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Chen Employee Birthdays



May 26
Pamela Munoz-Perez



June 6
Eric Harrison, RLA



June 9
Andrew Savage



June 11
Teresa Mills



June 3 - 13 years
Safiya Brea, P.E., LEED
AP ®



June 3 - 4 years
Stefan Bortak, CID



June 9 - 1 year
Stephanie Bou-
Ghannam



June 14
Karen Rachles



June 15
Peter Moore, P.E., LEED
AP ®, F.ASCE



June 23
Joel Brownsey, E.I.



June 28
Andres Aristizabal



June 9 - 7 years
Kathryn Horrigan



June 13 - 4 years
Daniel Davila, P.E.



June 16 - 2 years
Scarlett Del Valle



July 4
Jennifer Smith, P.E.



July 5
Cris Betancourt, RLA



July 22
Jason Haeseler, P.E.



July 25
Jose McCray



July 9 - 3 years
Karen Rachles



July 30 - 2 years
William Daly, III



August 4 - 1 year
Alexander Abud



August 1
Sarah Matin, P.E.



August 3
Suzanne Dombrowski,
P.E.



August 7
Miguel Lockward



August 5
Jose Acosta, P.E.



August 13 - 3 years
Carlos Morales



August 28 - 9 years
Derrick Smith, CFM, LEED AP ®

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APWA Gold Coast

Teresa Mills, associate engineer was installed as Chairperson of the APWA Gold Coast Branch on April 22 at the officer installation meeting. The annual event was held at Atlantis Country Club and new APWA Gold Coast Branch Officers were inducted following their monthly meeting. Other Chen Moore and Associates employees who attended the event were Paula Fonseca, P.E., Suzanne Dombrowski, P.E. and Mike Wood. Teresa also holds the position as Secretary for the APWA Treasure Coast Branch. The APWA Gold Coast Branch consists of Martin and Palm Beach Counties and is a subsidiary of the Florida Chapter of the American Public Works Association.

A Message from the President

Clients, Colleagues and Friends of CMA:

I've thought about dying nearly every day for just over thirty years. This isn't because of some fatalistic streak but rather because I am the fifth child and namesake of my father, Peter Michael Moore, who passed away in 1984 at the age of 42. I was eight at the time and my idealized version of my father drove me to a number of extremes in my life. But now, as you read this Quarterly, I'm going to be turning 40 myself, and I can say for certainty, that my father, just like life in general, was far from perfect. Fortunately for me, though, he was by and large a good man and I strive to be remembered the same. Figuring out how to do that, though, is another thing entirely.

As with any milestone birthday, one is afforded an opportunity for self-reflection- looking at "what have I done since my last milestone birthday" as a prolonged internal dialog. The thing that pops out the most is that I know I've worked a lot. Unlike most, I've spent the entire decade with the same company. During that time, I went from a partner to president to having the firm also bear my name. It hasn't all been easy and, as with anyone, there are times when it was fair to question whether or not I made the right decision in life. But I'm reminded in every encounter I have with fellow Chenners, whether in meetings or just over our weekly breakfasts, that every person that works here is special and empowered with a bigger sense of purpose. I could not be more proud to be part of this effort. For that, I know I wouldn't change a thing.

I've also been afforded another opportunity for reflection as twice within a week, I was involved with a strategic planning effort. The first was for our firm and the second was as a Region 5 Governor for ASCE. To participate in one strategic planning effort gives one an opportunity to think about the "big picture" for the organization, but to put oneself in that mind set twice in a week really makes you think about the "big picture" for yourself – how you fit into the organization and every relationship in your life. Both organizations developed statements of purpose or missions that were so much bigger than the day-to-day routine operations that the inspiration I gained from each gives me excitement for what lays ahead.

As I revealed to my fellow governors, I've often been misunderstood in my life. It may seem that my father's untimely death and my nearly boundless energy make it seem like I live only in the moment at times. In actuality, I have such a desire to connect to people that I often expose myself emotionally, revealing a lot more of my true self than most would on a first encounter. I do that to ensure there are no pretensions, hoping that action breaks down barriers in others. Often, it is met with kindness and fast friendships form and yet other times, I'm judged or labeled. I truly feel sorry for those that have misunderstood me, because that is a missed opportunity for a connection – for both of our sakes.

The reason I say all of this comes back to thinking about what I'm going to do between now and my next milestone birthday, which I'm hoping will come without incident. As the bestselling author Brad Melzter purports in one of the best TED talks I've seen, it really comes down to legacy. It is easy to see the legacy that you lay out in those close to you, family, friends and in my case, our team. What is truly important, however, is the legacy that you provide to those you've never even met. What will you do in your life that benefits complete strangers? Whether it be in your community, your country or throughout the world, we all have a chance to make a lasting impact. I know I'm going to strive to spend this next decade focused on that and I hope you do the same.

In the pages that follow, you'll see that the first steps of that inspiration in the form of Teresa Mills becoming the Chair of the Gold Coast APWA (Page 1) and Suzanne Dombrowski, P.E. being recognized as the Young Engineer of the Year by the Palm Beach Branch of ASCE (Page 3). You'll see that energy in the form of five new employees (Page 2) and burning some of that energy up in the Palm Beach and Miami-Dade Corporate Runs (Page 2). As always, you'll see the Chen Moore community spirit participating in the Palm Beach ASCE Bowl-a-Thon and volunteering at the ASCE Southeast Student Engineering Competition (Page 3). As always, please help us celebrate our Chenniversaries and birthdays (Page 4), including this middle aged man's birthday in June. Have a great summer!

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



Then and now!



Meet our New Employees!

Employee: Richard Price
Office: Gainesville
Title: Construction Inspector
Mr. Price is a construction inspector for Chen Moore and Associates.



He has 15 years of experience that entail placement and inspection of asphalt, soils and concrete testing.

Employee: Robert Abbate
Office: Miami
Title: Construction Specialist
Mr. Abbate's experience includes performing daily inspections of various trades with general contractors to ensure compliance with City, County and State specifications. He also has experience with various pipe systems, coordinated contractor work activity with plant operations, reviewed pay requests and conducted weekly progress meetings.



Employee: Andrew Savage
Office: West Palm Beach
Title: Associate Engineer
Mr. Savage's previous experiences includes land development for for both private and public sector clients; design for sanitary sewer, water, fire, and storm pipe systems; due diligence and opinion of probable cost report preparation; and permitting, zoning, stormwater management, and drainage calculations.



Employee: Ricardo Palmer
Office: Miami
Title: Construction Specialist
Mr. Palmer has 10 years of construction engineering inspection management experience. His previous experience includes serving as a geotechnical lab technician, surveyor and traffic safety supervisor. He is knowledgeable about construction practices and logistics; construction quality management for contractors; concrete field inspection; construction engineering inspections; and FDOT district IV and district VI quality assurance.



Employee: Pamela Munoz-Perez
Office: Miami
Title: Associate Administrative Assistant
Ms. Munoz-Perez has 9 years of professional experience that includes scheduling of meetings and appointments; assisting with billing and accounting; coordinating travel arrangements; arranging appointments, transport and accommodations; and providing logistical support. Her previous experience includes serving as Assistant to the Senior Vice President of an engineering firm and as a Warehouse Manager.



Corporate Runs

Despite the rain, heat, and gloom that befell Downtown Miami on April 23, 2015, Chen Moore and Associates had a great turnout at this year's annual Mercedes-Benz Corporate Run. Thank you to everyone who participated, assisted and supported us from near and afar. Congratulations to Associate Engineer Miguel Lockward for finishing the fastest of the Chenners!



The West Palm/Stuart offices also participated in the Mercedes Benz Corporate Run on Thursday April 16, 2015 at the West Palm Beach - Meyer Amphitheatre.

ASCE Palm Beach Bowl-a-Thon

Associate Engineer Mike Wood, Senior CADD Designer Todd Nochomson and Vice President of Operations Jason McClair, P.E., CFM, LEED AP® won the Palm Beach ASCE Bowl-a-Thon on March 7, 2015. The team's average score was 178. Due to the overwhelming support of all the sponsors and the excitement for raffle prizes, Palm Beach ASCE was able to award a \$1,000 check to the FAU Concrete Canoe Team!



ASCE Southeast Student Conference

Peter Moore, P.E., LEED AP® F.ASCE, Maria Arguelles, Sathvika Ramaji and Jose Acosta, P.E. attended the Concrete Canoe competition March 19 - 21, 2015. The event was part of the ASCE Southeast Student Conference. Peter and Jose and their group of judges worked through another year of concrete canoes while Maria and Sathvika participated in the conference.



ASCE Palm Beach Branch Young Engineer of the Year Award

Suzanne Dombrowski, P.E., West Palm Beach Branch Manager, was awarded the ASCE Palm Beach Branch Young Engineer of the Year Award on April 2, 2015. The award honors excellence in civil engineering and service to the engineering profession. Ms. Dombrowski received the award at the Branch's annual Engineers in Government Night event. For more information, please visit palmbeach-asce.org/

