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**JUNE 2002 - NEWSLETTER**

**MONTHLY MEETINGS**

**WHEN:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month (June 11<sup>th</sup>)  
 from 12:00-1:00 P.M.

**LUNCH MENU:** A 9" Russo Sub. Choose either Italian, Turkey, Veggie or Tuna for a cost of \$5.00. **Please make your food reservation prior to 9:30 A.M. on the day of the meeting or before by calling Nodarse & Associates at (561) 616-0870.**

**WHERE:** Florida Dept. Env. Protection  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
 400 North Congress Avenue  
 West Palm Beach, Florida

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**SPEAKER:** Steve McGrew, P.E. from Palm Beach County Water Utilities will be presenting a program on *the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Alternate Water Resources Plan.*

**NEWSLETTER DELIVERY METHOD CHANGE:**

This is the LAST MONTH that we will be sending out paper newsletters to all of the membership. Paper copies of the newsletter will only be sent to people that have requested a paper copy of the newsletter and those who have not given ASCE National an email address.

We have been sending out an e-mail meeting notice and link to the newsletter on-line for the past several months to everyone who has given an email address to ASCE National. **If you do not receive the email notice this month, you have not given your correct email address to ASCE National.** Almost 40% of our branch members do not have a valid email address on file with ASCE National. **If you require a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact Patrick Figurella.**

**YOUNG ENGINEER'S SOCIAL SCHEDULE 2002:**

ASCE Palm Beach Branch / FES Palm Beach Chapter July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2002 (at Gatsby's) (Second Wednesday of the month); September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002 (at Gatsby's); November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2002 (at Gatsby's). For more information on Palm Beach Branch meetings, please contact Jason Spalding.

For more information on the ASCE Broward Branch meetings please contact Peter Moore at [pmoore@chenandassociates.com](mailto:pmoore@chenandassociates.com) or call him at (954) 730-0707 ext. 104 to leave a message. They have a different location for each meeting so please contact him in advance.

**SAD NEWS ABOUT LOCAL ENGINEERS:**

Alan A. Kurtis passed away on May 29, 2002. Alan was born and raised in Manhattan, NY and graduated high school in Brooklyn. He graduated from Georgia Tech in

1942 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He worked for Wright Aeronautical in New Jersey where he received a patent for developing a flame holder configuration to prevent "flame out" during supersonic air speeds. He then worked for Huxley Madeheim Associates, a consulting firm in air conditioning and mechanical systems. His most enjoyable assignment was to evaluate travel time on the assembly line track at National Biscuit Company for his favorite cookies- Mallomars. He had the benefit of taking home boxes of cookies that were not up to company standards.

Alan took a position at Cooper Union, where he was promoted to Assistant Professor in the Mechanical Engineering Department and also became a consultant to the Veterans Administration with investigative assignments. He then worked for developers and himself platting subdivisions and building homes in Long Island, Westchester, Rockland, and Orange Counties.

Alan moved to Florida and worked as Chief Building Inspector for Boca Raton for 3 1/2 months before being hired as Assistant Director of Land Development by Ken Rogers in 1977. Alan was appointed Director when Ken left in November 1979 and held that position until December 1991. He hired an alumnus of Cooper Union for the Assistant Director position, Mr. Robert Weisman, P.E.. After leaving the county, Alan did various consulting services for contractors and land developers. He also conducted roofing inspections in Miami-Dade County after Hurricane Andrew. He was appointed by Commissioner Warren Newell to serve on the Board of Appeals after his retirement. He also served as a science fair judge for more than 20 years. He was a member of ASCE, FES, UCI, and other organizations.

Alan is survived by his wife Arleen, his children Fran and Johnny, and four grandchildren.

Mike Parab, P.E. passed away on May 21, 2002, after a prolonged and difficult illness. Mike suffered a series of strokes in April 2001, and was paralyzed.

Mike received a degree in Chemical Engineering in Bombay, India. He worked for Martin County, the City of West Palm Beach, and Palm Beach County Engineering and Public Works Operations for the past 15 years. He will be remembered for his kindness and friendliness.

At the request of his family, his body will be flown to India.

Our deepest condolences go out to the families of those fine engineers.

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