Message from the Chair
By Steven King

2017 is almost over! What a great year so far and we are setup for a strong finish! We have several events to close out the year, be sure to get involved. Our 30 Region Sponsors and many event sponsors have helped us be able to organize a record number of events in 2017! If we can continue the trend, look out for 2018, it is going to be awesome.

Did you know the Florida Section AWWA is on Facebook? Search FSAWWA and join the group. With the changing of the guard, (new officers, updated Board members), coming at the end of 2017 there is an opportunity to get involved – we have some openings but they fill up quick so let us know if you are interested. Let’s make 2018 the year we burst with volunteers and do even more. To sign up for a board position let me know your interests and we can get you involved. Just a couple months to go to close out a record & awesome 2017; let’s make it the best Fall ever. Email me at kings@bv.com if you want to talk or get more involved.

Also be sure to welcome our new officers for 2018:
Dan Glaser – Chair
Ken Broome – Vice Chair
Russell Ferlita – Treasurer
Mike Condran – Secretary
Steven King – Past Chair

They will do a great job but need our support to continue this awesome momentum we have; let’s keep it going.

P.S. Don’t forget to check out the calendar of events and participate/volunteer, there is still plenty of opportunity to get involved. Thanks!
WATER MAIN REHABILITATION TRAINING

On Tuesday, July 25, 2017; Region IV of the Florida Section of AWWA organized the Water Main Rehabilitation (Course #05100113) presented by Alan Ambler. The course was hosted by Hillsborough County Public Utilities (332 N. Falkenburg Rd., Tampa, FL 33619) in their training conference room. There were 28 People registered, and 29 people attended the event. Overall, the course was well received and Alan engaged attendees throughout as he relayed his knowledge and experience in various trenchless piping technologies.

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON MEETING

Laura Donaldson, Esq., a Florida water policy expert with the local Tampa law firm of Manson Bolves Donaldson & Varn, presented a detailed discussion of the most significant events that have changed the recent debate over issues such as water quality criteria, sewage spills, and septic tanks. She gave a wide-ranging overview of the many other issues on the horizon that could significantly affect everything from the future of Florida infrastructure funding to how best to use reuse our precious water resources. She summarized the 2017 Florida Legislative session, and a comprehensive preview of what’s expected for the 2018 Legislative session with regards to water policy matters. She provided valuable insight of Florida’s changing political landscape with respect to both environmental and water policy issues.
This year’s Water for People fundraiser was held at Hidden Springs Ale Works in Tampa and had the best attendance record to date with 139 attendees. The WFP Committee did a great job of reaching out to our sponsors to ensure tickets were utilized this year, and it helped tremendously with turnout. Event tickets were $25, in advance, and included live music from Sisemore, dinner from Sarge’s BBQ Food Truck, and two craft beers from the brewery. There was a silent auction, and towards the end of the evening, there was a raffle ticket drawing.

In addition to the FSAWWA Region IV sponsors and volunteers, we would like to thank the following organizations for their contribution:

**Event Sponsors:**

- **Diamond:** Garney Construction
- **Gold:** Jones Edmund and George F. Young
- **Silver:** Applied Drilling, Carter VerPlanck, King Engineering, McKim & Creed, Wade Trim, Hazen & Sawyer
- **Bronze:** Meskel Engineering and Moss Kelly

Donations for the raffle and silent auction included the following items:

- Paint Night for Two from Painting with a Twist
- $52 Gift Certificate to Oxford Exchange
- $50 Gift Certificate to TopGolf
- Two Admission Tickets to MOSI
- $20 Gift Certificate to AJ’s Press
- Gift Card and Bucket from Maloney’s
- “No Water, No Coffee” mugs & “No Water, No Wine” glasses from AWWA
- Two Full Growlers from Hidden Springs Ale Works and CDM Smith
- Wine Basket from AM Trenchless
- Two Half Day Rentals from Sweetwater Kayaks
- Kentucky Bourbon Basket from Chris Jones, Sharmeela Khemlani, Lizeth Mora, & William Murray
- “Suwannee River” by Florida Natural Skies Photography
- “Bridge at Sunset” by Florida Natural Skies Photography
- “Gulf Marsh” by Florida Natural Skies Photography
Many of the Region IV FSAWWA volunteers chipped in and helped with check-in (Sean Menard with Jones Edmunds, and Kristin Darby with Wade Trim) and sold 50/50 raffle tickets (Lizeth Mora, and Sharmeela Khemlani both with King Engineering) among many others.

We hope to add a few more fundraisers throughout the upcoming year. If you’re interested in getting involved, please contact Hillary Weber weberh@hillsboroughcounty.org.

From the Water For People Committee, thank you to all who attended and contributed! We look forward to seeing you again soon!

2017 FSAWWA Region IV Water For People Committee
REGION IV CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
The Region IV Golf Committee hosted the twelfth annual charity golf tournament at Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club on Friday, October 6, 2017, the North Course. This year a record field of 31 teams participated and enjoyed the fun, sun, and socializing to benefit Water for People and the Roy Likins Scholarship funds. Participation in this year’s event helped raise over $10,000 for our charities and a BIG thank you to all.
The tournament format for this year’s event included individual skill prizes for men’s and women’s long drives, Par 3 closest to the pin, a putting contest, and a corn hole contest. Additionally, all Par 3’s had an additional hole-in-one prize; with a grand prize for one hole at $10,000 but unfortunately we did not have any hole-in-one winners this year.
The team competition for this year’s event included 3 flights. Teams were randomly selected into each flight and the tournament team competition was a 4 person scramble format. The team winners in each flight are shown below.

Likins Scholarship Flight
1st – PCL Construction 59 - Mauricio Ramos, Corey Westphal, David Wilcox, Chuck Hiavach
2nd - American Flow Control 59 - Rick Ratcliffe, Renie Martin, Logan Roberts, Ed Harris
3rd – BLD Services 61 – Gordon Marshall, Tony Seufert, Ken Carpenter, Mike Connors

Water For People Flight
1st – Wharton-Smith 57 – Chris Barnett, Todd O'Donnell, Mike Nagy, Saade Chibani
2nd – Jones Edmunds 60 – Tom Friedrich, Mark McNeal, Jeff Crowley, Jim McLellan
3rd – Hudson Pump 61 – Simon Randle, Steve Frank, Dana Tallman, Srini Kris

Region IV Flight
1st – CH2M 61 – Niel Postlethwait, David Paiko, Ryan Messer, Pete Larkin
2nd – Brown & Caldwell 62 – Bryan Veith, Todd Bosso, Brian Armstrong, Addie Javec
3rd – Stantec 63 – Ken Broome, Jeovanni Ayala-Lugo, Brian Chalmers, Bret Nicholas

Following the golf tournament, all teams enjoyed a great barbecue buffet lunch and door prize drawings for such prizes as bluetooth speakers, home security systems, golf gps range finders, tablets, workbooks, free rounds of golf to Lake Jovita and Southern Hills, and a Samsung 2 and 1 touch screen computer for the grand prize.
The 2017 Region IV golf committee members were Nicole Thomas, Ken Broome, Paul Haskins, Bobby Burchett, Andy
Franosz and Ron Parker. The committee greatly appreciates everyone’s participation and support for the 2017 charity event. The committee would also like to thank the volunteers; Pam London-Exner, Melanie Lasch, Andre Dieffenthaller, Katherine Williams, Tim Ware, Amanda Schwerman, John Troutt, Taryn Doyle, Min Gyoo Kim, Alias Andraos, and Tony Spera, Please mark your calendars for next year’s event which will be held on the South Course at Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club, October 5, 2018.
See you next year.

FUN AT OCTOBERFEST!

The Board Meeting Luncheon held at Tarpon Springs RO Plant on November 3, 2017
The night kicked off at the Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk Hotel with good food and “speakeasy” live music (“Midnight Lucy Trio” band sponsored by A.C. Schultes of Florida, Inc.), followed by five presentations from local utility owners about their upcoming capital improvement projects.

Michael Carballa, PE, Utilities Engineering Director of Pasco County discussed the county’s current wastewater utility system including some of the projects they have recently completed such as the 4G Wetland project, and biosolids project. Mr. Carballa also mentioned the County is renewing focus on R&R, investing in plant expansions including transmission and revamping their Geodatabase.

Lynn Spivey, PE Director or Utilities of Plant City gave an overview of Plant City’s Water Reclamation Facility and how the city has completed numerous utility extension projects. The city is working on a new water master plan, lift station and force main master plan, wastewater master plan and a master plan for their water reclamation facility.

Maribel Medina, PE from Tampa Bay Water presented their 5-year CIP and gave an overview of their current projects, such as the Starkey Wellfield Improvements project that is scheduled to advertise as a Design-Build project in the Summer of 2018.

Janice “Nan” Bennett, PE, Public Works Director from the City of Oldsmar presented the changes underway within the City of Oldsmar, including some of their recent award-winning projects such as their Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant. Some of the upcoming CIP projects for Public Works includes Aeration Upgrades, City Lift Station Rehabilitation, Booster Station VFD & Processor Replacement, and Filtration Capacity Expansion.

Richard Kirby, PE, Engineering Division Manager of Hernando County showed us some of the Counties upcoming projects including force main and water main R&R projects. Richard also conversed about their Nitrogen Reduction Goals.

Thanks to the planning committee Doug Calderone (George F. Young), Vivian Hong (McKim & Creed), Solomon Kang (Tampa Bay Water), Dan Glaser (Pinellas County), Bryan Edgerton (A.C. Schultes) and the event aides.