 families). This year’s Walk for Water will support 80 families in the community of Santa Maria de Fatima, Peru.

He and Anne will be speaking to us about the Rotary initiative to solve the Clean Water Crisis by the year 2030 through a partnership with the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch and others.

Welcome Anne and Ron!!
Future Meetings, Events and Speakers

February 21, 2020  E-Week Awards Banquet, Mote Marine
February 26, 2020— Anne Ross, Executive Director, Lakewood Ranch CDD
February 29, 2020 Toothpick Bridge Event—UTC Mall, outside of Macy’s 9am to Noon
March, 2020— Tony Centurione, City of Sarasota
April 25, 2020— Clay Shoot Fund Raising Event at Sarasota Trap Skeet & Clays—Knights Trail, Nokomis
May 17—23rd, 2020— Public Works Week (Theme this year is The Rhythm of Public Works)

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. We will award the APWA Project of the Year at this banquet.**
SAVE THE DATE
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3RD ANNUAL
E-WEEK
AWARDS BANQUET
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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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This event is supported by the collaborative efforts of the professional societies shown above to recognize local individuals, organizations and industry advocates that have had a positive impact on infrastructure needs in the region.

Tickets
20 for $20 in 2020 – We will reserve twenty tickets for $20 each for the first 20 “young members” (35 and under) to sign up.

Individual Tickets - $100

Sponsorships
Reef Shark - $250 includes recognition in brochure and on the event banner
Tiger Shark - $500 includes 2 tickets, logo in brochure and logo on event banner
Mako - $750 includes 4 tickets, large logo in brochure and large logo on event banner
Great White - $1,000 includes 8 tickets, XL logo in brochure and XL logo on event banner

Purchase online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/florida-suncoast-engineers-joint-awards-banquet-tickets-85768753651
For additional information please e-mail FLSuncoastengineers@gmail.com or call Norman Robertson at 941.451.6676.
National Engineers Week 2020
Toothpick Bridge Challenge

Saturday February 29th, 2020
9 am - 12 pm

In the Macy’s Court at
The Mall at University Town Center (UTC)
140 University Town Center Dr, Sarasota, FL

NEW LOCATION

CASH PRIZES
Middle & High School Divisions

3rd Place - $50
2nd Place - $75
1st Place - $100

Contest open to all high school, middle school, and elementary school students, and teachers in Manatee and Sarasota counties. If you would like to schedule classroom visit, learn about sponsorship opportunities, or volunteer to help, see contact information below.

Sign Up Today!!

Visit our website for Rules and Registration: toothpickbridgesrq.wordpress.com

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The Toothpick Bridge Building Contest
SPRING FLING
4TH ANNUAL SPORT SHOOT
SATURDAY ~ 25 APRIL 2020

Entry Options

• Diamond Sponsor ~ $1000.00
  - One Foursome
  - Exclusive Shooting Station Stand Sign
  - Sponsor Advertisement

★ Platinum Sponsor ~ $600.00
  - One Twosome Registration
  - Shooting Station Sign
  - Sponsor Advertisement

+ Gold Sponsor ~ $300.00
  - Individual Registration
  - Sponsor Advertisement

★ Foursome $300.00
★ Individual $75.00

Sarasota Trap, Skeet, and Clays
3445 Rustic Road
Nokomis, Florida

Registration ~ 8 a.m.
Shoot ~ 9:00 a.m.
Safety Briefing ~ 8:45 a.m.
Lunch ~11:30 a.m.

Please submit a completed registration form with a check payable to American Public Works Association to:

Nancy Brooking, APWA Treasurer
1001 Sarasota Center Boulevard
Sarasota, Florida 34210

If there are questions, please contact nbrooking@scgov.net
Current Job Openings In and around the Suncoast

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

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

City of Longboat Key — Current job openings
http://www.longboat.municipalcms.com

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

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

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

Charlotte County— Current job openings

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

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

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