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A Murph Moment...

I probably should have mentioned to the carpool group in my ride to the June General Membership Meeting at Odyssey Manufacturing that I have trouble seeing very well in a monsoon, driving, blinding rain; before, not after flying past the exit. We still made good time, considering the re-route; as I don't drive 35 on the highway just because it's raining; still go the speed limit if I can get around the idiots with their flashers on, but wasn't smart enough to plug in my phone for google mapping. Considering the downpour, we still had 15 people at the meeting at Odyssey's Hillsborough County Facility. Our most sincere thanks go out to Pat Allman and his team of professionals for hosting and sponsoring the meeting; Marjorie was there also, she had set up for us with a delicious Bar-B-Que dinner from "First Choice". Pat's team is an amazing group, Pat by himself is a mind-blowing individual; his energy seems endless. He not only participated in the meeting by trying to coax us into getting a TopOps team together, explaining the process and benefits; giving a prognostication on the future of chlorine gas with inside details; gave a tour of the bleach generating facility there at Massaro Drive; but then offered to take us all over to his new Distribution Center, with 440,000 tons of salt stored on site, the largest FRP tanks that can be made storing bleach for distribution; rail car ready – truly amazing stuff.



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more Murph from page 1...

I got a picture of John Wolfe of Wolcoat (45 year FW&PCOA member & Region XII newsletter / year-end sponsor), who won the Pat Flanagan Award this year and was to receive it at the FWRC. He was unable to make the trip, so I wanted this picture for posterity, thank you again John for your dedication and kindness shown throughout the years.



I mentioned at the GMM the Fall State Short School coming up August 14 – 18 in Ft. Pierce, and that the nominations for Fall State Short School award are due in by June 30th, this is normally an earlier deadline, so don't wait next year. I ran out of time, info, and energy to put in more nominations; but did get 2 nominations in for the Dr. A.P. Black awards, both currently active members of Region XII; both gentlemen are a pleasure to be around, and are assets to the Association. I also put in for the Emory Dawkins Award (newsletter – Mark Harris – Editor), recently I was told by the Chairman of the Awards Committee, that we are always in the running for this award, we just need

to take that one back from Region X – no hard feelings Chuck and Katie, and the rest of the Region X members, but don't slip any, or we will have it back! When I substituted for Gerry Schoonmaker (Director) at the State Board meeting in June held in Plant City on Sat. 10th, a member of Region 4 told me about a person in Northport that would like to be nominated for the Pat Robinson Scholarship Award. I would love to nominate as many folks as I can, but I need details, and for some of the awards it is helpful if the person is actively involved in the association. I could not maneuver the new website well enough to find out if this person actually was a member of Region XII and was not contacted, and didn't have their contact info. I did finally receive a couple of nominations to send through, and to my unhappiness, the Awards Committee had already closed accepting any more this year for the Pat Robinson Award. We'll hold on to them, and try again for the upcoming 2018 schools. I'm sorry I didn't get ya'll in this go-around, but I will do everything I can to make it happen before the Spring Short School or the following Fall School.

To All: Please try to attend the October General Membership Meeting that will be held at the City of Venice on 10/19/17 at 6pm, they are always gracious hosts – good folks. Please continue to work on getting sponsors for our Year End Meeting/Party. And remember, the deadline for Region XII Outstanding member & facility awards are due Nov. 1, 2017.

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At the State Board Meeting, board and members discussed, motioned, seconded, and approved to rename the FW&PCOA Senior Field Technician Award to be the “Ray Bordner Award” to properly recognize our dear comrade Ray’s tireless work over the years. If you hadn’t heard, Ray fell into some serious medical complications after a gall bladder surgery; he is not doing well at all, and will no longer be able to do the distribution or backflow training courses. Our prayers and thoughts go out to him and his family.

Please RSVP General Membership Meetings, Mark has that link on the website, only 2 individuals signed-up for the last GMM; he also has a google map located on there, so that it makes the location easy to find; if you just don’t want to go to the website, please try to email, call, or text a Region XII board member a week or two before the meetings, this is important to allow our sponsors for the meeting to have a headcount for food.



Here is some rare footage of a FW&PCOA Board Member – Vice President Mike Darrow, exercising a 12” water main valve while troubleshooting concerns of water quality. The big question is, looking at his face, which one is getting the exercise, the valve or Mike?

As always, work safe and make a meeting when you can! Murf

Where Are They Now?

In an effort to deliver our Newsletter to EVERY member we want every member to please check this page for anyone they know. If you know anyone on this list let them know their Field & Upstream Newsletter came back as; “NOT DELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED” or “INSUFFICIENT ADDRESS” and to just send us an email with the correct address and we’ll have the next issue and the rest sent to their new address.

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FW&PCOA Region XII

General Membership Meeting (GMM) Minutes

Date: 6/15/17

It was a very heavy rainstorm for our drive to the June 15th General Membership Meeting. There were a total of 15 who attended the meeting. Thanks to all of those who weathered the storm to attend the meeting. After everyone dried out the meeting was called to order by Chairman Patrick Murphy who welcomed everyone and thanked Pat Allman and the Odyssey staff for hosting and sponsoring the meeting. Chair also noted Odyssey is the only 2 time winner of the Pat Flanagan Award. Chair asked everyone to introduce themselves and who they represented and asked everyone to ensure they signed in. Roll call to establish a quorum: Gerry Schoonmaker, Present; Patrick Murphy, Present; Steve Saffels, Present; John Wolfe, Present. Quorum established. Murphy took a picture of John Wolfe who was this year's winner of the Pat Flanagan award but was not able to be at the conference to receive it. The meal was served.

Call for motion to approve Minutes from last meeting: Gerry made motion and John seconded, passed. **Treasurer's Report** – Gerry Schoonmaker reported a balance of \$3,368. **Chairman's Report:** Murphy re-minded everyone the Fall State Short School was coming up August 14 – 18 in Ft. Pierce. Nominations for Fall State Short School award in by June 30th, last day for safety awards nominations was June 15th. Chair also reinforced the continued need for sponsorship search. **Director's Report:** Was made by Murphy as he substituted for Gerry Schoonmaker at the State Board meeting in June held in Plant City, the Education Committee meeting and Director's Meeting were both held on Sat. 10th. John Wolfe made the mtg. also. Phil Donovan (Publicity Chair) encouraged attendance of council and commission meetings and reminded Board members to bring their Water Professionals proclamations to the August Short School. Walt Smyser showed that there is now a static listing of Backflow Certificate holders on the website now; some more sorting, and folks will be able to print their certificates from the site; board packet meetings will also be retrievable from the site, and Directors will be able to upload their reports directly. Utility Maintenance Committee is assembling presentations for a Level I course. Tom King is almost complete with a Stormwater B course. Discussion about FWP-COA mission statement, some revisions and discussion to be held at next board meeting. Board and members discussed, motion, second and approved to rename the FW&PCOA Senior Field Technician Award to be the "Ray Bordner Award" to properly recognize Ray's tireless work over the years. Next meeting at Indian River State College in Ft. Pierce prior to State Short School – Education meeting Sat 3pm – 5pm 8/12; BOD's meeting Sun 9am – 12pm 8/13; then School Aug 14th – 18th. Gerry reported there has also been discussion on secession planning at the state level and discussion on investment of some of the State monies. **Committee Reports: Newsletter / Webmaster – Mark Harris: Has asked for** help with putting together the newsletter. **Education Committee:** Still working on a Region XII short school, date TBA. Mike Darrow said the FW&PCOA 'B' Drinking Water course is now available and On-Line, the 'B' Wastewater course is about 25% developed. **Awards committee:** State Fall short school awards, Murphy is working on some now, dead-line June 30th; Murphy was also told by Dave Patchuki that Rebecca Rodriguez would like to be nominated for Pat Robinson Award, told him she is in Region XII (maybe Northport) for WW collection. Deadline for Region XII Outstanding member & facility awards are due Nov. 1, 2017. **Old Business:** Continue to find sponsors for the Year End Meeting / Party – thanks to Gerry and Paul for getting two sponsors, we just need 10 more. **New Business:** a. Board meeting – Popi's, July 20th, need to prepare slate for October meeting presentation. b. Please RSVP General Membership Meetings, Mark has that link on the website, only 2 individuals signed-up for this GMM (as of 6/13); he also has a google map located on there, so that it makes it easy to find. c. Tampa Bay Wastewater Forum & Maintenance Forum – a utilities networking group formed, multi-county attendance, some of our members are attending already, Just mentioning.

Next Meeting: August 17th GMM XX to be announced, still working with Sims HD who said they would sponsor, and are working on lining up hosting. **BAM Drawing (Bumming Around Money):** Ric Romanoff.

Call for Adjournment: Motion made by John, Second by Gerry, Motion Carried.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sponsor: HD Sims

Location: 1219 US-301, Tampa, FL 33619

Date : August 17th

Time : 6:00 pm

Look for the FW&PCOA REGION 12 MEETING INSIDE SIGN

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