



FLORIDA CHAPTER

TO: Executive Committee

FROM: Dale A. Haas, P.E., District VIII Representative

SUBJECT: District VIII Quarterly Activities Report

DATE: August 16, 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 past two quarters. 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 39 to 41 members and guests. As always we extend an invitation to any member outside our district to join us!!!

Breakfast Meeting Programs:

The January meeting was a joint luncheon meeting of the Sarasota branches of ASCE, APWA and FES held on January 21, 2010. Our guest speakers were Bob Jacobs and Paul Blackham of Stanley Consulting who spoke on the topic of movable bridge construction methods.

The regularly scheduled February meeting was held on February 24, 2010. Our guest speakers were Angel DeJesus, P.E. and Chris Mock of Hanson Hardscapes who made a presentation of the topic of Sustainable Urban Drainage System and their permeable paving product.

The regularly scheduled March meeting was held on March 24, 2010. Our guest speaker was Roger Maikranz, Wastewater Supervisor for the City of Sarasota. Mr. Maikranz spoke about the City of Sarasota's in vessel sludge composting facility. The Suncoast Branch also nominated new officers for the 2010-2011 term of office.

The regularly scheduled April meeting was held on April 28, 2010. Our guest speaker was Jeff Butt, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for APAC Southeast, Inc. Mr. Butt spoke about porous asphalt and thin overlay asphalt.

For the second year in a row, the regularly scheduled May meeting was cancelled and a special luncheon meeting was held on May 12, 2010 to celebrate Public Works Week. Over 300 public works employees and vendors enjoyed a barbeque lunch at this event. The guest speaker was Tim Nicholas for Pot Hole Killers. Mr. Nicholas spoke about his rapid pot hole repair service and later displayed the equipment out in the parking lot.

The regularly scheduled June meeting was held on June 23, 2010. Our guest speaker was Scott Montgomery of Sarasota County Emergency Services. Mr. Montgomery spoke about preparations for the upcoming hurricane season with special attention to the impact of the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

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:

- Kelsey M. Valentich a junior majoring in Civil Engineering at FSU.
- Richard Starenko a junior majoring in Civil Engineering at UF.
- Carolyn Eastwood of Sarasota County Government a masters degree candidate at USF.

Additional scholarships were awarded to the following recipients in the amounts noted:

- Nicholas Mucci a student at the Suncoast Public Works Academy received \$704.00.
- Kevin Freeman a student at the Suncoast Public Works Academy received \$704.00.

In addition to the above awards, the Suncoast Branch donated \$4,000 to the Florida Chapter of APWA for their scholarship awards at the Annual Meeting and Trade Show.

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