TO: Executive Committee, Florida Chapter APWA
FROM: Thomas M. Wilcox, P.E., District VIII Representative
SUBJECT: District VIII Quarterly Activities Report
DATE: January 21, 2012

A list of the names and addresses of the 2011-12 Branch Officers is on the last page of this report.

Open Invitation!
The Suncoast Branch held monthly breakfast meetings during the past quarter with the exception of December, due to the Christmas holiday. At each meeting an interesting program of timely topic 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, starting at 7:30 AM. Attendance ranged between 34 to 36 members and guests. As always we extend an invitation to any member outside our district to join us!

Breakfast Meeting Programs:
The regularly scheduled October meeting was held on October 26, 2011 with 36 in attendance. Our guest speakers were Mitch Stocki of HaloKlear and Ronnie Vinson of Native Lands Environmental, LLC. They spoke on the advantages of using a Dual Polymer System (DPS) advising of new technology that reduces turbidity of water during dewatering and pumping operations on construction projects. Mitch joined HaloKlear in 2010 covering the Eastern United States. Areas of development include construction, industrial waste water, and frac water used in the drilling of the Marcellus Shale. In his past experience, he worked for an environmental firm for 7 years managing storm water solutions. Mitch is a leader in the industry with innovative technologies, and brings new and exciting systems that replenish budgets. Through environmentally friendly products and methods, an extensive economic industry benefit will be shown at his presentation.

The November and December breakfast meetings were combined on December 7, 2011 with 34 present. The program was a Christmas Presentation by the Spotlight Kids from Booker Visual and Performing Arts High School, under the direction of Cynthia Ashford.

Annual Suncoast Branch Golf Tournament:
The APWA Suncoast Branch’s 14th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament was held on November 12th, 2011 at Pelican Pointe Golf and Country Club in Venice, FL we had 98 golfers and made $4,300 this year which is less than half of what was made the last few years. These monies are used for scholarships through out the year.

Suncoast Branch Scholarships:
The Suncoast Branch agreed to donate $1,000 to the Florida Chapter of APWA for their 2012 scholarship awards.
Three scholarship applications have been received; two were for Public Works Academy students (Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator “C”) as follows:

- Eric Radovich $629.00
- Kimberly Trusik $629.00

these students will pay for their own books ($127).

The third application was from Isaac Brownman, Sarasota County Government, who is going for his Masters Degree in Engineering. He was awarded a $500 scholarship.

**Suncoast Branch Young Professionals:**

Chris Hauber of Sarasota County Public Works was nominated to under-take the forming of an APWA Young Professionals organization for the Suncoast Branch, modeled after the one created by Amy Blaida and the Central Florida Branch.

**Other Information:**

The Sun Coast Branch and West Coast Branch are continuing to plan for a joint meeting somewhere in Manatee County soon.
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