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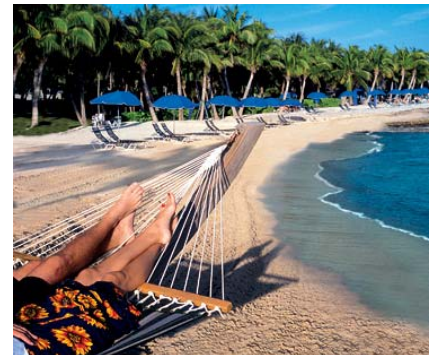
Tour: The Eco Tour will be snorkel only again this year and will be sailing from the Casa Marina Pier. The catamaran will be going approximately seven miles offshore to the National Sanctuary's Living Coral Reef. This is a great trip for snorkelers of all ages. Space is limited – so don't delay. The Snorkel Ecotour registration is \$25 per person.

Meeting/Luau: You Must Pre-Register – Deadline June 30

Location & Accommodations: As expected, the Casa Marina Resort and Beach Club is now officially SOLD OUT. See Page 9 for more information about alternative hotel room accommodations.

If you would like to check out the Casa Marina Resort, you can visit their website at <http://www.casamarinaresort.com/>.

Included in the National Historical Registry, Casa Marina Resort and Beach Club is located on the largest private beach in Key West and measures 1100 feet (335 meters). First constructed in 1920 by the railroad tycoon Henry Flagler, Casa Marina Resort - Key West, Florida FL has provided cultural escapes to generations of artists, dignitaries and personages of the highest rank. Newly renovated rooms and modern accents such as high-speed Internet lines are also included in this classic paradise. The hotel's mini-bar assures that guests never go thirsty. The elegant furniture will make guests feel at home, while the luxurious bed guarantees nights of fantasy.





AWRA NATIONAL NEWS

Upcoming conferences hosted by AWRA

- ◆ **Emerging Contaminants of Concern in the Environment, June 25-27, Vail, CO** Come join us at the Vail Cascade Resort in the mountains of Colorado. The conference goal is to provide a balanced interdisciplinary forum on emerging chemical and microbial contaminants (ECs) of concern in the environment. Keynote speakers include:

- Christian Daughton, US EPA, Las Vegas, NV
- Kim Linton, AWWA Research Foundation, Denver, CO
- Theo Colborn, University of Florida, Gainesville, Paonia, CO
- Dana Kolpin, USGS, Iowa City, IA
- Peter Stoks, Association of Rhine Water works, Nieuwegein, Netherlands
- Rula Deeb, Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., Emeryville, CA

- ◆ **43rd AWRA Annual Water Resources Conference, Nov. 12-15, Albuquerque, NM.**

With more than 400 abstracts received, this conference is well on its way to being the place to be for professionals in the water resources community who want to participate in a multi-disciplinary conversation about complex water resources challenges and make connections that will improve how we understand the water issues that are of importance to the Southwest, the US and the world! Exhibit space is filling up! We recommend that exhibitors contact us soon to ensure a prime spot in our Exhibit Hall. Space is limited!

- ◆ **GIS and Water Resources V, March 17-19, San Mateo, CA.** (abstracts due October 29, 2007)
AWRA continues its series on Geographic

Information Systems and Water Resources with its fifth specialty conference on the topic. GIS has become a necessary component in the planning and management of water resources, and the natural and human systems affected by water resources.

- ◆ **Riparian Ecosystems and Buffers: Working at the Water's Edge, June 30 - July 2, 2008, Virginia Beach, VA.** Call for abstracts coming soon!

AWRA President Galloway Testifies at Congressional Hearing

On May 16, 2007, AWRA President Gerry Galloway testified before the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee: Hearing on *Climate Change & Energy Independence: Transportation & Infrastructure Issues*. His message was simple: Our nation and the world face significant water resource challenges and we are not now properly addressing water issues either at home or as they affect the rest of the world.

For more information and to renew your membership or become a member of the National AWRA, go to www.awra.org, or contact David Watt at 386-329-4355 or [dwatt@sjrwmd.com](mailto:d watt@sjrwmd.com).

AWRA FLORIDA NEWS

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Florida Section Directory Updates

- by Annette Carter

The 2007 Membership Directory was distributed in May! In an effort to increase the directory's usefulness a section titled "Member Businesses" which cross-references the business name with our member's names was added. We want to thank the Sponsors for underwriting the cost of producing and distributing this important networking tool.

AWRA Florida Section membership dues for this year were due January 1st, 2007. The response to the January membership mailing continues to be excellent! Since the last newsletter we've had 15 individuals rejoin our organization and 19 new members join since the last newsletter! That definitely is a testament to the value of belonging to the only multidisciplinary association for water resources professionals! Please take a few minutes to introduce yourself to the new members at the next meeting. We want them to know they joined one of the best professional organizations in the State!

Please use the 2007 membership application form in this newsletter to renew your membership if you haven't already done so! Dues for both Regular and Student membership remain at \$20 and \$4, respectively.

Please feel free to contact me for membership questions or ideas on how we can improve service to our members. Hope to see you at the annual meeting in Key West, July 12th & 13th, 2007.

Annette Carter, Membership Services Coordinator
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New Members Continued From Back Page:

Stuart Norton – Jones Edmunds & Associates, Gainesville
Andy Powell – KBJ Development Services, Punta Gorda
Tonya Simmons – Malcolm Pirnie, Tampa
Rick Smith – South Florida WMD, West Palm Beach
Christina Stringer – University of South Florida, student, Tampa

Technical Program Summary

- by Doug Durbin

Martin Kelly, Ph.D. – Manager, Ecologic Evaluation Section, Southwest Florida Water Management District – Florida River Flow Patterns and the Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation. There is a strong relationship between rainfall and streamflows in Florida. A detailed review of long-term rainfall and stream discharge data shows a temporal pattern which appears to cycle over a period of several decades. This pattern largely coincides with a cycling of sea-surface temperatures known as the Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation (AMO). This pattern affects streams across Florida, albeit in different ways based on the location of the watershed, by increasing rainfall and streamflows when the 30-year AMO period of warmer ocean temperatures occurs, and decreasing streamflows during the 30-year AMO period of cooler sea temperatures. Much of this difference in rainfall and stream discharge is associated with increased tropical weather activity, which has been shown to predominate when Atlantic temperatures are higher. This analysis demonstrated that a number of incidences of streamflow reduction formerly attributed to anthropogenic causes were actually largely due to this long-term cyclic climatic pattern. It also showed that Florida has three district regions of streamflow patterns, based on seasonal rainfall patterns.

John C. Good, P.E. – Water Resources Engineer, Suwannee River Water Management District – A Method for Apportioning Available Water Among River Reaches and Associated Springs. The Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) is working to establish Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs) for the Suwannee River system. This complex watershed includes a large array of springs, hundreds of small tributary streams, several rivers, and an estuarine system. Simultaneously determining compatible MFLs for all components of such a system is technically challenging especially given the sparse historic data available for some portions of the basin. The SRWMD developed the "Reach Method" as a means of compartmentalizing the various components of the overall discharge in the system. In this approach, an MFL value is calculated for a particular location where data are available (generally in the more downstream reaches of subbasins), and this value is then "projected" upstream and scaled using watershed dimension considerations. Special care is taken to include provision for changes that may occur between the upstream and downstream points. The Reach Method is also being applied to springs by the same type of proportioning effort. The end product is expected to be an array of MFLs that are mutually compatible, providing both protection of ecological resources and availability for water use.

Steve Suau, P.E. – Integrated Water Solutions – Watershed Solutions at the Building, Neighborhood, and Watershed Scales. Management and restoration of watersheds requires a multidisciplinary approach. Historical drainage alterations changed hydrologic patterns in many parts of Florida and have had dramatic effects on the character of both freshwater and estuarine systems. The Dona Bay and Roberts Bay system in Southwest Florida had freshwater from an adjacent watershed diverted toward them through drainage changes made decades ago. Both bay systems were clearly degraded in estuarine function by this change, to the point where they do not reflect typical natural estuarine conditions. The Sarasota Bay National Estuary Program and its member entities developed a plan for re-establishing the historic salinity regime by routing freshwater flows back to their original basins. This conceptually simple change is expected to return water quality, habitat character and aesthetic value to far more desirable conditions.

Paul Indeglia -- Vice President of University of Florida Student Chapter – Status and Activities of the University of Florida AWRA Student Chapter. The University of Florida Student Chapter is the most AWRA active chapter in the state at present. Student members hold monthly technical meetings, as well as frequent social

gatherings. The group participates in local environmental efforts such as community clean ups and planting projects. They are performing a stream restoration effort, building a butterfly garden, and have submitted a grant to the U.S. EPA for a coastal dune lake restoration project. This level of interest and effort serves as a model for other schools across the state.

Hal Wilkening III, P.E. – Director, Department of Resource Management, St. Johns River Water Management District – Development and Implementation of Minimum Flows by SJRWMD for Blue Spring, Volusia County.

The St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) is in the process of establishing MFLs for water bodies within its jurisdiction. SJRWMD works to develop protective flow regimes, rather than just a single lower threshold for stream discharge. Components of their MFLs include a Level, a Discharge and a Duration. Blue Spring, in Volusia County, is the only naturally occurring warm water refuge for manatees on the east coast of Florida. In 1999, SJRWMD developed a recommended minimum average annual flow of 134 cubic feet per second; however, they felt there was still more work to be done, and in 2000, they established an interagency working group to assist. Efforts of this group lead to a greater emphasis on the value of the spring run as winter manatee refuge. An evaluation of the dynamics between spring discharge and water level in the St. Johns River was used to determine the optimal size of the warm water refuge volume. The MFL resulting from this effort actually includes a provision for increasing the MFL level in five-year increments to provide for growth in the manatee population. This increase in spring flow is to be effected by incrementally reducing groundwater consumption through the development of alternative sources. The Blue Spring MFL prompted the creation of an action plan to prescribe how water users could feasibly adapt to the necessary groundwater withdrawal reductions.

Doug Manson, Esq., – Carey, O'Malley, Whitaker & Manson, P.A. – Living the Alternative Water Lifestyle.

Florida continues to need new water quantities to support population growth. Conventional sources in many parts of the state cannot sustainably support the projected increases without unreasonable environmental risk. The Legislature has mandated evaluation and development of Alternative Water Supplies to allow for growth with a decreased risk of environmental impact. These sources include reclaimed water, brackish water from deep aquifers, seawater desalination, and reservoir storage. The Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority is on the brink of constructing a large off-line reservoir to store high flows from the Peace River. The days of "easy" groundwater and surface water withdrawals are gone, as are the days of easy and cheap wastewater disposal. This will result in higher water costs, but also, hopefully, better conservation.

Jeff Giddings – Section Manager, Resource Evaluation and Subregional Modeling, South Florida Water Management District – East Central Florida Transient Groundwater Flow Model.

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has developed an integrated model to assist with planning and management of water use and environmental protection for the east-central portion of the Florida peninsula. This model includes considerations of surface and groundwater, springs, topography, sinkholes, basin boundaries, water use permits, control structures, pumps, etc. The model code began with ModFlow, with the addition of a Wetlands package, a Diversion package (to deal with water being transferred by the Water Management District), and a Utility Generation package. The model is three dimensional and simultaneously tracks water movement in six hydrologic strata (aquifer units). The model uses data from some 200 observation wells in its calibration and verification process and shows a very strong predictive capability. This tool expands the District's ability to plan and manage its groundwater resources.

Time to Renew Your Membership for 2007

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Florida Section Meeting Notice – September 14, 2007

Our September 2007 meeting will be held at the beautiful, newly renovated Jupiter Beach Resort on the 14th. The focus of the meeting will be the restoration of the Loxahatchee River. You won't want to miss this opportunity to meet and interact with environmental professionals involved in water resource restoration planning and project execution. More information about this meeting will be included in July bulletins and the August newsletter.

Education Committee

Rosanne Clementi, Kristin Bennett, Doug Durbin, Gordon Brown

JB Butler Science Grant, Sanford N. Young Scholarship and William Storch Award

The Education Committee is reviewing the applications we have received for the **JB Butler Science Grant, Sanford N. Young Scholarship and William Storch Award**. The committee will be forwarding its recommendations to the Board for confirmation. The recipient of the Sanford N. Young Scholarship, the first Young Scholarship to be awarded, will be invited to attend the Key West meeting. All of the recipients will be announced at the Key West Meeting.

William Storch Award Donation

The Board of Directors would like to thank the Storch Family for their generous donation of \$1300 last month. What a wonderful tribute to their father! If you join us in Key West, please take some time to find the members of the Storch family who will be joining us again this year. Let them know how much their donation means to our students.

50/50 Drawing

The Education Committee, headed by our fearless leader Rosanne Clementi, had another successful 50/50 drawing at the Tampa meeting. Due to a flurry of last minute ticket purchases, we had our largest 50/50 pot ever, collecting a total of \$216. Our winner, Bill Carey of Biological Resource Associates, generously donated a portion of his winnings back to the Education Fund. Thank you Bill! We have raised \$327 so far! There is no 50/50 drawing in Key West. Save your money for the Silent Auction! We will see you again in September in Jupiter!

Key West Silent Auction

We are looking forward to conducting the famous AWRA Silent Auction in Key West! The Silent Auction is the biggest fundraiser of the year for our Education Fund. We have started gathering items but as always are looking for your donations. You can donate an item, a basket or make a financial donation and Rosanne and her enthusiastic team will put a basket together for you! Contact Rosanne Clementi (rclementi@sesi.cc and 813-752-1289) for more information. In addition to the silent auction, we will be hosting the Second Annual Sanford Young Scholarship Wine Tasting Event on Friday afternoon. The donation to attend the event is \$50. The wine tasting event will be bigger than last year and will include guidance on pairing wines and food.

Don't forget Bubba Doc's Royal Table! Be the first table in line for the Luau Buffet! Win fabulous prizes! The suggested donation for Bubba Doc's Royal Table is \$10 per seat. Increase your chances of being selected as Bubba Doc's Royal Table – get everyone at your table to contribute! The more envelopes from your table, the greater your table's chance of being selected! Proceeds from Bubba Doc's Royal Table go to the Education Fund.

AWRA KEY WEST, July 12 – 14, 2007
Casa Marina Resort & Beach Club
TENTATIVE AGENDA



Thursday, July 12, 2007

- 9:30 a.m. National Committee Meeting for 2008 Annual Conference – Location TBD, Chair, David Watt
- 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. AWRA Board of Directors Meeting (Members Invited)
- 1:30 p.m. Introduction – Call to Order
John R. Wehle, Environmental Resource Advisors
- 1:50 p.m. Shoreline Habitats Restoration Projects – IRL and St. Lucie River
Tony Martin & Kim Olsen, CSA International, Inc.
- 2:10 p.m. Environmental Grasses
Mike Vanata, Environmental Turf
- 2:30 p.m. Concepts of QA/QC and Data Validation
Catherine Katsikis, Laboratory Data Consultants FL, Inc.
- 2:50 p.m. An Overview of the Section's Education Grants, Awards, and Scholarships
Rosanne Clementi and Kristin Bennett
- 3:10 p.m. Break – 15 Minutes
- 3:25 p.m. One Water
Robert Hosmon, Vice Dean, Advancement and External Affairs, University of Miami
- 3:55 p.m. Water Supply Planning Activities in Charlotte County, Florida
Tonya Simmons & Jim Scholl, Malcolm Pirnie
- 4:15 p.m. Low Impact Development and Stormwater
*Dr. John Sansalone, P.E., UF AWRA Faculty Sponsor
Environmental Engineering Sciences, University of Florida*
- 4:35 p.m. Florida Keys Reasonable Assurance Demonstration
Stephen R. Lienhart, P.E., URS Corporation
- 4:55 p.m. Closing Remarks and Reminders
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. President's Welcome Reception – Lanai Room 102/104

Friday, July 13, 2007

- 8:00 a.m. Call to Order & Announcements
John R. Wehle, Environmental Resource Advisors
- 8:20 a.m. MBR Treatment as a Solution to Alternative Water Supplies
Patrick Mullen, MWH
- 8:40 a.m. Systemwide Mitigation and Multi-Species Management
Paul Sousa, FFWCC

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Fri., July 13, 2007 (cont'd)

- 9:00 a.m. 2007 Everglades Restoration Update
Ken Ammon, Deputy Executive Director, Everglades Restoration Resource Area, SFWMD
- 9:20 a.m. Break – 10 Minutes
- 9:30 a.m. **EPA, DEP & Water Management Districts – Panel Discussion**
Andrew Bartlett, EPA Region IV
Invited, Department of Environmental Protection
Carol Wehle, Executive Director, SFWMD
Dave Moore, Executive Director, SWFWMD
Dave Fisk, Assistant Executive Director, SJRWMD
Invited, David Still, Assistant Executive Director, SRWMD
Invited, Doug Barr, Executive Director, NFWWMD
John Wehle, Moderator
- 12:45 – 4:30 p.m. EcoTour – Depart from & Return to the Casa Marina Pier
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Wine Tasting
- 5:30 p.m. Reception on Ball Room Patio
- 6:30 p.m. Caribbean Luau, Silent Auction & Program

Saturday, July 14, 2007

- 8:00 a.m. Water Management Institute – Flagler’s Patio (Location to be confirmed)
AWRA Board of Directors – Unfinished Business

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AWRA Florida Section Key West Meeting 2007

You must Pre-Register

Deadline June 30, 2007

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Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Guest(s): _____

Registration Includes Friday Night Caribbean Luau

Members	\$75	X	=	\$
Non-Members [] <i>I'd like to join*</i>	\$95	X	=	\$
Guests	\$40	X	=	\$
Member Students	No Cost	#		No Cost
Non-Member Students [] <i>I'd like to join*</i>	\$4	X	=	\$
Children under 12 – if dining	\$20	X	=	\$
Children under 5 - free	free	X	=	\$
Ecotour	\$25	X	=	\$
Wine-tasting	\$50	X	=	\$
Total				\$
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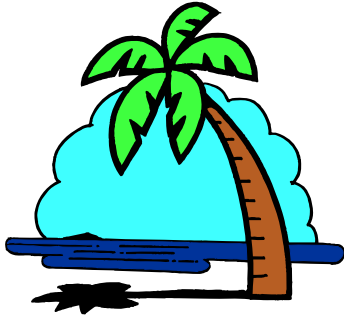
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AWRA KEY WEST 2007

Casa Marina Resort & Beach Club
 1500 Reynolds Street • Key West, FL
 (866) 397-6342 or (305) 296-3535

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If needed, the following alternate hotel information is provided.

Sheraton Suites Key West
 2001 S Roosevelt Blvd
 Key West FL 33040
 (305) 292-9800

DoubleTree Grand Resort
 3990 S Roosevelt Blvd
 Key West FL 33040
 (305) 293-1818

Courtyard by Marriott
 3420 N Roosevelt Blvd
 Key West FL 33040
 (305) 294-5541

Duval House
 815 Duval Street
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Casa Marina Resort & Beach Club – SOLD OUT

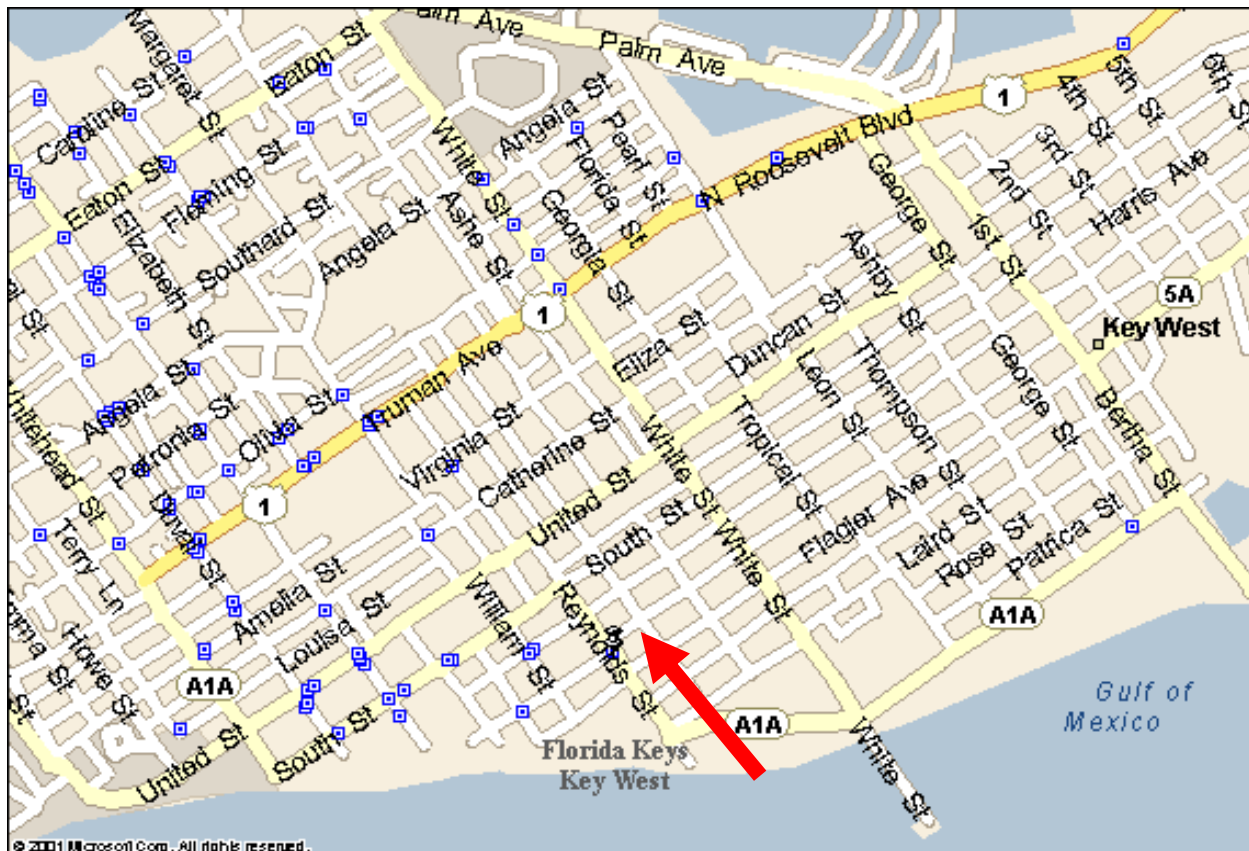
If you have a room reservation and are not able to attend, please call me before you release your room. I may have someone I can transfer the reservation to and we won't lose the room. Please contact me at: 386-329-4214 (Voice), 386-329-4125 (Fax), or 386-937-1055 (Cell) – *Marji Hightower, SJRWMD*

Sheraton Suites Key West – Room Rates AWRA Block

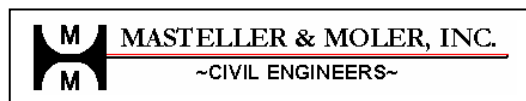
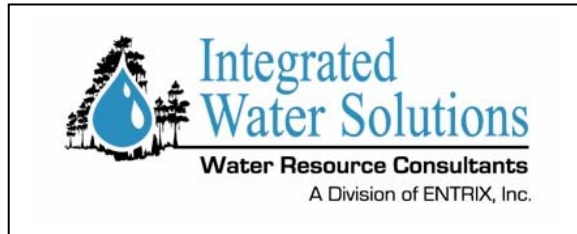
Courtyard Suites - \$159; Pool View Suites - \$189; Ocean View Suites - \$219

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Location of the Casa Marina Resort & Beach Club



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If not, would you like information?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 \$_____ Sandy Young Scholarship Fund (tax deductible contribution)
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Welcome New Members!

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- Joseph Haber – Integrated Water Solutions, Tampa
- Rahul John – Water Resource Solutions, A Division of Entrix, Fort Myers
- Tiffany Dawson, Granville Kinsman, Jerry Mallams – SWFWMD, Brooksville
- Darrell Lambeth – US Geological Survey, Orlando
- Deron Lawrence – Biological Research Associates, Tallahassee
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