I have just returned from Congress and what an experience it was to attend and meet people from all over the United States as well as those from other parts of the world. There were many opportunities to meet and speak with the leaders of APWA. It was a great honor to represent the Florida Chapter.

It is always great to be back in Florida and know that we will be celebrating the Chapter’s 50th Anniversary in 2010. Our always spectacular Annual Meeting and Trade Show will exceed all prior events as we remember our rich history, honor our recent accomplishments, and look forward to many more years as the Florida Chapter family.

Executive Committee
The Florida Chapter Executive Committee met in August in Sarasota. In addition to the regular Branch and Committee reports, we received the first report from our new Marketing Committee and began the work of updating our Strategic Plan to carry us into the next five years. District Representatives and Branch Chairmen will (or have) provided you with complete reports from the meeting. The next Executive Committee meeting will be November 6-7 in Orlando.

Being Involved
Please be sure to read our “congratulations” page later in this issue to see the great contributions to APWA by our members and the many honors our members have received. It is not too early to consider the chapter and national committees that interest you, to look at your current projects for submitting documentation for awards, or to write an article for the APWA Reporter or the Florida Chapter newsletter. Your involvement and rewards are what you make them.

Florida Chapter and West Coast Branch
During the past six months, national APWA received a petition from the West Coast Branch seeking chapter status, and a petition from the proposed Sunshine State Branch/District 12 to be recognized as a new branch/district of the Florida Chapter. The Florida Chapter responded to these petitions at the April Annual Meeting with a resolution to not support the request for the new chapter and a resolution to support the petition for a new branch/district. These resolutions were submitted to APWA.

Following written APWA procedures, the APWA Executive Board appointed a Special Commission to investigate the merits of the petitions. In July, this Special Commission met in Florida to hear presentations from and hold discussions with each involved group.

The members of the APWA Special Commission presented their findings report with recommendations to the APWA Executive Board at Congress in Columbus, Ohio this month. The findings were that everyone involved is focused on all Florida APWA members and the delivery of excellent services. There were admonishments for each group as well. The APWA Special Commission concluded with the recommendations that the APWA Executive Board deny the petition for a new chapter and to deny the petition for a new branch/district in the Florida Chapter. They further recommended mediation between the members of the West Coast Branch and the Florida Chapter. The mediation aspect of the APWA Executive Board decision is our current priority and will be pursued to its fullest. The mediation is to be concluded by December 31, 2009.

As information becomes available, it will be distributed to the Florida Chapter Executive Committee, including the District Representatives and the Branch Chairpersons.

I look forward to positive outcomes through the mediation and the development of our marketing campaign and strategic plan. As we enter 2010, let’s continue the excellent work we do in our communities and celebrate our 50 years as the Florida Chapter family.

Karen Johnson
Suncoast Public Works Academy
Sarasota County Technical Institute

May 3-7, 2010
See Page 12 for details and contact information
Congratulations Florida Chapter!

In recognition of the Chapter's impact on APWA's membership and the public works community, the Florida Chapter has been selected as a recipient of the

2009 Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE)

The PACE Award was presented to the Florida Chapter at the APWA Awards Recognition Ceremony, held in conjunction with the 2009 International Public Works Congress and Exposition in Columbus, Ohio on September 14, 2009.

Thank you to Jim Proce, City of Palm Bay and all who assisted him by preparing & submitting information for submittal to APWA National.

For information regarding application for nomination for the PACE Award as well as other National awards programs, please visit http://APWA.Net/About/Awards
The mission of the Clearinghouse is to collect, analyze and provide research information and technical assistance to public water supply utilities and water managers for use in developing effective and efficient water conservation programs.

The goal of the Clearinghouse is to be the premier source in Florida for water conservation information for public water supply, and to help Florida become a national leader in water use efficiency.

The Clearinghouse has many resources available through their website, www.conservefloridawater.org. The prevalent recourse is The Guide. The Guide is designed to assist public water suppliers in developing goal-based water conservation plans adapted to their individual Utility Profiles. The Guide also assists suppliers in monitoring plan implementation and in reporting water conservation results to the relevant water management district.

The goal setting process involves evaluation of the potential water savings based on a detailed utility profile, takes full advantage of conservation opportunities, focuses on the areas of most effective water savings, and results in the sum of the anticipated gallons saved through the implementation of feasible and cost-effective conservation measures and best management practices. The Guide is based on achieving genuine water savings rather than implementing a fixed list of particular water conservation measures or best management practices.

The Clearinghouse recently developed a spreadsheet-based version of the Guide, known as the EZ Guide. This new resource takes in consideration the technical needs of some utilities in Florida. The EZ Guide is less data intensive but provides the same basic results as the original Guide. The EZ Guide is being maintained and improved upon continuously as the Clearinghouse receives valuable feedback from some of the water management districts who have tried the EZ Guide. The Windows Office 2003 and 2007 versions are available for download in the Clearinghouse website. Along with a Case Study example and User’s Manual.

Another important resource is the Digital Library. This web-accessible water conservation library is searchable by topic, region, results, and other views. It tracks water conservation programs and specific water conservation measures/practices, as well as data collected from existing water conservation programs and practices, results of utility case studies using the water conservation Guide, new research, and information obtained from other programs within the state university system, state agencies, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations. The library is also linked to other pertinent libraries of interest.

A Research Program with a prioritized list of projects is coordinated and maintained by the Clearinghouse. This applied research program is designed to further the state of knowledge of water conservation programs and practices in Florida. More information about this program is available on the website.

Technical Assistance is available to help those using the Guide on matters such as utility profile data collection, review of implementation results, and presentation to utility decision makers. Support is also available to provide information on water conservation activities, as well as information on the Conserve Florida Water Signatories. The Help Desk can be accessed through email at: support@conservefloridawater.org or a toll-free number: 866.640.9732. An internal tracking system is in place to ensure all requests are responded to in a timely manner.

The Conserve Florida Water Clearinghouse team and the available web-based resources they offer, help to achieve the primary focus of the Clearinghouse, which is to promote conservation in all of Florida’s public water supplies.

Paul R. Moore, P.E.
Director of Utilities
City of Sanford
OVER the years I have had the opportunity to meet all sorts of folks through APWA and the various committees, events, and conferences. Every so often I get a note from one of these folks that I think contains great stuff to share with those of you in Florida who may benefit from relationships that I have been so fortunate to have fostered and endured. George Haines, who has been a member of the APWA Leadership and Management Committee, has been a Public Works Director, and is currently affiliated with the Peregrine Leadership Institute, is one such relationship.

George has penned many articles, for the APWA Reporter and often chimes in on the APWA InfoNOW postings. Fairly recently George sent out this note that is an inspiring message about “ATTITUDE”. George is a friend to me and many others throughout the country and he has an amazing attitude. With George’s permission I offer you the following. After reading this, feel free to drop him a line or share your thoughts. He would be glad to hear from any of you.

Jim Proce Leadership Co-Chair
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I just returned from the Rocky Mountain Chapter Spring Conference. I led one of the sessions that dealt with Recruiting, Developing, and Mentoring Tomorrow’s Leaders. I called it Successful Succession. When we were discussing the recruiting process, I used the phrase "Hire for Attitude, Train for Skills." The point I was trying to make was that all things being equal, you always want to hire someone with a great attitude as it is easier to train someone in the technical skills than it is to get them to change their attitude. Someone asked the question, "How can you tell if someone has a good attitude?" When I conduct job interviews, I always asked the question, "What did you do to prepare for today's interview?" When someone tells me the research they did, the people they talked to, the Council meetings they attend, as an example, you can tell if they really want to be part of your organization. I've interviewed others who have a dozen resumes on the street and are interviewing with anyone who will give them a chance. Another way I can tell is by asking behavioral based interview questions. When you get them to explain how they have handled difficult situations with employees, customers, or elected officials, you can tell if they are a "glass half-full" person or not.

As John Maxwell calls it in the title of his book, attitude is the difference maker. Victor Frankl, who wrote "Man's Search for Meaning", was in a concentration camp during World War II and lost most of his family to the death camps. In his book he says "...everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms - to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way." If you are having a particularly bad day at work and the stress gets to be too much, remember this: how you cope with stress is 10% actions and 90% attitude. If your attitude is right, you will likely make good choices to help you deal with life’s difficulties.

I learned this having dealt with cancer for the last three years. When my oncologist gave me news that was not positive, I had two choices, believe him and start making my final plans or say “OK Doc, what are we going to do about this? My plate is too full so we have to beat this!” It has made a difference in my life. So what does this have to do with a job in public works? Well, every day we have to deal with difficult customers / citizens, demanding elected officials, maybe a boss who doesn't care about the staff, difficult co-workers, and maybe a seemingly insurmountable work related problem. It would be easy to get jaded or cynical about it all. The problem is, if you are a supervisor, a manager, or a department head, people are watching you. If your poor attitude is seen by others, it becomes contagious. I highly recommend reading John Maxwell's book, The Difference Maker - Making Your Attitude Your Greatest Asset. Maybe then you will recognize that your attitude can be a difference maker in your life as is has been for me.

George Haines - APWA Leadership and Management Committee
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...all things being equal, you always want to hire someone with a great attitude as it is easier to train someone in the technical skills than it is to get them to change their attitude.

George Haines
Best Management Practices for NPDES Permit Compliance

Date(s): November 19, 2009
Schedule: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Eastern
Location: Audio / Web Broadcast
Cost: Members $175.00 per site
Non-Members $225.00 per site
Register by: Thursday, November 19, 2009

Description:
NPDES Permit Compliance with Best Management Practices for Developing an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program

Are you looking for a better way to manage illicit discharge?

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements mandate illicit discharge tracking and elimination activities to improve water quality. Traditionally, tracking illicit discharge involved time and labor intensive process-of-elimination procedures. Many investigations originated from responding to citizen complaints. Evolve your program into a more comprehensive and organized process. Rather than reacting to complaints, identify the tools you need in order to establish a proactive and preventive approach to handle illicit discharge. This session will explore codes, citizen involvement and the latest technology to illustrate how you can use these tools to your advantage.

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.

Registration Questions: Raye LaViolet
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Understanding Your Agency's Carbon Footprint

Date(s): December 17, 2009
Schedule: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Eastern
Location: Audio / Web Broadcast
Cost: Members $175.00 per site
Non-Members $225.00 per site
Register by: Thursday, December 17, 2009

Description:
How would you begin if you were asked to determine your agency’s carbon footprint? Are you looking for ways to improve sustainability and reduce greenhouse gas production?

This program presents an overview of the tools available to calculate carbon footprint, an explanation of trading carbon credits, and discussion of pending governmental regulations regarding emission of greenhouse gases. Practical examples of methods used to calculate carbon emissions will be included as well as tried-and-true methods to reduce your agency’s energy use and greenhouse gas production. You’ll come away with valuable information on identifying which carbon footprint reduction alternatives fit the needs of your agency.

After viewing this program, participants will better be able to:
• Describe the meaning of the term "carbon footprint" and how accepted protocols are used to calculate greenhouse gas emissions
• Understand the tools available to calculate carbon footprint
• Identify which carbon footprint reduction alternatives may be applicable to their needs

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Online:
1. Go to www.apwa.net and click on “Members Only.”
2. Log in using your APWA member ID # and your last name.
3. After logging in, choose “Membership Query and Changes.”
4. Your current member information will be displayed. To make changes, click on “Make Changes to Membership Information.”
5. Make changes and submit form.

Fax: 816-472-0798 (Attn: Membership)
Phone: 800-848-2792 (Direct to Membership)
Our members are the foundation and pride of our organization. In each of this year’s newsletters, we will recognize our many members for their accomplishments. We have just started compiling a current list and already it is very long.

**APWA Awards**

**PACE Award (President’s Award for Chapter Excellence)**

Congratulations to Jim Proce, chair for our Awards and Leadership committees, who provided the tireless leadership to bring home this prestigious award. Many of our members also deserve congratulation for working with Jim and providing the information and documentation necessary for the Florida Chapter to once again receive the PACE Award.

**Awarded Lifetime Member**

Our congratulations go to Frank D. “Cheech” DeCelles, John C. Depp, William G. Chamberlin, II, and James T. Show for receiving their Lifetime Member status.

**APWA Certified Public Infrastructure Inspector**

Congratulations to these members who most recently achieved the APWA Certified Public Infrastructure designation:

- David Rich, City of Palm Bay
- Therran Gentry, City of Gulf Breeze
- John Kanzigg, City of Gulf Breeze

Currently there are 13 CPI’s in Florida.

**APWA Certified Public Fleet Professional**

Congratulations to our members who recently achieved the APWA Certified Public Fleet Professional designation:

- Thomas J. Blanke, City of Ocala
- Jon C. Crull, City of Daytona Beach

There are 7 Certified Public Fleet Professionals in Florida.

**Getting Published**

**National APWA Award: Technical Innovation Award**

- EZBase/EZBasePlus
- JEA
- Jacksonville

**Published – APWA Reporter**

The July 2009 issue of the APWA Reporter is overflowing with Florida Chapter members contributions.

**July 2009 Articles:**

- “Getting Snowed!”, Sue Hann, City of Palm Bay
- “Design Review: Whose responsibility?”, John Davis, Jacksonville Transportation Authority
- “Florida Chapter Public Works Institute graduates inaugural class” Co-authored by Sue Hann and celebrates the great accomplishments.
- “Emerging Leaders Academy Retreat,” Class of 2008-09 Program coordinator is Sue Hann. Pictured are graduates including Florida members, Amy Bent, RS&H Engineering; Lori Parker, City of Palm Bay; Herb Raybourn, Reedy Creek Improvement; and Jeff Roberts, Sarasota County Government.

**The September 2009 Articles:**

- “International Affairs Committee 2008 to 2009” Florida Chapter member Thomas Frisbie is photographed with the 2009 People-to-People International Delegation in China.

Congratulations!
APWA National Committee Appointments

WOW! Fifteen of our members have been appointed to 13 APWA National committees. This is quite an accomplishment and an honor. Please congratulate each of them and celebrate their appointment the next time you see them. More of our members are continuing to serve unexpired, multi-year terms on APWA National committees.

APWA National nominations period is from December 1 to March 1 of each year. Let’s see your name on the list next year.

Certified Public Fleet Professional Council
Sharon Subaden, CPFP
Hillsborough County Fleet management

Accreditation Council
Robert R. Gordon, PE
Hillsborough County

Awards Committee and Project of the Year Awards Committee
Donald D. Jacobowitz, PE
Putnam County

Committee on Bylaws and Rules
Charles E. Williams, PE
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Marlin Engineering Inc.

SAFCOM
Philip R. Mann, PE
City of Gainesville

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Jeffrey A. Wilson, PE
Wilson Miller, Inc.

International Affairs Committee
Thomas G. Frisbie
Retired

Membership Committee
Frank D. DeCelles
City of Plantation

Project of the Year Awards Committee
James J. Proce, MBA
City of Palm Bay

APWA/FEMA Partnership Task Force
Teresa Scott, PE
City of Gainesville

Transportation Committee
John T. Davis, PE
Jacksonville Transportation Authority

Solid Waste Management Committee
Keith A. Howard
Lee County

Solid Waste Management Committee
Dr. Marc J. Rogoff, PhD
SCS Engineers

Visit to APWA Headquarters

In June, President Karen Johnson had the privilege of visiting the APWA national headquarters in Kansas City. Kaye Sullivan, Deputy Executive Director/COO, welcomed Johnson with a tour of the offices along with introductions to many staff members. John says it was exciting to put faces with names and to learn more about the day-to-day operations of APWA. Sullivan expressed their interest in having more members visit the national headquarters.

Photo: Pictured at the APWA headquarters in Kansas City, MO, are Kaye Sullivan, Deputy Executive Director/COO, Karen Johnson, Florida Chapter President, and Brian Van Norman, Director of Chapter Relations.
APWA Members Volunteer!

City of Palm Bay Public Works Hosts Blood Drive

The Palm Bay Public Works Department hosted a Florida’s Blood Center “Big Red Bus” visit in its parking lot on Thursday, August 20, 2009. The 6-hour event resulted in more than 20 employees donating a pint of blood each. This quantity (approx. 2.5 gallons) can potentially save up to 60 lives.

According to the Florida Blood Center, a major cause of the universal blood shortage is miscommunication. Many factors that previously excluded people from donating (such as being on diabetes or blood pressure medication) have been eliminated, and individuals as young as 16 can now donate.

The “Big Red Bus” fleet is outfitted with high-tech portable aphaeresis machines (known as Alyx) to separate whole blood into its different components (red cells, white cells, platelets, and plasma), and is in service 7 days a week. Each bus collects approximately 700 pints per month, and all blood collected within a given county is supplied to local hospitals and medical centers.

Charlotte County Officials and Habitat Team Up

Recently the Tristin Murphy family in Punta Gorda, Florida has made some new friends from Charlotte County. Working with the Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity, the project has resulted in the Murphy’s being able to acquire a home of their own. Rick Keeney, Public Works

Director for the City of Punta Gorda, pitched in and contributed to the effort (see photo). Other officials include Fire Chief Rob Hancock, Fire Marshal Jen Molnar and Growth Management Director Dennis Murphy.

Approximately 400 hours of work was anticipated by volunteers. It was a grass roots effort with many friends of the family participating. Parents of the of the new homeowner work at Pies & Plates, a Punta Gorda café and gift shop owned by Tristin’s mother, Cindee Murphy. With Cindee getting the word out to customers and friends in the community with refreshments included, many volunteers were enlisted. Congratulations to the Tristin Murphy family! Once again APWA was well represented by one of its own leaders. Thanks to Rick and others pitching in and being an example in the community for APWA.
On July 30, 2009, Past FL Chapter President Mark Juliano, wife Ruth, grandchildren Corbin and Loraine, Past FL Chapter President Rick Keeney and wife Joan visited Past FL Chapter President Bill Chamberlin and wife Anne at their home in Maggie Valley NC.

Bill and Anne have recently announced they will be returning to Florida (Orlando) as their primary residence and will travel to North Carolina for vacations. Bill has transferred his APWA membership back to the FL Chapter. Welcome back to Florida, Bill and Anne!

Rick Keeney
City of Punta Gorda

Dear APWA Family,

The Honorable Judge P. Kevin Davey passed away on August 18, 2009 in Tallahassee, FL, following complications from surgery. Kevin was a friend to our APWA Family, helping to secure the top of the State Capitol Building during our 2006 Annual Meeting and Trade Show. He also greatly enjoyed spending time with and playing golf with members of our APWA family.

A memorial service was held for Kevin on September 19, 2009 at the Bradfordville First Baptist Church in Tallahassee, FL. Flowers were accepted and/or donated in Kevin’s name to the Big Bend Hospice, the University of Florida College of Law and toward golf scholarships for the Florida State Golf Association.

The Kevin Davey Charity Golf Tournament was also held on Friday, September 18, 2009 at Golden Eagle Golf and Country Club. This tournament was a celebration of something that was a very important part of Kevin’s life.

Kim Kirby, City Manager
City of DeFuniak Springs

Maxine Reed

It is with very much sorrow that we announce the passing of Karen Johnson’s mother. Karen is the current APWA Florida Chapter President.

Karen’s mother, Age 90, of East Canton, passed away Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, at Aultman Hospital. She was born in Sebring, Ohio, Feb. 5, 1919, to the late Melvin and Jessie Cora (Kirkhart) Wayt. Maxine was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and attended the Center Church of the Brethren in Louisville. She was also a member of United Methodist Women.

Maxine was preceded in death by her husband, Bruce in 1992, a sister, Betty June Hinson, two brothers, Charles and Don Wayt. She is survived by two daughters, Karen Johnson of Sarasota, FL, Beti Yoder of East Canton; a son, George (Donna) Reed of East Sparta; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Lou and Dean Van Fossen of Canton; sister-in-law, Elaine Wayt of Newark, Ohio; two granddaughters, Tina (Rich) Beaver of Paris, Ohio and Tami (Bryan) Geisey of East Canton; five great-grandchildren.

Services were held in the Stier-Israel Funeral Home of Louisville, Ohio with Pastor James Lee officiating.

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Longtime APWA member, Zully Hemeyer (formerly Williams) and husband Mark, a firefighter with Monroe County, recently welcomed a baby boy, Zane. He joined his older sister, Mila, 3, and 10-year-old Mark, Jr. to make a busy family. He weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. and is growing fast.

Zully has also joined the City of Marathon, in the Florida Keys, as the utilities manager in charge of the wastewater and stormwater infrastructure currently being installed.

After 10 years and several progressively responsible positions with the Islamorada, Village of Islands she said, "It was a pleasure serving the Islamorada community however I'm excited to be part of Marathon and look forward to the challenges that this change will bring."