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Chen Employee Birthdays



December 2
Melissa Dannelly



December 5
Manuel Caamano



December 7
Ricardo Jimenez, E.I.



December 15
Paula Fonseca, P.E.



December 17
Carlos Morales



December 18
Teresa Lewis, E.I.



December 20
Johanna Zons



January 2
Jennifer Kelton



January 11
Leticia Zavisvsky



January 23
Kathryn Horrigan



February 2
Alex Abud



February 5
Safiya Brea, P.E., LEED AP®



February 10
Dr. Ben Chen, P.E., BCEE



February 10
Miguel Lockward, E.I.

Chenniversaries



December 6 - 4 years
Michael Wood



December 8 - 4 years
Jose Tamo



December 8 - 4 years
Joseph Hall



January 9 - 12 years
Joel Brownsey, E.I.



January 9 - 1 year
Nick Karpathy



January 9 - 1 year
Amber Mathis, C.A.



January 9 - 1 year
Ricardo Jimenez, E.I.



January 16 - 10 years
Suzanne Dombrowski, P.E., ENV SP



January 18 - 1 year
Kathryn Moffat



January 17 - 1 year
Alan Clayton



January 23 - 1 year
Natalie Mecklenburg



January 25 - 1 year
Teresa Lewis, E.I.



January 31 - 5 years
Eric Harrison, RLA



February 19 - 1 year
Brent Whitfield, P.E.



February 25
Jason Sutton, RLA



February 14 - 7 years
Chris Betancourt, RLA



February 10
Miguel Lockward, E.I.



February 21 - 7 years
Paula Fonseca, P.E.

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Day of Caring

CMA continued our tradition of helping those in need this holiday season by participating in the Broward United Way Day of Caring event on November 29. This year's event was held at the BB&T Center in Sunrise where 700 volunteers prepared 300,000 food packages and boxed meals. Jennifer Smith, P.E.; Karen Rachles; Natalie Mecklenburg; Safiya Brea, P.E., LEED® AP; Carlos Tijerino; Jessica Diaz, E.I.; Kathy Horrigan; and Ruben Soto participated. In addition, CMA staff donated non-perishable food items. Thanks to the CMA Community Service Committee for coordinating the event! For more information, please visit <http://www.unitedwaybroward.org/>



A Message from the President

On Christmas Day 1984, my mom got up at her typical 4am to do some exercises and go for a walk. She didn't have a ton of time as we were expected to head to my grandparents, where my youngest cousin was living, before she woke up. I wasn't (and I'm still not) the type to snoop on presents, but that year was a little different. She hadn't let me in her closet for weeks and when I snuck in that day I saw a box that just had to be the Q Joe Headquarters Command Center. Needless to say, when I opened that box, I feigned surprise and sat a little smugly as I planned my attack on opening that bad boy up. I was a little irritated when my mom asked me to pick up something in the garage, but I went in and lo behold, there was a brand new BMW bike as well. I was completely surprised and forgot all about the small plastic headquarters for a while. My mom had given me the best Christmas of my life and reminded me how important it was to celebrate holidays. That was particularly important because it was my first Christmas since my father had suddenly passed away.



and retaining the best people. Each month that passed, I knew we were doing better and better and yet that tinge of worry never left my mind. Yet I knew we needed to celebrate how well things were going. We needed to remind all of our family members that their hard work meant something.

When was the last time you celebrated? Did you go to a friend's birthday and a family member's anniversary? Did you get an attoboy or attagirl at work for hitting another yearly milestone? Did you get credit for hitting a sales goal? Where does a celebration get to be so minimal that it falls into the more mundane category of recognition? Most importantly, when is it appropriate to make sure you celebrate in the face of recent tough times?

We had our 19th holiday party (at least my 19th holiday party) a few weeks back and at that meeting, I knew that celebrating had to be a core theme for the night – but I also knew it needed to be something special. What would the “bmx bike” be that night?

Ever since I joined Chen Moore, things have felt like a family. When I joined, I was the youngest and had a lot to learn. Over the years, I became an older brother and, eventually, a father figure in the firm. Families band together and families share, but that's exactly what made the economic downturn so painful for us. We had to let go of some of our family and some of us, myself included, have never forgotten that. Sure, since then we've built in safeguards and redundancies. We've put in place a Board of Directors and managed an ownership transition. We predict, we measure, we calculate and we discuss our successes and failures – but still we remember.

I was made aware of an adopt a family effort undertaken by one of our offices the morning I wrote the holiday speech. I was so moved that I thought it was deserving of an award – so I decided that's exactly what I would do. Thanks to a local trophy manufacturer, the first annual CMA (non-country music version) awards were given out, thinking all of our offices for all their hard work. That night we had some great experiences that won't soon be forgotten, but most importantly, we celebrated.

I hope you and yours celebrate all the great things in life and that you have a great 2018,

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

This was, by far, the most successful year in the history of Chen Moore. Not just financially, but in terms of winning and executing on important work, in terms of applying for and deservedly winning awards, in terms of finding

Meet Our New Employees!

Employee: Megan Schmidt
Office: Fort Lauderdale
Title: Administrative Assistant
Ms. Schmidt has more than eight years of experience maintaining a productive and proficient flow of daily operations in an office environment.
Employee: Manuel Caamano
Office: Miami
Title: Construction Engineering Inspector
Mr. Caamano has over 15 years experience with daily inspection reporting, inspecting lighting & ITS systems and the supervision of landscaping and urban design.
Employee: Tyler Reed
Office: Orlando
Title: Landscape Architect
Mr. Reed provides design and production support for landscape architecture lead projects.



CMA Wins Two Golf Tournaments!

Jason McClair, P.E., CFM, LEED® AP, Mike Wood and Andrew Savage, P.E. won the APWA golf tournament last on October 21st! Jason McClair, P.E., CFM, LEED® AP, Mike Wood, Joel Brownsey, E.I. and Andrew Savage, P.E. also won the annual Broward FES Scholarship Golf Tournament on November 3 at Palm Aire Country Club in Pompano Beach.

International Coastal Cleanup

The West Palm Beach office participated in the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) on October 28. The ICC is the world's largest, one-day volunteer effort to clean up the marine environment. Every fall, volunteers from over 100 countries descend on local beaches, rivers, lakes and canals to show their commitment to cleaner waterways! CMA cleaned Phipps Ocean Park in Palm Beach. For more information, please see: <http://www.keppbebeautiful.org/international-coastal-cleanup.html>



Breaking Bread, Breaking Barriers program

On November 15, the West Palm Beach office served lunch at the Senator Lewis Center through the “Breaking Bread, Breaking Barriers” program. The event was sponsored by the Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County.



This meal program gives local businesses, church groups and private donors the opportunity to sponsor and/or serve meals to the 70 homeless men and women staying at the Senator Philip D. Lewis Center. This program not only nourishes the guests, who are seeking to change their lives, but also creates awareness about homeless issues and increases the community's interaction with the center. Since it began Breaking Bread, Breaking Barriers has provided 64,470 meals!

Annual CMA Potluck

CMA staff celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday with a potluck in our West Palm Beach office on November 17. Everyone brought a dish to share and the event was enjoyed by our employees, friends and family members.



Miami-Dade ASCE Community Clean

On September 30, Carlos Tijerino and Patrick Kaimrajh, P.E. participated with Miami-Dade ASCE in a Community Clean with the Town of Miami Lakes. Volunteers teamed to help residents especially in need of assistance to clean Irma-related debris, including down fences, tree limbs, and leaves. ASCE members were joined by Town Council members Luis Collazo and Marilyn Ruano.



Hurricane Maria Relief

CMA employees gathered supplies to donate to Puerto Rico and St. Croix after being affected by two deadly hurricanes. Ruben Soto and David Castro dropped off the supplies at the warehouse where they collect all the goods to be shipped to the island. On Sunday, Mayor Philip Levine (Miami Beach) and Mayor Mitch Landrieu (City of New Orleans) went to the warehouse to give support to volunteers.



Women of Tomorrow

Safiya Brea, P.E., LEED® AP attended the Women of Tomorrow (WOT) Kickoff on October 11. WOT is an organization that Safiya volunteers for mentoring high school girls. The reception Wednesday was to celebrate their 20th anniversary. The Broward County mayor, the Broward County School Board Superintendent, news anchors, Juliet Rouillac of WFL (and the LB Honoree), and a past WOT mentee who is training for the next Olympics are pictured.



CAACE Installation

Jose L. Acosta, P.E., F.ASCE ended his presidency of the Cuban American Association of Civil Engineers (CAACE) last night at the Coral Gables Country Club. The key note speaker was Miami Dade Commissioner Esteban Bovo. The installation of new president Yvette Aleman was conducted by City of Doral Vice Mayor Ana Maria Rodriguez. Patrick Kaimrajh, P.E. also attended from CMA.

