



## Newsletter

Ray Boler, Editor

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We are looking forward to a new year in the West Coast Branch. The Annual Banquet in March, at the Tampa Palms Country Club, saw a new slate of officers installed.

### Executive committee

William Anderson – Chairperson

Wei Liu – Treasurer

Ray Boler -Past Chairperson

Troy McCain - Vice Chairperson

Jennifer Nolen - Secretary

Robert Nowak - District VI Representative

### At Large Directors

Brandi Allegood

Ken Holton

Kendrix Anderson

Dale Laird

Randy Shane

Keith Bodecker

Dallas Evans

Will Kirby

Dean Scharmen



The Florida Chapter, at its Expo in Jacksonville this past April, recognized our West Coast Branch as the **“Branch of the Year”!**



Chas Jordan has done our Branch proud. He should be very proud of his accomplishments. His service was recognized with the President’s Award, Award of Excellence and the Frank “Cheech” DeCelles Award.

Bob Nowak won the Mac Ulsch Award for his service to the chapter.

The branch's schedule of odd number months for our meetings continues. Unless otherwise noted, the second Wednesday of the odd months are when our meetings are held. They are located throughout our branch, so all members have a opportunity to attend. Discussions of branch business and various training and/or vendor presentations keep our members up to date on the current innovations within the Public Works industry.

Each year we have a family gathering for our members at a Ray's baseball game, and this year it will be June 23rd. The Rays will play the Yankees. A little bias here, Go Rays!! Vendor sponsorships are available. Contact Randy Shane, at [rd.shane@hotmail.com](mailto:rd.shane@hotmail.com), vendor chair. This year's game is sold out!

Last October, we had to forego our annual roдео because of Hurricane Irma! I hope you all are somewhat back to normal and prepared for the next hurricane season. It starts in a week! Special thanks and high praise goes to the rank and file members of our public works' departments for their dedication and hard work during the event and recovery period. Many of our staff had to carry the load, as we saw our vendor work elsewhere in the State. However, we are again planning our roдео for October, at England Park in Pinellas Park. Many thanks goes to Bart Diebold and his staff that hosts us each year. Vendor sponsorships are available. Contact Randy Shane, [rd.shane@hotmail.com](mailto:rd.shane@hotmail.com), or Bob Nowak, [rnowak319@gmail.com](mailto:rnowak319@gmail.com), roдео chair.

National Public Works Week – Many communities recognize our work with Proclamations, such as, Zephyrhills.



“On Mayor 14<sup>th</sup> 2018, Zephyrhills Mayor Gene Whitfield presented a proclamation to the City of Zephyrhills Public Works Department hereby proclaiming May 20<sup>th</sup> thru May 26<sup>th</sup> 2018 as “National Public Works Week”. This proclamation was presented and read aloud during a city council meeting held at the Zephyrhills Municipal Library.”

## **Project Highlights**

### City of Clearwater

#### Corona Avenue Sewer Improvements - **By Laura Davis**

The Corona Avenue sanitary sewer improvements project will assist with inflow and infiltration at the Marshall Street Water Reclamation Facility from stormwater overflows into the sanitary sewer system in the Skycrest area of Clearwater during heavy rains. These photos capture parts of the jack and bore of sewer pipe under Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard. Jack and Bore is a method of doing sewer

construction where crews drill a hole underground horizontally between two points without disturbing the surface between them. This portion of the project required extremely large trench boxes under the road, on both the north and south sides of Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard, SR 60, on Arcturas Avenue. During the jack and bore, a tunnel was drilled under the road and then a large pipe was pulled back through the tunnel, then the new pipe was connected to the sewer system. The project is still in progress, and that section of Arcturas Avenue remains closed.



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