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Safety first

In today's world of a society where some look to the government for protection, more laws, and more control of our lives, I think it is time to look in the mirror. Each morning we should be looking at our reflection and ask what can you do to make our lives and the lives of our loved ones safer?

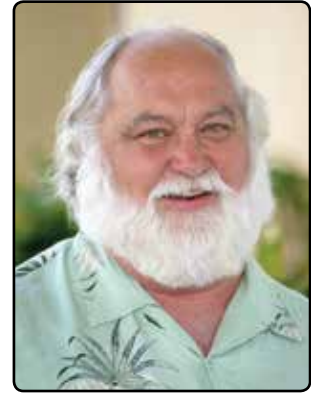
The simple answer is education. Not more laws and codes; too many times they are put in place without science, testing, technology or consulting the professionals who produce the products we use every day and take for granted are safe.

Here in the Florida Swimming Pool Association, a volunteer trade organization, we are made up of the cream of the crop, the best of the best. We have been on the leading edge of the pool and spa industry promoting pool and water safety.

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to thank the Department of Health for their permitting and bi-annual inspections of public pools to ensure that these pools continue to operate in the same safe condition as when they were first constructed, and when necessary, brought in line with current codes.

Most of the public is not aware that the homes they buy or the backyard pool are not inspected on a regular basis to ensure they are safe. These structures receive a final inspection and a Certificate of Occupancy when construction is completed. No



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further inspections are required. Maybe you get the home inspected by a certified home inspector – especially since most mortgage companies require an inspection. I am sure these companies look for the obvious – roof condition, structural condition, mold, proper operation of equipment, plumbing, foundation conditions and electrical systems.

It should be a common practice, however, to have a qualified electrical engineer inspect the home and pool for a proper electrical system, grounding and bonding. A quick search on the internet will support this opinion in the testing of residential homes and pool electrical systems.

A volunteer testing of the home electrical system should be done annually by a qualified contractor. Any electrocution, especially of a child, is a needless tragedy. Most of these electrocutions are preventable and are due to faulty electrical systems or appliances. Qualified, licensed contractors should always be hired to work on a home or pool. Each year, home electrical problems account for over 53,000 fires in the United States alone. These fires cause more than 500 deaths, 1,400 injuries and \$1.4 billion in property damage. Home electrocutions account for another 400 deaths.

It is up to you to keep your home and loved ones safe. Learn more about your home electrical system on the Electrical Safety Foundation International website (www.esfi.org).

With the holidays approaching, an inspection of your homes electrical system by a qualified electrical contractor would be in order, especially on older homes. The additional load on your electrical system with holiday lighting could be a potential hazard.

We at the FSPA are committed to safety first. We wish you all a safe and blessed holiday season.

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The countdown

I wake up one day and the calendar says November 1 – the countdown to holidays had begun with Christmas decorations replacing Halloween decorations overnight. Where did the year go?

The 2015 show is less than 12 weeks from now and it seems like we just finished the 2014 event. The upcoming show planning begins before the current show opens and the staff has buttoned up speakers, exhibitors and event details usually by mid-August. By this time of the year the staff is putting the icing on the cake, so to speak, by addressing the details of the event which allow attendees and exhibitors to enjoy their time at the show.

So, what can you expect when you arrive in February? The Welcome and Awards Reception is being “kicked up a notch” by adding elegance to the evening in a new outdoor location at the Hyatt Regency. The Friday night party has moved to Café Tu Tu Tango which will bring more of a bohemian atmosphere including a variety of music and entertainment. The exhibit hall will have a new, fresh appearance and more opportunities for relaxing, networking and learning from one another.

We’ve streamlined the course offerings this year, offering an excellent variety of courses, all of which are approved by the CILB for credit. FSPA member company owners and employees can take as many courses as they wish for FREE. You can train your entire staff at the show by sending office staff to business courses and field staff to the technical courses. And, everyone gets in the exhibit hall for free so they can learn about new products and innovations directly from the manufacturers.

The “Orlando Show” is one that every person who works on pools in Florida should attend. The exhibitors are there to meet Florida professionals with Florida focused products and Florida sales reps on the floor. The education courses are based on Florida swimming pools and the issues which you deal with regularly.

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<i>Bay County</i>	13	6
<i>Brevard County</i>	11	40
<i>Broward County</i>	42	46
<i>Calhoun County</i>	0	0
<i>Charlotte County</i>	41	0
<i>Citrus County</i>	11	11
<i>Clay County</i>	6	8
<i>Collier County</i>	101	134
<i>Dade County</i>	69	64
<i>Duval County</i>	35	26
<i>Escambia County</i>	8	9
<i>Flagler County</i>	19	22
<i>Franklin County</i>	1	1
<i>Gadsden County</i>	0	1
<i>Gulf County</i>	0	1
<i>Hernando County</i>	7	16
<i>Highlands County</i>	6	4
<i>Hillsborough County</i>	110	92
<i>Holmes County</i>	0	0
<i>Indian River County</i>	30	36
<i>Jackson County</i>	0	0
<i>Jefferson County</i>	0	0
<i>Lake County</i>	20	14
<i>Lee County</i>	139	148
<i>Leon County</i>	7	3
<i>Liberty County</i>	0	0
<i>Manatee County</i>	89	107
<i>Marion County</i>	6	15
<i>Martin County</i>	29	18
<i>Nassau County</i>	11	8
<i>Okaloosa County</i>	3	10
<i>Orange County</i>	85	109
<i>Osceola County</i>	27	33
<i>Palm Beach County</i>	96	133
<i>Pasco County</i>	29	45
<i>Pinellas County</i>	36	58
<i>Polk County</i>	53	48
<i>Putnam County</i>	1	2
<i>Santa Rosa County</i>	10	16
<i>Sarasota County</i>	12	55
<i>Seminole County</i>	18	30
<i>St Johns County</i>	32	40
<i>St Lucie County</i>	20	40
<i>Sumter County</i>	25	24
<i>Volusia County</i>	32	28
<i>Wakulla County</i>	0	1
<i>Walton County</i>	17	17
<i>Washington County</i>	0	0
TOTALS	1310	1528

Who knows Florida?

Who knows Florida like the Florida Swimming Pool Association? Other than the pool guys who make up the FSPA, nobody does. The FSPA's annual Everything Under the Sunsm Expo is coming up February 13-14, 2015. This year the premier Florida show will be in West Hall D of the Orange County Convention Center.

Book your room now at one of the official event hotels to guarantee a discounted rate and to be close to all the action. The Hyatt Regency Convention Center (formerly Peabody Orlando) has rooms for \$165 a night (plus a \$5 resort fee) and the Rosen Inn at Pointe Orlando is \$89 a night.

Be ready to celebrate at the Welcome Celebration & Awards on Thursday, February 12 at the Hyatt Regency. This free event is great for networking and



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showing your support of Florida pool builders. Person of the Year and Directors of the Year will be announced and the Design Award winners will be revealed.

The education sessions begin on Thursday and continue through Saturday to offer a variety of learning opportunities for all levels of experience. There are courses for builders, service techs, retail store employees and solar professionals. Don't forget, education is free for FSPA member companies, including all employees.

The exhibit hall opens at 10:30 a.m. on Friday and stays open until 5:30 p.m. Saturday the hall is open 10:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Stick around to win cash in the FSPA booth. There will also be show T-shirts to win.

Friday night the P⁴: Pool Pro Private Party will be in full swing at Café Tu Tu Tango. Open bar, food and entertainment for only \$25 a person!

Learning Labs (formerly hands-on training) will be in the exhibit hall to focus on specific products. This is a great way to gain a deep understanding of products you use in the field.

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How to prevent electrocutions

By David Pruetto, David Pruetto's Electrical Services, Inc. / dave@pruettoelectric.net

Well I've just read yet another article on swimming pool electrocutions. A word which, by the way, in the 19th century meant death by electricity. In my 32-year career I've been shocked many times. I should have used the term electrocution (maybe I would have gotten more sympathy when I got home). Now the term is used every time someone touches their

car door in the winter and feels a static shock. Sadly, we have seen some true electrocutions recently, including a 7-year-old child. There is no greater tragedy than losing a child.

We are all in the business of providing what is intended to be one of the most fun things a child and their family enjoys. I wish we could all witness the smiles the first time a kid jumps in his new pool! We are all confident we can provide this joy safely and free from worry. When an accident does happen it makes us stop and think about what we could do to prevent it in the future. I especially have felt a greater sense of responsibility in providing a perfectly safe electrical installation for every new pool we do. I am quite confident in the fact that we do provide a completely safe product.

I am also confident that the car I drive every day is safe. I know this because this car was manufactured under strict guidelines intended for my safety. I have this car serviced on a regular basis. I only allow certified mechanics to service this car. I don't jump in this car when there is an obvious mechanical problem. Why then, do we treat swimming pools any differently? They are built under the proper guidelines that have proven to provide a safe swimming environment. They also need to be maintained by the same guidelines.

We live in a deteriorating world. There has to be visual inspections done on a regular basis to insure the integrity of these pools. The GFCI breakers and outlets need to be tested monthly to ensure they are doing their job to protect



swimmers. Check the copper wire connections at the equipment to make sure the bonding stays intact. Check to see if the light fixture has water in it. And most importantly, if something needs repair, call someone truly qualified to repair it. We have a large group of people who feel like changing all the new construction lights to 12 volts is going to solve the electrocution problem. It can't hurt but, because this isn't where the real problem lies, this becomes a feel good solution that helps very little. The majority of the problems come from poor maintenance and poor workmanship beyond the pool. I feel we should be more like A/C contractors in offering a "systems check." Pool owners typically only know the person who cleans their pool or the one behind the counter who tells them how to get rid of green water. Neither of these are usually qualified for a true systems safety check. Please make your customers understand that saving a few dollars now can cost a life later.

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CILB provides clarification that a GC cannot install an Interactive Water Feature

By Jennifer Hatfield, FSPA Government Relations Consultant / jennifer@FloridaPoolPro.com

As previously reported, on September 12, the Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB) heard a petition for declaratory statement addressing Interactive Water Features (IWF), commonly referred to as “splash pads” or “splash parks.” It had come to the attention of the Florida Swimming Pool Association that there were areas across the state where a general contractor was not only pulling the permit for such work, but completing such work. FSPA’s position was that although a general contractor can pull the permit for such work, an IWF is clearly a type of public swimming pool and requires the knowledge and expertise of a licensed commercial pool contractor. Therefore, a general contractor should be required to sub out this work.

The CILB provided the following clarification: A licensed general contractor (GC) cannot do the entire work required to install an IWF. Therefore, he must sub out this work. However, the CILB did not address what type of contractor the GC had to sub the work out to. Although the FSPA believes this work must be subbed out to a commercial pool contractor, there was no official CILB response as to what type of contractor the GC must use when subbing out this work. FSPA members can read the official final order from the CILB, as well as the petition that was submitted in the members-only area of www.FloridaPoolPro.com.

FL Building Code, 5th edition, moves closer to adoption

On November 13 the Florida Building Commission met via phone to approve for adoption Rule 61G20-1.001, F.A.C., which adopts the FL Building Code, 5th Edition (2014). This means the actual effective date of the 5th edition of the Code will most likely be June 30, 2015 - this date should be finalized at the February Commission meeting.



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Miami and Broward make changes to underwater pool lighting

By Jennifer Hatfield, FSPA Government Relations Consultant / jennifer@FloridaPoolPro.com

Recently, Miami and Broward counties have both made changes affecting new residential pool installations that utilize underwater pool lighting. FSPA met with representatives in Miami to offer suggested edits to the ordinance and those suggestions were adopted at the October 7 County Commission meeting. The final ordinance does not require underwater pool lighting, but says if it is put in, that the bottom of the pool and any drains should be seen without glare. Then the ordinance goes on to eliminate the ability to use high-voltage lights, but uses language that is consistent with the National Electrical Code and does not prohibit any technology besides the high-voltage lights.

Following Miami's action, on October 9 the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeal passed a local technical amendment that did the same in regards to eliminating the use of high-voltage pool lights. However, they did not include language in regards to if lighting is installed one must see the bottom of the pool without glare.

Broward County Pool Electrical Amendment:

R4101.16.1 When underwater light fixtures are installed for swimming or bathing pools, these fixtures shall not exceed the following maximum output/ performance standards:

1. 15 volts (RMS) for sinusoidal alternating current
2. 21.2 volts peak for nonsinusoidal alternating current
3. 30 volts continuous direct current
4. 12.4 volts peak for direct current that is interrupted at a rate of 10 to 200 Hertz
5. The maximum incandescent lamp size shall be 300 watts

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Miami-Dade County Pool Electrical Amendment :

(C) The County hereby adopts the following local technical amendment to Chapter 41 (Residential) of the Florida Building Code.

R4101.16 Electrical: Electrical wiring and equipment shall comply with Chapter 27 of the Florida Building Code, Building.

R4101.16.1 Lighting: When artificial underwater lighting is utilized in any private swimming or recreational bathing pools, all portions of the pool including the entire bottom and any and all drains shall be readily seen without glare.

R4101.16.2 Underwater Lighting: The maximum voltage for each luminaire shall not exceed the Low Voltage Contact Limit, which is defined as a voltage not exceeding the following values:

- (1) 15 volts (RMS) for sinusoidal alternating current
- (2) 21.2 volts peak for nonsinusoidal alternating current
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(D) The County hereby adopts the following local technical amendment to Chapter 4 (Building) of the Florida Building Code.

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Commercial pool update

By Carl Shoffstall, Florida Playstructures & Water Features, Inc. / carls@floridaplaystructures.com

Greetings to everyone, I have been asked to write an article in this month's *Florida Pool Prosm* and as I sat and pondered what I would write about, it occurred to me I should give an update on what is going on with the commercial pool industry. There have been changes in permitting, plan review, on the front end of building new pools, as well as what is being required for renovations and remodeling of existing commercial pools.

As everyone should know by now, the governor had taken the initial plan review away from the Health Department and gave the entire process back to the local Building Departments, which was intended to expedite the permitting process. The new system has been "in the works" for about two years and, to say the least, there are many bugs to be worked out. On October 1 of this year new rules were put into effect to help pool builders get their permits to build. FSPA is taking the lead, along with the help of other organizations including BOAF (Building Officials Association of Florida), DOH (Department of Health), and USPA (United Swimming Pool Association), to work together to streamline the process and to make it work. Some issues that were discussed were plan reviews and fees, the time frame on the initial DOH review, and what is going to be needed for a renovation/remodel permitting.

One of the major topics discussed which will impact all commercial pool builders will be when the DOH perform their bi-annual inspections. At the present time, the DOH has no authority to cite owners on life safety concerns such as broken tile, missing/broken main drain covers, lights falling out, broken ladders and filtration in disrepair. At the present time there is no mechanism or interest for the Building Department to go out to enforce owners/property managers to make the necessary repairs. It is imperative that we get these and other issues addressed because this impacts pool builders as well as product manufacturers economically, since we buy the product and install it for repairs.

On a very positive note, in September I attended a CILB (Construction Industry Licensing Board) meeting with Jennifer Hatfield, FSPA government

relations consultant, to petition the Board regarding the construction of commercial splash pads. General contractors were said to be building them with their license and we felt this was out of their scope since there are many components that deal specifically to the pool contractors area of expertise, such as gravity flow in plumbing, filtration, chemical controllers, and public safety. Jennifer did an outstanding job of presenting our case. The CILB Board unanimously agreed and just recently received this announcement: The CILB responded that the general contractor cannot do all the work. Great job, Jennifer and the FSPA staff, in getting it organized and presented.

In closing, I am coming up on my first year as a member of FSPA. I am proud to be a card carrying member and to be appointed to the Commercial Council. I am of the opinion that our pool licenses are being diluted by many other trades that want to work in what has been our domain for many years (and has worked well to support our families). I belong to other associations outside the pool industry and I firmly believe there is strength in numbers when push comes to shove on matters that affect members. I hope everyone has safe and happy holidays.

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What is EPLI Insurance?

By David Griffiths, Insurance By Ken Brown / dgriffiths@insbykenbrown.com

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Benefits an EPLI Policy Provides

If the insured company has to deal with a lawsuit or claim, the insurance company will reimburse the company for expenses incurred by handling the lawsuit. These expenses will be covered regardless of the outcome of the case. The policy will also cover the cost of any settlements or judgments entered against the company. EPLI policies do not usually cover criminal fines, civil fines, penalties or punitive damages. EPLI also excludes coverage for claims that are covered by other insurance policies, such as property damage or bodily injury claims.

Factors That Affect the Cost of EPLI Coverage

Some factors which affect the cost of EPLI include the size of the company, the type of business it is, the number of employees, where the business is located, the number of claims and lawsuits previously filed and the length of

time the company has been in business. Insurance companies may also take other factors into consideration when deciding the cost of the premium and structuring a policy best suited for the company.

How a Company Can Reduce Exposure to Lawsuits

To reduce the likelihood of being sued for an employee rights violation, the company should review and update its employee manual to make sure it is in full compliance with the most recent federal and state laws. The company should educate employees on actions and conduct that is considered illegal in the workplace. Employees should be informed of company procedures for handling complaints of employee rights violations. The company should keep a record of any complaints filed by employees and document how those complaints were handled.

How to Decide if the Company Should Obtain EPLI Coverage

If a company is at risk of being sued for one of the violations covered by EPLI, it should seriously consider obtaining insurance. An insurance company can tailor a policy that would be most beneficial for the company and its needs. Dealing with employment lawsuits can be extremely costly for a company that does not have the proper insurance coverage.

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FINAL ACTION MINUTES

September 2013

Case #(s): 2013013106

DAGOBERTO CABRAL / License #(s): CPC1456489

6800 Southwest 40 St, #686

Miami, FL 33155

7 hours additional live Continuing Education w/emphasis on Ch 489, F.S.

Pay administrative fines in the amount of \$500 and costs of \$238.11. Not Present.

October 2013

Case #(s):2012024157, 2012036488, 2012037985, 2012038023, 2012045473, 2013000647, 2013000777, 2013002628, 2013003978, 2013006164, 2013008058,

2013015686, 2013022412, 2013028379

CATHLEEN CIUBA / License #(s): CPC1458000

13615 South Dixie Hwy, Ste 545

Miami, FL 33176

Voluntary Relinquishment

Fine & Costs due only if Respondent ever attempts to reapply for licensure in the State of Florida. Pay administrative fines in the amount of \$280,000 and costs of \$3,893.53. Not Present.

Case #(s): 2012033492

RICHARD GARDNER / License #(s): CPC056878

3850 South Hopkins Dr

Titusville, FL 32780

Restitution in the amount of \$10,427.65. Probation for 2 years. 7 hours additional live Continuing Education w/emphasis on Ch 489, F.S. Pay administrative fines in the amount of \$7,500 and costs of \$365.47. Not Present.

Case #(s): 2012007644

MICHAEL LLITERAS / License #(s): CBC1251786, CAC049279, CPC1457124, CCC1326259

5051 NE 13th Ave

Ft Lauderdale, FL 33334

Probation for 4 years. 7 hours additional live Continuing Education w/emphasis on Ch 489, F.S. Pay administrative fines in the amount of \$ 5,000 and costs of \$354.82

Not Present

November 2013

Case #(s): 2012052038

JACK HENRY

License #(s): CGC1511301, CPC1457825, CCC1327996

3152 Little Rd, Ste 314

Trinity, FL 34655

Proposed Settlement Stipulation Rejected by Board. Counsel Present for Respondent.

February 2014

Final Action Minutes are pending approval

Case #(s): 2012046255

DOUGLAS PARKER

License #(s): CPC1457895

4600 NW Boca Raton Blvd

Boca Raton, FL 33431

Probation for 4 years. 7 hours additional live Continuing Education w/emphasis on Ch 489, F.S. Pay administrative fines in the amount of \$7,750 and costs of \$402.61. Present w/Counsel.

Case #(s): 2012052038

JACK HENRY

License #(s): CGC1511301, CCC1327996, CPC1457825

3152 Little Rd, Ste 314

Trinity, FL 34655

7 hours additional live Continuing Education w/emphasis on Ch 489, F.S. Pay administrative fines in the amount of \$5,000 and costs of \$191.84. Not Present.

April 2014

Final Action Minutes are pending approval

Case #(s): 2013015929

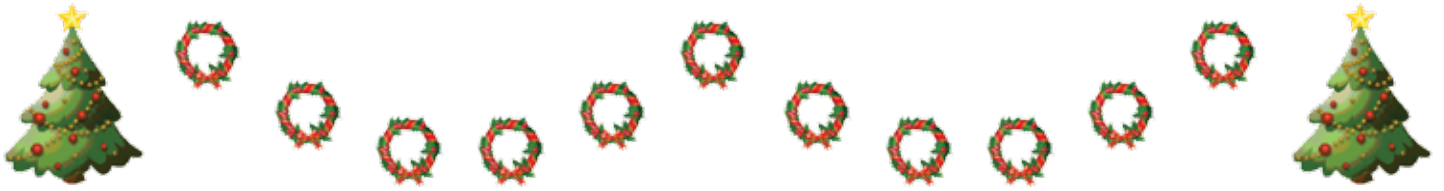
PERCY PERRY

License #(s): CPC1457607

904 SE 13th St, Bldg 202

Cape Coral, FL 33904

7 hours additional live Continuing Education w/emphasis on Ch 489, F.S. Pay administrative fines in the amount of \$3,000 and costs of \$107.19. Not Present.



Happy Holidays!



from the FSPA



FSPA Chapter news

Broward

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The Board of Directors has been elected for 2015. They are as follows: President **Chuck Schilling, HornerXpress**; Vice President **Erik Eikevik, Swimming Pools by Ike Jr., Inc.**; Treasurer **Jose Guerra, AAdvanced Aqua Marketing**; Secretary **Guillermo Munguia, SCP Distributors, LLC**; and Directors: **Rick Myers, AquaCal AutoPilot**; **Bob Anthone, Mike O'Brien's Pool Store, Inc.**; **Jim Smith, LaGasse Pool Construction**; **Dan Lockwood, Sentry Industries**; **Bill Kent, Team Horner**; **Brian Kelly, Shamrock Pools**; and **Gary Kaplan, Ike's Carter Pool Companies, Inc.**

The Chapter Bowling Tournament is coming up December 7. If you haven't signed up, please do so today.

Please support your Chapter by attending the planned meetings and events. If you have something specific you would like to see at a meeting, please let us hear from you. We are always looking for members who want to get involved in the Chapter events. If you are interested, please let us know.

Happy Holidays from your Board of Directors



Central Florida

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Happy Holidays to all of our members, families and friends! We wish you all the best during the busiest time of the year.

Thank you to the 2014 Chapter Board of Directors for their hard work and dedication to the FSPA throughout this year! The Central Florida Chapter is pleased to announce the election of Officers of the Board for 2015. Incoming

Officers are President **Tony Caruso, TC Water Features**; Vice President **Jackie Arnault, The Pool Pleaser**; Secretary **Amy Heinritz, Florida Leak Locators**; and Treasurer **Alan Cooper, Alan Cooper Consulting**. Directors are to be **Steve Bludsworth, All-Pool Service and Supply**; **Ken Brown, Insurance by Ken Brown**; **Nick Arceneaux, Superior Solar Systems**; **Mike Dooley, HornerXpress**; **Colleen Salvage, Central Florida Advertising and Design**; **Paul Roth, Roll-A-Way Protective Pool Fence**; **Barbara Austin, Erickson Pools**; and **Ben Evans, American Pools & Spas**. Congratulations and thank you to those who are volunteering their time and energy for the betterment of the Chapter and the Association.

Your 2014 Board of Directors continues to work on exciting and educational events for the remainder of the year and for 2015. Please let us hear from you with any suggestions for speakers or events. The Chapter welcomes and encourages member participation. The next Chapter Board meeting, which all Chapter members are encouraged to attend, will be held Friday, December 5

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Charlotte Harbor

Executive Director: Andy Mallison

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The Charlotte Harbor Chapter Board and staff would like to wish all of our members a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Happy holidays!

Is there something you'd like to see covered at a meeting? A CE course topic you wish to learn about? Just send an e-mail to FSPACHarlotteHarbor@FloridaPoolPro.com. We want to bring you programs you want and need. Check out recent Chapter news and events at www.CharlotteHarborFSPA.com. Your ideas are appreciated!

There will be no Board of Directors meeting or membership meeting held in December due to the busy holiday season. The next Chapter meeting will be held January 20, 2015. Fliers for the January meeting will be mailed to all members and made available at local distributor locations.

East Central Florida

Chapter Coordinator: Maggie Kloepfer

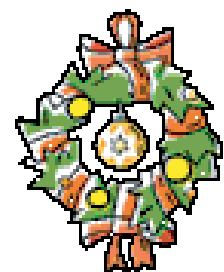
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The Chapter is in the process of creating a Chapter website. Expect to hear more about it in the coming weeks.

We will be announcing the new Board of Directors for 2015 in next month's issue of *Florida Pool Pro*sm.

The Board of Directors is planning events for the year they feel would be of interest to you as a member. Please support your Chapter by attending. If you have something specific



you would like to see at a meeting, please let us hear from you.

Happy Holidays from your Board of Directors

Florida Gulf Coast

Executive Director: Mitch Brooks

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A big thank you to all the Chapter Officers and Directors who served this past year: President **Jerry “Splashman” Scott, Splash Man Pool Service;** Vice President **Michelle Whitlock, Siesta Pebble;** Secretary/Treasurer **Frank Bodor, Bodor’s Pool Service;** and Directors **Robert Brownlee, Colonial Pool and Spa; David Griffiths, Insurance by Ken Brown; Gary Martin, Pool Corp; Jerry Mason, HornerXpress; Wayne Moomjian, Custom Pools by Design;** and **Eric Watters, 5 County Wholesale & Supply.** You all have made a difference for our Chapter and the industry in our area! Thank you for your past and future commitment!

Interested in getting more involved? As a trade association we rely on everyone to be involved in some way. From just attending and supporting meetings and events, to helping on a committee or being on the Board, being involved is a key to our success as a group. If you are interested in becoming more involved, please contact the Chapter office or Jerry Scott (239) 267-2500!

Do you have a subject or idea for a Chapter meeting? Just send us an e-mail at FSPAFloridaGulfCoast@FloridaPoolPro.com! Currently the Board is planning our 2015 year and we want to bring you programs you want and need. Check out recent Chapter news and events at www.FloridaGulfCoastFSPA.com. This will allow our Chapter Board of Directors to plan our Chapter events for the year. Your feedback is appreciated!

Upcoming meetings include Wednesday, December 10, 2014 - Board of Directors Meeting; Thursday, January 15, 2015 - Chapter Meeting; and Wednesday, January 21, 2015 - Board Meeting.

Florida West Coast

Executive Director: Malinda Howard

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www.FSPAWestCoast.com

The Florida West Coast Chapter would like to wish all of our members a Happy holiday season!

The Chapter's Annual Pool Industry Table Top Event was held Tuesday, October 21 at Ruth Eckerd Hall – Great Room in Clearwater. Thank you to **Jim Guskiewicz, SCP Distributors/Pool Corp**, for chairing the event. This year the theme was Oktoberfest. There were approximately 250 people in attendance. The evening was filled with an exciting mixture of pool industry displays, food, drinks, door prizes, and three grand prizes: A three-day / two-night stay at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort, a 32" Samsung LED TV, and a Tampa Bay Lightning package that included autographed items and two tickets to the November 26 game. Congratulations to all of the winners!

A big thank you to all of the exhibitors who participated: **AAdvanced Aqua Marketing, AquaBond, AquaCal AutoPilot, Built Right Pool Heaters, Byrd Moreton & Associates, C L Industries, Century Electric Motors,**



(Above) Chris Sprowls speaking at the Florida West Coast Chapter Table Top event on October 21.

(Below) Rep. Larry Ahern addressed the group as well.



Approximately 250 attendees filled the Florida West Coast Chapter Table Top event.

Devin Cahn Associates, 5 County Wholesale, Florida Water Products, Gorman Company, Hayward Pool Products, HornerXpress, Insurance by Ken Brown, Jack's Magic Products, Lo-Chlor, Multi-Tork Pool Tools, Natural Chemistry LLC, Nirvana Heat Pump USA, Oldcastle Coastal, Pentair Water Pool and Spa, PoolRx, Professional Lines, Raypak/Rheem, SCP/Pool Corp, SGM Inc., Solar Solutions Inc., Solar Source, Southeastern Group, Speck Pumps, Stabil Concrete Pavers, United Chemical Corp., Waterway Plastics, and Zodiac Pool Systems Inc. It was a fun night for everyone.

The Chapter made campaign contributions, along with matching contributions from PIPAC, to the following candidates: Rep. Larry Ahern, Mr. Chris Latvala, Rep. Kathleen Peters, Mr. Chris Sprowls, and Mr. Bill Young. Four of these five candidates attended our tabletop event, addressed the crowd and received their contribution checks. Congratulations to those who were elected on November 4.

The Chapter Board met Tuesday, November 11 at **Belleair Pool Service and Supply** in Largo. Thank you to **David Oxley, Belleair Pool Service and Supply**, for hosting this month's meeting and to **Jim Guskiewicz, SCP Distributors**, for sponsoring this month's lunch. The Board will not be meeting in December. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held at noon on Tuesday, January 6 at **AquaCal**, 2629 24th Street North, St. Petersburg. Our Board of Directors meetings are usually scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month. We are always interested in hearing your ideas for Chapter meetings and programs.

Thank you to the 2014 Chapter Board of Directors for their hard work and dedication to the FSPA throughout this year: President **Jim Guskiewicz, SCP/Pool Corp**; Vice President **David Oxley, Belleair Pool Service and Supply**; Secretary **Brian Gangelhoff, A Pool's Best Friend**; Treasurer **Don Ball, The Pool Works of Florida**; and At-Large Directors: **Ian Ferguson, Jack's Magic Products Inc.**; **Johanna Harrison, HornerXpress**; **Rick Howard, Rick's Pool Service Inc.**; **Brian Maynard, Triangle Pool Service**; **John Olden, Gorman Company**; and **Richard Smith, Solar Source**.

The Chapter Board of Directors for 2015 will be: President **Jim Guskiewicz**,

SCP/Pool Corp; Vice President **Don Ball, The Pool Works of Florida**; Secretary **John Olden, Gorman Company**; Treasurer **Richard Smith, Solar Source**; and At-Large Directors **Ian Ferguson, Jack's Magic Products Inc.**; **Brian Gangelhoff, A Pool's Best Friend**; **Johanna Harrison, HornerXpress**; **Rick Howard, Rick's Pool Service Inc.**; **Brian Maynard, Triangle Pool Service**; and **David Oxley, Belleair Pool Service and Supply**. Thank you to these members for committing their time to serve the Chapter in the coming year!

Manasota

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Happy Holidays to all of our members, families and friends! We wish you all the best during the busiest time of the year.

The Manasota Chapter would like to welcome **Marvin Zimmerman, Marvin Zimmerman, LLC**, and **Wayne Stemmer, Stemmer Pool & House Care, LLC**, as our newest Chapter members. We have a great year planned for 2015 and look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events.

Thank you to the 2014 Chapter Board of Directors for their hard work and dedication to the FSPA throughout this year! The Manasota Chapter is pleased to announce the election of Officers of the Board for 2015. Incoming Officers are President **Rich Tarricone, Aquatic Pool Systems**; Vice President **Chuck Coone, Pool Corp**; Secretary **Ray Kurilavicius, DART Pool Solutions**; and Treasurer **Don Archer, Olympic Pools**. Directors are to be **Scott Eggelfield, Mirasol Fafco Solar**; **Bob Ely, American Decks and Spas**; **Rob Sanger, Galaxy Pools**; **Evan Brown, Ben Brown Insurance Agency**; **Tom Sanger, LaPensee Plumbing and Pools**; **Ed Pendleton, Estate Pools**; **Dustin Pointer, Coast to Coast Pools**; and **Herman Weinberg**. Congratulations and thank you to those who are volunteering their time and energy for the betterment of the Chapter and the Association.



RSVP for the exclusive member-only Manasota Chapter Christmas Party on December 10 at Libby's Café + Bar at 6:30 p.m. Two people per membership are free and it is \$10 per person thereafter. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Two drink tickets per person are included. Please bring a \$10 - \$15 gift to take part in a White Elephant Gift Exchange.

Your 2014 Board of Directors continues to work on exciting and educational events for the remainder of the year and for 2015. Please let us hear from you with any suggestions for speakers or events. The Chapter welcomes and encourages member participation. The next Chapter Board meeting, which all Chapter members are encouraged to attend, will be held Tuesday, December 9 at 11:45 a.m. at the FSPA state office.

As always, like our Facebook Page: FSPA-Manasota Chapter. This will help us share information, let you know of upcoming events, and better communicate with each other. Feel free to comment and share.

North Central Florida

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We need your Input! The Board would like to offer CE classes locally for Chapter members. Please let us know what topic you would like to see offered. Contact the chapter coordinator, Maggie@FloridaPoolPro.com, or one of the Board Members.

The Chapter will be hosting a Friday night reception at the quarterly state Board meeting in January and are in the planning stages for the event. Stay informed about this event by attending the Chapter meetings. We would like to have a good representation of our Chapter at this reception.

Please support your Chapter by attending the planned meetings and events. If you have something specific you would like to see at a meeting, please let us hear from you. We are always looking for members who want to get involved in the Chapter events. If you are interested, please let us know.



Happy Holidays from your Board of Directors

Northeast Florida

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The holidays are quickly approaching and we want to wish all of our members and families a very safe and happy holiday season.

Congratulations to **John Garner, Sr.** as he continues his volunteer effort as the president of the Florida Swimming Pool Association for another year!

Congratulations to Dane Quintal, son of **Mike** and **Kim Quintal, Blue Haven Pools & Spas**. Dane is a recipient of one of the FSPA scholarships for outstanding college applicants!

The 37th annual FSPA High School Invitational Swimming and Diving meet was held at the end of September. A big thank you to **Charles** and **Beth Starling, Classic Marcite**, and **Mike Quintal** and the gang from **Blue Haven Pools & Spas**, for volunteering their time at this big event. This was everyone's first time being a volunteer and they all had great things to say about the event. The Chapter supported two schools to attend – Creekside High School in St. Johns County and Baker County High. We have received letters from three of the Baker High students who attended and they all stated what a great time they had, how friendly everyone was and how thankful they were for our support!

The recent Cash & Treat Membership campaign resulted in one new member for our Chapter – **Lisa Eakin** who operates a **Pinch A Penny** franchise in Anastasia Island. Membership banners promoting new membership are hanging at four distributor locations along with applications to continuously promote membership.

The Member Appreciation/Table Top was held on November 19 at Maggiano's Town Center. There were more than 20 vendors and 100 members in attendance. More on this spectacular event will be in next month's update.

Your Chapter has voted and we are pleased to announce the new slate of Officers:

Your Chapter leaders for 2015:

- President – **Rick Schmitz, Paradise Pool Service**
- Past President – **Mark Turner, Backyard Designs**
- Vice President – **Brian Curts, Eagle Pools**
- Treasurer – **Kim Quintal, Blue Haven Pools & Spas**
- Directors: **Paul Roth, Roll-A-Way Protective Pool Fence; Susan Landregan, HornerXpress; Stephanie Mitchell, Superior Design Pools & Spas; Clay Long, Pool Corp; Jon Temple, Tempool, Inc.; John Garner, Pools by John Garner; and David Pruette, David Pruette's Electrical Services.**

The new Board will have its first meeting December 2 at noon.

As always, thank you to our members for your support. We welcome your ideas for classes and trainings that you would like to see at the local level. Please contact any member of the Board to submit your ideas.

Palm Beach

Executive Director: Doris Rohner

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The Palm Beach Chapter Christmas Party is December 12. The fun will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Tall Tales, 100 Gander Way, Palm Beach Gardens. There will be a buffet and a cash bar. Please bring a gift worth \$10 for the White Elephant Gift Exchange. Tickets are \$25 per person.

The Palm Beach Chapter Board of Directors wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season.



Regina Tobiassin, Hackl Pool Construction; Tom Semour, and Jim Stevens, Crystal Blue Pools. Tom was the speaker at the latest Palm Beach Chapter meeting.

Education volunteers needed

The 2015 Everything Under the Sunsm Expo featuring the Orlando Pool and Spa Show and Solar Energy Show is February 13-14 with continuing education starting on Thursday, February 12. Continuing education is a significant element of the annual Show and volunteer monitors play a crucial role in its success. FSPA invites all FSPA members to volunteer as a course monitor.

Volunteer ID checkers support course monitors by helping to verify photo identification of attendees.

Monitor duties and responsibilities include:

- Arriving at the meeting room prior to start time to ensure that the speaker is ready and all audio visual needs have been met.
- Check in attendees who are scheduled to attend the course. This requires attendees to present a photo ID at the door.
- Give attendees an evaluation form and copy of the course syllabus.
- Ensure that the instructor and attendees sign the attendance roster.
- Read the instructor announcement prior to the class beginning.
- Monitor seminar times to ensure they begin / end promptly.
- Collect attendee course tickets as they leave the meeting room.
- Clear speakers/attendees from meeting room when course is complete.
- Monitor the doors so no one arrives late or leaves early.

Course descriptions are available at www.UnderTheSunExpo.com. If you would like to volunteer as a monitor, please indicate your preferred room choice. Assignments are on a first-come first-served basis. Please return your course selection to kate@FloridaPoolPro.com.



Polk County

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The Polk Chapter is still looking for a few good industry members to help out a few hours a month serving on the Chapter Board of Directors. Please contact Maggie at 941-952-9293 or Maggie@floridapoolpro.com if you are interested.

Happy Holidays from your Board of Directors



Space Coast

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Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year to all!

The Space Coast Chapter Christmas Party is right around the corner on Saturday, December 13. The event will be held at Doubles Beachside Grill on South Patrick Drive in Indian Harbor Beach from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Most of you have already been notified of the party and the great evening we have planned for you. Please, if you haven't made plans to attend, let me know immediately if you will be joining us. We have time constraints in notifying the restaurant and Monday, December 8 is the last day for RSVP's.

Thank you to all the sponsors who helped make the party possible!

Your Chapter Board of Directors has done an excellent job this year running our Chapter. We are one of the only Chapters operating without an executive director or the state office providing assistance in that manner.

I want to thank the Board for another great year providing for our members. **Eva Adcock, Best Pools of Brevard; Shelly Grundhoffer, Aqua-Rite Pools & More; Carl Moody, Solar Energy Systems of Brevard; Rich Mackey, Rich Mackey's Pool Service; Debbie Pflug, American Leak Detection; Paul Roth, Roll-A-Way Protective Pool Fence; Albert Underwood, Aqua Blue Pools of Central FL; and Terri Underwood Payton, Aqua Blue Pools**

of **Central FL**; have been stepping up for you for several years and I have appreciated their help. I hope some of our other members will find time to devote to our Association and industry by volunteering their time or someone from their business to get involved. The things that happen don't happen by themselves and we need your help to be successful.

The January Chapter meeting will be held at noon on Thursday, January 15 at Beef 'O' Brady's in Melbourne. There we will welcome **Shelly Grundhoffer** back into the president's slot. The meeting will follow the FSPA state Board of Directors meeting being held January 9-10 in Gainesville. We will have the most current information to share with you at our meeting so don't miss it!

Please keep Mike Schnider, SCP, and his family in your prayers throughout the Christmas season and into the New Year.

Tampa Bay

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To FSPA Tampa Bay Chapter:

The FSPA Swim Meet this year was an adventure. We packed 5 girls and a Coach into a minivan and began our 4 hour journey to Stuart, FL. Within 15 minutes all of the girls were asleep, making it a quiet ride for Coach Tedder who drove us.

We had to be up at 5:15 a.m. the next morning for warm ups, so it's safe to say we were all asleep by 10:15 p.m. As we walked on the pool deck it began to pour, but none the less the 4 girls and I jumped into the pool to get ready for the meet. We had two new freshmen come with us. It was nice to spend time and get to know my teammates a little better. The freshmen went "Best Times" and a senior, Dee Sopapong made finals. Overall it was a great meet, and I'm happy to have been able to attend the FSPA Swim Meet these last four years.

Katie Scott, Senior Captain

Wharton High School

The Tampa Bay Chapter sponsored Wharton High School to attend the FSPA High School Invitational Swimming and Diving Meet.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, January 15 for the Tampa Bay Lightning vs. Edmonton Oilers. For more information, contact Maggie@FloridaPoolPro.com or call Maggie at 941-952-9293.

Please support your Chapter by attending the planned meetings and events. If you have something specific you would like to see at a meeting, please let us hear from you. We are always looking for members who want to get involved in the Chapter events. If you are interested, please let us know.



Happy Holidays from your Board of Directors.

Treasure Coast

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The Chapter would like to thank the Board of Directors for their faithful service this year! President **Vinnie Fuggetta, Safety Pool Covers**; Vice President **Ken Parker**; Secretary **Robert Miller, Palm City Pool & Spa**; Treasurer **Joe Janis**; and Directors **Mickey Sigmon, Pool Pro, Inc.**, and **Darlene Fuggetta, Safety Pool Covers**. We had a great year and these people made it possible!

The new Chapter Board for 2015 is President **Robert Miller**, Vice President **Ken Parker**, Treasurer **Joe Janis**, and Directors **Mickey Sigmon** and **Frank DeTura, Morningside Pools**. The Chapter is looking forward to a year of serving together to better our businesses and community.

January 17, 2015 we will be having our Annual Horseshoe Tournament at Stuart Causeway. For more information please contact Susan.

The next Board Meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, January 15, 2015 at New England Fish Market in Palm City. Please contact Susan if you are coming.

Merry Christmas and have a safe and Happy New Year!

FSPA Chapters 2014 Photo Recap





Calling all FSPA members! FREE education courses for all employees!

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CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2014

- 5 FSPA Central Florida Chapter Board Meeting
All Pool Service and Supply
- 9 FSPA Manasota Chapter Board Meeting
11:45 a.m. FSPA state office
- 10 FSPA Florida Gulf Coast Chapter Board Meeting
FSPA Manasota Chapter Christmas Party
6:30 p.m. Libby's Café + Bar

JANUARY 2015

- 6 FSPA Florida West Coast Chapter Board Meeting
Noon at AquaCal, 2629 24th St. N., St. Petersburg
- 9 **FSPA State Committee Meetings**
- 10 **FSPA State Board of Directors Meeting**
- 13 FSPA Charlotte Harbor Chapter Board Meeting
FSPA Space Coast Chapter Christmas Party
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Doubles Beachside Grill, Indian Harbor Beach
- 15 FSPA Florida Gulf Coast Chapter Meeting
FSPA Tampa Bay Chapter
TB Lightning vs. Edmonton Oilers
FSPA Treasure Coast Chapter Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. New England Fish Market, Palm City
- 17 FSPA Treasure Coast Chapter Annual Horseshoe
Tournament
Stuart Causeway
- 20 FSPA Charlotte Harbor Chapter Meeting
- 21 FSPA Florida Gulf Coast Chapter Board Meeting

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