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Greetings all! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday!

It has been a real honor and privilege to have served you as your State President.

Looking back over the year it has been exciting and fun. I want to thank Alethea Vitray our Executive Director and everyone on our Board for the great work and diligence in accomplishing so many great

things this year.

FHEA received the ASHE Platinum Award again for the 5th year in a row. I am honored and proud

The President's Corner

DAVID KOVACS, CHE, PRESIDENT

to have been nominated and then awarded ASHE Region 4 Emerging Leader. This has really meant a lot to me and I look forward to working and growing with ASHE in a leadership role.

Our Annual Meeting in Orlando was very successful. The Trade Show had 281 booths. We look forward to continuing our partnership with AHCA for this great event. This year's Spring Meeting in Daytona Beach was very successful as well.

I am especially proud of the efforts and progress that many of our members have achieved to develop a state wide membership program. I want to thank everyone who has been involved in this initiative! A big thank you to Lily Salkoff for her efforts in coordinating with the Districts to get this

program started. We have such an opportunity and so much potential to gain members with this program. We have a great start and I look forward to continued success with this program.

Congratulations to long standing members Jim "Hutch" Hutchinson and Rick Zurich who have achieved the goal of retirement! Both have been major contributors to the success of FHEA over the years. I hope we will continue to see them involved as Life Members.

I was saddened about the passing of our good friend and colleague Richard Armstrong. He will be missed.

Scott McCormick will be your State President for 2014 and I am confident he will do an

outstanding job. Take a moment to learn about him in the article inside this edition of the *Whistle* and give him your support as he

takes the helm.

Our 2014 Spring Meeting will be located in San Destin which is a great location with beautiful beaches.

We secured The Joint Commission's George Mills as one of our speakers for our 2014 Annual Meeting. This should prove to be a valuable source of information directly from the TJC guru himself, so please plan to attend.

I want to thank all our Active and Supporting members. You are a great group of individuals and it's all of you that make FHEA the successful organization that it is today. Again, it has been a real honor and privilege to have served you as your 2013 Florida Healthcare Engineering Association State President!

Scott McCormick, FHEA's 2014 President



Scott McCormick, CHE, CHFM, CHSP

In his own words, Scott McCormick, CHE, CHFM, CHSP, is honored to lead this “extremely talented and dedicated group of engineers in 2014!”

Scott, a native of the Panhandle from Panama City, began his career in HVAC technology. He started in healthcare in 1993 at the Gulf Coast Medical Center as a Security Engineering Tech, eventually becoming a Plant Operations Supervisor in 2004. In 2008 he had the opportunity to work at Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast in Miramar Beach as Facilities Manager working with Jim “Hutch” Hutchinson, CHE, to build Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf in Port St. Joe. He opened this facility in 2010 and currently works there as Facilities Manager.

Scott joined the FHEA in 2004 and soon took on leadership roles in his district. He has served as District I President four times and District Representative twice. He was elected State Vice President in 2013.

Scott attained the CHE designation in 2006 and more recently achieved

his CHFM and CHSP this past year. During his tenure as vice president and CHE Chair in 2013, Scott began voicing his conviction that the FHEA should be doing more to encourage its members to seek the CHE certification. Scott hopes to increase the percentage of CHE's in 2014. In his membership letter sent out in December he urged members to take the time to complete the CHE form and contact him with any questions about the process.

Ensuring the continuation of the joint AHCA/FHEA conference as the AHCA seminar undergoes some changes in the next couple years will be Scott's other focus.

Scott is married to wife Terri, and has three daughters plus three grandchildren. He enjoys golf, fishing, playing with the kids and cheering on FSU.

2013 Engineer of the Year: Mike Barrow, CHE, CHFM

Mike Barrow, CHE, CHFM, was selected by his peers as the 2013 Engineer of the Year. Mike has been the Facilities Director for West Florida Healthcare in Pensacola since 1997, has generously served District I as an officer for many years, and is one of an elite handful of individuals to serve twice as State President.

This honor is a long time coming!

David Kovacs, CHE, 2013 State President, presents Nancy Garrido with the Supporting Member of the Year Award during the annual business meeting.

Supporting Member of the Year: Nancy Garrido DebonAir Mechanical



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51st Annual Meeting/Trade Show Winners!



Best in Show: Barton Malow Again!



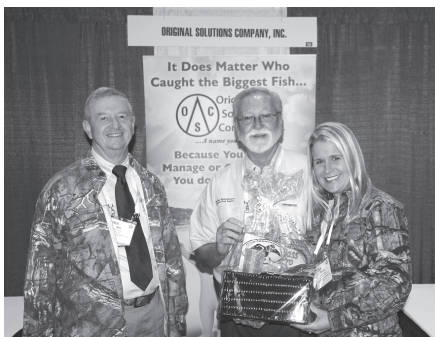
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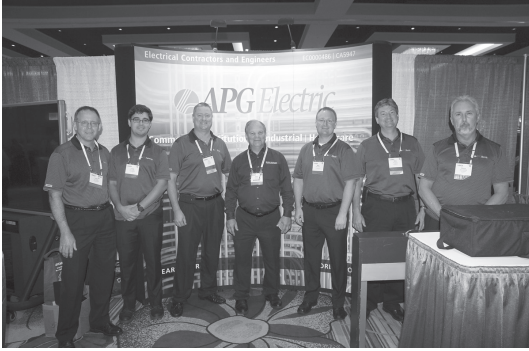


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District II First Annual Pig Roast

—Julie Edwards, Premier Water and Energy Technology, Inc.

District II set out a goal at the beginning of 2013 to have 100 people in attendance at a meeting. Our plan and goal was achieved on Nov 12th. The last meeting of the year was held with over 104 in attendance! Our meeting was held at Bradford Sportsmen's Farm. Activities included corn hole, horse shoes, skeet shooting, field activities, and lots of great food!

With the changing of the guard, Allen Anderson, Ray Christianson, CHE, and David Kovacs, CHE, all took center stage. Supporting Member of the Year was awarded to Ed Varnes with Sauer Inc. John Willingham's Engineer of the Year award was highlighted with a video of recognition of all his efforts. The video and more photos can be viewed on the District II page on www.fhea.org.

Our new President Joe Berlesky, CHE, CHFM, who presented the vision for 2014 is also forecasting our Second Annual Pig Roast will be another record breaker! We are thankful for all our members in District II, and look forward to the new Leadership of Joe, Ray, and Dewayne Roarke. The event was a great way to wrap up the 2013 year with recognition, vision, food and laughter. If you were not in attendance, look at what you missed!



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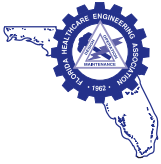
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Good-bye to Hutch and Rick!

Some tears and much good cheer marked the surprise “farewell” party to celebrate the impending retirements of Jim “Hutch” Hutchinson, CHE, and Rick Zurich, CHE, CHFM. A large crowd of well-wishers including members, some spouses, and even a handful of life members were on hand on Tuesday, October 8 after the close of the FHEA trade show at David’s Club at the Hilton Orlando.

Honorees, Rick Zurich and Jim “Hutch” Hutchinson pose with two of the supporting members who coordinated the event, Debbie Starr and Lily Salkoff-Piner.

