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President's Message

Dear Calusa Members,

We are quickly approaching the New Year; I hope this one has been a good one for each and every one of you. We have had quite a busy past few months. November events included the Panther Island BBQ, the Numeric Nutrient Presentation at our lunch meeting and the Water Resources Conference. As always, the Panther Island BBQ turned out very well with plenty of food, drinks and entertainment. Pictures from the event are on our website. Our original speaker for the November meeting had a last minute conflict but John's partner, Jed Schneck, was able to step in. We hope you enjoyed the information that was provided and will give us feedback for the future for upcoming presenters.

This month, we know you are plenty busy and the Board has decided to not do a December member meeting, however, we are planning a **Holiday Event after the first of the year on January 6th**. We are working on getting an early count to see if there is enough interest. Please **RSVP by December 15th** if you wish to come. Spouses, guests, coworkers are all welcome! We will have a holiday buffet and drinks for the gathering.

We will still have a regular lunch meeting in January and then we will have the **MATHCOUNTS event on February 11th at FGCU**. We are looking forward to the opportunity this coming year to work with the student chapter at FGCU. We hope the location at the Engineering school will further the student's interest in a career in math or science. In addition to our meeting and events, there is an upcoming science fair as well as a seminar on the Sea-Level rise in January. Dates and additional information can be found on the Calusa FES website.

I hope you all have a safe and **Happy Holiday Season!**

Cheers,

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**Florida Engineering Society – Calusa Chapter
HOLIDAY PARTY!!!**



Date: Friday, January 6th, 2012

Time: 6:00 pm until 9 pm

**Location: Holiday Inn, 9931 Interstate Commerce Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33913**

Buffet Cost: \$30 per person

The FES Board encourages you to bring your spouse/guest and invite your co-workers to join us for a relaxing night of cheer at this annual holiday social gathering for the engineers of SW Florida. We will meet in the hotel bar area for half price cocktails and live jazz music between 6 pm and 7pm before we move to our private room for dinner.

Menu:

Winter Green Mixed Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette
Marinated Tomatoes with Broccoli and Provolone Cheese Strips
in a Basil Balsamic Vinaigrette
Oven Roasted Breast of Chicken with Honey Rosemary Roasted Garlic Glaze
Herb Marinated Salmon in a Tangerine Sauce with Mandarin Oranges and Fresh Cilantro
Plank Sweet Potatoes
Herb Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes
Fresh Carrots and Cauliflower laced with Red Pepper and Mushroom Relish
Warm Assorted Rolls and Butter
Assorted Mini Pastries

**RSVP by 5 pm on December 15th to vicepresident@fes-calusa.org
or call 239-216-1370. The final cutoff for RSVP's will be December
30th but we are hoping to get an approximate head count earlier.**

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Calusa Chapter Membership Announcements

This is a section of the newsletter for bringing good news to all the Calusa FES members. If you have any good news, such as someone you know receiving their PE or EI, engineering jokes, any new family additions, or any new corporate additions, please submit them to Norman Trebilcock secretary@fes-calusa.org.

Employment Opportunity with Waldrop Engineering

Waldrop Engineering is seeking a Project Manager with local civil engineering experience (3-6 years) with land development projects to be located in their Bonita Springs office. Experience with Utility, Stormwater, and Land Development/Site design and permitting with local governmental agencies is preferred. P.E. licensure is desirable. All inquiries will be kept confidential. Please email us at info@waldropengineering.com or submit through our website at www.waldropengineering.com.

Attorney Michael Corso Wins Distinguished Engineering Award:

Purdue University's School of Aeronautics & Astronautics has awarded Michael Corso the 2011 Outstanding Aerospace Engineer Award. After 40 years of graduating as an engineer, Michael Corso received a call from **Neil Armstrong**, first man on the moon congratulating him of this honor. Criteria for the Award state that recipients must have demonstrated excellence in industry, academia, governmental service, or other endeavors that reflect the value of an aerospace engineering degree. Corso is chair of Henderson Franklin's Tort & Insurance Litigation division and has been a Florida Bar Board Certified Trial Lawyer for over 25 years. He focuses his litigation practice in matters involving product liability and the defense of non-medical professionals such as lawyers, accountants, architects, engineers and surveyors. Congrats Mike!

Adaptive Planning for Sea-Level Rise—Legal Issues for Local Government:

January 18, 2012—Fort Myers—Lee County Extension Office (3406 Palm Beach Blvd)—9 am to 4:15 pm
The Florida Sea Grant College Program is hosting a one-day workshop focused on law and planning related to adaption to sea-level rise. The workshop begins with a brief overview of the science of sea-level rise and then discusses ideas for local adaption as background for examining legal and planning issues associated with adaption options. Continuing education credits are pending (5.5 CLE and 5.0 AICP with 1.5 meeting law). Registration is via the UF Program for Resource Efficient Communities, visit <https://www.eventsvc.com/UF-PREC/login>.

Volunteer Opportunity--FTC Robotics Qualifying Tournament at Mariner High School:

The Mariner Tech Team will be hosting an FTC State Qualifying Tournament "The Great Robot Uprising" on January 14, 2012. **There are several opportunities available for volunteers including:** scorekeeper, DJ, Additional MC, 2 Field Control System Operators, 2 Field Tech Advisors, 8 Judges, a Judge Assistant, 2 Pit Managers, 2 Referees, 4 Robot Hardware Inspectors, 6 Robot Software Inspectors, 2 Technical Help Desk, 2 Volunteer & Team check in, 4 Team Queuing (Competition and Pit Area).

If you would like participate or know of someone who would be interested, please contact adamjn@leeschools.net or ltedlie@yahoo.com. Engineering and Computer Science students are welcome to participate!

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State FES Calendar of Events

For more information visit the online [FES Calendar](#).

January 2012

5-7 FELI Class of 2012 Session II, Hilton Walt Disney World, Orlando

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FES State Membership News

Find membership applications, tools, and additional information online.

FES 2011-2012 Membership Renewals

You earned your degree, you earned your Professional Engineer licensure, keep them insured by renewing your 2011-2012 FES membership dues. We are YOUR Professional Society in Florida. The shield to defend licensure in the Florida Legislature, the strength in numbers to connect throughout the state, the source for ensuring you have the resources to stay abreast of the latest trends and educational needs. Many things can get pushed aside in a busy day; don't let FES be one of those items. Contact FES today so we can meet your needs and assist with continuing membership in YOUR Professional Society, 850-224-7121.

New this year, you have the opportunity to receive two popular FES continuing education seminars at a significantly reduced rate. The Project Management AND the Laws and Rules online or DVD courses can be added to your dues bill (prepay) when renewing your membership. The courses will remain available online for you to access at your leisure before the 2013 Licensure renewal. Courses are offered at the rate of \$62.50 and \$44.50 during membership renewal only.

Thank you once again for supporting YOUR professional society, The Florida Engineering Society (FES).

State FES Continuing Education

Special Training Opportunity for Stormwater Managers and Consultants BMP Selection, Effectiveness, and Maintenance

Hilton Orlando North-Altamonte Springs
February 8, 2012

Best Management Practice (BMP) selection is crucial to the achievement of water quality goals and critical to the cost effective use of limited funding.

FES/FICE Members \$249
Non-members \$349
6 PDHs Area of Practice

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