

# ENVISION

## JOIN US FOR THE FIRST JOINT ENGINEERS LUNCHEON FOR THE 2003-2004 YEAR

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2003  
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.  
Location: Ramada Inn - Mandarin\*  
1-295 & State Road 13 Exit  
Topic: Super Bowl XXXIX  
Speaker: Reid Sigmon, Vice President –  
Operations, Jacksonville Super bowl  
Host Committee (see bio page 2)  
Cost: \$14.00 per person (\$16.00 for walkups)\*  
Menu: Chicken Marsala, vegetable medley  
and twice baked potato  
Host: FES

Reservations: By Thursday, September 11, 2003  
Confirmation: Call Bonnie Woolard 904-731-7040

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## MATHCOUNTS GOLF TOURNAMENT - LAST CHANCE!!

The annual MathCounts fundraiser will be held September 8, 2003 at beautiful Marsh Landing Golf & CC. MathCounts is our premier community outreach event encouraging youngsters to consider engineering and the sciences as a career. Please support this outstanding program by signing up to play in or sponsor this great golf event.

**Call Doug Davis, PE today at 739-3655 to sign up. Don't miss out!!**

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome back to all of you. I hope you had an enjoyable summer and an opportunity to spend time recharging your batteries. I want to begin my term as President of the Northeast Florida Chapter of FES by thanking you for the opportunity to serve our chapter this year. I look forward to a great year. We have an enthusiastic group of officers and committee chairs who are committed on the local level to accomplishing a number of goals which came out of our state Strategic Planning process. These include:

- Increase the number of opportunities to get people together. Emphasize increased participation and involvement by planning activities that attract members/families.
- Plan and put on a local technical seminar. We will provide engineers an opportunity to come together on a topic of interest and to gain credits towards their licensure requirements.
- Increase our cooperative effort with ASCE, SAME, and other engineering groups to provide more opportunity for interaction with other engineering societies.
- Develop mechanisms to establish strong linkage (mentors and advisors) to promote a sustained FES presence at each local engineering school.
- Utilize Internet technology for distribution of information to members. This includes development of a website for our chapter linked to the state FES website. The students at UNF will play a key role in this effort.
- Assess which government agencies warrant formal or ad hoc liaison relationships and take steps to establish FES liaison committees.

I encourage you to take a step to be more involved in the Florida Engineering Society this year. Join a committee. Come out to the social and technical events. Support the MathCounts Golf Tournament next week by playing or sponsorship. Get involved. Please do not hesitate to call on me if there is any way I can help or if you have questions on where you can best get involved with the FES.

*Mark Mechling, P.E.*



## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Mr. Sigmon received his bachelor's degree in politics from Wake Forest University (Magna Cum Laude), where he was a letterman on the football team and a member of the ACC Honor Roll. Upon graduation, he spent two years as operations assistant for Wake Forest University's athletic department. During that time he was the tournament manager for the 1997 ACC Women's Soccer Tournament, and the Assistant Tournament Manager for the 1997 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament East Region First/Second Rounds. In 1998, Mr. Sigmon moved to St. Petersburg, Florida to join the Tampa Bay Final Four Organizing Committee as Assistant Director, serving as the project manager for Transportation, Stadium Operations, Game Management, and YES (Youth Education through Sports) Clinics. Following the 1999 Final Four, Mr. Sigmon moved to Tampa to serve as Director of Operations for the Tampa Bay Super Bowl XXXV Task Force. He was responsible for coordinating logistical aspects in the Tampa Bay area related to hotels, security/law enforcement, transportation, and stadium operations. In May 2003, he received his Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Florida, where he was president of the MBA Association and a Matherly Scholar, an award given to top students in the program based on contributions to the MBA program, leadership and academic achievement.

In his role as Vice President – Operations for the Jacksonville Super Bowl Host Committee, Mr. Sigmon's focus is on the integrated planning of all aspects of transportation, parking and visitor movement, including ground, marine and air transport. Mr. Sigmon will work closely with the NFL to prepare ALLTEL Stadium and the surrounding areas to host Super Bowl XXXIX and ancillary activities. In addition, he works closely with the Special Events, Administration, and Lodging and Accommodations subcommittees.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Executive Committee Meetings – New Time, New Location, New Format

We are pleased to announce some changes regarding the Executive Committee Meetings which we believe will facilitate improvement to the planning and implementation process. This year our Executive Committee meetings will be held midday at the offices of Prosser Hallock. A lunch of sandwich and drink will be available for a nominal fee. Feel free to bring your own bag lunch if you prefer. The focus of the meetings will be planning for upcoming events and activities. All Committee Chairs or members that have items for the agenda should forward them to Mark Mechling a week in advance of the Executive Committee meeting.

### First Executive Committee Meeting –

**Date:** September 10, 2003  
**Time:** 11:45AM - 1:30PM  
**Location:** Prosser Hallock  
13901 Sutton Park Drive South,  
Suite 200 – just north of JTB and east of  
Hodges Blvd.

Please RSVP to Christal Jeane at Ellis & Associates (880-0960) by September 8 if you would like lunch at the Executive Committee meeting.

### Future Executive Committee Meetings Dates: (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month)

October 8, 2003  
November 12, 2003  
December 10, 2003  
January 14, 2004  
February 11, 2004  
March 10, 2004  
April 14, 2004  
May 12, 2004  
June 9, 2004



## STATE DIRECTORS MESSAGE

**This year the Tampa Chapter received the award for the largest increase in membership for large chapters. However, our chapter led the pack for most of the year and came in second by only a fraction of a percentage point. We can be proud of our effort and need to encourage new members to attend our meetings.**

Our outgoing State President, John Zumwalt, III, PE, had two major goals this year. The first was to increase membership to 4,000—which we nearly accomplished, reaching 3,961 members. The second was to lead our members toward becoming community professionals, which was accomplished through a well-attended legislative day in Tallahassee with Governor Jeb Bush in March, and a reorganization of the roles for the regional Vice Presidents of FES.

During this August's Conference, we elected a new State President, Ms. Shannon LaRocque, PE, Assistant Director of Utilities from the Town of Jupiter. She is the state society's first female president and promises to be another vibrant leader.

We are looking forward to another successful year at the state and local levels.

*Bob Kosoy, P. E.*  
State Director

REQUEST FOR  
AWARD NOMINATIONS

The chapter is in need of recommendations for the FES "Young Engineer of the Year" award. Forms can be obtained from the Awards Committee chairperson, Mike Lithman, P. E. by phoning 904-880-0960, FAX'ing: 904-880-0979 or e-mail: m.lithman@ellisassoc.com. The forms must be submitted to the Awards Committee by November 15, 2003. You are encouraged to make qualified young engineers known to the committee.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Following are the currently scheduled future activities

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October 21, 2003	ASCE joint luncheon
November 18, 2003	SAME joint luncheon (Doing business with the government)
Fall 2003	FES Outing
December 16, 2003	SAME luncheon
December – TBA	FES Christmas Party
January 20, 2004	FES joint luncheon
<b>February 20-28, 2004 Engineers Week</b>	
February 20	ASCE Kickoff luncheon
February 23	Golf tournament
February 24	SAME luncheon and tour
February 28	Engineer's Week Dinner Banquet
February 28	MATHCOUNTS Competition
March 2004	Local Seminar
Spring 2004	PE Refresher
March 16, 2004	SAME joint luncheon
April 20, 2004	ASCE joint luncheon
May – TBA	SAME Jax. Suns Baseball
May 18, 2004	FES joint luncheon
June – TBA	FES Installation dinner
June 15, 2004	SAME luncheon - Readiness
July - TBA	SAME Installation dinner
August 14, 2004	SAME picnic- Blanding



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## OCTOBER JOINT ENGINEERS LUNCHEON

**Date:** Tuesday, October 21, 2003  
**Time:** 11:30 - 12:00 noon – Registration/Social  
 12:00 – 12:30 PM Lunch  
 12:30 - 1:15 PM Program  
**Location:** Ramada Inn - Mandarin\*  
 1-295 & State Road 13 Exit  
**Topic:** Joint Participation Agreements: JPA for  
 Electrical Distribution and it's Misconceptions;  
 and the Concept of Joint Management  
**Speaker:** Ed Breza, JEA Manager-Interagency Initiatives  
 (IAI)  
**Cost:** \$14.00 per person (\$16.00 for walkups)\*  
**Menu:** Baked Herb Chicken with Green Beans  
 Almondine, Red Bliss Potatoes and Apple Pie  
**Host:** ASCE

Reservations: Please phone Stacie Green at 904-998-2084 by 12 noon Thursday, October 16, 2003. Checks should be made payable to "ASCE" and will be collected at the reservation table. Sorry, "No Shows" will be billed for the cost.

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

### We are Underway

We had a great kick-off to the year at our September joint-luncheon. Mr. Reid Sigmon provided an enlightening and enjoyable talk on the planning for Jacksonville's 2005 SuperBowl. Thanks go out to Terry Hull, PE, of Taylor Engineering, and Andy Cummings, PE, of Connelly & Wicker, for lining up Reid as our speaker.

I would like to recognize Doug Davis, PE, of Prosser Hallock, and those that helped him, for their efforts in planning and hosting this year's MathCounts Benefit Golf Tournament. Doug's committee put together a tremendous event. The event included a great venue (Marsh Landing Country Club) and some great prizes (including an Arnold Palmer autographed putter). Best of all for our local MathCounts program, the tournament was a financial success too. Special thanks to Doug's wife, Angela, who was instrumental in soliciting prizes and sponsors, and to Rick Henrich, of UNF, who judged the putting contest the day of the tournament.

Special recognition goes to Bruce Myhre, PE, of PBS&J. For a number of years Bruce has labored in relative anonymity to organize and put on local EI refresher (fall) and PE refresher (spring) courses. These events are the primary sources of revenue for our FES chapter. Bruce arranges the venue for the courses, finds engineers willing to give of their time to teach the refresher courses, registers the students, and handles all the details of these valuable courses. Our hats are off to you Bruce. Thanks for all you do for the Chapter!

### Looking Ahead

I hope you will make plans to join your fellow engineers and future engineers (students) at these upcoming events:

- October 21 – next Joint Luncheon at the Ramada Mandarin – hosted by ASCE.
- November 8 – Tailgate Party and UNF basketball game at UNF – hosted by UNF Student Chapter and FES.
- November 18 – "Doing Business with the Government" seminar, and joint-luncheon at the Ramada Mandarin – hosted by SAME.
- December 9 – tour of the new Jacksonville Arena – hosted by SAME.

Please contact me at 880-0960 or [mmechling@ellisassoc.com](mailto:mmechling@ellisassoc.com) to provide your input and suggestions. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at an upcoming event.

*Mark Mechling, P.E.*



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## PROJECT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

A Better Project Management seminar, hosted by FES, will be held in Jacksonville in March, 2004. The program will be presented by Kevin Cooley, P.E. and will provide practical tips and techniques for better project management. Four PDH's can be earned. Additional information on this important event will be in future issues of ENVISION.

## UNF BASKETBALL GAME OUTING

The student chapter of FES at The University of North Florida is hosting an outing on November 8, 2003 at 4:00 P.M. This will be a great chance to be with fellow and student engineers while enjoying picnicking and a ball game. UNF is playing Edward Waters College. The festivities will start between 12:00 and 1:00. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs and liquid refreshment. A volleyball net will be set up for those who want to play. The basketball game will be free. Pricing for the picnic has not been established but will be nominal. For further information, contact Michael A. Hill, P.E. - see "Activities" under committee chairpersons on the last page.

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<u>December 9, 2003</u> Arena	Tour of new Jacksonville
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February 28	<b>MATHCOUNTS</b> Competition
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<u>March 16, 2004</u>	SAME joint luncheon
Spring	PE refresher
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## Membership News

- FES has reached 4000 members! Thank you for sponsoring and encouraging members to join FES. Continue to reach out to fellow engineers in the area. Each new member you sponsor entitles you to FES Prizes. Visit [www.fleng.org](http://www.fleng.org) for the complete list of 2003-2004 sponsor incentives.
- FES is looking to win the Annual NSPE Southeast Regional Membership Award for the third year. This award is given to the state with the greatest positive percentage change in membership. Florida is the only state with positive growth, 4.03%. The NSPE Southeast Region is Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.
- Attention Young Engineers: Have you graduated from college (undergraduate degree only) in the last 5 years? Did you know you could be saving \$120 on your annual membership dues? To support recent engineering college graduates FES and NSPE membership dues are reduced by 50% for the first five years post graduation. To qualify for the recent graduate rate (2003-2004 membership year), a young engineer has to have received their undergraduate engineering after October 1, 1998. This program is open for new and current members. To check the status of your membership with FES, contact Kate Robinson or Janice Faulk at 850-224-7121.
- Are you an Enterprise Membership Firm? Enterprise members save 10% on their annual dues. For more information and qualifications visit [www.fleng.org](http://www.fleng.org).

For information on FES membership in northeast Florida, contact Dan Hiden, PE, of Parsons Brinkerhoff at (904) 396-1334

## Calendar of Events

(For additional information about the events listed below, contact the chapter officers or FES Headquarters at 850-224-7121.)

### October 2003

- 1<sup>st</sup> FES 2003-2004 Membership Dues Deadline - Renew Today!
- 2<sup>nd</sup> FES CEQ Committee Meeting – 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> NSPE Southeast Regional Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 23<sup>rd</sup> FES Membership Development Committee Meeting 2:30 p.m.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Region 1 Conference, Emerald Coast Conference Center, Ft. Walton Beach

### November 2003

- 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> FES/FICE Leadership Institute, Grand Hyatt, Tampa
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 2004 Governor's New Product Award Deadline



# ENVISION

## NOVEMBER

### WORKSHOP and JOINT ENGINEERS LUNCHEON

#### Business Opportunities with the Government

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 18, 2003  
**LOCATION:** Ramada Inn- Mandarin  
 1-295 & State Road 13  
 3130 Hartley Road

#### WORKSHOP TIME:

0900 – 0930 “Opportunities with the Corps of Engineers”,  
 Steve Duba, P.E., Chief, Engineering Division, Jacksonville District, Corps of Engineers  
 0930 – 1000 “Opening the Door to Navy Business Opportunities”,  
 CAPT. K. Charles Khan, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer, Navy Publics Works Center/Engineering Field Activity Southeast, CNRSE Regional Engineer  
 1000 – 1030 Break  
 1030 – 1100 “Duval County Public Schools Facilities Programs – “Pressing Forward””,  
 Doug Ayars, P.E., Assistant Superintendent Facilities Services, Duval County Public Schools  
 1100 - 1130 “Professional Services Contracting Opportunities with The City of Jacksonville”, E. T. “Ed” Hall, P.E., Deputy Director, Department of Public Works, City of Jacksonville

#### LUNCH TIME:

1130 – 1330 Lunch  
 Speaker: Lad Daniels, Jacksonville City Council President, City of Jacksonville

**COST:** Workshop - \$20.00  
 Lunch - \$14.00 \*  
 (\$16.00 w/o reservation)  
 Workshop & Lunch - \$30.00

#### LUNCH MENU:

Sliced Roast Beef w/Mushroom Gravy, Baked Potato, Green Beans Almondine, Tossed Salad, Strawberry Layer Cake, Rolls & Butter, Coffee & Iced Tea

**HOST:** This meeting is being hosted by SAME.

**RESERVATIONS:** Judy Doggett, Navy PWC at 904/542-5132 by 12 noon, Friday, November 14, 2003. Checks payable: “SAME” and will be collected at the registration table. Reservations must be guaranteed. “No shows” will be billed for the cost. Please make your reservations early to ensure your attendance. Space may be limited.

\*The FES chapter currently underwrites the cost of luncheons for engineering students. Members are encouraged to bring such guests or other potential members. Be sure to provide the names of guests when making reservations for complimentary luncheons.

### HURRY FOR UNF BASKETBALL GAME OUTING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2003

More about the tailgate outing hosted by the student chapter of FES at The University of North Florida: Tickets are free but please call one of the contacts below to reserve them. The game starts at 4:00 PM. Plans are to start the outing about 1:00 PM rain or shine. Food and drinks will be provided (including hamburgers, hotdogs, condiments, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, chips, pretzels, desert and munchies) but you will have to bring your own beer. The meeting will take place by the intramural fields by the arena. This will be a great chance to be with fellow and student engineers while enjoying picnicking and a ball game. UNF is playing Edward Waters College. A Volleyball net will be set up for those who want to play. There may be a need for some items such as tables, grills, a camper or Coleman stove etc. For further information, contact Michael A. Hill, P.E. Phone: 904-880-0960 or Jonas Goode Phone: 904-764-3372 by November 6, 2003, to reserve tickets or to offer your help.

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 distribution of ENVISION on page three**



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Date/Time: November 12, 2003, 11:45 AM-1:30PM**  
**Location: Prosser Hallock (13901 Sutton Park Drive South, Suite 200 – just north of JTB and east of Hodges Blvd.)**

A lunch of sandwich, chips and drink will be available for \$7.00. Feel free to bring your own bag lunch if you prefer. Please RSVP to Christal Jeane at Ellis & Associates (880-0960) by November 10 if you would like lunch provided.

### Executive Comm. Meetings Dates are 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

December 10, 2003  
January 14, 2004  
February 11, 2004  
March 10, 2004  
April 14, 2004  
May 12, 2004  
June 9, 2004

## VETERANS MEMORIAL ARENA TOUR

There will be a lunch and tour of the new Veterans Memorial Arena on Tuesday, December 9, 2003 at 11:30 A.M. Details are in process of being formulated. For further information, call Ron Hilton, P.E. at 904-237-7865.

## IMPLEMENTING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

If members have professional development needs, please contact Ernest Frey, P.E. at PH: 904-981-0018 or e-mail [ern\\_frey@bellsouth.net](mailto:ern_frey@bellsouth.net). There will be a meeting of the Professional Development Committee at Avid Engineering in Orlando on November 5, 2003. Ernest Frey will be attending for the Northeast Section of FES.

The agenda is as follows:

- ◆ Fiscal year performance for workshops and seminars
- ◆ Updating the two year seminar and workshop schedule
- ◆ On line courses
- ◆ Video courses
- ◆ Progress toward improving the Professional Development objectives in the FES Strategic Plan

## ENGINEERS WEEK PLANNING

The Engineers Week Planning Committee has scheduled its first two meetings to be held on November 6 and November 20 at the Southeast Library from noon to 1:00 P.M. Additional volunteers are needed. Please call Ken Loeftgren at 904-743-5440 for more information.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### Members' Only Section-NEW

FES members are now able to update membership records and register for continuing education courses from the convenience of their computer. Members will soon be able to pay annual membership dues, register for FES events (including Leadership Conference and the Annual Summer Conference and Exposition), review event history, and print continuing education certificates with the easy click of a button. Please continue to check the members' only section for updates and new features.

To access the members' only section, visit [www.fleng.org](http://www.fleng.org) and click on the 'Customer Log In' icon at the top right corner of the web page. The customer number is the same as your FES number; the password is your last name. Contact FES the Membership Department at 850-224-7121, if you do not know your FES number. Please send any comments or suggestions about the new members' only section to Kate Robinson at [krobinson@fleng.org](mailto:krobinson@fleng.org).

### RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

#### Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership for 2003-2004

There is still time to renew your membership dues for the 2003-2004 year, but you need to act now. You don't want to miss out on reduced rates for continuing education courses, chapter networking sessions, regional conferences, professional recognition through FES awards, career advancement, leadership opportunities, and much more. Please contact Janice Faulk, Membership Retention Manager at 850-224-7121, to renew today. Dues can be paid with a credit card (VISA & MasterCard), check, or money order.

### GIVING A MEMBERSHIP

**Give the Gift of Membership!** The holidays are fast approaching. This year give the gift of membership to your favorite engineer or engineering staff. Membership in FES will provide professional and personal growth throughout the year. For more information on this gift of membership contact Kate Robinson, Director of Membership Recruitment, at 850-224-7121.

### State Calendar of Events

(For additional information about the events listed below, contact the chapter officers or FES Headquarters at 850-224-7121.)

#### November 2003

- 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> FES/FICE Leadership Institute, Grand Hyatt, Tampa
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 2004 Governor's New Product Award Deadline

#### December 2003

- 4<sup>th</sup> – FBPE Board Meeting, Ramada Inn Tallahassee



## REQUEST FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

The chapter is in need of recommendations for the FES "Engineer of the Year", "Outstanding service to the Engineering Profession", "Outstanding Technical Achievement" and "Fellow" awards. Forms can be obtained from the Awards Committee chairperson, Mike Lithman, P. E. by phoning 904-880-0960, FAX'ing: 904-880-0979 or e-mail: [m.lithman@ellisassoc.com](mailto:m.lithman@ellisassoc.com). The forms must be submitted to the Awards Committee by January 15, 2004. You are encouraged to make qualified young engineers known to the committee.

## STUDENT CHAPTER SEEKS SPONSORS

The University of North Florida (UNF) student chapter of FES is currently looking for companies to sponsor scholarships. These scholarships will be awarded to current UNF students enrolled as engineering majors. The UNF student chapter of FES is the largest engineering club on campus. They are taking a proactive role in creating student involvement with the parent chapter of FES and professional engineers. If your company is interested in offering a scholarship, please contact Jonas Goode, Student President ([goodejonas@aol.com](mailto:goodejonas@aol.com)) or Mike Jackson, Ph.D., PE, Faculty Advisor ([njackson@unf.edu](mailto:njackson@unf.edu))

## PROJECT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

A Better Project Management seminar, hosted by FES, will be held in Jacksonville in March 2004. The program will be presented by Kevin Cooley, P.E. and will provide practical tips and techniques for better project management. Four PDH's can be earned. Additional information on this important event will be in future issues of ENVISION.



## LOCAL UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Following are the currently scheduled future activities

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>
<u>November 8, 2003</u> Basketball Game	Tailgate party and UNF
<u>November 18, 2003</u> (Doing business with the government)	SAME joint luncheon
<u>December 9, 2003</u> Arena	Tour of new Jacksonville
<u>December 9, 2003</u>	FES Christmas Party
<u>December 16, 2003</u>	SAME luncheon

January 20, 2004 FES joint luncheon

### **February 20-28, 2004 Engineers Week**

February 20	ASCE Kickoff luncheon
February 23	Golf tournament
February 24	SAME luncheon and tour
February 28	Engineer's Week Banquet
February 28	<b>MATHCOUNTS</b> Competition

<u>March 2004</u>	Project Management Seminar
<u>March 16, 2004</u>	SAME joint luncheon

Spring	PE refresher
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<u>April 20, 2004</u>	ASCE joint luncheon
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<u>May - TBA</u>	SAME Jax. Suns Baseball
<u>May 18, 2004</u>	FES joint luncheon

<u>June 10, 2004</u>	FES Installation dinner
<u>June 15, 2004</u>	SAME luncheon - Readiness

<u>July - TBA</u>	SAME Installation dinner
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<u>August 14, 2004</u>	SAME picnic- Blanding
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## ENVISION BY E-MAIL

Please note the important notice about distribution of ENVISION below.

Our chapter will begin distributing the *ENVISION* by email beginning in December 2003. If you would like to continue receiving future copies of the *ENVISION* by Regular Mail, please contact Andy Cummings, 249-7995 and let him know. Otherwise, look for a PDF version of the *ENVISION* in December.



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# ENVISION

## 2003 SEASONS GREETINGS

*and*

## YOUR INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2003

at the

The Deerwood Country Club

10239 Golf Club Drive, Jacksonville, FL (Phone:  
904-614-6100)

for

All Northeast Florida FES members and their  
significant other

6:00 P. M.                      Cash Bar and Mixer  
7:00 P. M.                      Dinner

### For Reservations:

Call Bonnie Woolard at 904-731-7040  
Reservations need to be made by Thursday,  
December 4, 2003.

### Please select an entrée from the following options when making your reservation:

- London Broil and Salmon – Tender Sliced London Broil  
Served with rich Mushroom Burgundy Sauce,  
accompanied by a Mesquite Seasoned Alaska Salmon  
filet.
- Steamed Vegetable Plate – A beautiful array of Herb  
Seasoned Vegetables and seasoned wild rice blend.

**Dinner Selections Will Include:** House Salad, Chef's Choice  
of Starch & Vegetable, Rolls & Butter, and Regular or  
Decaffeinated Coffees & Tea and dessert.

**Cost:** \$30.00 per person. (No shows will be invoiced)

### **Program:** Gift Exchange

Each couple is asked to bring an appropriate wrapped  
gift, valued under \$10.00, for exchange.

**Attire:** Business – Holiday style

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FES, like most organizations, is fueled by the efforts of unpaid volunteer members. Due to the efforts of local volunteer engineers and engineering students, we are making progress toward meeting the goals established in our Chapter for the 2003/04 year. I would like to thank the FES members noted below because so much of their work takes place behind the scenes, and often goes unrecognized by most of our members.

One of our goals for the year is to emphasize increased participation and involvement by choosing meeting places/facilities that attract members/families. Thanks go out to Mike Hill, PE, of Ellis & Associates, and Rick Henrick of UNF for their efforts in putting together the UNF Basketball Game Outing on November 8. We had about 30 engineers, students, and family members together for a pregame tailgate party and then to enjoy the game. If you missed it, you missed a great time. The game went down to the last shot with UNF holding on for a two point win over Edward Waters College.

Another of our goals is to establish continuing education as a priority. We will soon hold our first local seminar to address this need. The seminar will be held in March 2004 and will be on Better Project Management. Thanks go out to Mike Woodward, PE, of MACTEC, for leading this effort.

Another of our goals is to improve communication with our members. A special thanks in this area goes to Dan Holmes, PE (retired), who for the past several years has singlehandedly put together this publication. Dan spends many hours each month tracking down the copy and putting it together. His efforts result in the main form of communication for most of our 300 local members. Thanks Dan!

On December 9, we will hold our annual Christmas Party. The event will be held at Deerwood Country Club and promises to be great, as Deerwood always does a fantastic job for us. The party is for all members, spouses and guests. I hope you will make plans to join the festivities.

My best wishes go out to all our members and their families for a joyful Christmas and holiday season!

*Mark Mechling, PE*



## FES NORTHEAST CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Date/Time:** December 10, 2003, 11:45 AM-1:25 PM

**Location:** Prosser Hallock (13901 Sutton Park Drive South, Suite 200 – just north of JTB and east of Hodges Blvd.)

The focus of the meeting will be status/planning for upcoming activities. All Committee Chairs or members that have items for the agenda should forward them to Mark Mechling by December 5, 2003. A lunch of Sandwich, chips and drink will be available for \$7.00. Feel free to bring your own bag lunch if you prefer. Please RSVP to Christal Jeane at Ellis & Associates (880-0960) by December 8, 2003 if you would like lunch provided.

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are 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday**

January 14, 2004  
February 11, 2004  
March 10, 2004  
April 14, 2004  
May 12, 2004  
June 9, 2004

## ENGINEERS WEEK PLANNING

The Engineers Week Planning Committee met November 6 at the Southeast Branch of the Jacksonville Library and established the following:

November 21, 2003      Next committee meeting at Southeast Branch of Jacksonville Library

February 1, 2003      Deadline for advertising for The Business Journal Advertising supplement

February 16, 2003      Golf outing

February 20, 2003      Kick off lunch at UNF

February 20, 2003      The Business Journal advertising supplement publication date

February 26, 2003      ASHE/APWA Joint Luncheon at River City Brewing Company

February 28, 2003      Banquet at San Jose Country Club

Please call Ken Loeftgren at 904-743-5440 for more information.

## VETERANS MEMORIAL ARENA TOUR CANCELLED

The lunch and tour of the new Veterans Memorial Arena on Tuesday, December 9, 2003 did not materialize. Please remove this event from your schedule. We regret if this cancellation has caused you any inconvenience.

## DECEMBER JOINT LUNCHEON MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, December 16, 2003

**LOCATION:** Ramada Inn- Mandarin  
1-295 & State Road 13  
3130 Hartley Road

### TIME:

11:30 – 12:00 noon	Registration and social time
12:00 – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 – 1:15 p.m.	Speaker

**TOPIC:** Jacksonville, Florida, Proto-Type Test of Information Management to Correlate Data Looking for Terrorist Activities

**SPEAKER:** Ms. Liz Pierce will speak on a new Anti-Terrorism Information Management and Data Collection system that Dr. Donovan, MIT Professor, will begin installing in Jacksonville, Florida. The new data collection system will use information management on a scale never before attempted. Jacksonville will serve as the proto-type installation site to collect and correlate data from many city, state and federal information sources and manage those information entry points looking for potential terrorist activities. Ms. Pierce is a member of Dr. Donovan's team.

**COST:** \$14.00 (\$16.00 w/o reservation)

**LUNCH MENU:** Sliced Turkey Breast  
Cornbread Stuffing  
Peas & Mushrooms  
Garden Tossed Salad  
Blueberry Pie w/whipped cream  
Rolls, Butter, Coffee & Iced Tea

**RESERVATIONS:** Please telephone Judy Doggett, Navy PWC at 904/542-5132 by 12 noon, December 12, 2003. Checks should be made payable: "SAME" and will be collected at the registration table. Reservations must be guaranteed; "No Shows" will be billed for the cost.

## MEMBERSHIP

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## MATHCOUNTS

Do you want to make a difference? Do you have approximately 8 hours to contribute to a very worthy endeavor? Then the Northeast Chapter of FES has an opportunity for you!

For the past 20+ years the Chapter has sponsored the Mathcounts program in Northeast Florida. This effort has created a positive influence on the mathematics education of Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade) students in our local area. The Mathcounts strives to increase students' motivation in math and science through a local coaching program and series of challenging competitions.

Our local MATHCOUNTS competition will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2004 at the Episcopal High School of Jacksonville located at 4455 Atlantic Boulevard. Students who win at our local competition will advance to the state competition held in Orlando on March 25-27, 2004, and the top four individuals from the state competition will progress to the national tournament held in Washington, DC May 6-9, 2004.

If you would like to be part of this exciting event, please contact me by telephone at 904-280-4678 or e-mail addressed to fl-mathcounts@comcast.net

*John P. McEvoy, JR., P.E.*

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## ENVISION BY E-MAIL

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## FOUR PDH's FOR ATTENDING PROJECT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

Four PDH's can be earned by attending a local seminar that is being sponsored by our chapter of FES. It is entitled "Effective Tools and Practical Techniques for Better Project Management". This will be lead by Kevin Cooley, P. E., at the University of North Florida (UNF) University Center on Tuesday, March 2, 2004. The program will run from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and will provide practical tips and techniques for better project management. The fee will be \$125.00. Additional information on this important event will be in future issues of *ENVISION*. If you have questions, feel free to call Michael B. Woodward, P.E. at 904-396-5173.

## LOCAL UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Following are the currently scheduled future activities

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>
<b>December</b> 9, 2003	FES Christmas Party
December 16, 2003	SAME luncheon
January 20, 2004 FES joint luncheon	
<b>February 20-28, 2004</b>	<b>Engineers Week</b>
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February 23	Golf tournament
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February 28	<b>MATHCOUNTS</b> Competition
<b>March</b> 2004	Project Management Seminar
March 16, 2004	SAME joint luncheon
<b>Spring</b>	PE refresher
<b>April</b> 20, 2004	ASCE joint luncheon
<b>May</b> - TBA	SAME Jax. Suns Baseball
May 18, 2004	FES joint luncheon
<b>June</b> 10, 2004	FES Installation dinner
June 15, 2004	SAME luncheon - Readiness
<b>July</b> - TBA	SAME Installation dinner
<b>August</b> 14, 2004	SAME picnic- Blanding





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