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In this my final message as your 2011 FHEA State President I have to reflect on the myriad of changes in my professional life that have occurred in the past twelve months. I began this past New Year registering for my first Social Security check and starting my pension from my 33-years at the Med School, and thinking that I was pretty much officially retired. But just before

our first Board meeting I was invited back to Mercy Hospital to help out on a part-time, per-diem basis.

The President's Corner

DAVID DENHAM, P.E., CHE, PRESIDENT

Being once again gainfully employed in a healthcare facility, I was eligible to assume the President's position. In May HCA assumed ownership of Mercy Hospital, and I was allowed to work full time in preparing the Biomed program to be transitioned to GE. When GE took over that program in September, they brought me on as their Project Coordinator, and I'm still learning how to master their corporate way of doing business. In any case, I guess you'll be seeing me around for a few more years.

I was extremely honored to accept the Platinum Award for FHEA during the ASHE Annual Conference in Seattle, WA. After the four days of Conference I outfitted myself with new back-packing gear and spent five days in the Olympic Mountains (Ho rain forest) and another five days in the eastern Cascades. This is truly beautiful country and quite a difference from the Big Cypress and the south Florida woods. For many years now I've planned many of my vacations around the location of the ASHE meetings.

2012 should again be another exciting year for FHEA. Greg Hodgson, CHE, CHFM, is taking over

as State President, and I know he will do a bang-up job in that position. Our Spring Meeting will be at the Mission Inn Resort in Howie-in-the-Hills. This year we are also offering a one-day ASHE CHFM prep course on the Thursday. Greg will be again arranging the golf tournament on the Thursday before this meeting. There will be recreational activities for the non-golfers too - I hope to take a bass boat across Lake Harris to Bugg Springs and Lake Denham — and hope as you make plans to attend, you also consider bringing your family to enjoy what this area has to offer.

Looking to the year ahead, the ASHE Annual Conference will be in San Antonio, TX on July 15-18.

This is a great conference town, as I can attest from attending two previous ASHE meetings there.

Finally, our AHCA/FHEA Conference will once again be at the Rosen Shingle Creek on October 8-10.

Kudos to Skip Gregory for continuing to support us by arranging the AHCA seminar sessions. This year FHEA celebrates its 50th annual meeting and trade show. You will not want to miss this gala year.

Our biggest challenge this year may be getting more of our members, both regular and supporting, to join ASHE in addition renewing with FHEA, since a dual membership within a percentage of the membership is required for ASHE's platinum level award. I realized that I've been an ASHE member for 25 years now (at least that's what they printed in their program), perhaps longer than I've been in FHEA. Both groups offer tremendous benefits to all of us working in the Healthcare Engineering field, and the minimal cost of membership provides a great ROI for both career development and comradery.

Lastly, I truly wish to thank all of our members for the honor of representing you as your 2011 President of this great Association, with very special thanks to my fellow Officers and Board members, and certainly I'm greatly indebted to our most excellent Executive Director Alethea Vitray for her continued outstanding performance.

Meet FHEA's new president

Our 2012 state president is Gregory C. Hodgson, CHE, CHFM, Construction Manager at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, FL.

Greg has been with All Children's Hospital since 2002; prior to that he worked at University Community Hospital and Tampa General Hospital, amassing over 25 years with Florida healthcare facilities.

In terms of service to the FHEA, Greg has held a progression of leadership positions within the association, beginning in District III, culminating with the District Presidency, where he helped his District increase membership and attendance at district meetings. Greg has served on the state board of directors for several years, first in his capacity as a district officer, then as the chair of the Codes and Standards Committee, and finally last year serving as state Vice President before assuming the presidency this year.

No matter what position he holds,

Greg is FHEA's "go-to guy." He initiated and continues to arrange the annual golf tournament that FHEA now offers the day before our Spring Meetings. This has greatly increased the attendance at this state-wide meeting—some have even intimated it's a bigger draw than our educational offering!

Greg has also served us in good stead with ASHE -- in his role as ASHE liaison, he arranged a very successful community service project during the ASHE conference when it was held in Tampa two years ago. He also single-handedly arranged the very well-received spouse program at that same conference. He accomplishes all of this while making assurances that it is no trouble at all.

That said, we are especially fortunate to have Greg as president during this particular year -- as we begin to contemplate celebrating FHEA's 50th Annual Meeting and Trade Show this year, Greg has already



Gregory Hodgson, CHE, CHFM

put together a planning committee, has communicated several times with them, and is ready to finalize plans for our golden anniversary at our upcoming board meeting in February.

A native Floridian, Greg started out in Vero Beach and has lived in the Tampa area since 1976. He has been married to his wife Sharon for 29 years, and has two children, Kristin and Sean. When he's not planning our 50th Anniversary, he golfs (no surprise there!), bowls, and enjoys woodworking.

Engineer of the Year:

Mike Viola, CHE, CHFM



Mike Viola, CHE, CHFM, of District I, (on right) selected by his peers as Engineer of the Year for 2011, accepts his award from state president, David Denham, P.E., CHE, at the Annual Meeting. It's hard to keep track of Mike's title at Gulf Breeze Hospital/Andrews Institute in Gulf Breeze, as his responsibilities and purvue grow. He was promoted earlier this year to Corporate Director of Properaties and Construction.

**Congratulations also to FHEA's
Supporting Member of the Year:**

**Melissa Ann Turner
Grainger (District I)**

*Ms. Turner was not present to accept
her award.*

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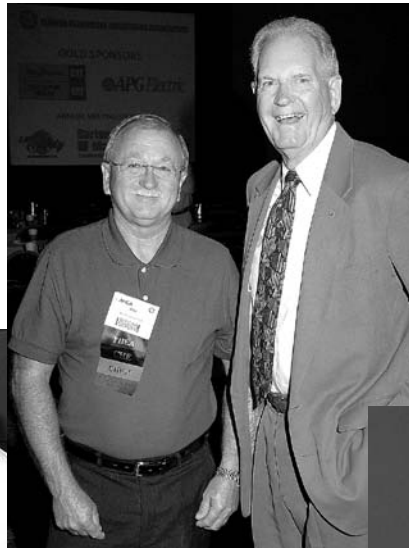
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Vince Rea, a principal and senior electrical engineer in the Healthcare Division of TLC Engineering for Architecture, has been appointed to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Codes and Standards Committee Electrical Section.

The committee's Electrical Section is responsible for monitoring NFPA documents 37, 70, 70B, 70E, 72, 75, 77, 110, 111, 115 & 780. As a member, Vince will review the Reports on Proposals (ROP's) and the Reports on Comments (ROC's) and advise the entire committee about any issues that would positively or negatively impact healthcare physical environment.

Vince is a registered professional engineer and a U.S. Green Building Council LEED Accredited Professional with a credential in building design and construction. He is also a familiar face at our FHEA state meetings. We offer our congratulations to Mr. Rea.



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Remembering John Strickland

FHEA extends sincere condolences to the family of long time District III member/Life Member John Strickland, CHE, who passed away on August 29, 2011 after a difficult battle with cancer. John's wife, Melody ("Candy"), described the comfort she has received from the many friends she and John made over the years through the FHEA. John's memorial website can be accessed at www.kilgroefuneralhome.com under John B. Strickland using the date of passing.

BERTRAM A. NASS SCHOLARSHIP

District I has instituted a new annual scholarship in honor of long time active and life member Bertram A. Nass. The application for the scholarship which will be open to all District I FHEA members, immediate relatives of an FHEA member, or an employee of an FHEA member hospital, will be available on the FHEA website.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE IMPORTANT EVENTS!

FHEA 28th SPRING MEETING

MISSION INN RESORT AND CLUB
MAY 3-4, 2012
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Thursday, May 3: Golf Outing
Friday, May 4: Educational Session/Meeting

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