



MONTHLY FLYER

FLORIDA ENGINEERING SOCIETY

OCTOBER 2001

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Golf Tournament coming up Friday October 12th!**
- **Grab a coworker and come to our next meeting, Thursday, October 25th at noon at Shooters!**

2001 GOLF SHOULD BE BIGGEST EVER!

The annual 2001 Broward FES Charity Golf Tournament has over 100 golfers registered so far, with even more committed to participate. Last year the Broward Chapter of FES increased the annual scholarship given to a local high school student to \$2,500. The benefit of this scholarship promotes the engineering profession, assists college bound engineering students, and enhances the image of FES with the next generation of engineers. This program would not be possible without the many engineering firms and other companies who participated in making this year's event so successful! A special thank you to PBS&J for their donation of \$1,000, making them our platinum sponsor this year!

MEET THIS MONTH'S PRESENTERS

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Florida Department of Transportation - District 4

Gerry O'Reilly and Mary Conway

Mr. O'Reilly has worked for the FDOT since 1988. He graduated from University College Dublin, Ireland with a Bachelor of Engineering Degree(1984), and a Masters in Engineering Science Degree(1986). He has worked in the District IV Design Department rising through the ranks to become the District Design Engineer in November 1997. He is currently acting as the Division Director for the newly formed "Division of Planning and Production".

Ms. Conway graduated University of Miami in 1989 with a Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering. She worked at Florida Power and Light from June 1989 to October 1991. She has been with the Florida Department of Transportation from October 1991 to the present. Since 1991, she's been promoted to Consultant Management Engineer in July of 1997, and has recently assumed the newly formed Program Management Engineer role in March of this year.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sandra Smith, P.E

Broward Chapter President, 2001/2002

Last month a tragedy struck our country that went beyond anything we would have ever previously imagined. Since elsewhere in this newsletter you'll find information about the Florida Engineering Society's upcoming Broward Chapter activities I will not repeat mention of them here. Rather, I offer you the following comments following the tragedy that we have recently experienced.

Many of us have been left with the feeling that "if only there were something I could do to help". Well there are a number of things we can each do.

Last year John Pepper, P.E. was a guest speaker at one of our monthly meetings. He spoke about the Urban Search and Rescue Florida Task Force One, a specialized group that responds to disasters. This has included natural disasters such as major earthquakes as well as those disasters that are the result of terrorists such as was the case at the World Trade Center. As an engineer on the team in New York, John assisted in the evaluation of the stability, or lack thereof, of the structures at the disaster scene and in the design of shoring of the site needed prior to the entrance of additional rescue workers. The incredible loss of life in New York of rescuers rushing to aid the victims of the initial attacks reminded us of how important the expertise is that John provides. If you think you may be able to volunteer in this capacity, please contact John for more information at pepper@pegroup.com.

Not all of us have the same expertise as John so here are a few suggestions for those of us that cannot join a specialized team like that:

One of the greatest gifts any of us can give is to become an organ donor. Go to www.organdonor.gov to register as an organ donor or have it listed on your driver's license. Also, be sure to let your family know that, in the unfortunate circumstances where this may be applicable, it is your wish to give this important gift which can save or enhance the lives of up to 50 other people!

Another wonderful, simple gift to give is to frequently donate blood. It is virtually painless and doesn't take very long, but is a gift that helps to save another person's life, nonetheless. Giving this gift doesn't cost anything to the donor, but may be worth its weight in gold to the recipient. Go to www.redcross.org or contact **1-800-GIVE-LIFE** or your local hospital for locations and schedules of the nearest blood bank.

Many other countries do not allow their citizens the rights that we have. . . the right to express ourselves, the right to worship as we choose, and the right to truly be free, just naming a few. *Be proud to be an American.* Continue to display your American flag; it represents all of these wonderful rights. This tragedy has reminded us that we live in a free country, where we have the right to keep the Stars and Stripes flying high throughout the year. Don't put it away to only display on holidays such as July 4th and Veteran's Day.

Finally, show that we are united in all of our daily correspondence. Just as we would in international correspondence, include these three simple letters below the usual address information:

U. S. A.

Have it added to your company letterhead and envelopes, and everywhere else you list an address, and pass the suggestion on to anyone else you know to do the same. This is the *United States of America*, we are proud to be citizens of this great nation, and we should show our pride, not just in times of tragedy, but always.

Long after the dust has settled and the news coverage has faded, we can continue to remember the victims of September 11, 2001, and honor them with each correspondence we send, because we are free to do so, and nothing, and no one, is going to destroy that freedom.

Thank you

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Never Forget

UPCOMING EVENTS

2001 FES Charity Golf Tournament

Friday, October 12th, at Palm-Aire C.C. registration and breakfast @ 7am, shotgun start at 8am, lunch at noon. Thanks to this year's platinum sponsor, PBS&I!

For more information, please contact: Jim Thompson

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Volunteers Needed For:

- Waterways clean-up
- Playground construction
- E-Week Activities
- MathCounts

Contact Sandra Smith for information on the above activities.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

Ads may be placed for \$40 / month, please contact Jim Thompson 730-0707 x 103

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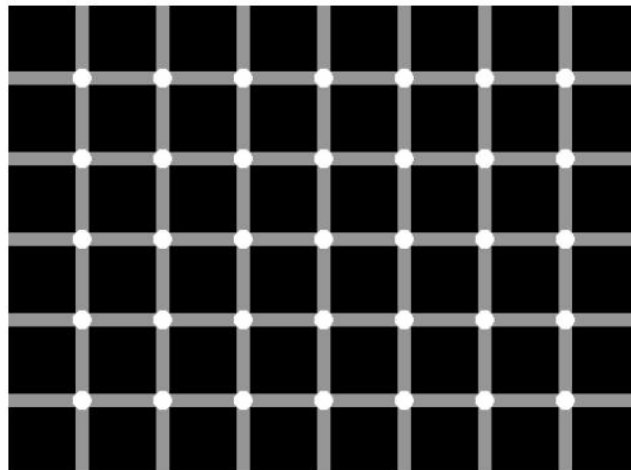


We're on the web! www.fleng.org/broward

YOUNG ENGINEERS COME OUT OF WOODWORK !!!

Networking, a commitment to enhancing the image of the engineer, and increasing the importance of professional societies are just some of the benefits of the ASCE Young Engineers Happy Hour. Peter Moore, an active FES and ASCE member, has successfully set up an integrated program between the Broward Chapter and the Palm Beach Chapter of ASCE. The location of the monthly meetings alternate between the two chapters, and different firms "host" each of the Broward's meetings. The host firm is responsible for picking the exact location, and picking up the first drink of the participants. Mostly young engineers attend, 35 years old and younger. However, there are a few dedicated professionals that attend on a regular basis, such as Louis Aurigemma of the City of Coral Springs. Mr. Aurigemma is active with ASCE on the national level, and he is also dedicated to the development of young engineers and recognizes their importance to the future of professional societies. FES events and activities are also discussed and promoted at this function. For more information on attending the next happy hour, or for information on hosting your own happy hour, please contact Peter Moore @ 954-730-0707x104.

MONTHLY PUZZLE (last month's answer—Yes the lines were parallel!)



Count the black dots! :o)