Letter from the Incoming Chair

The mission of FSAWWA may not be known by all our readers and this newsletter provides the opportunity to make it known; the FSAWWA mission is to assure present and future generations of Florida a sufficient supply of high quality drinking water. Toward that end, FSAWWA has established the following objectives:

• Consumer confidence and satisfaction.
• Safe, affordable and adequate drinking water through sound science.
• Effective legislative and regulatory activities for the water community.
• Prudent and responsible managerial, fiscal, and organizational strategies to increase effectiveness of drinking water organization
• FSAWWA as a leader of the drinking water community in Florida.

During the past two years, our out-going Chair, Mark Lehigh has done a superb job moving Region IV in a positive direction; bringing membership education opportunities close to home, building the region’s treasury to a $10,000 balance, and donating over $15,000 to the Likens Scholarship and Water for People. The Region IV 2007 calendar of fund raising and educational events included everything from Safety Seminars, a Knowledge Transfer Seminar, a well attended competitive training seminar, a well attended competitive golf tournament, several Best Tasting Water contests, a Young Professional’s Bowling tournament and picnic, as well as the USF Bulls Homecoming football game and tailgate party at Raymond James Stadium.

As I begin my term of service as your Chair, I want to reinforce this message; ‘The success (or failure) of this region’s mission depends on drinking water professionals such as yourself, who are willing to donate a small amount of time to the greater need of our seven county region (Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Sumter.) The strength of any team relies on its members.

Young Professionals Bowling Tournament

By: Anni Santos

On October 18, 2007, the Young Professionals (YPs) held their 3rd Annual Bowling Tournament at Pin Chasers in Tampa. Every year this event is held by the YPs to raise money for the Roy Likens Scholarship and the State YP Fund. This year 11 teams participated to raise over $500. Over the past three years this tournament has raised over $3,500. This year participants had a great time bowling, eating, drinking, and interacting with fellow colleagues from municipalities and private firms. Also, this year marked the first “Bowl-off” for the Best Bowler. Michael Vizza (Barney’s Pumps) and Brandon Baker (Wharton Smith) had a neck to neck “Bowl-off”. With three pins and no bowling shoes, Michael Vizza was dubbed Best Bowler.

This year the team of Barney’s Pumps and Malcolm Pirnie placed first.

2007 Opflow Publications Award

By: Steve Soltau

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While the Wharton Smith Team placed second and another Malcolm Pirnie Team placed third. After an evening of bowling, participants were all part of a raffle that included Yuengling’s beach gear, certificates to the Fly Bar and Restaurant, Mad Dogs and Englishmen, Sakana Sushi, and Tampa Bay Lightning Hockey Tickets. Thank you to all those that participated and this year’s sponsors, HDR and Malcolm Pirnie. Join the Region IV YPs for their next event December 5th for a tour of the David L. Tippin Water Treatment Facility and Happy Hour at Bar Louie at International Mall in Tampa. To reserve a spot, sponsor Happy Hour, or to get more information please contact Anni-Frid Santos at asantos@pirnie.com.

Congratulations to Steve Soltau (incoming FSAWWA Region IV Chair) for his 2007 Opflow Publications Award for his article “Distribution Operators, Our Front Line,” which appeared in the magazine’s July ’06 issue.

The award was presented to Steve at AWWA’s 2007 Distribution System Symposium in Cleveland, Ohio on September 24, 2007.
Important FDEP Rule  

By: Doug Yowell

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Rule 62-555.350(2), effective August 28, 2003 states: “Finished drinking water storage tanks, including conventional hydro pneumatic tanks with an access manhole but excluding bladder- or diaphragm-type hydro pneumatic tanks without an access manhole, shall be checked at least annually to ensure that hatches are closed and screens are in place; shall be cleaned at least once every five years to remove biogrowths, calcium or iron/manganese deposits, and sludge from inside the tanks; and shall be thoroughly inspected for structural and coating integrity at least once every five years by personnel under the responsible charge of a professional engineer licensed in Florida.”

2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament

By: Bryan Veith

FSAWWA’s Region IV hosted its second annual charity golf tournament at the Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club South Course in Dade City. Twenty-four teams (96 players) joined us for a day of fun, sun, and fast greens to benefit Water for People and the Roy Likins Scholarship. The golf committee included Nicole Thomas, Mark Lehigh, Kenneth Broome, Sandra Anderson, and Bryan Veith. The teams were divided into two flights with each flight having first, second place, and third place ranked teams. Many great prizes were given away unfortunately no one made a hole-in-one for the 2008 CTS Cadillac. The committee appreciates everyone’s participation and sponsorships. We would especially like to thank our volunteers: Ken Nillson, Cecilia Claudio, and Russell Ferlita. Commitments by all helped Region IV to raise approximately $6,000 for our charities!

FSAWWA Region IV Water Conservation Committee

With interest in water use efficiency and demand side management on the rise, the FSAWWA Water Use Efficiency Division (WUED) is stepping up its effort to improve the availability of water use efficiency professional development activities in Region IV.

Beginning in early 2008, the Region IV Water Conservation Committee will conduct quarterly meetings to provide a forum for both public and private entities to discuss interests and initiatives associated with planning, implementation and evaluation of cost effective demand management programs.

Potential topics include but are not limited to:

- Reclaimed Water Reuse
- Incorporating water use efficiency into planning initiatives
- Industrial, Commercial, Institutional Programming
- Through their involvement in the FSAWWA WUED and the Region IV Executive Committee, the chair and vice chair will help solicit support for regional initiatives as needed and help ensure the interests of Region IV professionals are represented within the FSAWWA.

Whether you seek lessons learned or wish to present the results of your latest research project, be sure to take advantage of this latest opportunity to connect with local water professionals while staying up-to-date on the latest developments in water use efficiency analyses, best management practices, policies and technology.

Join the Region IV Water Conservation Committee today! To receive announcements for future meetings and scheduled events, please e-mail your contact information to:

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