

Message from the Region IV Chair

It has been a privilege and a lot of fun to serve as the Region IV Chair these past two years. Looking forward to next year, our Region IV Officers and Board Members will keep the momentum going with our regular slate of events that include lunch seminars, social events, student engagement, and public outreach. Please keep supporting our new officers with their new roles shown below that start in December after approval at the FSAWWA Fall Conference.



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Region IV has had a great year in 2021 and we have been able to host 27 events through the end of October, with many more to come. We could not have been able to host so many events without our 38 Regional Sponsors and many event sponsors. We are looking forward to another great year in 2022. Take a look at the articles in this newsletter detailing the events that occurred so far in 2021 and the many planned for the rest of the year. I can not thank our volunteers, speakers, sponsors, and attendees enough for their personal time and resources that make these events possible and successful. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming face-to-face events we have planned for the remainder of 2021.

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Manufacturers/Associates Council (MAC)

The Manufacturers/Associates Council (MAC) created the New Technology & Training Showcase (NTTS) in 2008 to provide affordable training opportunities throughout the State of Florida. We now offer a Virtual Webinar Series that allows monthly training opportunities in short, two-hour sessions. These events feature two speakers and a wide variety of topics that award .2 CEU or 2 PDH accreditations for licensing and certifications at the low cost of \$20 per session.



The NTTS Webinar Series provided training to over 700 attendees in 2020-2021 term and ended this year's events in September. We're now assembling a great line up of speakers from our Council with informative topics highlighting the latest in technological advances in their fields beginning January 2022. Registration is \$20 per event and held 9-11am on the last Friday of each month. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, visit the Calendar of Events page at: www.fsawwa.org and register for the Showcase of your choice. Enjoy affordable, hassle-free training at your convenience from the comfort of your desktop, laptop, or tablet. We hope to see you there!

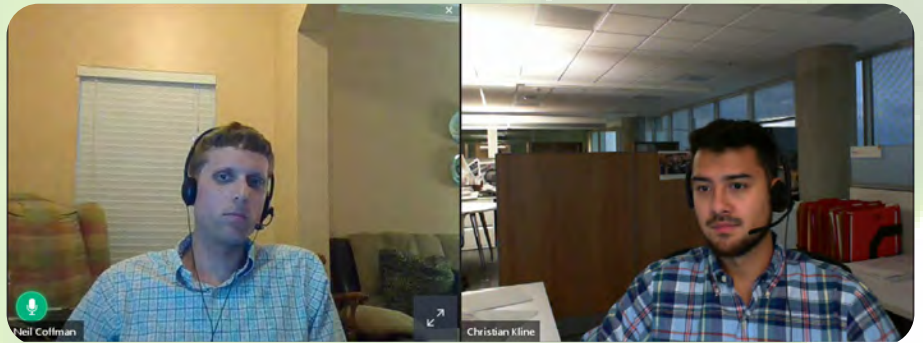
This year's Annual Fall Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Resort, in Orlando. Dates are scheduled from Sunday, 11/28 through Thursday, 12/03. The hotel is beautifully landscaped, with family friendly activities and a newly renovated conference center.

This year the MAC Training Symposium at the conference is titled "Wastewater Collection Systems: Keep It Moving" with a great speaker line up on a variety of important topics relating to the wastewater industry. We also planning some great events, such as the Monday night Contractor BBQ and Poker Tournament; Tuesday's Backhoe Rodeo, Tapping Contest, Meter Madness and Hydrant Hysteria; and a new and fun twist on our Golf Tournament, which will be held at Top Golf Wednesday night! We guarantee it's going to be a great conference this year and we hope to see you there.

To learn more, visit our link on FSAWWA.org.

Young Professionals Update

The Young Professionals held the annual PE exam roundtable as a virtual webinar on August 10th that was attended by a couple dozen hopeful engineers in training. The roundtable provides a platform for those that have recently passed the PE exam to share their wisdom of test taking and focal areas with upcoming test takers. Panelists (Neil Coffman - McKim & Creed, Carly Erker - Kimley Horn, and Christian Kline - Stantec) shared their experiences, tips, strategies, and answered questions of the attendees. Good luck future professional engineers and look forward to sharing in celebrating your accomplishment.



Region IV Members Appreciation

Our Membership Appreciation event was held on August 7th and this year was double the fun since the 70 members in attendance were able to enjoy a Clearwater Threshers double header baseball game. In addition to the opportunity to catch up with both old and new friends, there was great food and drinks in our own private suite. And if that wasn't enough, our members were treated to a raffle, giveaway prizes, wooden toy cars, and an amazing firework display to complete the event.



16th Annual Region IV Charity Golf Tournament

The Region IV Golf Committee hosted the 16th charity golf tournament at Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club on Friday, October 1, 2021, the South Course. Approximately 27 teams and 17 volunteers safely enjoyed the camaraderie, fun, sun, and fresh air. The registration gift was a laptop backpack and regional sponsors also provided swag that was handed out throughout the day. The proceeds from the charity event help benefit Water for People, the Roy Likins Scholarship Fund, and Water Equation. The event raised a net-income of over \$15,000.

The tournament included individual skill prizes for men's and women's long drives and Par-3 contests for closest to the pin. Additionally, all Par-3s included hole-in-one prizes; with a cash prize of \$25,000 at Hole #12, but unfortunately, we did not have any hole-in-one winners.

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

Likins Scholarship Flight

- 1st – FJNugent & Heyward (56)
- 2nd – SurvTech (59)
- 3rd – GHD (60)

Water for People Flight

- 1st – Jacobs (61)
- 2nd – Vogel Brothers Building Company (65)
- 3rd – Wharton Smith (66)

Water Equation Flight

- 1st – Odyssey Manufacturing Company (62)
- 2nd – Stantec (65, 2nd place by tiebreaker)
- 3rd – Hazen & Sawyer (65)

Putting Contest

Sean Snow

Ladies' Long Drives

Hole #9 & Hole #13 – Emilie Moore

Men's Long Drives

Hole #2 – Craig Fuller
Hole #11 – Christian Spires

Par 3 Closest to the Pin

Hole #4 – David Rieken
Hole #7 – Christian Spires
Hole #12 – Chuck Hlavach
Hole #14 – Elizabeth Keddy



Following the golf tournament, all players and volunteers enjoyed lunch and a raffle drawing for door prizes, including the \$500 grand prize.

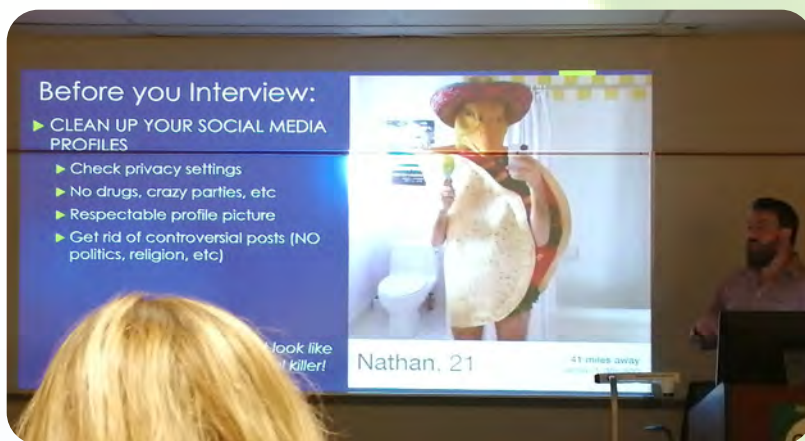
The 2021 Region IV golf planning committee members were Nicole Thomas, Bobby Burchett, Andy Franosz, Billy Logan, Holly Kremers, Elizabeth Keddy, and Craig Wells. The committee greatly appreciates the Regional and Tournament Sponsors participation and support for the 2021 charity event. The committee would also like to thank all the volunteers that helped with this tournament: Michael Hahn, Bobby Burchett, Pam London-Exner, Suzy Folsom, Faith Hauhe, Holly Kremers, Nestor Murray, Andy Franosz, Cheryl Robitzsch, Caitlin Van Joosten, Alex MacKay, Craig Wells, Kristal Cohen, Samantha Tedrow, Mike Condran, Kathy Crow, Jamie Leonard, Sherry Marshall, Jonathan Fernald, Carlyn Higgins, Brenda Folsom, Melanie Lasch, Joanna Johnson, Cove Capodice, Lindsey Bohmann, and Tim Smith.

Save the date! – 17th Annual Event scheduled for October 7, 2022.

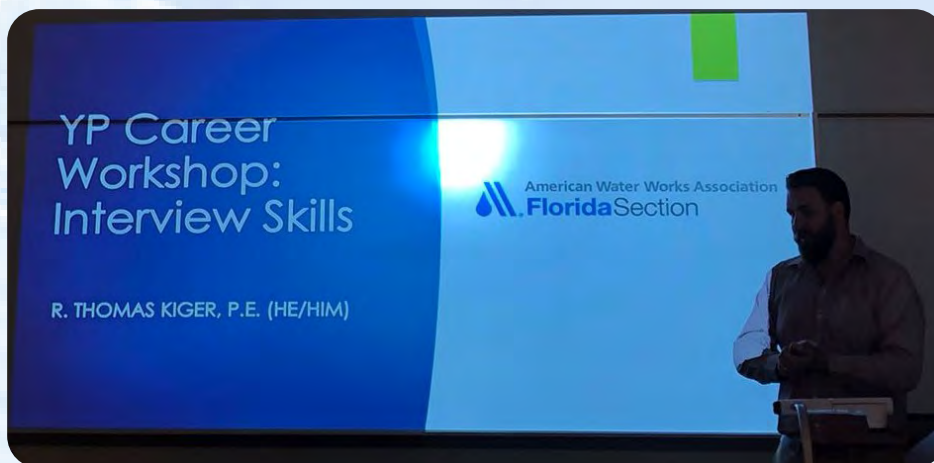


USF Student Committee Update

On September 9th, 2021 a Student/Professional Networking Social was held with the USF FSAWWA student chapter at the World of Beer on Fowler. Students and professionals connected over appetizers and beverages about the transition from education to employment and their experiences in the industry. To connect with the USF student chapter, reach out to "AWWA Student Chapter at USF" on LinkedIn or at awwa.usf@gmail.com.



The USF Student Committee held a Virtual Interview Tips and Tricks seminar to teach students how to best navigate interviewing in a virtual environment. Adaline Buerck (USF Student Liaison) stated, "The event was really fun and we've had great feedback about it. We had about 15 students in attendance and six professionals. Many good laughs and a lot of great information and practice interviewing." Thank you Tim Smith (CDM), Tommy Kiger (Tarpon Springs), and Kris Samples (Mead & Hunt) for sharing your experience and wisdom with USF future professions.



Water for People Update

The Water For People committee has had 2 events recently, the annual WFP fundraiser and then an information and educational table at the 7 Rivers Water Festival.

Water For People Fundraiser

The annual Water For People Fundraiser was held at Rock Brothers Brewing on August 26th. Over 130 water industry professionals attended and showed their support. Attendees enjoyed a night of networking, food, and drinks all while supporting Water For People. Approximately \$13,500 was raised and will go towards bringing water, sanitation, and hygiene services to everyone. A special thank you to our event sponsors for making this possible,

Title: Garney Construction, **Gold:** Ardurra, Wade Trim, **Silver:** Hazen, Jacobs, SurvTech, **Bronze:** CES Consultants, Freese & Nichols, Jones Edmunds, Mead & Hunt, PCL Construction.

7 Rivers Water Festival

Water For People attended the 7 Rivers Water Festival in Winter Haven on September 18th. The festival is used to teach the public how to save water and help the environment. Water For People educated attendees on the organization's mission and the work they do. Michelle Collins (left) and Lindsey Bohmann (right) were there to represent Water For People.



Technical and Education Update

Region IV's September Technical and Educational seminar was a large success at Brio Italian Grille at the International Plaza, with a turnout of 45 attendees. The first presenter, Mandi Rice, Assistant Executive Director of the SWFWMD gave a brief history of reclaimed water within the SWFWMD (District) and noted some of the trends from the beginning in 1987, to the "purple" era of mainly irrigation, to the current status that is heavily driven by the Florida Senate Bill 64. Mandi noted that the bill's intent is to promote potable reuse and fund feasibility studies. There is a big focus on the Tampa Bay area because it makes up approximately 80% of the District's surface waters. Mandi highlighted three District indirect potable water reuse projects: Hillsborough County SHARP (improve groundwater / reduce saltwater intrusion), Plant City IPR (improve groundwater levels) and Tampa PURE IPR (improve surface water levels / future water supply potential). Mandi also highlighted three direct potable water reuse feasibility studies: Polk Co NW DPR Feasibility & Pilot Study, Winter Haven DPR study and North Port DPR study. Mandi answered many questions about the process and scoring of projects for funding.



The second presenter, Lynn Spivey, Director of Utilities for the City of Plant City and the Florida Potable Reuse Commission Chair, expanded on Senate Bill 64, the options for the new bill and the challenges of submitting a plan for eliminating nonbeneficial surface water discharge to FDEP by November 1, 2021. Lynn previewed Plant City's Integrated One Water Management Approach which includes addressing water supply, stormwater treatment, mitigating local flooding, and enhancing natural park habitats. Lynn also discussed the "One Water" movement that helps promote water reuse and highlights the benefit of all levels of water (from potable to wastewater). She highlighted the McIntosh Preserve Integration Water Project, a stormwater mitigation project that also involves an indirect potable reuse pilot study that will be performed over the next year. The speakers received some great questions and facilitated good discussion with other local utilities and their challenges.



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

November 2021

Tuesday November 16th - Young Professionals Networking Social Event @ Par Bar Mini Golf in St. Pete

Friday November 19th - 3rd Annual Clay Shooting Event

November 28th - December 1st - FSAWWA Annual Fall Conference at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Resort in Orlando

December 2021

Thursday December 9th - Winter Luncheon Seminar - Leak Detection

2022 Save The Dates

February 16-18 - Certification Boot Camp

February 26th - MAC New Technology Training Series Begins

Wednesday February 23rd - Lightning Game Event

Saturday March 5th - Water Festival @ St. Pete Pier

Saturday May 7 - Best Tasting Drinking Water Contest

Friday October 7 - 17th Annual Golf Tournament

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