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MARCH 28th - Tampa Bay Chapter Meeting:

Applebee's

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[GOOGLE MAPS LINK](#)

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MEETING INFORMATION:

General Business Tampa Bay Chapter meeting.

The Chapter Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 28th, 2013

Happy Hour – 5:30-6:30pm; Meeting/Dinner - 6:30pm; bring \$20 to order off of the menu.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Our Chapter's last thirty days have been action packed! With the Dual Chapter Meeting and Vendors Night behind us, we must now focus on this month's meeting and our upcoming FSMS Annual Conference. At this month's meeting, we will discuss our financial standing after these special events, as well as nominations for the Annual Conference awards. I encourage each of you to attend, as your input is important. Also I urge you to attend the annual "Paint Your Heart Out Clearwater" event this Saturday. This is a great opportunity to help out a deserving family while getting to work with your fellow surveyors.

See you at Applebee's!

Sincerely,

Jim Godfrey

MEETING SCHEDULE/LOCATION

3/28/13 – Applebee's, East Bay Dr., Clearwater 4/25/13 – TBD (Hillsborough)

5/23/13 – TBD 6/27/13 – TBD 7/25/13 – TBD

8/21-25/13 – 58th Annual FSMS Conference, St. Pete Beach

***Florida Surveying & Mapping Society, Tampa Bay Chapter
Thursday, February 28, 2013 Dual Chapter (with Ridge Chapter) Meeting Minutes***

Location: Walden Lake Golf & Country Club, 2001 Clubhouse Drive, Plant City

Meeting Start: 6:38 PM

Persons in Attendance: 29 members and guests (25 attendees signed in)

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

INVOCATION: President-Elect Leon Hampton offered the invocation and gave thanks.

INTRODUCTIONS: All attendees introduced themselves and the meeting was paused for dinner between 6:45pm and 7:20pm.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Motion #1 - A **motion** was made by President-Elect Hampton to accept the minutes as published in the Tampa Bay Field Book. As there was no further discussion on the motion, it was **seconded** by Chris Wild and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion #2 - A **motion** was made by Secretary Chris McLaughlin 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 President-Elect Hampton and passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was no Director's Report this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Civic/Community Committee (Treasurer Justin Ferrans, Chair) – Coordinates civic activities for the chapter.
 - Paint Your Heart Out Clearwater is scheduled for March 23rd. The event consists of painting several homes throughout the Clearwater area for less fortunate folks and concludes with an event at Coachman Park. Last year 20-25 people associated with the Chapter participated. Treasurer Ferrans took a straw poll for chapter interest, 6 members pledged to participate.
- Education Committee (Secretary McLaughlin, Chair) – Arranges speakers and CECs for future meetings.
 - No new activity as March's meeting will be a general business meeting to review the success of the February and March special events.
 - Ridge Chapter's Erik Hickman reported on the 24th Annual Tampa Bay Surveying and Mapping Scholarship Fund (TBSMSF) Golf Tournament to be held on April 20th at the Diamond Hill Golf & Country Club in Dover.
- Special Events Committee (President-Elect Hampton, Chair) – Organizes special events hosted by the chapter.
 - March 14, Vendor's Night near USF – Free attendance for all, plus valuable raffle prizes.
 - March 17-23, National Surveyors Week – Proclamations ongoing throughout the area at county and city council meetings.
- Scholarship Committee (Secretary McLaughlin, Chair) – Informing prospective surveyors about surveying scholarships.
 - No new activity.
- Conference Committee – The FSMS annual conference will be held at Tradewinds on St. Pete Beach. Contact President Godfrey (jgodfrey@elementeg.com) about committee positions. FSMS Vice-President Bill Rowe is the chairman of the State Society's Conference Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was reported.

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(FEBRUARY 28 MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED)**NEW BUSINESS**

- Ridge Chapter President Rob Stevens mentioned the upcoming GeoWoodstock XI in Polk County as a great way for surveyors to interact with the geocaching community. GeoWoodstock is the world's largest gathering of geocachers and is being held May 25, 2013 in Lakeland. See <http://www.geowoodstock.com/gws11/index.html> for more information.
- FSMS Executive Director Marilyn Evers was in attendance and spoke about the state of the society:
 - Executive Director Evers congratulated the chapters for working together on a joint meeting.
 - FSMS will be holding a membership drive and plans to give each member two names of non-members to contact and recruit into the society. She made note that the annual full member dues have not increased since 2001 and break down to \$0.62/day.
 - The FSMS Annual Conference will be held August 21-25 at Tradewinds Resort in St. Pete Beach.
 - FSMS will be unveiling a new website and online payment process soon.
 - Other items Executive Director Evers touched on: the end of the biennium has been busy for staff with last minute calls about Continuing Education Credits, joining FSMPAC, FSMS will host Knud Hermansen for a March 7th seminar, and Florida Surveyors Week coming up March 17-23.
- FSMS state President Ken Glass was also in attendance and spoke:
 - President Glass mentioned the ongoing effort to include NSPS dues with FSMS dues. FSMS Board of Directors approved a memorandum of understanding with NSPS (anti-trust, etc.), and looking into opt-out options for individuals.
 - The new Legislative Session is about to start. President Glass urged members to support the Limitation of Liability for Professionals bill. CCNA will also be an ongoing subject.
 - Other items President Glass touched on: Membership, the Meridian Marker will be reset in the fall – members urged to attend dedication and buy bricks at the site that will be engraved with donors names, comments on proposed MTS modifications, the next FSMS Board meeting in Lakeland, the next BPSM meeting in Sarasota.
- FSMS Legal Committee Chair Jack Breed also discussed proposed MTS modifications.

Motion #3 - A **motion** was made by Joel McGee to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wild **seconded** the motion and it passed unanimously at 8:01pm.

RAFFLES: TOM KANEY FUND 50/50

President-Elect Hampton was the lucky winner and chose donate his \$60 winnings back to the Tom Kaney Fund. That generous donation meant that \$120 was raised for the Tom Kaney Fund in this meeting alone! Based on February's Treasurer's report, the Fund now contains \$697.

Respectfully submitted by Tampa Bay Chapter Secretary Chris McLaughlin

February 2013 Treasurer's Report

Tampa Bay Chapter - Florida Surveying & Mapping Society

Treasurer's Report - February 2013

Submitted by: Justin Ferrans

Beginning Balance February 1, 2013	\$2,283.84
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Income:

2/28/2013	DINNER RECEIPT DUEL CHAPTER	\$980.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2/28/2013	TOM KANEY FUND	\$120.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Total Income:	\$1,100.00	\$3,383.84
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Expenses:

2/28/2013	DINNER BEEF DUEL CHAPTER	\$1,337.18	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2/28/2013	BANK FEES	\$10.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Total Expenses:	\$1,347.18	\$2,036.66
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Balance as of February 28, 2013 \$2,036.66

✓ - cleared in Bank Statement

Dedicated Funds:

Marbles:		\$0.00
TKF Fund	3-1-2012 THRU 2-28-2013	\$697.00
PAC FUND		\$0.00
GALLONS FOR GI'S		\$85.75

CITY OF CLEARWATER



Proclamation

WHEREAS, surveyors and mappers are among the founding leaders of our country and were instrumental in the formation of the first layout of property boundaries in the United States; and

WHEREAS, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and other former Presidents of the United States, served their fellow colonists as surveyors; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Florida recognize the valuable contributions of the surveying and mapping profession to history, development, and quality of life in Florida and the United States of America and make important decisions based on the knowledge and expertise of licensed surveyors and mappers; and

WHEREAS, surveyors and mappers are uniquely qualified and licensed to determine and describe land and water boundaries for the management of natural resources and protection of private and public property rights; and

WHEREAS, the continued advancements in instrumentation have required the surveyor and mapper not only to be able to understand and implement the methods of the past, but also to learn and employ modern technology in finding solutions to meet the challenges of the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE N. CRETEKOS, Mayor of the City of Clearwater, Florida, on behalf of the Clearwater City Council, do hereby proclaim March 17-23, 2013 to be

SURVEYORS AND MAPPERS WEEK

in Clearwater.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have set my hand hereto on
this 6th day of March 2013, the
97th year of the incorporation
of the City of Clearwater.

-George N. Cretekos

Mayor



PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

FLORIDA SURVEYORS & MAPPERS WEEK

WHEREAS, surveyors and mappers are counted among the founding leaders of our country and were instrumental in the formation of the layout of property boundaries in the United States, which have provided our citizens the enjoyment of property ownership; and

WHEREAS, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and other former Presidents of the United States, served their fellow colonists as surveyors; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Pinellas County recognize the valuable contributions of the surveying and mapping profession to history, development, and quality of life in Florida and the United States of America and make important decisions based on the knowledge and expertise of licensed surveyors and mappers; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Surveying and Mapping Society's Tampa Bay Chapter and at least one hundred Florida licensed Professional Surveyors and Mappers and forty-four Florida licensed Surveying and Mapping Businesses are located in Pinellas County; and

WHEREAS, the surveying and mapping profession requires special education, training, the knowledge of mathematics, the related physical and applied sciences and requirements of law for evidence; and

WHEREAS, surveyors and mappers are uniquely qualified and licensed to determine and describe land and water boundaries for the management of natural resources and protection of private and public property rights; and

WHEREAS, the continued advancements in instrumentation have required the surveyor and mapper not only to be able to understand and implement the methods of the past, but also to learn and employ modern technology in finding solutions to meet the challenges of the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, that the week of March 17-23, 2013 be recognized as

FLORIDA SURVEYORS & MAPPERS WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused the seal of Pinellas County, Florida, to be affixed this 12th day of March, 2013.

Kenneth T. Welch
KENNETH T. WELCH, Chairman

Karen Williams Seel
KAREN WILLIAMS SEEL, Vice Chair



Charlie Justice
CHARLIE JUSTICE, Commissioner

Susan Latvala
SUSAN LATVALA, Commissioner

Janet C. Long
JANET C. LONG, Commissioner

John Morrone
JOHN MORRONE, Commissioner

Norm Roche
NORM ROCHE, Commissioner