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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



I hope that everyone has a safe and blessed Easter. Regardless of your faith affiliation, I believe that the significance of Easter has meaning to us all. The message of faith, hope and rebirth is essential, especially in these difficult economic times.

It goes without saying that the economy is not in good shape. The news continues to be "Gloom and Doom" and I know that this is very worrisome to us all. But there are some bright spots.

I want to assure you that Eisman & Russo remains financially secure. We have no debt. We will be making the 401k match payment this week. We have money in the bank. The long term prospects for our company remain good.

This is not to say that there will not be change as we go forward. We are working diligently to secure additional projects and we need everyone to help in that effort. Please understand that our approach has been that we are all in this together but there are many things that are out of our control. We all need to work together to continue to deliver the excellent quality that our clients have come to expect from Eisman & Russo.

As we go forward through these troubled times, please recognize that our success is dependent on everyone stepping up to exceed the expectations of our clients, our coworkers and ourselves. As the result of our continued efforts, it is my belief that Eisman & Russo will continue to be successful.

God Bless.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Chris Charvat, Project Administrator in the Davie field office, will have his 13-year anniversary with Eisman & Russo this July. He previously worked for Law Engineering (now known as Mactec) for over 10 years performing field testing and inspections. Chris got involved in the testing and inspection field by accident...upon moving to Florida, he took a job with his future father-in-law without knowing it was a concrete-testing lab. He has been in this field ever since.

Chris is a native of western New York near Buffalo. He moved to the Ft. Lauderdale area in 1986. Besides loving the south Florida

weather, Chris is grateful that he does not have to shovel snow out of the driveway anymore. He and his wife Debbie have been married for almost 22 years and have one beautiful daughter, Jacy, who is 10 years old. Chris enjoys watching his daughter play in her ice hockey league and is an avid Florida Panther's fan.



Said Scott Gombar, Principal & Senior Vice President of the South Florida office, "Chris is extremely dedicated to his work and

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WHERE COMMITMENT AND ACTION MEET

EISMAN & RUSSO EMPLOYEES HONORED

Janet Duffy Named ASHE Member of the Year

Janet Duffy was named 2008 ASHE Member of the Year for the Northeast Florida Chapter. Janet joined the NE FL Section in 2001, a time when the Section was close to dissolving. Immediately upon joining, Janet dedicated much of her personal time to ASHE and was instrumental in the growth of the Section in numerous ways. More specifically, Janet's lead role in Public Relations included the creation and distribution of an ASHE brochure within the local community, assisting the Membership Committee with numerous Membership Drives, initiating and managing the Corporate Sponsorship program, serving as Section Treasurer for two years, and she has led the annual golf tournament for several years and she set her own record with the most recent tournament held in October 2008, the 7th annual tournament, with proceeds of over \$11,000!



Janet has previously been awarded the Outstanding Service Award (2002-2003) and the President's Award (2003-2004 and 2006-2007) from ASHE.

Brett Pielstick Named ASCE Fellow

Brett Pielstick, P. E., Principal and Senior Vice President, was elected to be a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). ASCE fellows are legally registered professional engineers or land surveyors who have made significant technical or professional contributions and have demonstrated notable achievement in responsible charge of engineering activity for at least 10 years following election to the ASCE grade of member. Fellows occupy the Society's second-highest membership grade, exceeded only by distinguished members.



"Never talk defeat. Use words like hope, belief, faith, victory..."

--Norman Vincent Peale--

Scott Gombar Appointed to FICE Board of Directors



Scott Gombar, P. E., Principal and Senior Vice President of South Florida Operations, was recently appointed to the Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers (FICE) Board of Directors. Scott's role on the board will be the Medium Firm Director. Scott's duties will include representing all medium sized Engineering Firms in the State of Florida.

He will work closely with our industry's clients, including FDOT, state agencies, counties and municipalities throughout Florida, and the Florida Legislature to advance the business of engineering. Scott, along with other FICE directors, will be meeting with Florida's Legislators throughout the year to keep our profession at the forefront of the Legislative agenda. Scott is also a member of multiple FICE committees representing transportation consulting engineering.

PROJECTS AWARDED

Congratulations Goes Out To...

The Transportation Design Group was recently awarded the **Old Jennings Road Widening** project in Clay County. The project consists of widening one (1) mile of Old Jennings Road from Brannan Field Rd. to Blanding Blvd. and includes intersection improvements. This project is especially important since it is Eisman & Russo's first design project for Clay County. Team members include Humberto Castellero, P. E., PTOE, Sri Yeleswarapu, P. E., Dave Gile, P. E., Dan Estes, Stephen Finchum, E. I., and Pat King, P. E.

Eisman & Russo was awarded the **Countywide Program Management for Resurfacing & New Sidewalk Construction** contract by the City of Jacksonville. This contract is for a period of two (2) years, with two extensions. A big congratulations goes out to the BJP Team, as their hard work and experience contributed to the award of this contract. Team members include Janet Duffy, Don Wing, Salem Salem, Gary Cannon, Ray Holliman, Todd Loudermilk, Nancy Ross, and Jeannette Hunnicutt.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT - DESIGN



SR 600 Multi-use Path, Volusia County, FL

Client: Florida Department of Transportation, District 5

Eisman & Russo was awarded the SR 600 Multi-use Path project by District 5 in Volusia County. Construction of the 12-foot asphalt concrete trail on the north side of SR 600 began in March 2008. This 2.7 mile recreational path can be used by the residents for walking, biking and running. Major items of work for this \$1.7 million project include surveying, geotechnical, environmental, trail design, drainage, permitting, structural, signing & marking and utility coordination. The construction is estimated to be completed in June 2009.

Team members on this project include Humberto Castillero, P.E., PTOE, Dave Gile, P.E., Pat King, P.E., Sri Yeleswarapu, P.E., Stephen Finchum, E.I. and Dan Estes.

Our subconsultants on the initial proposal were Lotspeich, F.R. Aleman, Nodarse and Echezebal.

Sustainable Design comes to Eisman & Russo

Tony Mahfoud, P. E., LEED AP, President & CEO, became Eisman & Russo's first LEED-certified Accredited Professional. LEED Accredited Professionals (LEED APs) have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building practices and principles and the LEED Rating System. With today's eco-conscious clients, interest in green design continues to grow, as does the demand for LEED AP participation in sustainable projects.

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takes great pride in what he does. He is relentless when it comes to details and that is why every proposal that leaves the South Florida offices must go through Chris for final editing.

Chris is also a close friend outside of work. Our families attend the same church and our children the same school. Chris and I have been known to swing the Wii clubs while kicking back a few cold ones as the kids play in the pool and the wives talk about doctor stuff (they are both in the medical field). Eisman & Russo is fortunate to have Chris as a long time member of our family."

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT - CEI

SR 31 over the Caloosahatchee River/Wilson Pigott Bridge, Lee County, FL

Client: Florida Department of Transportation, District 1

Construction is almost complete on this \$4M bascule bridge rehabilitation project over the Caloosahatchee River in Fort Myers, FL. Eisman & Russo is responsible for the construction engineering and inspection of this project. Crews are making electrical, mechanical, and structural repairs to the bridge. This rehabilitation project will extend the service life of the bridge 15 to 20 years with continued routine maintenance. Currently, we are on schedule to perform the functional check out on April 2nd, thus completing the construction of this project nearly one month ahead of schedule. The construction is estimated to be completed in the spring of 2009.

Team members working on this project include Scott Case, P. E., Frankie Woodrum, Fernando Lorenzo, Rodger Smith and Prince Lawson.



AROUND THE OFFICE...

Employee Birthdays

Let's wish our fellow employees a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tony Mahfoud	April 2
Gary Cannon	April 4
Dan Estes	April 6
Chris Charvat	April 16
Bruce Boyles	April 22
Gianna Warner	April 29
Jay Wilson	May 14
Joseph Bryant	May 15
Ted Worthington	May 19
Mehdi Amirpour	May 27
Fernando Lorenzo	May 30
Dave Gile	June 1
Michael Greene	June 2
Tony Grau	June 2
Judy Hoffman	June 10
Prince Lawson	June 18
Don Wing	June 20
Robert Dalger	June 22
Ron Zeaiter	June 24
Mary Jane Young	June 27
Scott Gombar	June 28

Welcome New Employees

Make sure to stop by and introduce yourself...

- Brandon Burch, Design Group Intern, Jacksonville Office
- Joe Delucia, CEI Senior Inspector, St. Augustine Office
- Martha Lanzziano, Project Engineer, Jacksonville Office
- Leo Offredi, P. E., CEI Manager, Miami Office
- Laura Robertson, Receptionist, Jacksonville Office
- Nancy Ross, CEI Inspector, Jacksonville Office
- Mary Jane Young, Administrative, Jacksonville Office

Calendar of Events

See what's happening in your office location...

- April 9, 2009, Tony Mahfoud, P. E. speaking at the Society of Women Engineers
- June 6, 2009 Jacksonville Suns Baseball Game, 6:00 pm

Employee Happenings

Congratulations go out to the following employees!

On November 28, 2008, Gianna Adams became **Gianna Warner** (Jacksonville Office) when she married Ben Warner, Deputy Director of JCCI. The wedding followed a road trip to Missouri to pick up Ben's children to join them for Thanksgiving and the wedding. The total number of children in the family is 8, giving a nice round family size of 10, however 6 of the children live in Missouri with their mother. The ceremony took place in the LDS Temple in Orlando, FL with the reception following the next day in Jacksonville.



On June 1st, 2009, **Dave Gile** (Jacksonville Office) and his soon-to-be-brid, Robin Bruce, will be getting married in Edinburgh, Scotland. The wedding will be a small, private ceremony. As with most other things Dave does, he is



totally diving into the experience and will be wearing the traditional Scottish kilt.

On April 25th, 2009, **Christy Nelson** (Jacksonville Office) will be tying the knot to Russell Lawson. The wedding will take place in Las Vegas, NV, followed by an 8-day honeymoon cruise two weeks later with ports of call in Cozumel, Costa Rica and Panama.



Ted Worthington (Orlando Office) recently became a first-time grandpa. Nathanael Taylor Gass was born on 2/10/09 at 8:44 pm. He was a healthy 7 pounds, 11 ounces.



Nathanael and his proud parents live in Daytona Beach, FL.

Please send any upcoming news or comments to newsletterinfo@eismanrusso.com