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### SAVE THAT DATE!

FES Engineer's Week  
Banquet  
**Thursday February 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Germain Arena  
Estero, FL  
*(Look inside for more  
details.)*

### President's Message

**John English, PE**

President - Calusa Chapter

It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone. It looks like 2005 will be another busy year for us all. I hope everyone included "attending more FES dinner meetings and society events" in their New Year's resolutions. I think that this spring will provide many good opportunities to do so. I am looking forward to our spring outdoors event. Last year we had a family friendly FES gathering out at Panther Island Mitigation Bank, and the planning for another such event is under way. The last few years the EI vs. PE softball tournament has dropped in attendance, so we are busy planning another family friendly event to replace that one as well. We have Mathcounts and the Engineer's Week Banquet coming up, which should be fun and provide opportunities to be involved in FES.

In January we had the first ever regional FES Conference. The conference was FES Region VI Conference, "Eye on Engineering", January 13th, in Port Charlotte. The conference focused on the effects of the past hurricane season on the infrastructure of our area, particularly the Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda area, including a very interesting portion on the devastation to the Charlotte County School System. The conference was well done and informative/interesting. Our thanks to Clay Tappan, our FES Region IV Vice President for all of the hard work in organizing the event.

Our next big event will be the Mathcounts Competition on February 12th. This competition helps promote math with our local middle school and high school students, in hopes that would encourage the participants to pursue a degree in engineering. This competition has grown tremendously in size, with around 200 local students. Volunteers are still needed to help make our local Mathcounts competition happen. If you are interested in taking an active role in helping prepare for the event, so if you are interested in volunteering on the day of the competition, please contact me, or our Mathcounts Co-Chairs Elizabeth Fountain, PE or Rebecca King, EI. They would appreciate all the help they can get.

Following the Mathcounts Competition, we will be having our Engineer's Week Banquet on February 24th. The event will be held at Germain Arena, which is a centrally located venue, and our guest speaker will be Dr. Susan Blanchard, the Founding Director of the newly established engineering degree program at FGCU. I hope that you will come out to celebrate being in the engineering profession, and to hear about the future of engineering education in our area.

On a final note, I regret to inform you that our current FES Calusa Chapter Secretary, Pat Jennings, PE, is going to relocate to Tennessee, and therefore will be leaving his position with FES. Pat has put in many hours and served our local chapter well in the past years. The part of our business that I dislike the most is seeing good people come and go. Pat is a good person and a good engineer, and I hate to see him go. Please join me in wishing him well in his future endeavors.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you at Mathcounts and at the Engineer's Week Banquet.

John English, PE  
President – Calusa Chapter



## FES Engineer's Week Banquet

Speaker

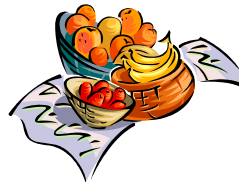
**Dr. Susan M. Blanchard**

**Professor and Founding Director of the School of  
Engineering  
Florida Gulf Coast University**

Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005

**Germain Arena  
Ben Hill Griffin Parkway  
Estero, FL**

Social Hour at 6:00PM – Dinner at 7:00PM  
Program Immediately Following Dinner



As Always, Spouses and Guests are Welcome!  
\$40.00 per person

### Buffet Carving Station Dinner including

Hickory smoked Ham

Roasted prime Rib

Fresh garden tosses salad with three dressings

Garlic mashed red potatoes

Italian mixed vegetables

Bread rolls & butter

Moist and delicious cake squares

Call (985-1200), fax (985-1258) or email your RSVP to **David Romano, PE** by 12 noon on February 22 ([davidromano@holemontes.com](mailto:davidromano@holemontes.com)). The meeting space is reserved and meals are prepared based on advance registration. The Calusa Chapter is contractually obligated to pay for all meals prepared based on advance registration. Therefore, unless you cancel your reservation by noon the day before the meeting, you are responsible for the fee, regardless of whether you actually attend the meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I will be attending.  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest  
(Name)



## Welcome New Calusa Chapter Members

### August 2004

Nicholas Lee Pestello, EI

### September 2004

Jeremy English, PE

Robert J. Erickson, EI

Greg Ham, AS

Larry Harris, PE

Ryan Motko, EI

Daniel Scippo, AS

Eunice Usher, EI

Richard White, Jr., PE

### October 2004

Norman Eryou, PE

Myriam Matiz-Pardo, PE

Michael A. Neely, PE

### November 2004

Sandra Bottcher, EI

Harry Campbell, PE

Maximo Guerra, PE

J. Walter Lewis, PE

Chad Luttrell, PE

### December 2004

Joseph Kadlec, PE

Thomas Lubanovic, PE

Marlene Messam, PE

Kevin Raymond, AS

### January 2005

Joseph Jurewicz, PE

Richard Kilmer, PE

Alex Markovich, PE

Peter Pellerito, PE

Ralph Verrasto, PE

Leigh Wolf, EI

Be sure to welcome them to the Florida Engineering Society and the Calusa Chapter. We encourage you to make contact with new members, invite them to the next chapter meeting, and in general make them feel welcome.



### CALUSA CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Members as of July 31, 2004	270
New Y.T.D.	30
Members Lost (not transferred)	2
Transfers In	1
Transfers Out	1
Reinstated After Aug 1, 2003	0
Dropped for Unpaid Dues	0
Members Resigned Y.T.D.	0
Net Members	298
Percentage Growth	10.37%



## 2005 Calusa Chapter Award Recipients

- Roxanne Gause, PE – Engineer of the Year
- Dan Waters, PE – Young Engineer of the Year
- Tom Kuck, PE – Government Engineer of the Year
- Stanley Hole, PE – Outstanding Service to the Engineering Profession
- Kevin Higginson, PE – Fellow

These recipients will be recognized and honored at the FES Engineer's Banquet on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Come to the dinner and show your support for these fine engineers that are a credit to our profession.

## Don't Forget MATHCOUNTS February 12<sup>th</sup> at FGCU

This year FGCU is providing a ballroom for the contestants rather than individual rooms. The event this year promises to be better than ever. The only reason this event won't be the best in the state is if we don't get volunteers to help. Please come and help with the competition! It is a rewarding experience!





## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

- |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>February 12<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Mathcounts Calusa Chapter Competition</b><br>Florida Gulf Coast University                                                                                     |
| <b>February 24<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Engineer's Week Banquet – Speaker: Dr. Susan Blanchard, the Founding Director of the newly established engineering degree program at FGCU</b><br>Germain Arena |
| <b>March 10-11th</b>            | <b>State MATHCOUNTS Competition, Radisson Hotel, Orlando</b>                                                                                                      |
| <b>March TBD</b>                | <b>March Dinner Meeting</b><br>Panther Island Mitigation Bank                                                                                                     |
| <b>April TBD</b>                | <b>April meeting</b><br>Family Bowling Outing - TBD                                                                                                               |
| <b>May TBD</b>                  | <b>May meeting</b><br>Possible FPL Site Visit - TBD                                                                                                               |
| <b>June TBD</b>                 | <b>Installation of New Officers – FES President Mark L. Mongeau, PE</b><br>The Clubhouse at the Strand                                                            |

Members are encouraged to contact **David Romano, PE** at (239) 985-1200 or email: [davidromano@holemontes.com](mailto:davidromano@holemontes.com) to request additional information or to suggest a future program or event.



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### ENGINEER'S WEEK

Engineer's Week, founded in 1951 by NSPE, and is dedicated to raising public awareness of engineers' positive contributions to the quality of life. It promotes recognition among parents, teachers and students of the importance of a technical education and a high level of math, science, and technology literacy, and motivates youth to pursue engineering careers in order to provide a diverse and vigorous engineering workforce. For more information go to [www.eweek.org](http://www.eweek.org).

### CONTINUING EDUCATION NEWS

#### **License Renewal Deadline – February 28, 2005**

FES is here to help meet your required 8 hours of continuing education to renew your PE license. Seminars are available on-line, via correspondence, and at live seminars held throughout the state. Visit [www.fleng.org](http://www.fleng.org) for the latest information.

PDH certificates are available at [www.fleng.org](http://www.fleng.org). Simply log into the 'Customer Log In' section of the web site. The 'Customer Number' is your FES number and 'Password' is your last name. Please contact FES at 850-224-7121 with questions or concerns.



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