

# BLACKLINES

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## President's Message

Kelly Cranford, P.E.  
Treasure Coast Chapter President  
South Florida Water Management District

Our Chapter is always trying to find new ways to get our members involved in the community as well as getting more of our local engineers involved in our chapter. This month's meeting will be an opportunity to interact with the future engineers in our area by reviewing the Project Lead the Way student's projects. Please take time out of your schedule to spend a few hours with the students and encourage them to continue to pursue an engineering career.

We have been looking through the events held by other Chapters and need your feed back as to what you would like to see in our area. We have traditionally had our major fundraiser as our annual Golf Tournament (see article page 2) and have recently added an annual December Shrimp Boil. We have held fishing trips, fishing tournaments, summer picnics, murder mystery dinners and joint meetings with other societies with limited success. Other Chapters also have tennis tournaments, softball teams, barbecues with canoe trips. Would you like to see more technical programs, more management related programs, or more family oriented programs? Are we charging too much for meetings or not enough? Since our Chapter covers such a large area, having lunch or breakfast meetings would exclude some of our members but if you would prefer some of our meetings to be held at times other than dinner, please let us know. It's your Chapter and we need your input. Please email your thoughts and comments to us at [tcfes@yahoo.com](mailto:tcfes@yahoo.com)

We are still working (although slowly) on the Dogs and Cats Forever expansion. As soon as the master site plan is finalized, we will be helping them pursue grants to fund the expansion as well as line up local contractors to help with the actual construction. If anyone has experience they can lend, please contact me. ♦

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ENGINEERS WEEK PROJECT CONSTRUCTION  
OKEECHOBEE, MAY 17TH

CHAPTER BOARD MEETING  
TAVERNS, STUART - WEDNESDAY, MAY 28TH, 2003  
6:15 PM

SFWMD / ACOE PERMITTING OUTREACH SESSION  
(RESCHEDULED)  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS— JUNE 20TH

NSPE NATIONAL CONVENTION  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS - JULY 10-12

TRI STATE CONFERENCE BETWEEN MISSISSIPPI, GEORGIA,  
AND ALABAMA

DESTIN, FLORIDA - JULY 17-19

FES ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE AND EXPO  
MARCO ISLAND – AUGUST 7 – 9

2003 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: A DESIGNERS COURSE  
ORLANDO - SEPTEMBER 26-27

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# GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Treasure Coast Chapter Vice-President  
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The 2003 FES Golf Tournament. Has been set for June 28th at Eagle Marsh. Shotgun start is at 8 am. There will be continental breakfast and buffet lunch. This event is the primary fundraiser for all of the local FES programs including MATHCOUNTS, Project Lead the Way

and the Scholarship Fund, so your involvement would be greatly appreciated. If you have participated in previous tourneys, thank you, and we hope you will continue to stay involved and enjoy the event.

Registration will begin at 7 am and there will be a shotgun start at 8 am" "Invitations have been mailed out. If you did not receive an invitation but would like to participate, please download the form from our website at <http://old.fleng.org/treasurecoast/FLYER.doc> or contact David Andre at (772) 878-0072 or e-mail at [DAndre@ardaman.com](mailto:DAndre@ardaman.com). Sponsorship forms are also available on our website. ♦



## April Chapter Meeting

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Once again, our April meeting was very well attended. The meetings focus was on the St. Lucie River Initiative, the River Coalition, and our Chapter's involvement. Our guest speaker was our very own Kevin Henderson, who in addition to being a FES Member is also Executive Director of the River Initiative and the Initiative representative on the River Coalition. ♦

# ENGINEER'S WEEK PROJECT

Melissa Corbett, P.E.  
Treasure Coast Chapter President-Elect  
Water Resources

This year's E-Week project, the design and construct a sediment trap to place in the St. Lucie River, has been slated for a construction date of May 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting in Okeechobee around 9:30 am. Bring hand tools if you have them. There will be a barbecue / pool party / clay shoot afterward. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish and the beverage of your choice.

To volunteer to help with the construction and get directions, please contact our E-Week Project Team Leaders: Marcos Montes De Oca ([marcos-m@lbfh.com](mailto:marcos-m@lbfh.com)) or Chad Rucks ([chad-r@lbfh.com](mailto:chad-r@lbfh.com)) at (863) 763-8999. ♦

## New Board Member Needed

We will be accepting nominations for new officers and some committee positions in May. Although all offices are up for re-election, we traditionally see all officers moving up one position, which will leave the position of Treasure Coast Chapter Secretary open for a new board member.

The secretary's primary responsibility is taking minutes at the chapter board meetings. All board members are expected to attend most of the chapter meetings and all of the monthly board meetings.

If you are interested in running for an office, please email us at [tcfes@yahoo.com](mailto:tcfes@yahoo.com) or contact one of the board members. ♦



## Member News

Congratulations to Jesse Markle and Eva Velez. The two FES members were married last month at Indian Riverside Park in Jensen Beach. ♦



## May Chapter Meeting

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On May 13th at Lincoln Park Academy, we judged the high school students' year-end projects for Project Lead the Way. As you may know, FES members representing both the public and private sectors have been working with the engineering students since January in their choice of design projects; the new Port of Fort Pierce or a new high school. Our chapter also presented the Project Lead the Way program with a check for \$500 to purchase supplies for the students. ♦

## Questions or Comments?

Board Meetings – All committee chairs are encouraged to attend. Members wishing to observe or participate are always welcome. If you have anything that you would like added to our agenda, please email me at [blue2990@earthlink.net](mailto:blue2990@earthlink.net) If you have any questions or comments regarding the content of the Newsletter - or if you would like something included in the monthly publication - please feel free to contact Kelly Cranford, P.E. at [blue2990@earthlink.net](mailto:blue2990@earthlink.net), or by telephone at (772)485-1334. ♦

## CHAPTER WEB-SITE

Our new and improved web site is now up and running. It can be viewed at <http://old.fleng.org/treasurecoast/>.

**For Members Only** - If you would like a link to your company's web page added to our web site, please e-mail Teri Andre at [teri.andre@mscwinc.com](mailto:teri.andre@mscwinc.com) or call Marc Van Heden at (772)219-4003. <

## Quote of the Month

*If you haven't got anything nice to say about anybody, come sit next to me.*

- Alice Roosevelt Longworth

## SFWMD ERP Outreach Program

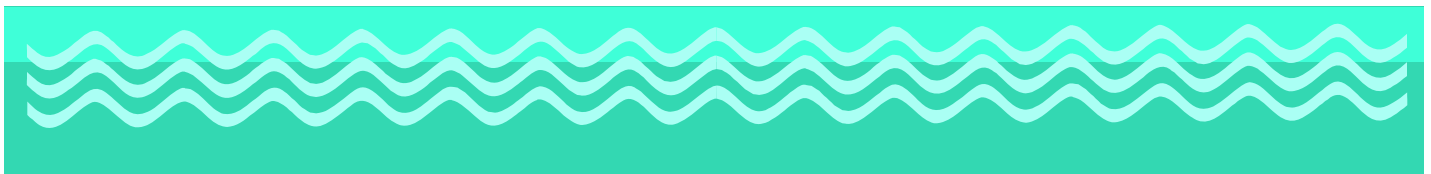
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South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is hosting a meeting to discuss regulatory issues in Martin and St. Lucie Counties between 9 am and noon on June 20<sup>th</sup> in the St. Lucie County commission chambers. The purpose of this meeting is to share information regarding the permit application review process as well as to address issues of the regulated public. More specifically, the participants will have an opportunity to provide input on questions, concerns, and proposed improvements to those parts of our regulatory process, which relate to environmental resource permitting. Representatives from SFWMD's Water Use Division and the Army Corps of Engineers will also be in attendance.

If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact Tabitha Martin at (561) 682-6963 or email her at [tmartin@sfwmd.gov](mailto:tmartin@sfwmd.gov). If you would like more specifics about the forum, please call Don Medellin (561-682-6340) or Hugo Carter (561-682-2710). ♦

## New Member Sponsorship Incentives

Through July 31, 2003, members who sponsor one new member will receive one of several incentive prizes and For each new member you sponsor before July 31, 2003, your name will be entered to win a \$500 cash prize, so if you have a new employee, co-worker, friend, etc. talk to them about FES. They may just be our next new members. ♦



From our photo archives - do you recognize these FES Members?

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