It’s already July, and even though it’s a bit early for them, Tropical Storm Barry touched down inland after building up steam in the Gulf over the weekend, bringing heavy rain and floods with it. In the aftermath, many families were displaced and suffering without water, sewer, and electricity. Barry might have been the first storm of the 2019 hurricane season, but it almost certainly will be followed up by more. We are in an era where storms the magnitude of Barry and even stronger are no longer a surprise, they are expected every year now and start as early as mid-summer.

As a Floridian working within the public works industry, we know what we are up against, and we know what the citizens of our great cities, counties, and towns are up against. But it isn’t fear of the next great unknown storm that keeps us all hustling off to work to make sure our infrastructure is sound and ready to stand against the blunt force of Mother Nature, it’s pride in what we do to help our fellow citizens prepare, withstand and overcome the next great disaster.

Since becoming a member of the APWA Suncoast Branch, I’ve met a lot of amazing public works professionals and engineers. Everyone I’ve met has been passionate about their careers and how that career allows them to make a difference in their communities. We stand together as professionals in engineering and public works, and we make a difference in many lives with the work we do by striving to make our communities safer and more accommodating. And, with the daily strides and innovations we make in our careers, I can say that I am happy to be a part of a group of professionals who work to make their communities’ lives a little easier every day.

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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, July 24, 2019 at 7:30 AM

Cost: $15

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

About the Speaker

Featured this month is Mr. Greg Strickland currently holds a Business Development position with Titan America’s Concrete Products Division. He is a twenty (20) year veteran of the concrete products and heavy building materials industry in Florida. The University of Florida Business School graduate began a career promoting and selling concrete products in Florida with BASF in 1994 focusing on chemical admixtures used in concrete production.

Mr. Strickland is accredited by the National Concrete Masonry Association (NCMA), America Institute of Architects (AIA), and International Association of Continuing Education Training (IACET) as a Continuing Education Facilitator (CEF). His expertise and subsequent success was technical presentations, new product introduction and creating business development strategies. Over the past eight years in his current role with Titan America, Mr. Strickland has introduced several new concrete products, presented to hundreds of design professionals, and has generated new opportunities for Titan America in FL.

Where:
Der Dutchman Restaurant
3713 Bahia Vista St.
Sarasota, FL 34232
APWA Suncoast Branch - Save the Date

Future Meetings, Events and Speakers

July 24, 2019—Greg Strickland, Titan America, PaveDrain
August 28, 2019—Commissioner Freeland Eddie (City of Sarasota)
September 25, 2019—Commissioner Willie Shaw (City of Sarasota)

October 26, 2019—2019 APWA Golf Tournament

November 20, 2019—Open—(one week earlier than normal due to Thanksgiving)

December, 2019—No Meeting

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

Local Events of Interest

• APWA Suncoast Branch is looking for someone interested in heading up a Young Professional Group for the Branch. Contact Seton Katz
2 Day, 20 Hour Advanced MOT Class to be held at the Sarasota County Administration Building, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34236 in the Conference Room on the 3rd Floor.

Cost is $300.00 per person.
2nd Annual APWA/PRES Joint Golf Tournament

Saturday, October 26th 2019

Pelican Pointe Golf and Country Club
499 Derbyshire Drive, Venice, FL 34285

Schedule of Events
7:00 am  Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:00 am  Shot Gun Start
12:30 pm Buffet Lunch and Awards Banquet

Contests
Longest Drive - Men
Longest Drive - Women
Closest to the Pin - Men
Closest to the Pin - Women
Team - 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Prizes

The entry fee per player is $75.00, which includes continental breakfast, buffet lunch, cart and green fees, range balls, door prize, and goodie bags. There will also be beverage stations around the course with unlimited drinks.

DRESS CODE: shirts must have collars, no denim, soft spikes only.
Raffle tickets, Mulligans, and 50/50 tickets available for purchase the day of the tournament.

Thank you for your support. All proceeds to benefit the APWA & PRES scholarship funds for anyone pursuing a career in Public Works and/or a degree in engineering.

For further information, please contact: dpopescu@dmkassoc.com
Current Job Openings In and around the Suncoast Branch

City of Arcadia — 4 current job openings:
http://arcadia-fl.gov/job_listings.php

City of Bradenton — 28 current job openings:
https://www.cityofbradenton.com/?SEC=DD306069-33DE-4FE7-A3DF-8B05BFDF465E

City of Longboat Key — 0 current job openings:
http://www.longboatkey.org/employment.aspx

City of North Port — 12 current job openings:
http://agency.governmentjobs.com/northportfl/default.cfm

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

City of Venice — 6 current job openings:
https://www.venicegov.com/government/human-resources/apply-online

Charlotte County — 18 current job openings:
https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/charlottecountyfl

Desoto County — 6 current job openings:
http://desotobocc.com/department/human_resources/employment-opportunities

Manatee County — 24 current job openings:
https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/manateecounty

Sarasota County — 29 current job openings:
https://www.scgov.net/government/career-opportunities