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Wow, where did the year go? It's hard to believe that this year has gone by so quickly. This is my last report for the year. It has been a very busy and rewarding time for me. I would like to thank the Board of Directors and Alethea for their support during this year's activities.

2012 was a productive and successful year for the association. FHEA received the Platinum award

The President's Corner

GREGORY C. HODGSON, CHE, CHFM, PRESIDENT

for 2011 from ASHE, our fourth year for this top honor. The Spring meeting was the largest ever, with the CHFM Prep Course offered concurrently a great success; and just recently we had a great AHCA/FHEA Annual Seminar and Trade Show.

I hope that everyone had a great time at the 50th Anniversary Gala, and I want to personally extend my thanks to our past presidents who made the effort to be part of the celebration. Seventeen presidents, past and present, attended the Gala. I would also like to thank Alethea Vitray, Lily Salkoff, Linda Hollingsworth, and Debbie Starr for their assistance and hard work on coordinating the Gala.

FHEA will continue its support of The Science Screen Report. Through this support, the DVD series which examines recent developments and discoveries

in science, technology, and engineering will be available to every middle and high school in Florida. This program may help influence students (our future members) to become interested in the engineering fields.

As this year draws to a close, I would like to recognize Rick Zurich and Skip Marsh for their many years of support and service to the organization. Rick and Skip are stepping down at the end of 2012 from their roles as state secretary and treasurer, respectively.

And moving forward, I would like to formally introduce David Kovacs as your new President. Please take a moment to learn more about him inside this newsletter, and please support

him as he takes over this upcoming year.

My thanks to all our Supporting Members and I look forward to our continued relationship in 2013. As most of you, I recently received the 2012-13 Supporting Member Directory, and am gratified to see the number and range of these members who offer products and services to Florida's healthcare facilities.

Next year's Spring Meeting will be held at the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort in May. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there for the golf and meeting.

In closing I want to thank all the members of the FHEA for allowing me the honor and the privilege to represent you as your 2012 President of the Florida Healthcare Engineering Association – my sincere gratitude. Best wishes to all in the New Year.

Meet David Kovacs, FHEA's 2013 President

FHEA members will become familiar with our 2013 state president during the course of this upcoming year as he addresses us in our newsletter, through email communications, and as he leads us at our state meetings, but members of District II know David Kovacs for his many years of service as a district officer.

We're not sure David himself is certain of the year he began service after joining the FHEA in 1989, but in checking the most accessible FHEA office records, we can verify that David was District II's secretary/treasurer for a minimum of 11 years before he became District II's Vice President in 2010 and President in 2011. David then served as state Vice President last year, succeeding to the presidency for 2013.

David is a true Florida native, born and schooled in the Ocala area, and graduating from Central Florida Community College in 1975. His professional life reflects the same dedication and consistency as his history with the FHEA. He began in facilities management with Ring Power Corp in Jacksonville, then soon transitioned to healthcare facility management. He worked at Memorial Medical Center in Jacksonville, then for 20 years at Putnam Community Medical Center as Assistant Director, then Director of Facilities. Since 2006 he has served as Director of Facilities at Florida Hospital Flagler in Palm Coast.

Already focused on both securing important educational programs for our upcoming state meetings this year, and reaching out to Florida's healthcare facility leaders to educate and promote the healthcare engineer, we have reason to feel confident that FHEA is in good hands.



Engineer of the Year: Wayne Gibbs, CHE



Supporting Member of the Year: Patrick Dawson G4S Secure Solutions (District I)

An FHEA Supporting Member since 2010, Patrick Dawson is the General Manager at G4S Secure Solutions (USA) Inc. in Pensacola, FL. In addition to the good work he does in District I, Patrick was instrumental in his company's being a sponsor at the recent Annual Meeting, as well as the sponsor of this edition of the Whistle.



T. Wayne Gibbs, CHE, of District III, (on left) selected by his peers as Engineer of the Year for 2012, accepts his award from state president, Gregory Hodgson, CHE, CHFME, at the Annual Meeting that took place October 10, 2012. Wayne is the Director of Facilities at Winter Park Memorial Hospital.

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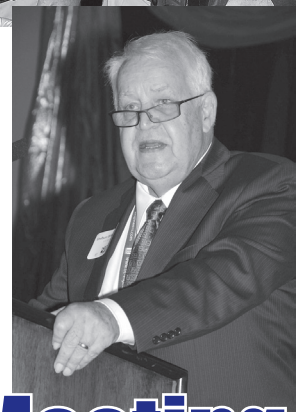
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50th Annual Meeting



50 YEARS
FHEA 1962-2012

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND
 FLORIDA HEALTHCARE
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 "Celebrating 50 Years" Gala

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012
 6:00PM - 7:00PM — RECEPTION
 7:00PM — DINNER

TO BE FOLLOWED BY
 "A LOOK BACK" RETROSPECTIVE
 AND DANCING

ROSEN SHINGLE CREEK
 PANZACOLA BALLROOM
 9939 UNIVERSAL BOULEVARD, ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32819

SEPTEMBER 25TH WITH \$50 CHECK TO HOLD
 CHECK WILL BE RETURNED AT GALA.)

Gala Highlight – FHEA’s state president was joined on stage by sixteen of FHEA’s past presidents who were present at the 50th Anniversary Gala Celebration. Pictured, front row: S.P. “Skip” Marsh, Russ Schilling, Dennis Grady, Rick Zurich, Robert Taylor, Mike Barrow, John Willingham, Duane Leifur. Back row: Jim “Hutch” Hutchinson, Greg Hodgson, Dino Gavazza, Fred Kiesel, David Denham, Gene Walker, Ray Hopkins, Wayne Klingelsmith, and Dave Palmer.

There is not a fraction of the room needed to even touch on the high points of this momentous year’s meeting. We hope to have all photos posted on our website -- including the 50th Gala Retrospective Photo Show created by Debbie Starr, Waco Filters.



& Trade Show ^ Candid



Celebrating Moments...

This year we celebrated a milestone, our 50th Year. We are grateful for all those who came to celebrate with us: for Shelburn Wilkes our former Executive Director who made us laugh and cry with his warm wise words, for old faces who made the effort to attend, for newer members who are our future, and for our supporting members who have been with us for all these years. We are also grateful for members who have dedicated years of service to the association. You know who you are.



2012 Trade Show Awards

Each year some of our exhibitors go above and beyond in their efforts to impress us. The four awards below were presented at the 50th Annual Meeting and Trade Show, October 8-10, 2012. Congratulations to these companies!





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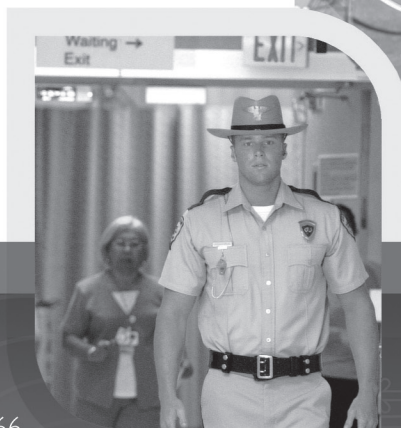
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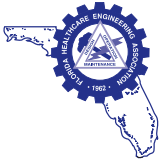
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CALL FOR ARTICLES – The FHEA uses this newsletter to showcase informational articles about issues critical to healthcare facility operation, maintenance and compliance. Please send your submissions for consideration to: fhea@earthlink.net

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fhea@earthlink.net or 407-332-7767. This is an effective and economical method to promote your company's offerings to Florida's healthcare facility directors, managers and engineers.

IKE B. STEIN, Life Member from District IV has checked in with us a couple times to reminisce about

his years working in south Florida and how remarkable the growth and changes within the association have been. Ike resides in Ft. Lauderdale.

IN MEMORIAM: We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of FHEA member **Arthur Grissom, Jr., CHFM** of District IV in September. We were also notified that life member **Fred Wysocki** of District II has passed. Our thoughts go out to their families.

SAVE THE DATES

FHEA 29th Spring Meeting
May 9-10, 2013
Hilton Daytona Beach
Oceanfront Resort

FHEA 51st Annual Meeting & Trade Show/AHCA 29th Annual Seminar
October 7-9, 2013
Hilton Orlando