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SAVE THAT DATE!

Calusa Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, March 17th
6:00PM – 9:00PM
Stoneybrook Clubhouse

(Look inside for more details.)



President's Message

Walt Gilcher, PE
President - Calusa Chapter

Almost 50 people attended the Chapter's Engineers Week Banquet at Gulf Harbour on February 25th. **Lee County Commissioner John Albion** brought greetings from the Board of County Commissioners for Engineers Week and we recognized and honored this year's chapter award recipients for their dedication and contributions to our profession and our communities - **Patrick C. Jennings, PE** - Engineer of the Year, **Nicole C. Maxey, PE** - Young Engineer of the Year, **Vladimir A. Ryziw, PE** - Government Engineer of the Year, **Fermin A. Diaz, PE** - Outstanding Services to the Profession, and **Frederick T. "Rick" Barber, PE** - Outstanding Technical Achievement. **Roxanne Gause, PE** provided a recap of the MathCOUNTS competition which was held this year at FGCU on February 21st and we presented a special recognition award to **Dr. Charles Lindsey** for his tireless assistance to the chapter in planning and conducting the annual MathCOUNTS competition. Dr. Lindsey is Associate Professor of Mathematics and Associate Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at FGCU. Congratulations to all! To round out the evening, we heard some very interesting comments and opinions from **Ken van Assenderp, Esq.** regarding the history and future of the education system in Florida and its impact on the future of this state.

Speaking of tireless efforts, **Roxanne Gause, PE** has just completed her third year as Chair of our MathCOUNTS competition. She will be stepping down as chair (but not involvement) after this year and handing the reins over to **Morgan Dickinson, PE**. On behalf of the Calusa Chapter, Roxanne, thank you so much for three great years. We couldn't have done it without you.

Scholarship committee chair, **Tommy Perry, PE** reports that we have received 16 applications for our annual Chapter scholarship. The scholarship committee will be reviewing the applicants over the next few months and we will present this year's recipient at our June dinner meeting.

Our March dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 17th at Stoneybrook (Corkscrews). Our program speaker will be **Bob Matthews, PE** who, in addition to his position at Camp, Dresser & McKee, is Chairman of the Florida Board of Professional Engineers. Bob will give us a brief update on the complaint process involving licensed and unlicensed activities and will provide as many answers as he can to your questions regarding Florida laws and rules for professional engineering. Should be an interesting session.

Finally, last call for renewals. If you haven't paid your annual dues yet, you will be dropped from the membership rolls after March 31st. If you're on that list, resolve to get that done as soon as possible. We don't want to lose you!

As always, I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our dinner meeting on the 17th. Please join us.



MATHCOUNTS STATS

We had 23 official teams, one home schooler and one unofficial team show up for the event. A total of one hundred and seventy-one 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students competed in our local contest this year at the Florida Gulf Coast University in Estero. The top ten winning teams and the top individual scorers are:

Top Teams

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Community School of Naples | 5. Seacrest Country Day School | 8. L.A. Ainger Middle School |
| 2. Trafalgar Middle School | 6. Lee Middle School | 9. Pine Ridge Middle School |
| 3. Bonita Springs Middle School | 7. Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School | 10. Gulf Middle School |
| 4. Oakridge Middle School | | |

Individuals

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
1	Jackie Arcy	Community School of Naples
2	Kenneth Caldwell	Bonita Springs Middle School
2	Kate Caputo	Community School of Naples
4	Shajid Faisal	Community School of Naples
5	Patrick Brown	Seacrest Country Day School
5	Kirsti Buchholz	Community School of Naples
5	Trevor Durham	Seacrest Country Day School
8	Vivek Nandur	Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School
9	Rehan Feroz	Trafalgar Middle School
9	Melissa Kane	Pine Ridge Middle School
11	David Huang	Trafalgar Middle School
12	Zachary Post	Oakridge Middle School
13	Eric Schropp	Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School
14	Stefan Avey	Lee Middle School
14	Cameron Grimes	Oakridge Middle School
14	Christopher Hays	Bonita Springs Middle School
14	Richard Spencer	Gulf Middle School
18	Alan Gao	Pine Ridge Middle School
19	Zachary Hafner	Oakridge Middle School
20	Sacha Samotin	Community School of Naples
20	Barkha Shah	Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School

Participating Schools

Alva Middle School	Gulf Middle School	Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School
Bonita Springs Middle School	Gulfview Middle School	Pine Ridge Middle School
Caloosa Middle School	L.A. Ainger Middle School	Port Charlotte Middle School
Canterbury School	Lee Middle School	Punta Gorda Middle
Community School of Naples	Manatee Middle	Seacrest Country Day School
Corkscrew Middle School	Mariner Middle School	St. Andrew Catholic School
Crestwell School	New Beginnings – Naples	Trafalgar Middle School
Cypress Lake Middle School	Oakridge Middle School	Home Schooler
East Naples Middle School		

We will all be heading to Orlando for the March 26, 2004 statewide competition. The Radisson Plaza and the Orlando Arena will be the site of the **2004 State MathCOUNTS Competition**. The oral rounds will be held on Friday afternoon at the Orlando Arena and the competitors, alternates and coaches will receive a ticket to attend the Orlando Magic basketball game on Friday evening.



THE MATHCOUNTS COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK

Event Volunteers

Marc Cioffi
Morgan & Sarah Dickinson
Gary Drew & son
Dr. Brian Ellis & daughter
John English
FGCU Math Club-3 members
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Special thanks to:

- **Mike Liggins** who, again, single-handedly purchased, delivered, set-up, fed and cleaned up breakfast and lunch for close to 250 people.
- **Jean Gilcher** for personally designing the MathCOUNTS t-shirts and **Farzaneh Kazemi** for providing a very nice discount for our MathCOUNTS t-shirts.
- **John English** and **Dan Waters** for again bringing in a team of proctors. Thanks to the proctors.
- **Kim Peterson Hoskins** who computed every test score in the scoring room. And **Mr. T Rankin Terry**, an attorney in Fort Myers, who again oversaw the scoring room and also contributed as a sponsor.
- **Kevin Higginson** for acting as moderator again this year and for making the afternoon event a success.
- And **Morgan Dickinson** for all his help as co-chair and soon to be the new chairman of next year's MathCOUNTS.



NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT

The end of National Engineers Week should not mean the end of new member recruitment. The future of FES and the engineering profession is in the hands of the young engineers in your office, the Society, and community. As a new professional, they need an environment to meet other young engineers, be social and learn from the other generations of members. Personally inviting a young engineer to a FES event is the most influential recruitment method to use. Talking about how being part of FES has improved your career makes an impact of new employees. Next time you attend a FES event, invite a new employee or member.

Ask a young engineer to participate on the Student Professional Development Committee or MATHCOUNTS committee. A majority of the younger FES members participated in MATHCOUNTS as a kid or were involved in the student chapter while in college. Asking them to get involved in these committees offers a tie to something they were involved in at a younger age. This is also a first step to being on a committee, chapter board, and other leadership roles.

For information about getting young engineers involved, contact **Kate Robinson** at (850) 224-7121 or krobinson@fleng.org.



March Calusa Chapter Dinner Meeting

Guest Speaker

Bob Matthews

Member – Florida Board of Professional Engineers (FBPE)

Topic

The Complaint Process for Licensed and Unlicensed Activities

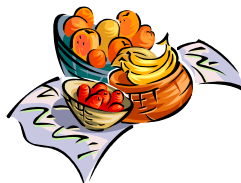
Wednesday, March 17th, 2004

Stoneybrook Clubhouse (I-75, Exit 123)

½ Mile East on Corkscrew Road

Social Hour at 6:00PM – Dinner at 7:00PM

Program Immediately Following Dinner



As Always, Spouses and Guests are Welcome!

\$20.00 per person

Call (649-4040), fax (643-5716) or email your RSVP to **John English, PE** by 12 noon on March 16th (johnenglish@wilsonmiller.com).

_____ YES, I will be attending.
(Name)

- Chicken Piccata
- Prime Rib
- Broiled Filet of Grouper

_____ Spouse/Guest
(Name)

- Chicken Piccata
- Prime Rib
- Broiled Filet of Grouper

Meatless meals are available upon request.



UPDATE: Southwest Florida Regional Engineering Conference

The first annual Regional Engineering Conference scheduled in Punta Gorda for March 24, 2004 has been **POSTPONED**. This program will be rescheduled for Fall 2004. Watch as details unfold in future Calusa Chapter Newsletters.

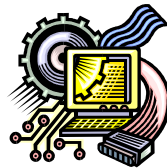


UPCOMING ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

03/16/04	Deadline for Reservations for March Monthly Chapter Meeting
03/17/04	Monthly Chapter Meeting ~ Stoneybrook
03/25-26/04	MathCOUNTS State Competition ~ Orlando
03/31/04	Designing to Control Moisture in Florida's Humid Climate*
04/23/04	April Monthly Chapter Meeting ~ Tour Panther Island Mitigation Bank / BBQ
May 2004	EI/PE Softball Game
05/07 – 08/04	2004 FES Leadership Conference ~ Palm Beach

* For additional information on these and other seminars offered through FES, visit www.fleng.org/seminars.cfm.

Members are encouraged to contact **John English, PE** at (239)649-4040 or email: johnenglish@wilsonmiller.com to request additional information or to suggest a future program or event.



WE'RE ON THE WEB!

For more information, feel free to visit our chapter website at www.fes-calusa.org. Also, be sure to visit www.fleng.org often for continuously updated information.



QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

If you have any questions or comments regarding the content of the newsletter – or if you would like something included in the monthly publication – please feel free to contact **Dave Romano, PE** at davidromano@holemontes.com, or by telephone at (239)985-1200.



Welcome New Calusa Chapter Members

Armando deLeon, PE
Michael Etelamaki, PE
Clair E. Wright, EI



Calusa Membership Report

Members as of July 31, 2003	264
New in Feb	2
New Y.T.D.	20
Members Lost (not transferred)	1
Transfers In	1
Transfers Out	1
Reinstated After Aug 1, 2002	0
Dropped for Unpaid Dues	0
Members Resigned Y.T.D.	1
Net Members	282
Percentage Growth	6.82%



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