

## Meet Our New Chen Employees!

**Name:** Kathy Horrigan  
**Office:** Fort Lauderdale  
**Position:** Staff Accountant



Ms. Horrigan recently joined the corporate accounting department in Chen and Associates' Fort Lauderdale office. Her recent experience includes serving as a billing manager and contracts administrator at a multi-company engineering firm. She has over 20 years of experience in accounting and finance for engineering firms in South Florida. Visit Kathy in our Fort Lauderdale office:

500 West Cypress Creek Road Suite 410  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

**Name:** Chris Anderson  
**Office:** Miami Beach  
**Position:** CAD Designer



Mr. Anderson recently joined Chen and Associates' Miami Beach office as a CAD Designer. His previous experience includes serving for four years at another consulting firm as a CAD Designer. He designed subdivisions in California as well as Utah. Chris is currently working on the City Center and South Pointe projects for the City of Miami Beach. Visit Chris in our Miami Beach office:

420 Lincoln Road, Suite 700  
Miami Beach, FL 33139

## Chen Employee Birthdays

September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Omar Archilla



October 10<sup>th</sup>  
Mariella Conde



September 7<sup>th</sup>  
Derrick Smith



October 26<sup>th</sup>  
Chris Anderson



September 7<sup>th</sup>  
Sharon Peltzie



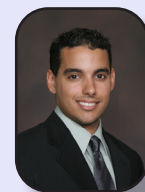
October 27<sup>th</sup>  
James Barton, P.E.



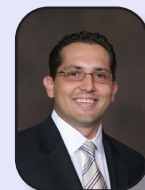
September 13<sup>th</sup>  
Michael Buick, P.E.



November 7<sup>th</sup>  
Peter Dueño



September 14<sup>th</sup>  
Andres Diaz



November 19<sup>th</sup>  
Oscar Bello, P.E.



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## A Message from the President

Fall has been fantastic at Chen and Associates! We've been fortunate enough to receive three awards (below, right and page 2); participate in another Habitat for Humanity event (below); and sponsor a clothing drive (page 3). We also held our Annual Planning Meeting in Tobago (pages 2 and 3) and our Family Picnic (page 2). I was also a finalist for a South Florida Business Journal Award (page 2) and presented at the DBIA Conference (page 3). Senior Engineer Talia Garcia, P.E. was also recently honored, being installed as the ASCE Broward Branch's 2008 - 2009 President (page 3). As we approach the end of a busy 2008, I am honored to have received so many accolades and awards, honoring the firm and our talented staff!



Peter Moore, P.E.

Sincerely,

Peter Moore, P.E.

## Habitat for Humanity

The Community Service Committee held their 3<sup>rd</sup> event for Habitat for Humanity on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Ten Chen employees and their guests assisted the future homeowners with roofing projects. The homes, in Dania Beach, are located in part of UAZ 307, where Chen and Associates is providing water and sewer improvements.



Top: The Chen Team takes a break from roofing  
Middle: L to R: Marlon John, Russell Garrett, Gina Goombs, Paula Fonseca, Jennifer Fought, Safiya Goombs, and Jesus Avila.  
Bottom: Talia Garcia (L) and Paula Fonseca (R) nail roofing material into place.

## Chen and Associates Named a Small Business of the Year

For the second year in a row, Chen and Associates was named one of five small businesses of the year by the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. The Award celebrates Broward County-based small businesses who are active in both the community and in the Chamber of Commerce. Chen and Associates is proud to have received this prestigious award and commits to continue to be active in the community.

Back L to R:  
Marlon John,  
Russell Garrett,  
and Shaun  
Bamforth; Front  
L to R: Leigh  
Barron, Talia  
Garcia and  
Sharon Peltzie



## Chen and Associates Wins the Athena Award

Chen and Associates was recently awarded the Athena Award by the Chamber of the Palm Beaches. The Athena Award is presented annually by chambers of commerce across the country to recognize companies that demonstrate excellence, creativity, and initiative in their business or profession; provide valuable service by contributing time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community; and actively assist women in realizing their full leadership potential.





## Peter Moore, P.E. named an "Up and Comer" finalist

Peter Moore was a finalist for the South Florida Business Journal's 2008 Up and Comers award! The Up & Comers Awards recognizes individuals under the age of 40 who work diligently to contribute to their company's growth and improve the local community. Peter's contribution to his community through involvement in the Sailboat Bend Civic Association and professional engineering societies qualified him for this prestigious honor.



L to R: Marcus Austin, Talia Garcia, Sharon Peltzie, Peter Moore, Marlon John, Jason McClair, Leigh Barron

## Chen and Associates Planning Meeting 2008

From June 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, Chen and Associates' annual planning meeting was held in Engineering Inspector Marlon John's home of Trinidad and Tobago. Employees and their guests enjoyed the warm weather and tropical surroundings at the Tobago Golf and Spa Resort. Employees discussed goals and strategic planning for the company while also participating in team building activities such as working together to swim a relay race and engineering-themed picnary.

Employees were also treated to an afternoon of visiting Fort King George in Scarborough and the Tobago Rain Forest Reserve; the Reserve, established in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, is the oldest forest reserve in the western hemisphere.



Employees brainstorm about the firm's strengths.



Employees participate in a team building exercise.



Dr. Chen reviews past planning meeting goals.



The 'Chenpire' admires Tobago's rainforest.

## Chen and Associates' President Presents at DBIA Conference

Peter Moore, P.E. presented on the 48" Force Main Relocation for Florida's Turnpike Enterprise at the Design Build Institute of America's Transpower 2008 conference. This conference brought together transportation planners, economic development professionals, state agency representatives, contractors and other stakeholders from around the country for 2½ days of learning of new and noteworthy practices, networking with peers and hearing about emerging issues in design-build as it pertains to roads, ports, airports and rails. Peter presented on the importance of utility relocations in advance of roadway expansions and the techniques that Chen and Associates' team utilized to achieve a successful project against a very demanding schedule.



## 4th Annual Chen Family Picnic

On August 2, 2008, Chen and Associates held their 4th Annual Family Picnic at South Beach Park in Fort Lauderdale. Employees and their guests participated in the first annual 'Chen Olympics' which included events such as a three legged race; Beach Ball Balancing Act in which players carried an inflatable beach ball without using their hands; Water Bucket Race; and hoops around the pole, where members of each team join hands in a circle and pass a hula hoop to their neighbor by stepping through it and passing it to without letting go of his/her teammates' hands.



The water bucket race.



## Dr. Chen Wins FICE Community Service Award

Dr. Ben Chen, P.E., BCEE was awarded the Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers Community Service Award. He was presented with this award at the Florida Engineering Society's Annual Conference in August. The award honors individuals that have been involved in community service such as boards, commissions, or community groups and have demonstrated a sustained commitment to their communities. The winner also had to be perceived as a leader by the public in their communities; active in local, county, or state government; and served to influence decision-making on issues other than professional. Dr. Chen's commitment to Workforce One, the Broward City County Management Association, Florida Engineering Society, and the Broward League of Cities have presented him with valuable opportunities to contribute to the community.



## Community Service Committee Sponsors Clothing Drive

The Community Service Committee organized Chen and Associates' first annual clothing drive in July. The Committee collected 22 bags and 6 boxes of donations! Both the Miami Beach and Fort Lauderdale offices brought in clothing and household items that will benefit the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA). To find out more about the VVA or to schedule a donation, visit [www.scheduleapickup.com](http://www.scheduleapickup.com).



Shanene Wright from our Miami Beach office.



Derrick Smith organizes Fort Lauderdale's donations.

## ASCE Activities

Chen and Associates participated in the 19th ASCE Annual Scholarship Bowl-a-Thon in July! The firm sponsored four teams of five - our largest group to date. This year also boasted the largest number of teams overall - 44 teams participated, 6 more than 2007.



Senior Engineer Talia Garcia, P.E. was also recently installed as the ASCE Broward Branch's 2008 - 2009 President. 20 of the 23 past presidents who live in South Florida, including our own President Peter Moore, attended and were also honored at the event. Associate Engineer Jennifer Fought, E.I. is also continuing as the Younger Members Chair with Associate Engineer Andres Diaz as co-chair and Associate Engineer Shaun Bamforth, E.I. was installed as Secretary.

