

TAMPA BAY FSMS CHAPTER CIVIC DUTY FOR NOVEMBER

GALLONS FOR G.I.'s Bring donations to the November 15 meeting

Details:

It's that time of year again where we give our appreciation to those troops spending their holidays overseas. Gallons for G.I.'s are a special way to let them know of our appreciation.

Take a 1-gallon Ziploc or similar-sized storage bag and fill it up with goodies. Be creative and give more than candy! These soldiers are adults, so feel free to get them some protein bars, stick deodorant, bug spray (no cans), vitamins, etc. Just visit this site to make yourself aware of items they can't receive
<http://www.give2thetroops.org/items.htm>.

Any donations are welcome for the Gallons for G.I.'s. Keep in mind that we need monetary donations for postage and any money left over will be spent on items for the troops. All should be brought to November meeting on the 15th. If you know of a soldier serving overseas, please get their information!

- In 2010, the Tampa Bay Chapter collected 47 boxes for shipping.
- In 2011, the Chapter collected 18 boxes. Let's beat last year's donation!

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www.fsms.org

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www.fsms-tbc.org

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1.5 CEC HOURS FREE!!! (1 CEC Seminar + 0.5 CEC meeting)

Courtside Grille – 110 Fountain Parkway N, St. Petersburg, FL 33616
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MEETING INFORMATION:

LAMAR EVERS PRESENTING A 1 CEC FREE (\$25/non-members) SEMINAR ABOUT LABINS

The Chapter Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 15th, 2012

Social/Happy Hour – 5:30-6:30pm Meeting & Seminar - 6:30pm

Please make your reservations early for great conversation and dinner!

RSVP to the Chapter email: fsms.tampabay.chapter@gmail.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Wow, time is flying by as another month has come and gone! Soon the holidays will be here and in fact our next meeting is being impacted by Thanksgiving. We have moved this month's meeting a week earlier than normal to November 15th at a brand new location. Please read the rest of this newsletter for the time and location (here is a hint: DO NOT show up at Fat Cats unless you want to sing Karaoke!).

Last month we had a great turnout to hear our guest speaker Lamar Evers with the FDEP. Unfortunately, Mr. Evers had car trouble and could not make the meeting. The good news is that due to the great turnout we had, the "Undies" drive was a great success and we were able to nail down our plans for our upcoming Christmas party.

Why should you attend this month's meeting? The Executive Committee has managed to re-schedule Lamar Evers for this meeting, so you have another chance to earn that one-hour CEU credit. Hopefully we can have an even better turnout this month, see you there.

Respectfully,

Jim Godfrey

MEETING SCHEDULE/LOCATION

11/15/12 – Courtside Grille, St. Pete	12/6/12 - Christmas Party, Clearwater Bch
1/24/13 – TBD	2/??/12 - Dual Chapter, TBC
4/25/13 – TBD	5/23/13 – TBD
7/25/13 – TBD	6/27/13 – TBD

***Florida Surveying & Mapping Society, Tampa Bay Chapter
Thursday, October 25, 2012 Meeting Minutes***

Location: Beef O' Brady's, 9311 N 56th St, Temple Terrace, FL 33617

Meeting Start: 6:28 PM

Persons in Attendance: 22 members and guests

Note: Lamar Evers from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection was scheduled to attend and present his 1.0 Continuing Education Credit seminar on the LABINS website but had car trouble on his way from Tallahassee and was forced to cancel. Notice was given to the members via email earlier in the afternoon.

The meeting was called to order with President Jim Godfrey reading of anti-trust statement.

INTRODUCTIONS: All attendees introduced themselves, several non-members and guests were present and were welcomed. Guests in attendance included Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) D7 Surveyor Jerry Long, FDOT D7 Right-of-Way Surveyor Richard Powell, Advanced Surveying Technology owner Brian Morse, Florida Surveying and Mapping Society (FSMS) President-Elect Russell Hyatt, Tammy Mehl and Pam Chesler of American Government Services Corporation.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Motion #1 - A **motion** was made by Joel McGee to accept the minutes as published in the Tampa Bay Field Book. As there was no discussion on the motion, it was **seconded** by Bill Newkirk and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion #2 - A **motion** was made by Mr. McGee to accept the Treasurer's Report as published in the Tampa Bay Field Book. As there was no discussion on the motion, it was **seconded** by Mr. Newkirk and passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Director Dianne Collins stated that not much was happening on the state level at the present time. She discussed FSMS' proposal to include a mandatory national membership to the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) in each FSMS member renewal for only \$40 per year (NSPS individual annual dues are \$240). Director Collins reminded everyone that there is one more chapter meeting prior to the next FSMS board meeting to relay the chapter's stance on the matter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / OLD BUSINESS

- Education Committee (Secretary Chris McLaughlin, Chair) – Arranges speakers and CECs for future meetings.
 - No new activity.
- Civic/Community Committee (Treasurer Justin Ferrans, Chair) – Coordinates civic activities for the chapter.
 - Chapter attendees brought 62 packages of underwear (approximately 5 pairs per package) for the Clothes to Kids clothing drive for this meeting! Treasurer Ferrans and Jeff Kohler delivered them to the charity the following day.
 - Special thanks went to American Government Services Corporation for their big contribution.
 - The chapter's next drive will be for Gallons for GIs. Some details of this effort follow:
 - Bring 1 gallon Ziploc-type bags full of personal items and treats to the November chapter meeting (GIs can actually use the bags)
 - In 2011, the Tampa Bay Chapter donated 18 boxes of bags, and in 2010 the chapter donated 47 boxes.
 - If you forget bags, cash for shipping is always accepted.
 - If you know of any service member deployed overseas, please bring their information to the November meeting.
 - **Motion #3** - A **motion** was made by Treasurer Ferrans for the chapter to donate \$150 for shipping the donations collected in November. As there was no discussion on the motion, it was **seconded** by Vice-President Mark West and passed unanimously.

- Special Events Committee (President-Elect Leon Hampton, Chair) – Organizes special events hosted by the chapter.
 - President-Elect Hampton mentioned several location ideas for the Christmas party, including Clearwater Beach’s dinner cruise, *Calypso Queen* with a buffet-style dinner, beer, wine, and rum punch included for around \$40/person. The members were particularly receptive to the dinner cruise idea, and the date was set for Thursday, December 6th (cruise departs before sunset). More details will be sent out with the November meeting notices.
 - **Motion #4** - A **motion** was made by Director Collins to have the chapter Christmas party on the Calypso Queen on December 6th. As there was no discussion on the motion, it was **co-seconded** by Treasurer Ferrans and Mr. Kohler and passed unanimously.
- Chapter of the Year/Documents Archive Committee (Vice-President West, Chair) – Documents all chapter functions.
 - Chris Wild is actively compiling information and photos of chapter events.
- Scholarship Committee (Secretary McLaughlin, Chair) – Informing prospective surveyors about surveying scholarships.
 - Director Collins said that the state society is looking at scholarship applications.
- Membership/Recruiting Committee (Director Collins, Chair) – Informing current surveyors about FSMS.
 - A reminder to everyone that a raffle will take place at the July 2013 meeting for a full conference registration and one night’s stay at the conference resort. The raffle will be based on attendance at chapter meetings and other chapter-sanctioned events taking place throughout the year, with one entry per attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

- Member Joe Boyle is working in Saudi Arabia and asked the chapter whether any member who is well-versed in machine control could contact him.
- Members enjoyed the Temple Terrace Beef O’Brady’s location, so it has been decided that Hillsborough County meetings be held there for the time being. A decent Pinellas County location is still sought, as it is difficult to find a quiet meeting room in a fair-priced restaurant located convenient to the Bay.
- Upcoming speaker ideas:
 - Reschedule Mr. Evers’ LABINS seminar before the February biennium renewal if he is available.
 - Larry Sharp is scheduled to give a presentation on Murphy Deeds and TIF reservations in the near future.
 - Charlie Dye is willing to speak about the Pinellas County Property Appraiser’s office and mapping efforts.
- Pete Mattson gave a briefing on his efforts to find a golf tournament location for the 2013 FSMS Annual Conference being held in St. Pete Beach. He mentioned that he could possibly hold it at the Belleair Biltmore course.

Motion #5 - A **motion** was made by Mr. McGee to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Long **seconded** the motion and it passed unanimously at 7:32pm.

RAFFLES: TOM KANEY FUND 50/50

The Tom Kaney Fund raised \$55 in the raffle. Steve Tate donated his \$55 of winnings to the chapter to buy more Clothes for Kids to deliver to the charity the following day. Special thanks go out to Mr. Morse of Advanced Surveying Technology as he donated a Surveyors Kick Ass (seriously, it has a kicking donkey on it) tee-shirt as well as several other items for additional raffle prizes.