Message from the Region IV Chair

My message to our Region IV members is simple. I trust you had a productive summer? We dodged a hurricane so far, but stay prepared. Our thoughts and prayers go to the Carolinas. There are many Region IV events in store for 2018! There is something for everyone – educational seminars and workshops, some with CEUs and PDHs for professional development, community projects, and professional and social networking events. Please feel free to contact me if there is an activity or event you would like us to consider in 2019.

How do we do it? We have 40 dedicated board members, committee volunteers, region officers and Section staff led by an award winning Executive Director Peggy Guingona who make it easy. Thank you all for making this Region’s continued success possible and also a big thank you to your employers for supporting you and Region IV with your time. The Region IV Board represents over 6 percent of our approximately 600 members. Everyone does their part consistently and we succeed. What’s consistent is the enthusiasm of our diverse board of professionals dedicated to the AWWA, the Florida Section and Region IV. Come attend a board meeting and see what we’re all about. Model Water Tower, please contact, Shelby Hughes (813) 635-5580 on November 3.

We just blasted through our Region IV summer program of 10 events that included a seminar on Cybersecurity, YP Networking, a joint workshop on membranes with Region X, the Water for People fundraiser, for our Professional Engineer members and others – the Laws, Rules and Ethics required course, the Membership Appreciation Baseball Game, YP Summer Seminar, another joint meeting with ASCE for a PE Roundtable discussion, and the MAC Showcase.

Please watch for the upcoming fall events - October 11: Oktoberfest; November 3: Model Water Tower Competition; November 7: Sponsors appreciation Networking Event and on December 12th the regulations update. The 2019 Planning Meeting will be held on December 14, 2018.

Looking ahead to 2019 we start the year out with a Region IV hockey game with our Stanley Cup bound Tampa Bay Lightning against the St. Louis Blues on February 7, 2019. Members will have their tickets discounted and Sponsors will receive 2 tickets if we receive their annual contribution on or before January 31, 2019.

At your service,

Dan Glaser, Chair
Region IV, FSAWWA
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Interested in becoming a member or more active in Region IV?
Contact: amber.kiger@veolia.com
Committee Events!

2018 Water for People - No Water No Beer!

Water for People was held at the Rock Brothers Brewing, Historic Ybor City.

One of the many Region IV events that’s always a crowd favorite is the annual Water For People fundraising event. Water For People is an international, non-profit organization focused on the development of high-quality drinking water and sanitation services accessible to all, and sustained by strong communities, businesses, and governments. This is one of our events that all members should mark on their calendar!

Our July 2018 event was held at Rock Brothers Brewing, a beautifully restored old building in Tampa’s Ybor City historic district. The venue definitely has a cool vibe that made for a great setting and it’s a good thing that the place has two floors, because by the end of the evening we had 160 folks in attendance. Music and craft beer fans both would find plenty to appreciate at this venue, but the evening’s focus was premium edition Water For People fundraising. **By the end of the night, our net revenue was $8,200!**

In addition to contributing to a great cause, attendees enjoyed two free drink tickets and delicious food provided by the Bacon Boss Food Truck. If that wasn’t enough, attendees had the opportunity to win additional prizes that were raffled off including: a $100 Bern’s Steakhouse gift card, a $50 Top Golf gift card, 2 tickets to SeaWorld and Bush Gardens, tickets to the Tampa Tarpons and Dunedin Blue Jays baseball games, 2 tickets to the Lowry Park Zoo, Painting with a Twist gift certificates, and a No Water No Wine gift basket.

**Event Chair Lizeth Mora** from King Engineering and Co-Chair **Sean Menard** from Jones Edmunds did a tremendous job organizing along with help from these other dedicated Region IV volunteers, including:

- Allison Rainey, Kimley-Horn
- Amber Kiger, Veolia
- Hillary Weber, City of Tarpon Springs
- Holly Kremers, Wade-Trim
- Jason Parillo, Hillsborough County
- Johna Jahn, City of Oldsmar
- Kevin Gerzuny, Kimley-Horn
- Kris Samples, McKim & Creed
- Lindsey Bohmann, Kimley-Horn
- Matt Davis, King Engineering
- Michelle Trayner, Jacobs
- Nestor Murray, George F. Young
- Ryan Curll, Hillsborough County
- Sharmeela Khemlani, King Engineering
- Tommy Kiger, SWFWMD
- Tim Palmer, Wade-Trim

Thanks is definitely due to all of the following generous event sponsors for providing their continued support, including Garney Construction, the event’s top tier Diamond Sponsor!

Along with all the evening’s fun, I was still mindful and ever thankful that the event showcases Water For People’s important work and benefits a tremendous cause. For more information check out: https://www.waterforpeople.org and #Everyone Forever
Annual Membership Appreciation Night

Region IV’s membership committee hosted this event on Saturday, August 11, 2018.

On Saturday August 11th, Region IV’s membership committee hosted our annual Membership Appreciation Night at the Ball Park. Members and their families watched a great minor league baseball matchup between the Clearwater Threshers and the St. Lucie Mets from an air conditioned suite at Spectrum Field in Clearwater. Everything was FREE for attending members and their guests, including tickets, food and drinks. Over 100 members and guests attended. Ten lucky attendees received restaurant gift cards during a raffle held after the 7th inning stretch. The night of the game was also “Superhero Night” for the Clearwater Threshers. Several well-known superheroes visited our suite and posed for photos with the kids. The true superheroes of the night, however, were our members, who help make Region IV one of the most active regions in the state. The night concluded with a post-game fireworks show.
Young Professionals Networking Event & PE Exam Preparation | AWWA Region IV

Florida Section AWWA Region IV recently hosted a Young Professionals Networking Roundtable Event at Southwest Florida Water Management District in Tampa on September 6, 2018.

The AWWA Region IV recently hosted a PE Exam Roundtable at the Southwest Florida Water Management District in Tampa. The event was organized by the Young Professionals Committee in conjunction with the ASCE West Coast Branch Younger Member Group. The event featured a panel discussion for young engineers who plan to take the PE Exam in the near future. The panel included three speakers to provide firsthand knowledge of the PE Exam: Thomas Kiger, of the Southwest Florida Water Management District; Gregory Lee, with Atkins; and Jillian Berbakov of AECOM. The panel provided a great opportunity for young engineers in AWWA and ASCE to get together and hear personal experience about the PE Exam from their peers. The up and coming engineers asked great questions about how to prepare for the exam, what to expect, and how to pass. The panel speakers in turn offered great advice to the future test takers, and were also able to share their particular experiences and lessons learned. Perhaps some of the panel members were even able have some therapy on the ordeal of taking an 8-hour exam!

Throughout the evening, the lively discussion ranged from which textbooks were good references, to where to stay the night before the test, to humorous anecdotes about radon. Over 30 people attended from all over the Tampa Bay Region. Overall, the event provided an excellent opportunity for young AWWA and ASCE members to meet, build their professional networks, and learn firsthand about one of the most important steps in an engineer’s career: obtaining a Professional Engineer’s license.

Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful Coastal Cleanup Event

Florida Section AWWA Region participated in the Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful Coastal Cleanup on September 15, 2018 in Tampa.

Region IV FSAWWA participated in the Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful Coastal Cleanup on September 15th. The annual event is part of the International Coastal Cleanup. Region IV volunteers Hilary Snow, Lisa Robbins and Emilie Moore joined local high school Student Government Association students to cleanup McKay Bay Nature Park located at 134 N. 34th Street in Tampa. The students were 9th-11th graders from Cristo Rey Tampa High School located in East Tampa on the Mary Help of Christians property. Cristo Rey provides a college preparatory education for underserved students in our community.

Our team collected trash scattered in the mangroves along the bay. Trash such as plastic packaging, bags and bottles, straws, styrofoam, aluminum cans and an old tire were collected. One of the students expressed that he participated in the service project to help the environment and in doing so learned about the role of mangroves. Thanks to site captain Doug Hicks and Cristo Rey AP Biology teacher Taryn Kendig for sharing this cleanup experience.
1. **Why did you join FSAWWA?**
   I was asked to help organize a few events in Region XI back in 2012 when I was an intern at GRU by Jenn McElroy. Jenn really took me under her wing and brought me to conferences and local events. She introduced me to a multitude of people involved with FSAWWA, and I really enjoyed it. When I graduated from college and moved to Tampa to work for Kimley-Horn, I got involved in Region IV as the Model Water Tower Competition (MWTC) Vice Chair, and it just took off from there. I’m still the Chair for the MWTC event in our region, but I’m also the YP Section Vice Chair and the Public Affairs Council MWTC representative. I love being involved in such a great organization, so I take as many opportunities as I can handle.

2. **What is the most important thing you’ve gained from FSAWWA?**
   I love the community involvement and the opportunity to influence the water resources industry. I’ve been able to greatly expand my professional network and I’ve been exposed to a multitude of opportunities because of it. AWWA has paired me with several valuable mentors across the Florida section. When you start to get involved regularly and grow in your career, you realize how small the industry really is, and how important it is to develop and maintain relationships.

3. **How did you get into the Water industry?**
   An internship opportunity opened up at GRU in Gainesville and I decided to interview for it on a whim. I ended up getting the job, and it didn’t take long for me to fall in love with the water/wastewater industry. We’re constantly innovating water and wastewater treatment, distribution, and collection methodology, and looking for ways to provide a better-quality product! The industry as a whole is really small, but we’re such an integral part of the community. It feels great to be part of a team that makes a difference, even if it’s not always an obvious one.

4. **What is the last book, newspaper, magazine, etc. that you read?**
   Be Love Now by Ram Das.

5. **What activities do you enjoy in your free time?**
   Favorite Things to do – traveling, hiking, camping, scuba diving, snorkeling, anything related to live music, and yoga. I enjoy having a large network of friends and family outside of work. I try to stay active in the community also. I’m involved with OnBikes, a Tampa community organization whose mission is to provide bikes to at-risk children.
Upcoming Events

Region IV Charity Golf Event

Location: Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club  
Date: October 5, 2018  
Information: Ron Parker at (813) 207-7940; parkerre@bv.com

The thirteenth annual Region IV charity golf tournament is scheduled for Friday, October 5, 2018. This year’s event will be played on the North Course at Lake Jovita Golf and Country Club in Pasco County. Last year, we had a record number of teams that played the South Course. Both courses at Lake Jovita are very challenging and well maintained for an enjoyable day of golf and socializing. This year’s event will include team, a $10,000 hole-in-one prize, closest to the pin, long drive, door prizes, a grand prize; along with an excellent Continental breakfast and Italian lunch buffet. Golf registration flyers will be sent out in early August 2018. If you are a Region IV sponsor your sponsorship automatically includes one-fourosome (if you sign up) and special recognition at the tournament. Proceeds for the event help sponsor the Likins Scholarship Fund and Water for People.

Calendar of Events

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