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Happy New Year, FHEA members—I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season! 2016 was an impressive year for FHEA. I wanted to share some of the highlights with you.

Our Vice President, Larry Peterson, worked diligently to complete an application for the ASHE chapter level of affiliation awards. This package included achievements from each district as well as the state. Based on this submission, FHEA was

awarded ASHE Platinum Elite level. 2016 was the first year state chapters could achieve the platinum elite level and only nine chapters throughout the country successfully achieved the award, with FHEA being one of this “elite” group! The platinum award is the highest level of achievement available

The President's Corner

DONALD A. STEWART, CHFM

to ASHE chapters and FHEA has received the platinum award eight years in a row!

Our 32nd FHEA Spring Meeting was held at the Hilton in Clearwater Beach this past May. On the first day of this event there were several offerings: some of our members took advantage of the CHSP exam preparation course while others chose to participate in the well attended 9th Annual Spring Golf Scramble, and for the first time we attempted to have a fishing event that unfortunately was cancelled by the boat's captain due to high seas. There was a lot of interest in fishing so we are hopeful about offering a fishing trip at a future meeting.

The Certified Healthcare Safety Professional (CHSP) Exam Prep workshop was attended by 41 of our members on Thursday. The course was provided at no cost to current FHEA active members. The individual cost to attend this course would have been \$400.00 per person; FHEA's commitment to increase opportunities for members to advance their professional careers was strongly demonstrated in this offering. Most of the registrants chose to stay after our educational session on Friday to take the CHSP exam. Based on this course and exam offering, a significant number of our members now have the CHSP credential.

FHEA will continue that commitment in 2017. The 33rd FHEA Spring Meeting will be held May 11-12, 2017 at the Hilton in Daytona on the world famous Daytona Beach. We will offer the Certified Healthcare Constructors (CHC) review course as well as our traditional continuing education session, and the Spring Golf Scramble.

The joint conference of the FHEA 54th Annual Meeting and Trade Show and the AHCA 32nd Annual Seminar at *Disney's Coronado Springs* Resort took place October 17-19. We had a record number of attendees, over 1100, and excellent educational programs. On Sunday there was a best ball scramble at the prestigious *Disney's Magnolia* Golf Course, and 265 companies participated in our sold out 294 booth trade show on Monday and Tuesday. I have been reviewing all of the evaluation forms that many of you completed at the FHEA annual meeting; while all were very complimentary (many of you called this conference the best ever), there

were some good suggestions concerning our future programs as well as improvements for our host hotel. Thank you for taking the time to give us this feedback. The FHEA board will

share the information with Disney to seek ways to improve the experience for next year and consider suggestions for improvement that FHEA can address on our end.

In closing, the FHEA board of directors and myself would like to wish all of you a very happy and prosperous 2017! The success of FHEA is dependent on the participation of its members, so please let your district officers know how the organization can serve you better. The board of directors is always working to ensure that FHEA provides relevant educational programs at the best value possible. A special thank you goes out to Lily Salkoff-Piner for leading a team for membership at the state level and for helping our districts find quality educational offerings for their meetings.

I would like to thank so many of you for the support you provided to me throughout the past year to help make my presidency a success and I thank you, the members, for believing in me and allowing me to serve as your president. I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to our executive director Alethea Vitray who worked hard to keep me on track and put together such wonderful events! I look forward to handing the president role over to Larry Peterson, who I am sure is going to do a superb job! I hope to see many of you at the spring meeting in Daytona Beach!

Meet FHEA's new president

Larry Peterson, CHE, CHFM, CHSP, who steps up as FHEA state president for 2017, is the Director of Plant Facilities & Security at Baptist Medical Center South in Jacksonville.

Each incoming president is given the opportunity by this editor to share some of his background—it's always revelatory to learn how our association's successes got to where they are today. Larry began his career very early on as a plumber's helper, a summer job he held during his high school years, and continued in this field for a few years with an assortment of other jobs mixed in. After a short period as co-owner of a plumbing company he segued into the healthcare facility environment in 1991 when he took a position as plumbing supervisor with Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville. After assuming greater responsibilities he shifted into a project manager position and subsequently was assigned as PM during construction of a new 92 bed hospital, Baptist

South in 2003. When the hospital opened in 2005 he was asked to stay on as manager, a position title that was changed to the current title of director.

During the next decade, Larry oversaw this hospital grow to a 269 bed hospital with two medical office buildings, and a 1000 car garage. Construction at this facility continues at a brisk pace with major OR, power plant, garage, and tower additions and expansions, as well as other projects most of which are slated for completion this year and next. We are grateful to Larry for agreeing to accept the nomination of FHEA president which will add to his already full plate.

Larry and his wife Ramona, whom he met at Baptist and describes as "the love of my life" have been together 23 years, and have three sons and four grandchildren. They enjoy a country lifestyle on a river that includes a couple horses, a couple motorcycles and a 2007 Corvette.



Larry Peterson, CHE, CHFM, CHSP

Larry has been a member of FHEA since 2006, introduced to the association by long time supporting member Dick Worth with TLC Engineering for Architecture. A true success story, and one that suggests we can anticipate a great year under Larry's demonstrably energetic and able leadership.

Luis Rodriguez, CHE, 2016 Engineer of the Year



Luis Rodriguez, CHE, Director of Facilities at Memorial Hospital West in Pembroke Pines, was selected by his peers as FHEA's Engineer of the Year for his professional and community work as well as his achievements and contributions to the association. Luis first joined the FHEA in 2009 and has been active on a district level for the past several years, including serving as district president for the past two years and on the state board of directors for the past three years. Congratulations, Luis, on achieving this level of recognition! Luis has also been nominated by the board of directors as FHEA's Emerging Regional Leader to compete in ASHE's regional and national Emerging Leader program.

Lily Salkoff-Piner receives Supporting Member honor for third year

Long time supporting member, Lily Salkoff-Piner has been named Supporting Member of the Year for 2016. Lily serves as State Membership Chair and will return to this position in 2017. This is the third year she has received this award.





**Best in Show!
Barton Malow**



**Most Original:
AcornVac**

54th Annual Meeting/Trade Show Winners!



**Most Informative:
Anchor Floor & Supply Co.**



ACF Standby Systems/Generac

FHEA CHE's

The following individuals were CHE's in 2016.

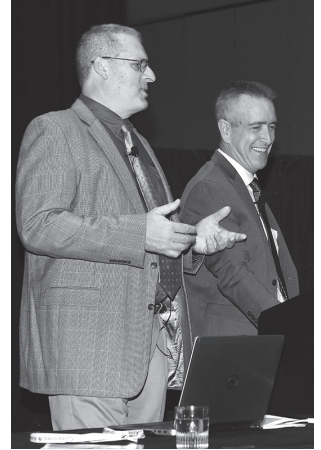
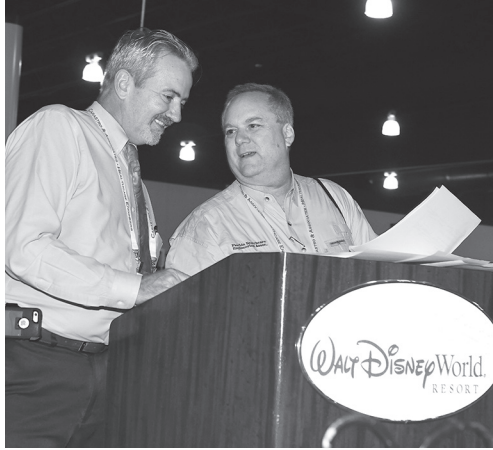
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If you have a question regarding your CHE status for 2017, please email the FHEA office at alethea@fhea.org. Applications for recertification will be reviewed at the winter board meeting on March 3. If you are not a CHE, we urge you to make this a goal for 2017. As a start, please review the CHE Requirements form which you received with your renewal package last month. If you need another copy, you can download it from the Forms page of FHEA.org.



54th Annual Meeting





and Trade Show Candid



Welcome New Supporting Members

The following have joined our growing ranks since our last listing in the fall issue of the newsletter.

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The 2017 renewal period has begun. Please remember that all memberships are based on the calendar year and are due for renewal by January 31, 2017. Our sincere thanks to the hundreds who have already renewed; if you have not yet renewed, please do not delay! For online renewal, go to the "Membership - Join/Renew" page on FHEA.org.

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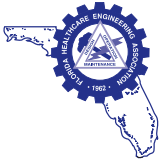
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2017 Call for Session Abstracts and Articles

If you are interested in speaking at either of our upcoming state meetings or at one of the district meetings in 2017, please email alethea@fhea.org to obtain a submission form. The deadline for spring meeting submissions is February 17, and April 28 for the fall meeting. Abstracts for district meetings will be accepted on a continual basis.

FHEA is also seeking articles on topics of interest to healthcare facility professionals for inclusion in *The Whistle* publication. Please email alethea@fhea.org for details on specs, and also for information on sponsoring an issue of the newsletter.

COMING UP IN 2017!

FHEA 33rd SPRING MEETING

May 11-12, 2017

Hilton Daytona Beach Resort • Daytona Beach, Florida

- CHC Exam Review Course • Continuing Education Session
- 10th Annual Golf Scramble

Look for meeting details and information on registration to arrive by email.

JOINT CONFERENCE OF

FHEA 55th ANNUAL MEETING & TRADE SHOW &

AHCA 33rd ANNUAL SEMINAR

OCTOBER 15-18, 2017

Disney's Coronado Springs Resort • Orlando, Florida

ASHE PDC Summit 2017

International Summit & Exhibition on Health Facility Planning, Design & Construction

March 12-15, 2017

Orlando, Florida

FHEA BOD MEETINGS

March 3 - Homewood Suites • Orlando, FL

May 11 - Hilton Daytona Beach Resort • Daytona Beach, FL

Summer Board Meeting - date and location TBD

October 16 - *Disney's Coronado Springs Resort • Orlando, FL*