Message from the Region IV Chair

It has been an honor to serve as your Region IV chair for the last two years. More than an honor, it has been fun! Let’s keep supporting our new slate of officers that began their new roles in December for the next two years. Ken Broome will be leading the region as chair for the next two years and we expect to keep the momentum of growth, great programs, workshops, social events, student engagement, public outreach and the professional comradery that make our region so successful. The slate of officers who have done an outstanding job will be Russell Ferlita as vice chair, Mike Condran, treasurer and Nick Makris as secretary, the new guy!

I will fulfill my 10.5-year commitment as an officer as your past chair for the next two years and look forward to being engaged with this wonderful organization and supporting the Region IV board.

Thank you to all the annual and event sponsors, committee chairs, vice chairs and numerous volunteers that keep Region IV strong, vibrant and prosperous.

Your chair, Dan

Dan Glaser, P.E., ENV SP, Chair
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Interested in becoming a member or more active in Region IV?
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Committee Events

Water For People Committee Annual Fundraiser!
by Nick Makris

On July 18th the Water for People Committee held the annual fundraising event at Rock Brothers Brewery. There were 185 attendees, and the event raised $15,000 for the charity! The event was a tremendous success and over 185 attendees helped raise over $15,000. This was one of the most successful Water For People event in Region IV history. The event would not have been possible without the generosity of all the event Sponsors as well as the hard work and dedication of the volunteers from the Water For People Committee.

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 I mark on my calendar well in advance as one not to be missed.

This year’s event was again held at Rock Brothers Brewing, a beautifully restored old building in Tampa’s Ybor City. In addition to contributing to a great cause, attendees enjoyed two free drink tickets, a free raffle ticket, a complimentary pint glass, and delicious food provided by the District Tavern. If that wasn’t enough, attendees had the opportunity to win additional prizes that were raffled off including: a one-night stay at Don CeSar, a $400 Splitsville Party Certificate, a signed Lightning Jersey, an $80 Massage Coupon, a Certificate for Wine Tasting for 4 at Cooper’s Hawk, and much more!

Event Chair Sean Menard from Jones Edmunds and Co-Chair Kevin Gerszuny from Kimley-Horn did a tremendous job organizing along with help from these other dedicated Region IV volunteers, including:

Lindsey Bohmann, Wade Trim; Michelle Collins, Jacobs; Sharmeela Khemlani, Ardurra; James Murduca, Kimley-Horn; Jason Parrillo, Hillsborough County; Jenna Ramsey, Wade Trim; Kris Samples, McKim & Creed; and Hilary Snow, Parsons.

Thanks are definitely due to all of the following generous event sponsors for providing their continued support, including Garney Construction, the Event Title Sponsor! Gold sponsors included Ardurra and Wharton Smith. Silver sponsors were Fluid Control Specialties, Jones Edmunds, and PCL Construction. The Bronze level sponsors included Florida Aquastore, Hazen, Hudson Pump, Hydro-Dyne, Jacobs, Kimley Horn, McKim & Creed, Moss Kelley, Poole and Kent, Tom Evans Environmental, and Wade Trim.

Along with all the evening’s fun, I was still mindful and ever thankful that the event showcases Water for People’s important work for the 9 countries across 4 continents and benefits a tremendous cause. For more information check out https://www.waterforpeople.org
Membership Committee Member Appreciation Night!
by Amber Kiger

On August 3rd, the Membership Committee hosted our annual Membership Appreciation Night at the Ballpark as a thank you to our members. Over 100 attendees attended a minor league matchup between the Tampa Tarpons and the Clearwater Threshers at Spectrum Field in Clearwater.

Each AWWA member who attended received a free guest ticket and had access to free food and drinks in an air conditioned suite- the perfect way to watch baseball in the Florida heat! After the game ended, members and their families enjoyed a post-game fireworks show. Region IV currently has over 630 members and is the largest and most active region in the state!

The Membership Committee as always is dedicated to making sure that our local events are meeting your needs as a member. If you have any questions about membership or have any suggestions for Region IV events you would like to see, please contact Amber Kiger (amber.kiger@veolia.com). As a reminder, students can join for FREE and operators can renew for only $25 by contacting Florida Section directly (please contact Casey Cumiskey at casey@fsawwa.org for renewal).
YP Committee Summer Seminar
Learning for Tomorrow: Lessons Learned from Emergency Situations and a Creative Approach to General Preparedness

With over 50 attendees, on August 15 the YP Committee hosted a detailed session on emergency preparedness. There were four invited speakers on a range of topics, including: Large Force Main Break on Your Project - What to Do, Wade Wood and Mike Semago with Kimley-Horn; Preparing for a Storm: Lessons from Panhandle Utilities, by Monica Autrey of Destin Water Users, Inc.; Lessons learned from emergency situations and, creative approaches to general preparedness, Christine Owen, Hazen and Sawyer. Finally, Hardeep Anand presented The Resilience Movement: Changing How Utilities Approach Challenges in the 21st Century to round out the day.

T&E Committee Lunch Seminar
by David Yonge

On September 19 the T&E Committee hosted a lunchtime seminar to discuss How to Comply with America’s Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA). National experts including Linda Warren, the chair of the AWWA Emergency Preparedness and Security Committee and Ike Eisenhart, the Virginia Co-Chair of the Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network presented at this event.

The event was well attended with over 50 people and provided an overview of: what is required for compliance, strategies and resources for improved resilience in the areas of cybersecurity, physical security and emergency response, AWWA’s J100 Standard and other guidance documents, the role of WARN (Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network), and tips for collaboration throughout the process.

Water For People Committee - Community Outreach in Oldsmar
by Sean Menard

City of Oldsmar Drive Electric Event (Saturday, September 21st) – The Region IV Water for People committee hosted an educational outreach booth at the 2019 City of Oldsmar Drive Electric Event this past September in Oldsmar, Florida. The event was a success, with multiple families stopping by the booth and learning more about the Water For People cause and facts about the 9 countries that are being aided across 4 continents from this organization. Between a $50 Amazon Gift Card, 5-gallon Sample Jerry Cans, and Country-Specific Pamphlets with Photos of Water For People Projects, there was information and activities to inform attendees of the purpose of this great cause at the booth.
YP Committee Fall Semester Career Workshop
by Tommy Kiger

The AWWA Region IV recently hosted its annual YP Career Workshop at the University of South Florida in Tampa on September 11. The event was organized by the Young Professionals Committee in conjunction with the USF Student Chapter. The theme of this year’s event was interview skills. The event featured a short presentation on basic interview skills including common questions, strategies good interviews, and how to go through the interview process.

There was also helpful advice on dress codes and event social media. After the presentation, a panel of professionals fielded questions on interviewing, and also conducted mock interviews with the participants. The panelists included: Thomas Kiger, of the Southwest Florida Water Management District; Tim Smith, with CDM Smith; Kris Samples with McKim-Creed, and Sarah Ecker with Kimley-Horn. The panel provided a great opportunity for young professionals and students to get together and hear personal experience about what companies are looking for in young water professionals, as well as first hand experience about the hiring process. The mock interviews offered great opportunities to practice interviews in a low stress environment, and also hand out some resumes.

About 20 AWWA members attended the event from all over the Tampa Bay Region. Overall, the event provided an excellent opportunity for young AWWA members to meet, build their professional networks, and learn firsthand about one of the most important steps in an water professional’s career: getting a job!
The Region IV Golf Committee hosted the fourteenth annual charity golf tournament at Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club on Friday, October 4, 2019, the South Course. 25 teams enjoyed the fun, sun, and socializing. The proceeds from the charity event helps benefit Water for People, the Roy Likins Scholarship fund, and Water Equations.

The tournament format included individual skill prizes for men’s and women’s long drives, par 3 contests for closest to the pin, and a ball-toss game at the putting green. Additionally, all par 3’s included hole-in-one prizes; with a cash prize of $10,000 at hole #12 and a free two-year lease on a Buick Encore at hole #4, but unfortunately we did not have any hole-in-one winners.

The team competition included 3 flights, with 3 places per flight. Teams were randomly selected for each flight and the format was a 4-person scramble. The team and skills contest winners are shown below.

**Likins Scholarship Flight**
1st – EnviroSales (61) – Chuck Hlavach, Steve Romano, Mike Semago, Kevin Gerszuny
2nd – Jacobs (65) – David Paiko, Niel Postlethwait, Pete Larkin, Brent Laudicina
3rd – Black & Veatch #1 (67) – Bobby Burchett, Russell Ferlita, Solomon Kang, Ron Parker

**Water for People Flight**
1st – Wharton Smith (61) – Chris Barnett, Mike Nagy, Saade Chibani, Raymond Rocha
2nd – Wade Trim (64) – Tim Palmer, Cameron Young, Tom Wilson, Gerry Torres
3rd – Hyatt Survey (66) – Elliott Tegan-Tawney, Andrew Whitaker, John Mitchell, Henry Pool

**Water Equation**
2nd – Jones Edmunds (62) – Jim McLellan, Dennis Bush, Billy Jones, Craig Keys
3rd – PCL #1 (67) – Ken Walker, Brandon Long, Jim Holtje, Matt Tracey

**Ladies Long Drive**
Hole #2 – Kim Byer

**Men’s Long Drive**
Hole #9 – David Paiko
Hole #16 – Chris Barnett

**Par 3 Closest to the Pin**
Hole #4 – Gerry Torres
Hole #12 – Ron Parker
Hole #14 – Bob Bierhorst

**Putting Green Ball Toss**
Glenn Dillman
14th Annual Charity Golf Tournament (continued)

Following the golf tournament, all teams enjoyed a great Downhome buffet lunch, a raffle drawing for an Acer computer and 28” BQ griddle; along with door prize drawings for a BQ Griddle, LG Soundbar, Forerunners, Canopy, Airpods, Air Couch, and free rounds of golf certificates at Southern Hills and Lake Jovita. The grand prize was $500 cash.

The 2019 Region IV golf committee members were Nicole Thomas, Ken Broome, Bobby Burchett, Andy Franosz and Ron Parker. The committee greatly appreciates the Regional and Tournament Sponsors participation and support for the 2019 charity event. The committee would also like to thank all the volunteers that helped support this tournament, Pam London-Exner, Melanie Lasch, Katherine Williams, Tim Ware, Rebecca Oliva, John Troutt, Mike Condran, Suzy Folsom, Elias Andraos, Leonard Carlton, Jonathan Fernald, Eric Chavez, Eric Nash, Alex MacKay, and Nesreen Andraos.

Joint AWWA and FWEA Oktoberfest 2019!
by Kris Samples

The joint FSAWWA/FWEA Oktoberfest was a huge hit in 2019. The event was hosted at the Hofbrauhaus in St. Petersburg. A total of 69 people attended the event for the authentic food, games, beer and atmosphere. The free Cigar Bar at this year’s event on the back patio was also a huge success! Please look for this event next year and plan to attend for a great evening out with friends and colleagues!
The Region IV YP committee hosted a tour of the Cosme Water Treatment Plant on November 1st 2019. The Cosme WTP was built in the early 1900s to provide drinking water to the City of St. Petersburg. There was an overwhelming response to this event with a total of approximately 40 attendees. Cosme WTP staff were extremely accommodating to the large tour group. Attendees enjoyed the thorough tour provided by the knowledgeable Cosme staff.
The 12th Annual Model Water Tower Competition for Region IV was held again at Walker Middle School on November 2nd, 2019.

This year, we had over 50 middle and high-school teams participate in this exciting STEM competition! On behalf of my Vice-Chairs, Kris Samples, Allison Rainey, and Lindsey Bohmann, we would like to thank the dozens of volunteers from across the region and the section who gave their personal time to contribute to another very successful event. We received so much positive feedback from the student participants and parents alike, and are pleased to see this annual competition continue to thrive! Special thanks to Marjorie Craig and her husband Karl from Dania Beach, for their significant efforts to come to Tampa to participate. Sarah Ecker again brought our event mascot, Finn – the ultimate crowd pleaser!

Working with this exceptional team/committee makes it so much easier to plan something with so many moving pieces! There were so many fantastic photos taken by our photographer, and the following pages show a sampling of all the fun we had again this year. Thank you all, and see you in 2020!
Annual Model Water Tower Competition (continued)
The night kicked off at the Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk Hotel with good food and “80’s” live music (“The Contenders Duo” band sponsored by A.C. Schultes of Florida, Inc.), followed by four presentations from local utility owners about their upcoming capital improvement projects.

Maribel Medina, PE from Tampa Bay Water presented on their 5-year CIP and gave an overview of some their current and upcoming projects. Janice “Nan” Bennett, PE, Public Works Director from the City of Oldsmar presented tips on doing business in the City of Oldsmar, resiliency, funding and upcoming improvement projects.

The night continued with presentation by the Sumter County (Deborah Snyder, PE – Public Works Director and Michael Jara – Assistant Public Works Director) on “The Two Sides of Sumter County”. Also, John Palenchar with the City of St. Petersburg presented on the City upcoming improvements projects such as COSME Operational and SCADA Improvements Project and the Downtown Main Replacement Project.

Thanks to the planning committee Doug Calderone (George F. Young), Pam London-Exner, David Adams (Pinellas County), Dan Glaser (Pinellas County), Becky Cook (Pinellas County) and the event aides. Looking forward to seeing you at the 2020 Sponsoring Event!
On Friday, 11/22/2019, Region IV of FSAWWA held its first Annual Sporting Clays Tournament. This tournament included a BBQ Lunch (prepared by FJ Nugent), a 100-clay shooting event, an awards ceremony, and a bonfire Happy Hour.

We had a total of 15 teams register for the event hosting an attendance of over 60 people for this first-time event! We would also like to thank our six event sponsors for sponsoring the fantastic prizes awarded at this event! Our event winners included 1st Place – McKim & Creed, 2nd Place – MTS, and 3rd Place – Kimley Horn. We look forward to hosting this event again next year!
### MAC Committee New Technology Showcase

By Stephen Hemingway

On November 14th the MAC Committee hosted another New Technology Showcase at the Pinellas County Maintenance Facility Training Room in Largo. This event had been re-scheduled from September. There were 20 attendees at this informative event, as seen in the session Agenda below. Look for many more events around Florida in 2020 sponsored by the MAC Committee!

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### USF Liaison Committee Industry Panel

On November 20th, the USF Committee facilitated an industry panel, with representatives from local municipal governments and consulting engineering companies. There were six panelists, including George Cassady and Paula Noblitt from Hillsborough County, Bina Nayak with Pinellas County, George Dick with Carollo Engineers, and Allen Dethloff and Jesse Hillman with Reiss Engineering. All USF attendees were given an uncommon opportunity to ask questions from industry leaders about career opportunities in an informal setting.
The FSAWWA Fall Conference is a great opportunity for YPs to network and learn more about the industry. 

Ruchi Korde, a freshman in Microbiology at USF enjoyed some great food and friendly competition at the BBQ competition and networked with her peers at the YP Luncheon. Adaline Buerck, a PhD student in Environmental Engineering at USF, and Osayamen Orhue, a recent graduate from USF with her degree in Environmental Science and Policy and past chair of the USF FSAWWA student chapter, participated for the first time in the YP Water Bowl Competition. 

Thanks especially to Sarah Ecker for her remarkable efforts to connect our amazing state Region IV with the USF community!
Please join us March 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at England Brothers Park (5010 81st Ave N, Pinellas Park, 33781) as we celebrate the 2020 Florida Water Festival!

This free, family-friendly event is put on by people “who work for water” and will feature a mini touch-a-truck full of utility-related vehicles, face painting, live music by the ‘Lint Rollers,’ and a ton of interactive displays for the whole family including a walk for water to raise awareness of the distance people around the world must walk everyday to access water!

Local exhibitors include Pinellas County Utilities’ South Cross Bayou education program, the City of St. Petersburg, Pinellas Park, Tampa Bay Water, the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Hydrodyne, Eckerd College’s Marine Science Club, USF, St. Petersburg College, and more! In addition, there will be animals from Owl’s Nest Sanctuary, an opportunity to learn about litter control from Keep Pinellas Beautiful, and a plethora of photo opportunities. Come support our event and help us raise awareness of our most important resource- water!

All questions should be directed to Shea Dunifon, Education Coordinator for Pinellas County Utilities South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility. Shea can be reached at (727) 582-2898 or sdunifon@pinellascounty.org

Save the Date for the 2020 Florida Water Festival

Saturday, March 7
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
England Brothers Park,
5010 81st Ave. N • Pinellas Park

Free, Family Fun including:
- Walk for Water
- Touch A Truck
- Live music
- Interactive water testing demonstrations
- Water/wastewater treatment demonstrations
- Games for all ages
- Student design competition
- Interactive displays by local organizations and municipalities who “work for water”

Plus Many More Exciting and Educational Activities!

For more information visit us at:
facebook.com/FloridaWaterFestival
http://www.fwea.org/water_festival_wcc.php
Or contact Shea Dunifon at sdunifon@pinellascounty.org
## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### January 2020

DATE/TIME TBD, USF Student Chapter Committee  
Sarah Ecker | sarah.ecker@kimley-horn.com

### February 2020

- **Friday, February 28**, Best Tasting Drinking Water Taste Test  
  Steven King | kings@bv.com  
- **Tuesday, February 18**, Pipeline Workshop - Operators Committee  
  Andrew Greenbaum | agreenbaum@tampabaywater.org

### March 2020

- **Saturday, March 7**, Florida Water Festival (FWEA Event)  
  Shea Dunifon | sdunifon@pinellascounty.org

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