

Celebrating 20 Years of Serving South Florida

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A Message from the President

Dear Friends:

My editor asked me to write an opening statement for this edition of the newsletter. As I pondered what I wanted to say, it dawned on me that Chen and Associates has accomplished all of our successes because of you. We recently returned from Jamaica for a company-wide planning meeting. Our theme this year was "Who We Are and Where We Are Going." Without your past patronage we could never have reached where we are now.



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*Chen and Associates President
Ben Chen, P.E., Ph.D., DEE*

As we enter our 21st year of engineering services, I want to take this chance to thank you for your friendship, support, and continued trust. In the next few months I will contact you personally so that we can sit down to discuss our current relationship and so that you may express your thoughts on how we may improve our service to you. I am looking forward to continuing this relationship for a long time to come.

Sincerely,

Ben Chen

Did you know?

Chen and Associates employees represent over a dozen different countries? Our employees hail from all over the world including Canada, China, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Peru, Puerto Rico, Trinidad and Tobago, United States and Venezuela. We not only embrace diversity; we live it everyday!

Congratulations to our Two Newest 'P.E.'s!



L to R: Talia Garcia, P.E. and Safiya Goombs, P.E.

Chen and Associates would like to congratulate senior engineers Talia Garcia and Safiya Goombs on becoming Florida professional engineers. Talia has been with the company for nearly three years and

holds a masters degree in structural engineering from McGill University in Montreal.

Safiya has been a member of the Chen team since 2002. She holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Florida.

Talia and Safiya also hold the distinction of being the first female professional engineers in Chen and Associates history! Congratulations once again on this amazing accomplishment!

Chen and Associates Named Small Business of the Year

Chen and Associates was a proud recipient of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce's 2007 Small Business of the Year Award. The Award celebrates Broward County-based small businesses who are active in both the community and in the Chamber of Commerce. Chen and Associates is proud to have received this prestigious award and commits to continue to be active in the community.



Vice President Peter Moore, PE accepts the Small Business Award.



Who We Are and Where We Are Going: Chen and Associates Planning Meeting 2007

Chen and Associates's 8th Annual Planning Meeting was held in Runaway Bay, Jamaica from May 31 - June 3, 2007. This year's theme, *Who We Are and Where We Are Going*, led Chen and Associates' employees to

"Only through inspired teamwork can we succeed."

Chen and Associates Vice President Peter Moore, PE

discuss a variety of issues that the company is currently facing. Throughout the year, Chen and Associates will hold additional meetings for the newly formed Employee Committees and as follow up/preparation for the 2008 Planning Meeting – How We Get There.

The meeting also helps strengthen the Chen and Associates culture by uniting all full-time employees from each office, giving every employee a voice and fostering new relationships. Team building exercises included completing pop quizzes on Chen and Associates' history for prizes, a scavenger hunt around the resort, and a group trip hiking through Dunn's River Falls.



Safiya Goombs leads her team's human resources discussion

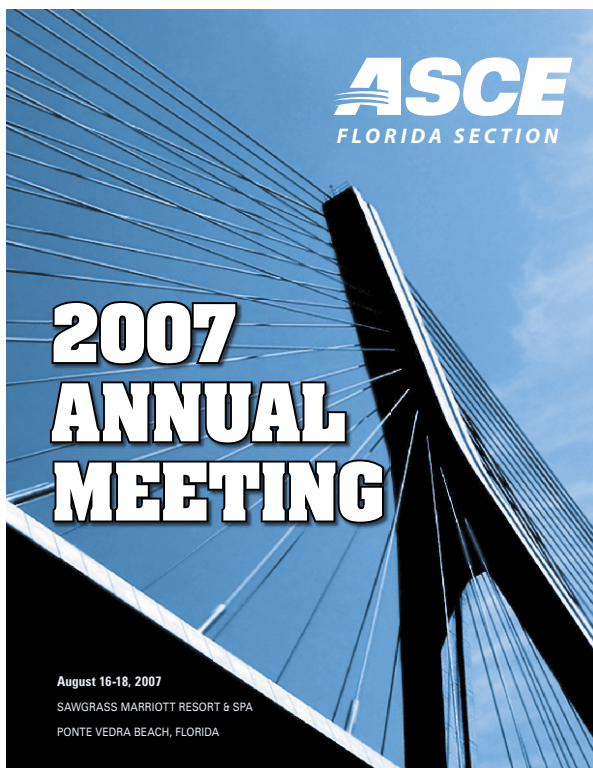


Left to Right: Peter Dueño, Oscar Bello, Marcus Austin



Chen and Associates group dinner at Breezes Resort in Runaway Bay

ASCE Florida Section Annual Meeting



Chen and Associates is again a proud sponsor of this year's American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Florida Section annual meeting. ASCE's meeting provides 17 "area of practice" classes from which to choose and an opportunity to meet Section Leadership for 2007-2008. Chen and Associates' Vice President, **Peter Moore, PE**, will be named Section Secretary/Treasurer.

This year's meeting will be held at the Sawgrass Marriott Resort and Beach Club in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida from August 16-18, 2007. Chen and Associates is sponsoring two sessions: the Friday Evening Reception and one of the Student Field Trips. We have continued our "dual-sponsorship" in an effort to reach out to all members with particular emphasis on the future of engineering. In addition to our monetary efforts, we are proud to announce that Chen and Associates' Senior Engineer **James Barton, PE**, is presenting a technical session in the Water Resources/Environmental Program Track. His presentation is on the utilization of GIS in determining capacity analysis for utilities. If you are able to attend this meeting, please visit our reception and James' presentation!

Spotlight: Broadview Park

The Broadview Park Neighborhood cleanup was sponsored by the Broadview Park Civic Association, Broward County Waste Management and Broward County Parks.

Chen and Associates is currently working with the Broadview Park Civic Association to keep this neighborhood

informed of our ongoing construction activities. Construction Inspector Michael Jacobs participated in the cleanup on Saturday April 21, 2007 with more than 50 community members including students who earned school service points, scout badges and for Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps credit. Volunteers helped fill two 30 yard dumpsters and many residents were happy to bring out all old items for trash.

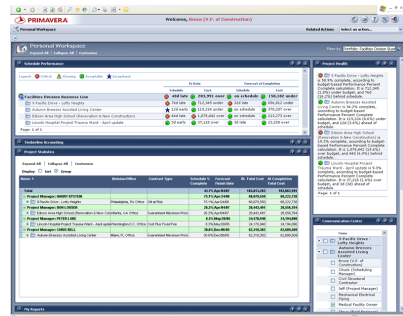


Chen and Associates Trains for More Efficient Project Management

Members of our Construction Services division recently completed training for new software to provide more efficient service to our clients. Primavera is an integrated product

that goes far beyond scheduling providing users with advanced collaboration tools, action alerts and centralized project information.

Construction project administrator Derrick Smith explains that *"Using Primavera will enhance the quality of the product that Chen and Associates delivers to our clients. With these tools we will be able to provide a more detailed document tracking service while also closely monitoring the schedule and costs associated with the project."*



College Interns Join Chen and Associates for the Summer

Paula Fonseca is a senior at Florida Atlantic University, majoring in civil engineering. She is currently assisting with the completion of permits, reports, use of AutoCAD and GIS, and the opportunity to work in the field for a variety of projects including BC UAZ Utilities; Fort Lauderdale Fire Station 54; Dania Beach NIP; Drainage Improvements NC2-1; Fort Lauderdale City Potential Tasks; and the ADA Self Evaluation Project. *"Working at Chen and Associates has been a great and challenging experience; the work environment, the projects that I have been involved in, and the people who are part of Chen and Associates have taught me both civil engineering and the importance of group work."*

Ana Velasco is currently attending the University of Florida, majoring in civil engineering. Ms. Velasco is assisting Chen and Associates' engineers with the Margate Boulevard Design and Construction Services project. She attends both the Margate Chamber of Commerce's monthly meetings and weekly meetings with the contractor. Ms. Velasco also assists with meeting minutes and AutoCAD.

Jordan Robbins is a civil engineering sophomore at the University of Florida. Jordan has been supporting Chen and Associates' engineers with AutoCAD work for Broadview Park in Broward County. In addition, he is assisting with developing engineering standards for the City of Coral Springs.

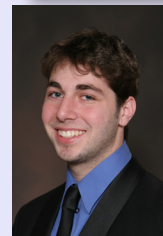
Paula Fonseca
Florida Atlantic University
Class of 2008



Ana Velasco
University of Florida
Class of 2009



Jordan Robbins
University of Florida
Class of 2010



Chen Employee Birthdays

April 3 rd	April 12 th	June 15 th	June 23 rd	July 4 th	August 3 rd	August 20 th
<i>Richard Crow</i>	<i>Jason McClair, PE</i>	<i>Peter Moore, PE</i>	<i>Joel Brownsey</i>	<i>Jennifer Fought, EI</i>	<i>Suzanne McCord, EI</i>	<i>Irene Riaz</i>
						

Meet Our New Chen Employees!

Name: Russell Garrett, PE
Office: Fort Lauderdale
Position: Senior Engineer

Mr. Garrett recently joined Chen and Associates as a senior engineer. His experience includes the design of municipal water distribution systems, municipal sanitary and storm sewer collection systems, municipal pump stations and lagoons, stormwater management systems, water and wastewater treatment facilities, wetland rehabilitation, recreational facilities, and OSTDS including associated project management, proposals, technical memos, design reports, specifications, drawings, cost opinions, QA/QC, and construction management.



Name: Jesus Avila
Office: Miami Beach
Position: CADD Designer

Mr. Avila recently joined Chen and Associates as a CADD designer in the Miami Beach office. While with other firms, he assisted Engineers in preparation of construction documents and drawings; project coordination and quality control; assisted engineers in calculations and design; assisted in designs of large and complex government projects; created and edited construction drawings and specifications; and assisted in the design of overseas projects.



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