TO: Executive Committee, Florida Chapter APWA
FROM: Thomas M. Wilcox, P.E., District VIII Representative
SUBJECT: District VIII Quarterly Activities Report
DATE: November 5, 2011

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. At each meeting an interesting program of timely topics 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 27 to 42 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 held on July 27, 2011 with 32 in attendance. Our guest speakers were Thomas Hill and Robert Burr from Prince Contracting. They spoke about their award winning US 301 project in Sarasota. It won the 2011 Florida Transportation Builders Association (FTBA) Best in Construction Award for “utility coordination / damage prevention”. They shared some of the challenges and solutions used to bring this project in ahead of schedule. Carolyn Eastwood was awarded a scholarship (her last) in the amount of $595.94.

The August breakfast meeting was held on August 24, 2011 with 27 present. Chris Albright, Vice-President of Engineering for Paveway Systems, Inc., spoke on the FDOT specialty section of patterned/textured pavement. He presented some of the benefits of this specialty as well as provided some insight into the possibilities that patterned/textured pavement can provide.

The September meeting was held on September 28, 2011 with 42 present. Our speaker was Jim Harriott, Executive Director of Public Works for Sarasota County. His talk was about the general happenings in Sarasota County procurement, CIP projects and changes that have and are being made in the County leadership and procurement practices.

Annual Suncoast Branch Golf Tournament:
The APWA Suncoast Branch’s 14th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament is scheduled for November 12th, 2011 at Pelican Pointe Golf and Country Club in Venice, FL.
Scholarship Awards:
Four scholarship applications for the Water Treatment Operators Course at Sarasota Public Works Academy have been received and are being reviewed. Scholarships were awarded to the following recipients:

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2011 Total to Date $5,088.08

In addition to the above awards, the Suncoast Branch donated $2,000 to the Florida Chapter of APWA for their scholarship awards at the 2011 Annual Meeting and Trade Show.

Roster Update:
Board member Ryan Newcomb has relocated out of state and was been replaced on the Suncoast Branch Board of Directors in August by Richard “Chris” Hauber.

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