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Chen Employee Birthdays



March 1
Carlos Tijerino



March 14
Patrick Kaimrajh, P.E.



March 31
Todd Nochomson



March 24 - 3 years
Jason Sutton, RLA



April 6 - 2 years
Pamela Munoz



April 11 - 6years
Andres Aristizábal



April 15 - 16 years
Jason McClair, P.E.,
CFM, LEED® AP



March 21
Bill Daly, III



March 27
Alan Clayton



April 12
Jason McClair, P.E.,
CFM, LEED AP®



April 19 - 1 year
Amber Mathis, C.A.



April 21 - 2 years
Andrew Savage, P.E.



May 2- 1 year
Reginald Adams



April 15
Jose Tamo



April 26
Michael Wood



May 26
Pamela Muñoz



May 14 - 5 years
Jose McCray



May 30 - 11 years
Jennifer Smith, P.E.

Engineers Days

Peter Moore, P.E., LEED® AP, F. ASCE; Dr. Ben Chen, P.E., BCEE; and Jose L. Acosta, P.E. were in Tallahassee for Engineers Days February 9 - 10. The Miami based team for FES Region 7 met with Florida Lieutenant Governor Lopez Cantera. Professional Engineer Legislative Days is the foremost legislative conference for Florida's engineering industry. It offers professional engineers the opportunity to promote and defend key issues at the Capitol. During this event, engineers had a chance to visit the Capitol and meet with Florida Representatives and Senators.



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Outstanding Service to the Profession Award

Dr. Ben Chen, P.E., BCEE received the award for outstanding service to the profession from FES Broward February 23 at the Engineers Week Banquet. This award is given each year to an individual who has had a significant positive impact on the engineering profession.



A Message from the President

For those who have been reading our Quarterly for several years, and more specifically during the last few editions, you have seen the personal time and effort I've dedicated to the messages. Often, it is a struggle through "writer's block" as I look for a topic of subject that is personal enough to motivate me, yet professional and applicable enough to be of interest to the readers of our Quarterly. I was seriously late on my deadline for this issue and reviewing the draft edition when it occurred to me – our main story about our Party with a Purpose (Page 2) was exactly the subject I wanted to write about, both personal and professional and, undoubtedly Chen.

We knew that simply getting to 30 years in business was an accomplishment that needed to be celebrated. We knew that the way Dr. Chen harmonized his work, personal and civic lives as a life of service needed to be celebrated (Outstanding Service to the Profession Award Page 1 to left). We knew that the event needed to have a bit of fun associated with it. We put a bunch of engineers in a room working on this problem and we came up with nothing more than a concept, A Party With A Purpose.

The idea for the party details came from the wife of one of our Vice Presidents, thinking far outside the engineer's box. The idea for our slogan came from our staff accountant. The logo was designed by our irrigation designer. The team effort came together in a truly wonderful event and the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Discovery and Science was the perfect location. The museum started as an idea amongst some very involved citizens (thank you Greater Fort Lauderdale Junior Leaguers in 1977). Through the help of the public and private sector, the Museum has served more than 10 million guests since the doors opened at the current location in 1992. Much like the Museum, Chen Moore wants to continue to grow and thrive within all the communities we serve. By the accounts of those in attendance, everyone had a good time.

But, there is also no deed that goes unpunished. We did a very thorough job of trying to find and invite all our old employees, the officials and citizens that we've served with in community organizations and friends of the firm. In some cases, the clients and vendors we work with were invited but, through the most innocent of mistakes, not everyone got the invitation – and some people were upset about that. To any of those that felt



slighted about the event or after reading this, please accept my heartfelt apology – that most certainly wasn't the case. I hope that you can forgive our oversight and recognize that the good that we brought (money and attention to the museum) outweighs any discomfort we caused.

That got me thinking about some of the organizations that I personally participate in and how the best of intentions, and in particular leadership roles, can still cause negative feelings to others. Have you volunteered for an event and, accidentally at times, found yourself in charge? Then you try to make some changes that you honestly think are in everyone's best interest, but you find that you alienate one or more people? All you wanted to do was help and people were upset with you. That's given me the perspective to scale that up to leaders of organizations and our appointed and elected officials. It's easy to say that you know you can't make everyone happy with a decision, but it is yet another to live with the idea that people genuinely have an issue with you, even hate you, over something you tried to do with the best information you had making the best decision you thought you could make. It's safe to not make those hard decisions. It's safe to be okay with the status quo. Today's problems don't need more of the same and frankly I'm not sure they ever did. That's not a political position relating to the state of our Country, State or local governments: that's a challenge to everyone within earshot to try, regardless of the repercussions. Real respect comes from understanding the merits of a descending opinion. Real courage doesn't come from avoiding things that scare you, they come from knowing something scares you and doing it anyway. When we all show real courage and respect real courage in others, that's when we are making a positive impact. I'm willing to keep trying, are you?

We're incredibly proud of our new employees (Pages 2 and 3) and our continued relationship with the Orange Bowl Committee (Page 3), happy to have celebrated the Holidays as a big Chen Moore family (Page 3) and our continued passion for advocacy (Page 4). Please check out the birthdays and Chenniversaries, some of which are getting quite impressive! As I close, I want to thank all of you and encourage you to give your all for what you believe in – despite the potential repercussions of trying.

Peter Moore, P.E., LEED® AP, F. ASCE, President

Meet our New Employees!

Employee: Kathryn Moffatt
Office: West Palm Beach
Title: Landscape Designer



Ms. Moffatt is a landscape designer with CMA’s West Palm Beach team. She provides design and production support to the senior landscape staff for parks and recreation and transportation clients.

Employee: Natalie Mecklenburg
Office: Fort Lauderdale
Title: Associate Engineer



Ms. Mecklenburg recently joined CMA as an associate engineer. Her previous experience includes serving as an construction engineering and inspection intern.

Employee: Dilton Desena
Office: Fort Lauderdale
Title: Designer



Mr. Desena provides CAD consulting and engineering support. His areas of expertise include CADD design of landfill, utility, water and wastewater, drainage and roadway projects.

Employee: Alan Clayton
Office: Fort Lauderdale
Title: Designer



Mr. Clayton’s previous experience includes preparing site engineering plans, profiles, sections and details for a variety of projects.

30th Anniversary Celebration

Chen Moore and Associates celebrated 30 years of service to the community with a reception benefitting the Museum of Discovery and Science in Fort Lauderdale on March 10. The evening included a welcome speech from our President Peter Moore, P.E., F.ASCE, LEED® AP and a 30-year-in-review slide show, reliving firm, employee and community involvement milestones.



Proclamations from the State of Florida, Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale were presented to our Founder and Chairman Dr. Ben Chen, P.E., BCEE by our Vice President Jose L. Acosta, P.E. The proclamations acknowledged Ben’s 40 years of service and the firm’s 30 years of service to the community and the profession. The County and City proclamations stated March 10 as Chen Moore and Associates Appreciation Day.

The celebration, a ‘party with a purpose,’ raised \$2,500 for the Museum of Discovery and Science. More than 100 guests enjoyed the evening.



CMA Annual Holiday Party

The CMA holiday party was held December 16, 2016 at The Peacock Garden Café in Coconut Grove. The event was a great opportunity for our employees and board members to socialize and commemorate a successful 2016. The evening included a welcome speech from CMA President Peter Moore, P.E., LEED® AP, F. ASCE, a year-in-review slide show, reliving both firm and employee milestones throughout 2016 and comical holiday JibJab videos highlighting our owners. Congratulations to Associate Engineer Teresa Chapman who received the Employee of The Year Award!



Orange Bowl Field at Harris Park Groundbreaking

CMA Vice President Jose L. Acosta, P.E. attended the ground breaking ceremony for the Orange Bowl Field at Harris Park in Homestead on December 15, 2016. Attendees enjoyed a presentation of local football teams, remarks from community leaders and catered refreshments. Recently retired Super Bowl-winning safety and former University of Miami All-American Antrel Rolle, who grew up playing football in Homestead, was among those at the groundbreaking. CMA provided civil engineering services as a subconsultant to The Orange Bowl Committee.



The new Orange Bowl Field at Harris Park will be upgraded to a state-of-the-art facility with new amenities for both fans and players. The facility will include new artificial turf, scoreboard, fencing, goal posts and sound system. Additional facility upgrades will include renovated locker rooms, restrooms, press box and concession stand. Orange Bowl Field and the surrounding area will also receive new concrete walkways, windscreens and upgraded landscaping. The improvements will allow for more community use of Harris Park as well as serve eight local high schools. The field upgrades will be completed by the beginning of the 2017 high school football season.

In addition, CMA is a proud supporter of the 2016 MetroPCS Orange Bowl Big Buddy program and made a donation this year to send 50 kids to the 23rd Annual MetroPCS Orange Bowl Basketball Classic on December 17 at the BB&T Center. The charitable contribution is important to CMA as the firm designed the Orange Bowl Field at Carter Park and the Orange Bowl Field at Ives Estate Park in addition to Harris Field.

Chen Moore hires Senior Engineer Brent Whitfield as Director of Water Resources

Employee: Brent Whitfield, P.E.
Office: West Palm Beach
Title: Director of Water Resources/ Senior Engineer



With over 13 years of professional experience, Mr. Whitfield has worked for a variety of public sector clients including several municipalities, utilities, airports and the South Florida Water Management District. His technical skills include construction plan and specification preparation, construction administration, asset management planning, hydrologic, hydraulic and water quality modeling, and permit procurement.

Mr. Whitfield has maintained a commitment to serving the community both professionally and personally. He is the current Past-President of the Palm Beach Branch of ASCE and is an alumnus of the Leadership Palm Beach County Class of 2016. Mr. Whitfield holds Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees from the Civil Engineering Department at the University of Florida.

In his role as Director of Water Resources in the West Palm Beach office, Mr. Whitfield will expand upon CMA’s existing presence in Palm Beach County and develop company-wide capabilities in environmental restoration, watershed management, and planning for sea level rise resiliency.