

# THE WHISTLE

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In this my final message as your 2006 FHEA State President, I look back at a blessed and wonderful year. This organization has grown by leaps and bounds in more ways than I can number. So, why is this? First, since my introduction to FHEA in the spring of 1984, we have had great leadership, not only with outstanding presidents, but with each and every board member who has been equally important with their valuable input. This combined leadership greatly contributed to the successful outcome of all our events. There is no secret to the second component: Shelburn Wilkes, with the continuous support of Rita, has been a driving force of our success. Thank you, Shelburn and Rita, for the many years of service.

## *The President's Corner*

As I review some of our past editions of the Whistle, I discovered a pattern. Each past year's winter edition boasted of the "Largest Trade Show." Once again, our trade show *was* record setting, with 225 booths and one tabletop exhibit. Please take the time to thank all the vendors for the constant and outstanding support they give the FHEA.

Our education program was well received at the Annual meeting and your evaluations are a great help as we begin planning our future programs.

As your new president Dino Gavazza takes office, the stage is set for an exciting and eventful year. The future for FHEA is even brighter than ever with a Board of Directors composed of sea-

soned veterans, energetic youth and new ideas. With the enthusiasm of our new Executive Director, Alethea Vitray, and the support of Shelburn Wilkes, they are our next Super Bowl Champions, or should I say "Super Board Champions."

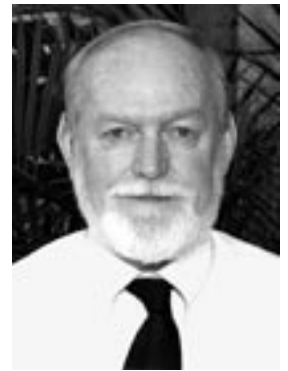
I am grateful to all the staff here at Sacred Heart on the Emerald Coast for their support during the past year. From the Administration to my support staff, they all willingly stepped up and covered for me during my many travels. Thank you all.

I guess the luck of the Irish was on my side this year. We accomplished every task we started: revising the by-laws, securing the ASHE Gold Chapter Award, hosting two successful meetings and trade show, revamping our website, improving the educational library, interviewing and selecting our new Executive Director, attending the ASHE Convention in Boston, as well as many other activities. But best of all: enjoying a hurricane free season. YEAH!

Dino Gavazza, C.H.E. is our new state president. He possesses great leadership qualities and will do an excellent job; please support him as you have all of us in the past.

Finally, thank you all for allowing me this great privilege.

Sincerely,  
*Jim "Hutch" Hutchinson, CHE*  
President



# Meet your new president

Incoming FHEA President Dino Gavazza, CHE, is Director of Plant Operations at Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center. Dino has served in this position for six years and prior to that was the Director of Facility Operations at West Boca Medical Center for 14 years.

Originally from New York, Dino began his career there and also served in the Navy for two years before moving to Florida with his wife Elaine in 1988. Asked by Jim Pate and Rando Reno to join the FHEA, he did so in 1990 and reveals that joining was one of the best career decisions he has made.

Over the years he has held numerous positions within District IV

including vice president and president, representative, and education officer, before shifting to state level positions.

Dino prefers a hands-on approach in his work and his interests outside of work reflect this same active style: snow and water skiing, hunting, fishing, racing, and motorcycles (Harleys, of course). Elaine joins him some of the time, but knows someone has to stay home to care for their two dogs, Bruno, and Luca, a Katrina survivor.

Dino is looking forward to a great year ahead for FHEA. He cares deeply for this organization and hopes he can help deliver on another of his interests: making a



*Dino Gavazza, CHE*

profound difference in how health-care is delivered.

## Welcome New Supporting Members

*The following have joined our growing ranks since our last issue of "The Whistle."*

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**Shelburn M. Wilkes, CAE  
Executive Director**

**HERE & THERE**

• **Special thanks** to our supporting members: We appreciate each and every company who participated in the Annual Meeting and Trade Show in 2006. This year we had a record number of exhibitors, and the feedback we have received on the array of ideas and products presented is gratifying.

We'd also like to express our thanks to a special group of supporting members who went above and beyond: **Industrial Engineering Company** and **Waco Filters** for hosting hospitality suites; **Bay Area Disaster**, **Link Construction Group Inc.** and **Walbridge Aldinger Company** for Trade Show Cookies; **Bovis Lend Lease** for CHE Breakfast; **Ring Power Corporation** for FHEA Luncheon; **I.C. Thomasson Associates, Inc.** for Trade Show Coffee; **Primary Integration Healthcare** for FHEA Breakfast; and **Centex Construction Company** for FHEA Scholarships.

• **Whistle Revamp!** - The newsletter will soon undergo a makeover increasing the size and content to make better use of a great forum for communication between healthcare professionals

and companies providing products and services to healthcare facilities. In addition to a regular column on Codes and Standards, space has been committed to educational/informative articles from active and supporting members. The FHEA office is now accepting article submissions; just like the presentations during the educational portions of the Annual and Spring Meetings, articles should be informational rather than self-promoting in nature. And of course we will continue to accept sponsors who wish to advertise in The Whistle. Contact the FHEA office (407-332-7767) for more information.

• **FHEA Video Library** - Calling all delinquent tape holders: now is the time to scour the nooks and crannies of your offices to dredge up those tapes you borrowed and have forgotten to return. We're seeking to get a line on our full inventory, analyze what we have that's still of use, and draw up a list of titles to purchase in the future. Please help us by sending back items you still have out (no questions asked!). Mail to: FHEA, PO Box 150755, Altamonte Springs, FL 32715-0755.

**45th ANNUAL TRADE SHOW**



**WINNERS!**

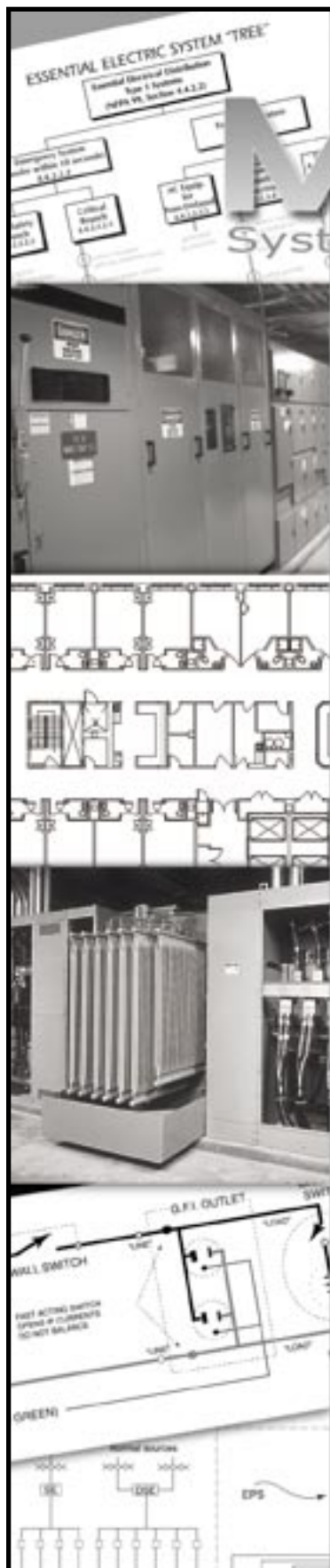
**Best in Show**  
Florida Power & Light

**Most Original**  
HDR Architecture, Inc.

**Most Informative**  
Engineering Lining Systems (TIE)  
and  
Sky High Ceiling - ACC, Inc.







**MGI**  
Systems, Inc.

## Healthcare Engineering Network

Plugged into the Healthcare Electrical Distribution System

# The Health Care Electrician WORKSHOP

This MGI-Healthcare Engineering Network workshop was developed for the electrician working in health care facilities. With the pace of technical advancements, code changes and the changing nature of patient care, the electrician faces the tough challenge of staying abreast of these changes and meeting standards specific to the health care facility.

*This workshop will enable you to:*

- Untangle the confusion of health care codes and standards
- Ensure JCAHO and OSHA compliance in electrical utility system maintenance
- Acquire the confidence of knowing how to guarantee patient safety

**The Health Care Electrician Workshop** is a comprehensive course to help electricians understand what takes place in health care facilities that is different from other occupancies, and to make them conversant in factors critical to maintaining a safe environment for themselves, for the patients being treated, and for medical and nursing staff. Facility directors who must ensure compliance to the educational requirements imposed by all authorities having jurisdiction, as well as maintain the integrity of the utility management plan will also benefit from this day-long workshop.

The workshop guides facility directors and electricians in all matters of compliance, covering all applicable standards and regulations of the 2005 editions of NFPA 70, 70#, 99, 101, 110, 111 and OSHA electrical safety regulations.

**The Health Care Electrician Workshop** is offered at these three cities:

Orlando, FL - February 1, 2007  
 Greenville, SC - February 20, 2007  
 Greensboro, NC - February 22, 2007

Instructors for this workshop are **Don Rust** and **Dan Chisholm**, both well recognized and respected names in health care facility management.

Enrollment is limited to the first 50 registrants in each location. For detailed list of discussion topics, or to reserve your seat, register online today at: [www.healthcareengineering.net](http://www.healthcareengineering.net) or call 407-839-1270.

# Congratulations!

**Robert Mease, CHE**  
Director of Plant Operations  
Hollywood Medical Center  
**FHEA's 2006  
Engineer of the Year**



*Jim Hutchinson, FHEA President presents the Engineer of the Year award to Rob Mease, CHE.*



*James \_\_\_\_\_ of Siemens from District III accepted the award for Supporting Member of the Year.*

**Siemens**  
**FHEA's 2006  
Supporting Member  
of the Year**

# Plan AHEAD

**23rd Spring  
Meeting**

May 10-11, 2007  
Delray Beach Marriott  
Delray Beach, FL

*Watch your mail for brochure*

**45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
& Trade Show**

Oct. 22-24, 2007  
Renaissance  
Orlando Resort  
at SeaWorld  
Orlando, FL



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