TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Dale A. Haas, P.E., District VIII Representative
SUBJECT: District VIII Quarterly Activities Report
DATE: November 2, 2010

A list of the names and addresses of the 2010-11 Branch Officers is on the back of this report.

Open Invitation!
The Suncoast Branch held monthly breakfast meetings during the quarter. At each meeting a program of timely topics of interest to the public works community was featured. Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Dutch Heritage Restaurant, 3713 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota. Attendance ranged between 38 to 45 members and guests. As always we extend an invitation to any member outside our district to join us!!!

Breakfast Meeting Programs:
The regularly scheduled July meeting was on July 28, 2010. Our guest speaker was Brad Swanson, Business Development Director for American Traffic Solutions. Mr. Swanson spoke on the use of intersection safety cameras which are designed to reduce red light running.

The regularly scheduled August meeting was held on August 25, 2010. Our guest speaker was Brian Dean, Damage Prevention Liaison for Sunshine State One Call who spoke on the changes in the Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act, Chapter 556, F.S. which is effective on October 1, 2010.

The regularly scheduled September meeting was held on September 22, 2010. Our guest speaker was Dale Haas, Technical Services Manager for the City of Sarasota Public Works Department. Mr. Haas spoke about his trip to the Florida Panhandle during the first week in July 2010 to review the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill cleanup procedures and how the State and local emergency managers coordinated the cleanup efforts.

Annual Suncoast Branch Golf Tournament:
The annual golf tournament will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2010 at the Pelican Pointe Golf Club in Venice, Florida. The committee is working hard to make this event a success again this year.

Scholarship Awards:
Scholarships of $1,000 each were awarded to the following recipients:
- James Hintzman a student in the Water Treatment Course at the Public Works Academy.
- Shedric Harris a student in the Water Treatment Course at the Public Works Academy.
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