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Alan Cooper, Chuck Curtis and Don Cesarone Receive Awards at the Florida 2008 Pool & Spa Show

Sarasota, FL (February 25, 2008) – The Florida Swimming Pool Association’s annual Show was held February 22-23, 2008. During the Welcome Reception on Thursday awards are given to deserving members of the Association.

The FSPA Chapter Presidents meet each January and select a “Person of the Year”. Alan Cooper of Lake Mary has received this award for 2007. Alan is the Secretary and previous Vice-President of FSPA and was very involved in the issue of licensing subcontractors. FSPA salutes Alan’s continued involvement in the FSPA as we grow and make strides towards becoming an even stronger state-wide Association.

Don Cesarone of Deerfield Beach was named “Volunteer of the Year”. This was a new award this year and was chosen by the staff of FSPA. Don’s unwavering support has allowed the staff to do their jobs more effectively and with a proper understanding of all the issues in the industry. Don served as Builder Council Chairman for 2007. His time and dedication did not go unnoticed and the staff wanted to thank him with this award.

Charles “Chuck” F. Curtis II of Largo received the Lifetime Achievement Award, accepted by his family, for his dedication to the pool industry for so many years. In 1956 he founded C.F. Curtis Construction, Inc. where the company ultimately concentrated exclusively on pool construction and became known as Curtis Pools. He worked there until his retirement in 1990. In May of 1987 he was given the National Spa & Pool Institute Director’s Award (at the time FSPA served as the coordinating organization for the NSPI Chapters in Florida) and in March of 1996 was acknowledged with the NSPI West Coast Chapter Hall of Fame award. Chuck loved people; he loved the swimming pool business and the enjoyment that his products brought. He passed away on Christmas morning, December 25, 2007 at 85 years of age.

The Florida Swimming Pool Association is a trade association for the pool and spa industry in Florida. There are 16 local chapters with approximately 700 businesses that are members. All members are required to abide by a code of ethics and to be properly licensed and insured. FSPA provides the industry with access to continuing education courses, information on current trends and issues, an arbitration program and a full-time lobbyist. FSPA is governed by a Board of Directors and is an affiliate of the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals.