I would like to thank the Southwest Branch for having the confidence in electing me as Chair for the upcoming year, and give you my commitment that 2010 will be a successful and fulfilling year for all our members. On behalf of the Branch, I would also like to thank Jay Saxena for his dedicated service over the last two years. We will continue to look to Jay for guidance and support as we move forward.

One of my primary goals for the upcoming year is to qualify the Southwest Florida Branch for the Chapter’s Annual Award for Branch Excellence. The award is presented each year at the annual meeting and recognizes branches that make contributions that have a positive impact on their membership, profession and the community. Branches are evaluated based on four basic categories:

- Membership
- Service to members
- Advancement of public works
- Service to the community

Please let me know if you would like to serve on a steering committee for this effort.

Finally, the APWA Florida Chapter celebrated their 50th Anniversary the first week of May at the annual convention in Orlando. The Southwest Florida Branch has also reached a significant milestone. This year marks our Branch’s 25th Anniversary. Stay tuned for upcoming events that will be planned to celebrate this great achievement.

I look forward to working with you in the upcoming year and encourage all members to take an active role in our Branch. Remember...YOU are the APWA.

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The City of Punta Gorda is proud to announce that Rick Keeney, Public Works Director, has been selected by the American Public Works Association as one of its Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year.

This prestigious award calls international attention to those individuals whose work reflects the highest standards of professional conduct for public works officials. With the first recipients honored in 1960, over 400 men and women have been bestowed this honor through the years.

Rick Keeney, a 30 year employee, has been the Public Works Director since 1997. The Public Works Department consists of 64 employees (continued on Page 4)
Congratulations to our newly elected officers!

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Upcoming Meeting Events

Get out your calendars and mark these “can’t miss” dates.

June 3, 10—SW FL Branch Mtg at the French Connection Rest.

July 1, 10—SW FL Branch Mtg at the French Connection Rest.

August 5, 10—SW FL Branch Mtg (location TBD).

August 15-19, 10—APWA International Congress in Boston, MA.

August 20-21, 10—FL Ch. Exec. Committee Mtg in Amelia Island.

September 2, 10—SW FL Branch Mtg (location TBD).

October 7, 2010—SW FL Branch Mtg (location TBD).

November 5-6, 10—FL Ch. Exec. Committee Mtg in St. Pete.

December 2, 10—SW FL Branch Mtg (location TBD).

January 6, 11—SW FL Branch Mtg (location TBD).

February 3, 11—SW FL Branch Mtg (location TBD).

February 25-26, 11—FL Ch. Exec. Committee Mtg in Daytona Beach.

March 3, 11—SW FL Branch Mtg (location TBD).

April 1, 11—SW FL Branch Mtg (location TBD).

April 18-22, 11—FL Ch. Annual Meeting & Trade Show in Daytona Beach.

May 5, 11—SW FL Branch Mtg (location TBD).

Watch for updates on events ... more to come!
Farewell Comes with Passing of the Baton

All good things must come to an end. After an excellent term lasting almost two years, I am retiring as the Branch Chair. During this period, the SW FL Branch has had many successes. We enjoyed a successful joint meeting with Ft Myers ASCE where a contingency of the FGCU student group was invited. It was our largest gathering with approximately 125 attendees. This gave us a kick start to establish an APWA SW FL Student Sub-Branch.

We had an excellent program hosted by City of Punta Gorda and sponsored by several companies in October of 2009, had the distinction of having a top 10 APWA leader, Rick Keeney (Punta Gorda PW Director) as our branch member and other memorable events. We enjoyed a new venue at the Joe’s Crab Shack on the south shores of Caloosahatchee River and Ft Myers Marina- a location favored by all. During this time we also had an excellent annual dinner held at Sam Seltzer’s Steak House in Nov 2008. We had a number of field trips to visit new projects. These included the FGCU Engineering Building, the Lee (continued on page 4)

Balfour Beatty Construction Receives Project Achievement Award

On May 12, Balfour Beatty Construction received a 2009 Project Achievement Silver Award for the Del Prado Boulevard Improvements Project Phases I-IV. It was presented by the Construction Management Assoc. of America (CMAA) West Central FL Chapter at the 6th Annual Project Excellence Awards Banquet held in Tampa. “It’s exciting to see all of the hard work from the team members get formally recognized,” said Sr. Project Manager Gary Vargas. “For our strategic transportation initiative, that’s the best marketing of all.”

Congratulations to all! For more information on this project and others, contact Balfour Beatty at 239-242-0879.

Have You Visited the FL Chapter Website?

Did you miss an event at the FL Chapter Annual Meeting & Trade Show? Or maybe you weren’t able to attend at all? Looking for job opportunities around the State? Interested in networking or educational endeavors? Don’t worry. The website for the Florida Chapter has all that and much more.

With just a click of the mouse, you can access photographs, newsletters, meeting minutes and training opportunities. Just visit the website at http://florida.apwa.net. Branch meeting events are posted, in addition to Chapter and Branch officers and committee contacts.

If you have information to share, or just can’t find something contact Tracy Quintana at 941-575-5066 or by email at tquintana@ci.punta-gorda.fl.us.

http://florida.apwa.net
Passing of the Baton (continued from page 3)

Jay Saxena receives his Certificate of Appreciation from Robert Garland.

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NOTE: This is an edited rebroadcast of the original program that aired on December 19, 2008. It is offered again due to popular demand, in case you were not able to attend. This event will be streamed to you and will require use of your computer’s speakers.

REBROADCAST: NPDES: Good Housekeeping - A Click, Listen & Learn Classic

Every public works agency is responsible for facilities and activities that require special measures to prevent pollutant runoff into storm sewer systems and local waterways such as: equipment storage and maintenance yards, parking lots, landscape and park maintenance activities, salt storage and snow removal, fueling operations, etc.

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- Runoff control plans
- Operational practices for spill prevention control
- Employee training tools
- Structural measures for storm drainage and floatable control

Speakers:
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Moderator:
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This program has been approved for 2 CEUs or 2 PDHs. The form to request these credits is included in the handouts for this program. Please note there is a $5 fee per individual requesting CEUs.

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June 24, 2010: Green Pavement Alternatives
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