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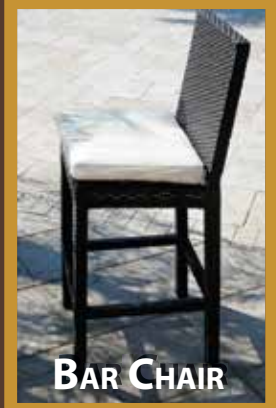
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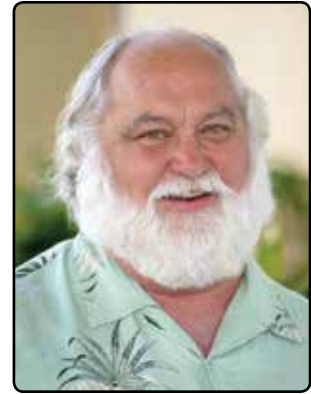
## The pursuit of passion

We all have the innate power to transform ourselves and our life situations for the better. Most of the time it can be a simple shift in our perspective. In your job you can easily be consumed with negativity. To discover there are great things about your job can be as easy as taking the time to write down a few things each day that make you happy, things you are grateful for, co-workers you like, etc.

I have many passions, God, country, and family to name a few, as well as the swimming pool industry. I know many of you have heard how I got my start when I was a teenager framing a house and I asked a pool builder in Tallahassee to teach me how to build a pool and I would work for free so I could learn! Although I continued in construction for many years, pools were fun to build. When a pool was completed that was when the fun really began – cannon balls, splashing, Marco Polo, etc. The pool business has been very good to me and my family. I am fortunate to have my two sons work with me as well as my wife in our business.

Does the passion diminish? Of course it does! You get the unhappy customers, the laws and the regulations (some good, some bad) that can make your work more difficult, plus the stress of getting everything done right the first time. I try to think how can I make that customer happy; what makes my other customers happy and yet this one is not; how can I help with the laws and regulations? If I can accomplish these goals, my passion is back!

Passion and pride go hand in hand. My passion for this industry goes much further than the everyday construction of a project. A big question for all of us is, how do we bring qualified people into this industry? One way is to hire young people and train them on the job. Seek out local skill centers, vocational schools and junior colleges that may offer courses to get classroom time to learn the principles of construction – basic electricity, concrete, steel and hydraulics. Send them home with code books to read and study. Test



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them on what they have learned – who knows, you may learn something new or remember something you had long forgotten!

You may find that once they begin to learn WHY they do what they are doing on a job, they too will become more excited and passionate and proud of the job. They will be able to look back and say, “I helped build that!”

The FSPA has begun to support Future Builders of America, and hopefully, we can help develop the pool trade into the program.

The system of construction licensing in Florida is basically set up this way – you must have education and real-time experience on the job working for a licensed contractor. Once you gain the knowledge and have the proper experience, you too, can become a licensed professional.

When you are passionate about what you do, you have more energy. I am not getting any younger and I am getting tired. But, when I care more about what I do, I do it better and take pride in what I have done. When you are proud of what you have done, you are passionate about it. It is a cycle that feeds on itself and can increase your capability. So go above and beyond – take real ownership in whatever job you do. You will feel better for having done that and others will take notice. Make your passion for your industry become contagious.

I want to say thank you again for allowing me the privilege of serving as your president. If there is anything I can help you with please don't hesitate to call or email me.



# Residential pool/spa servicing specialty contractor license effective June 22

By Jennifer Hatfield, FSPA government relations consultant / [jennifer@FloridaPoolPro.com](mailto:jennifer@FloridaPoolPro.com)

On June 22, Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB) rule 61G4-15.040 Certification of Residential Pool/Spa Servicing Speciality Contractors, is slated to go into effect. This rule initially came up due to concerns that an applicant with only residential pool service experience does not have the necessary commercial experience to obtain the current Pool/Spa Servicing Contractor License found in section 489.105, F.S. As this current service license provides the ability to do work on both commercial and residential pools and spas. Therefore, this rule will solve the issue that has arisen regarding those wanting to do only residential pool service and only having residential experience.

The FSPA previously reported on this draft rule and met back in April to discuss it. At that time FSPA agreed to support the rule. FSPA recognized that like our pool builder segment, there are those in the pool service segment of the industry who may choose to focus their business only in the residential market. The FSPA reviewed the draft rule language provided and did submit a few suggestions to the CILB as a result.

FSPA understands that persons interested in applying to DBPR for this new specialty license can do so starting June 25. Once links and more information is available, FSPA will provide it to members.

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# July means Independence Day, swimming pools and FSPA membership

Independence Day is the iconic summer holiday. Images of this holiday always include watermelon, fireworks and water recreation. Being in the swimming pool business, it means our product's use is at its height this month, as well as all the products that make swimming pools work.

It is also that traditional time in which your FSPA membership dues has been due. In recent years new members renew on the date they applied, but for those who joined prior to a few years ago your FSPA renewal remains July 1. This was a date set by the NSPI primarily because it is when members are the busiest and have the best cash flow. Yes, the secret is out! We want you to renew your membership when your business is doing great!

The FSPA membership is now over 600 members! That is the most members we have had since before the economy turned. The FSPA member benefits are better than ever – free education for all employees, free MSDS program, college scholarships, outstanding representation with the Florida legislature and regulatory agencies, up to the minute industry news and much more. So what are you waiting for? Send in your renewal so you don't lose access to benefits.

And lastly, as you celebrate this July 4<sup>th</sup>, and we quickly count down the days to the end of summer, remember what makes being in the swimming pool industry great. Every day around swimming pools in Florida kids are doing cannonballs and playing Marco Polo, parents are grilling hot dogs and hamburgers, and friends are drinking a cold one and telling stories. FSPA members are the ones who make this possible and your association is here to help your business stay on top.



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<i>Broward County</i>	26	71
<i>Calhoun County</i>	0	0
<i>Charlotte County</i>	34	0
<i>Citrus County</i>	7	9
<i>Clay County</i>	8	14
<i>Collier County</i>	93	89
<i>Dade County</i>	104	99
<i>Duval County</i>	31	32
<i>Escambia County</i>	22	18
<i>Flagler County</i>	14	13
<i>Franklin County</i>	1	1
<i>Gadsden County</i>	0	0
<i>Gulf County</i>	0	4
<i>Hernando County</i>	6	9
<i>Highlands County</i>	4	3
<i>Hillsborough County</i>	88	89
<i>Holmes County</i>	0	0
<i>Indian River County</i>	19	16
<i>Jackson County</i>	1	1
<i>Jefferson County</i>	2	0
<i>Lake County</i>	12	9
<i>Lee County</i>	131	124
<i>Leon County</i>	6	8

County Name	May 2013	May 2014
<i>Liberty County</i>	0	0
<i>Manatee County</i>	99	88
<i>Marion County</i>	7	16
<i>Martin County</i>	17	13
<i>Nassau County</i>	6	6
<i>Okaloosa County</i>	15	13
<i>Orange County</i>	100	78
<i>Osceola County</i>	91	62
<i>Palm Beach County</i>	95	105
<i>Pasco County</i>	45	41
<i>Pinellas County</i>	48	47
<i>Polk County</i>	30	50
<i>Putnam County</i>	2	3
<i>Santa Rosa County</i>	21	16
<i>Sarasota County</i>	36	46
<i>Seminole County</i>	35	39
<i>St Johns County</i>	49	53
<i>St Lucie County</i>	22	16
<i>Sumter County</i>	19	27
<i>Volusia County</i>	17	38
<i>Wakulla County</i>	1	0
<i>Walton County</i>	14	18
<i>Washington County</i>	0	0
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## IN REMEMBRANCE - - Eleanor Belyea Cox



Former FSPA Tampa Bay Chapter Executive Director Eleanor Cox, 90, passed away May 24, 2014 at home supported by her loving family and the LifePath Hospice Ruby Team. She was born and raised in Massachusetts, the only daughter of Ralph and Ethel Belyea. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard J. Cox.

Mrs. Cox was a member of St. Chad's Episcopal Church where she served on the vestry and as a member of the Episcopal Church Women group. She was always lending a helping hand at the church and elsewhere. She just couldn't or wouldn't say, "No!" She was also a member of the Tampa Bay Area Women's Club. Mrs. Cox attended the University of Washington in Seattle and was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

Mrs. Cox was employed for more than 60 years. After moving to Tampa in 1978, she was employed as purchasing manager at Liquidometer. Later, she was the Executive Director of the Tampa Bay Chapter of the National Pool and Spa Institute and the Florida Swimming Pool Association from 1987 to 2007.

She is survived by three daughters: Sheri Brindle (Paul) of Sanford, FL; Ellie Anderson of Chicago; IL.; and Maril Martinez (Augie) of Tampa. She is also survived by three grandchildren, as well as seven great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at St. Chad's Episcopal Church, 5609 N. Albany Ave, Tampa, FL 33603, on Wednesday, May 28. Eleanor was interred at Wildwood Cemetery, Winchester, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Chad's Episcopal Church; Meals on Wheels of Tampa, 550 W. Hillsboro Ave, Tampa, 33603; or LifePath Hospice, Development, 12470 Telecom Dr., Ste 300W, Temple Terrace, FL 33637 would be truly appreciated. All three of these organizations provided much loving support to Eleanor for which the family is extremely grateful. Online condolences may be made to: [jgrfuneralhom.com](http://jgrfuneralhom.com).

# “Sump” thing is wrong

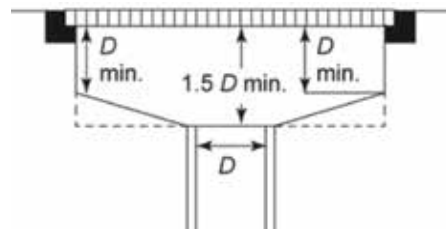
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The ANSI/APSP-7 standard for suction entrapment avoidance went into effect here in Florida on March 1, 2009 as part of the 2007 Florida Building Code. At that time, the five known entrapment hazards and three root causes were not widely understood and there was much confusion among builders and building officials about the various compliance requirements and options. Over the years, we have learned, and become “comfortable” with the standard and the entrapment protection methods/systems we choose to employ for compliance.

But since that time, in several areas of the state, there is a compliance problem that is being overlooked or going unnoticed. Some field built sumps are being constructed in an unsafe configuration, creating a potential for hair entrapment. Data gathered by the writing committee of the ANSI/APSP-7 2006 standard indicated that, to that point in time, hair entrapment was the leading cause of suction entrapment.

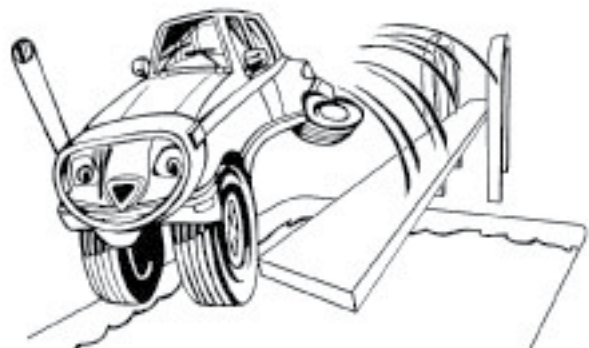
The ASME A112.19.8 standard for suction outlet fittings, included in the ANSI/APSP-7 standard requires that the top of the suction pipe in field built sumps be at least 1½ pipe diameters below the bottom of the cover and that even the outside edges of the sump be at least one pipe diameter below the cover. This means that if you use a 2-inch suction pipe, the top of the pipe (whether horizontal or vertical) must be at least 3 inches below the bottom of the cover. This requirement is designed to allow water to move through all areas of the cover, thereby diffusing and diminishing the force created at the top of the cover/grate. The closer to the bottom of the cover, the more focused the area of suction becomes, resulting in higher, unsafe velocity directly above the pipe. Try vacuuming your car’s floor mats holding the vacuum hose 3 inches from the mat – not enough force to pick up dirt; move it within an inch and you create a strong enough force to pick up dirt. That’s the same concept but in reverse, you do want the force to pick up the dirt – you don’t want the force to draw hair through the cover.

The photo below shows a 2-inch suction pipe outlet that will end up 1½ inches from the bottom of the cover. The sump is inadequate – this is a built-in hazard. Next to it is a drawing showing the dimensional requirements of the ASME A112.19.8 standard (now the APSP-16 Standard). The dotted line is the recommended sump design, the solid line shows the required minimum dimensions. There are other sump designs shown in the standard, but the minimum dimensions from pipe to cover are consistent. The surest way to comply with the standard is to use suction outlet fitting assemblies that include a manufactured sump, but if you continue building the sumps, please make sure your shell crews and your plaster crews are aware of the design requirements. Suction outlet safety matters and it’s our responsibility to “get it right”. I’m hard pressed to think of anything more important than our children.



*The dimensional requirements of the ASME A112.19.8 standard (now the APSP-16 Standard).*

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# True chlorine-free pools - a stiff challenge

By Alvaro Mendoza, CES / [amendoza@ceswaterquality.com](mailto:amendoza@ceswaterquality.com)

You may encounter a residential customer who wants an outdoor “chlorine-free” pool. Sounds easy enough. But, if not done right, you might be in for quite a surprise.

Some pool companies market saline (chlorinators) as being “chlorine-free,” which seems ridiculous but is commonplace. Today, we are referring to a pool that utilizes oxidizers that are NOT chlorine compounds.

Does the customer really need chlorine-free? Most of the time the answer is no! While many customers appreciate swimming in irritant-free water with lack of chlorine odor, very few have actual chemical allergies that would prevent them from swimming in a well-controlled, low-chlorine pool. Providing a true “chlorine-free” pool is complex, expensive and involved. Even the slightest aberration and the pool will quickly be overrun with algae and cloudy water.

Considering that city water contains 0.5 PPM to 3.0 PPM chlorine (or chloramines), one good question to ask is if the customer has allergies that prevent them from taking a regular shower. If the answer is yes, then you have a serious “chlorine-free” candidate.

If the answer is no then you have the opportunity to offer them an affordable, low-chlorine alternative. Here are some recommendations for these specialty pools:

- **Corona Discharge Ozone:** Traditionally a great building block for a “chlorine-free” pool. Forget about providing traditional .5 to 1 CC (contact concentration) sizing, most “chlorine-free” applications require 3.5 to 5.0 CC to be successful. Less powerful 284 nm UV/Ozone or Dry-Air Ozone Systems have not been as successful, as the higher the concentration the more power (solubility) each gram of ozone will deliver. Also remember that ozone provides little to no opportunity for a residual, so up-sizing the ozone



system and using an oxygen-fed corona system is key.

- Longer run time: If your customer wants a chlorine-free pool, they will need to agree to operate their filter for 10-12 hours a day or longer. A typical 6-8 hour cycle will not do.
- Alternative non-chlorine oxidizers: A successful application requires the use of an oxidizer. Some have used bromine with great results as corona discharge regenerates spent bromine into hypobromous acid. Some have used peroxoltyes, while others report that UV helps, but it is not an oxidizer. Some utilize powerful new phosphate, algae and enzyme treatments, but avoiding chemicals with an overabundance of other chemicals seems counterproductive.
- Accurate chemistry control: It's really tough to provide a "chlorine-free" pool without monitoring and controlling pH and ORP. More importantly, if you want to minimize the use of a backup oxidizer (chlorine, bromine, or peroxoltyes) using an ORP-based (3<sup>rd</sup> Relay) booster mode works great.
- New alternatives: A new alternative for control of algae is PoolMoss. This has only been on the market for a few years, but it shows great promise to control biofilm, help prevent algae and work as part of the solution.
- PM Maintenance: "Chlorine-free" pools require periodic maintenance and more oversight than a typical bleach, cal hypo or tri-chlor pool. Make sure your customer is signed up for continuing care, or you may walk into a mess every time they call.

One thing seems certain, that it is unwise to underbid a "chlorine-free" pool. As you can see, it takes lots of your expertise, your time and your effort. Also, a customer for this type of pool have been reported to be more demanding and more difficult to satisfy than your traditional customer, so factor in the cost of hand holding and nuisance calls. Finally it is important to team up with suppliers or service agents that have a history of success with this application.

Providing a true "chlorine-free" can be very satisfying, but make sure to bid it right and be watch out for all the potential pitfalls.

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# Pool industry invited to participate in Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz' Pool Safety Roundtable

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Friday, June 6, in Davie, FL, Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz hosted a Swimming Pool Safety Roundtable forum. Jennifer Hatfield was in attendance representing the pool industry on behalf of the Florida Swimming Pool Association; others in attendance included CPSC Acting Chair Robert Adler, the Florida Department of Health, Safe Kids – Broward County, American Red Cross, YMCA, leaders from local swim programs and children's services, a local mayor involved with both the state and Federal League of Cities, the Broward County Sheriff's Department, a property manager group, a county commissioner, pediatric doctor, and Bruce Wigo from the International Swimming Pool Hall of Fame. Participants discussed ways to improve upon education efforts as well as what currently exists at the federal, state and local levels to prevent such tragedies from occurring. Finding ways to improve upon what exists and new ideas were presented.

After two hours of productive discussion, both Chairman Adler and the Congresswoman provided closing comments and signed the Pool Safety Pledge, which can be found at: [www.poolsafely.gov/pledge](http://www.poolsafely.gov/pledge).

The Chairman discussed how the CPSC has an entire department for consumer education and a very large portion of this department's work goes to their Pool Safety education. Wasserman Schultz provided the group with a list of items she would be following up on after the morning's discussion. It was evident everyone in the room shared the same goal and recognized a need for more coordination between all the entities represented at the local, state and federal level.



*Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz and Jennifer Hatfield, FSPA government relations consultant, at the Pool Safety Roundtable in June.*

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# Insurance by Ken Brown funds \$5K grant for CPR training

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During the most recent quarterly Board of Directors meeting held in May 2014, Ken Brown, president of Insurance By Ken Brown, told a story of CPR saving the life of a young boy, and he challenged FSPA Chapters to initiate community CPR training programs throughout the state of Florida.



As an incentive to each chapter, Ken offered grants from Insurance by Ken Brown for \$1,000 to the first five chapters to submit a comprehensive program to provide CPR training to their local communities.

The first five chapters responding (and receiving grants) were the Northeast Florida Chapter, Florida Gulf Coast Chapter, Charlotte Harbor Chapter, Central Florida Chapter and the Manasota Chapter.

At the time of this writing the Amerisure Insurance Company had extended three additional \$1,000 grants bringing the total to \$8,000. The Palm Beach Chapter was awarded one as their application had been sixth in line initially. The Space Coast Chapter has also been awarded a grant. The other one is still to be named.

The inspiring account Ken told involved an Orlando story of survival. At a local vacation spot a couple from out of state was on their way to the pool, having checked into their room. When they arrived they saw a crowd around an unconscious young boy just rescued from the pool. The couple quickly noticed it was apparent nobody knew what to do next. So, having been trained in CPR, they responded and were able to revive the young boy!

So we wonder, just how many deaths occur each year in pool related



incidents which could be prevented if there were more people trained in CPR?

Every day, about 10 people die from unintentional drowning. Of these, two are children aged 14 or younger. Drowning ranks fifth among the leading causes of unintentional injury death in the United States.

CPR performed by bystanders has been shown to save lives and improve outcomes in drowning victims. The more quickly CPR is started, the better the chance of improved outcomes.

The CPR process provides temporary oxygen which is required by the brain. If there is no oxygen reaching the brain then the brain can stop functioning in four minutes and by 10 minutes a person can become brain dead.

### ***What are the drowning statistics?***

From 2009-2012, there were an average of 3,533 fatal unintentional drownings (non-boating related) annually in the United States — about 10 deaths per day.

About one in five people who die from drowning are children 14 and younger. For every child who dies from drowning, another five receive emergency department care for nonfatal submersion injuries.

More than 50 percent of drowning victims treated in emergency departments require hospitalization or transfer for further care. These nonfatal drowning injuries can cause severe brain damage that may result in long-term disabilities such as memory problems, learning disabilities, and permanent loss of basic functioning (e.g., permanent vegetative state). CPR training resulting in CPR being performed on an individual could significantly reduce this.

### ***Who is most at risk?***

**Males:** Nearly 80 percent of people who die from drowning are male.

**Children:** Children ages 1 to 4 have the highest drowning rates. In 2009, among children 1 to 4 years old who died from an unintentional injury, more than 30 percent died from drowning. Among children ages 1 to 4, most drownings occur in home swimming pools. Drowning is responsible for more deaths among children 1 to 4 than any other cause except congenital anomalies (birth

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defects).

Minorities: The fatal drowning rate of African American children ages 5 to 14 is almost three times that of other children in the same age range. The disparity is most pronounced in swimming pools; African American children 5-19 drown in swimming pools at rates 5.5 times higher than others.

The obvious conclusion is that pool-related drownings are significant and some, if not many, are preventable. Training ourselves and our communities in CPR will save lives, just as it did in Ken's account of the recent rescue in Orlando. All of us at Insurance by Ken Brown and Amerisure Insurance Company are honored to provide this funding. We encourage every Chapter to offer this training and hope that even just one life may be saved by the trainings provided.

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# Final 2014 Legislative Report

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The 2014 Legislative Session adjourned at 10:40 p.m. Friday, May 2. Before adjourning, the Legislature passed a \$77.1 billion budget - the largest state spending plan in history which included a \$500 million reduction in taxes and fees.

Highlights of legislation affecting FSPA members include: This year's building code bill ultimately passed in HB 7147 and included provisions related to public pools and spas; coastal management legislation that included changes to how residential swimming pools built along the coast are permitted passed in a Department of Environmental Protection bill, HB 7093; and a tax holiday on energy efficient products, including pool pumps, passed in HB 5601. Gov. Scott has signed all three of these bills into law.

A summary of the bills FSPA tracked this session which passed are listed below along with recent governor action. A list of bills that FSPA tracked that did not pass can be found on the website.

## **FSPA Priority Bills:**

Energy Policies/Building Code: HB 7147 by Rep. Diaz / SB 1044 by Senator Simpson / SB 1106 by Senator Simpson / HB 593 by Rep. Eagle

*Summary:* The Energy Policy bills address the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services (DACCS) with respect to energy issues. Specifically, the bill does the following: Authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture to appoint a representative to the Southern States Energy Board; Adds a representative of the Office of Energy within DACCS to the Florida Building Commission; Clarifies that DACCS must promote all forms of renewable energy, not simply solar; Clarifies that DACCS must promote and provide reports and recommendations on both energy conservation and efficiency measures; Authorizes DACCS to work in cooperation with the Florida Energy Systems Consortium; Authorizes DACCS to post information on alternative fueling stations and electric vehicle charging stations on its website; Repeals the expired Solar Energy Systems Incentive Program

and related cross-references; and repeals the expired Florida Energy Star Residential HVAC Rebate Program. The Building Code bills provide a number of provisions important to the construction industry. **Most importantly to the FSPA, this bill requires an application for an operating permit with the Department of Health, before filing an application for a building permit for construction of public pools or bathing places.** Further, it adds criteria for obtaining operating permits for public pools and revises procedures for obtaining building permit for public pools and bathing places. In addition, the bill provides for an additional method for local governments to provide notices to alleged code enforcement violators (adds first class mail option); specifies inspection criteria for construction or modification of manufactured buildings or modules; authorizes building officials, local enforcement agencies, and Florida Building Commission to interpret the Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction (currently they can only interpret the Florida Building Code); and revises education and training requirements of Florida Building Code Compliance & Mitigation Program. It also now provides that the DOH can provide variances from the construction provisions found in the Florida Building Code.

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*Comments:* Due to the fact SB 1106, the building code bill, did not get heard in its last committee, the provisions of SB 1106 were amended onto SB 1044, the energy policies bill. The same occurred with HB 7147; therefore, the energy and building code bills merged into one. It is important to note that the pool provisions in the building code bill were worked on between UPSA, FSPA and DOH, as well as others throughout this legislative process.

*Effective date:* July 1, 2014, except the operating/building permit pool provisions would have an October 1, 2014 effective date (the pool variance



provision has a July 1 effective date).

*Status:* HB 7147 – This bill was signed by the Governor on June 13. SB 1044 – Laid on table in lieu of HB 7147. SB 1106 – This bill was stuck in its last committee of reference, Appropriations, which is why it was amended onto SB 1044. HB 593 - This bill passed the House, but died in the Senate; however, the provisions within this bill were passed in HB 7147.

Department of Environmental Protection / Coastal Management: HB 7093 by Rep. Rooney/ SB 1582 by Sen. Dean / SB 956 by Sen. Bean / HB 791 by Rep. Renuart

*Summary:* Deleting a provision exempting certain professional service contracts from pollution response action contract requirements; providing legislative findings and intent regarding the Petroleum Restoration Program and the rehabilitation of contamination sites; providing for certain applicants to use a commitment to pay, a demonstrated cost savings, or both to meet advanced cleanup cost-share requirements; revising permit requirements for coastal construction and excavation (authorizing certain swimming pools and maintenance projects to be eligible for a general permit); and requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to promote the public use of aquatic preserves and their associated uplands.

*Comments:* Of importance to FSPA, this bill clarifies that swimming pools that do not advance the line of existing construction and satisfy all siting and design requirements may be eligible for a general permit by the Department of Environmental Protection. This would appear to replace the current administrative permit that can cost up to \$1,000 for a swimming pool with a general permit that cost no more than \$500; therefore lessening

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the cost. In short, this will reduce fees and red tape, streamlining the process that includes building or reconstructing residential swimming pools on the coast.

*Effective date:* July 1, 2014

*Status:* HB 7093 – This bill signed by the Governor on June 13. SB 1592 – Laid on table in lieu of HB 7093. SB 956 – Laid on table in lieu of HB 791. HB 791 – This bill died in House messages, but was amended onto HB 7093.

Electrical Power or Energy: HB 5601 by Rep. Workman / SB 1076 by Sen. Flores / HB 899 by Rep. Hill /

*Summary:* A \$105 million tax cut that includes: three sales-tax holidays, beginning with a May 31-June 8 tax exemption on hurricane-preparedness supplies, followed by a three-day, back-to-school tax holiday at the start of August on clothes, school supplies and some electronics. **The third holiday will lift sales taxes on energy-saving appliances, including Energy Star Pool Pumps, from September 19-21.** Combined, the holiday periods are projected to save \$36.9 million

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for Floridians. The tax package also includes a permanent elimination of the taxes on college meal plans, expected to save \$11.6 million a year. Meanwhile, a therapeutic pet food discount, on food only available from a licensed veterinarian, is expected to save \$2.5 million a year. Also in the package: a permanent sales-tax exemption for car seats and bicycle helmets for kids; an expansion of the New Markets Tax Credit program for investments in low-income communities; a temporary lifting of sales taxes on the purchase of cement mixers; a measure that would reduce by 20 percent the insurance premium tax on Florida-based bail bond premiums; and a projected \$14.7 million savings through a community contribution tax credit that benefits Habitat for Humanity. The package also allows local tourism development councils to share private information and distributes \$5 million from cigarette taxes to the

H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute. Finally, the bill shaves the sales taxes that businesses pay for electricity and shift a portion of the remaining revenue to the Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) program, which helps with school construction and maintenance.

*Comments:* Of interest to the FSPA, having pool pumps added to the energy sales tax holiday, which has now been achieved in HB 5601. This bill provides that no sales tax will be collected on the first \$1,500 of the sales price for a new ENERGY STAR product or WaterSense product, during the period beginning on September 19, 2014, and ending on September 21, 2014.

*Effective date:* July 1, 2014

*Status:* HB 5601 – This bill was signed by the Governor on May 12 – the final bill included the energy tax holiday, which included pool pumps. SB 1076 – This bill died in committee, but the substance was included in HB 5601. HB 899 - This bill never received a committee hearing, but its substance was included in HB 5601.

### **FSPA Watch Bills:**

Workers' Compensation: SB 444 by Sen. Galvano / HB 271 by Rep. Cummings

*Summary:* Revises powers of Department of Financial Services relating to compliance with and enforcement of workers' compensation coverage requirements; revises requirements for release of stop-work orders; revises penalties; and revises rate formulas related to determination of compensation for disability and death.

*Comments:* The objective if this legislation is to maintain the coverage requirements, but remove the regulatory red tape that has resulted in unnecessary closure of Florida businesses.

*Effective date:* July 1, 2014

*Status:* SB 444 – Laid on table in lieu of HB 271. HB 271 – This bill was signed by the Governor on June 13.

Workers' Compensation: SB 952 by Sen. Simpson / HB 785 by Rep. Albritton

*Summary:* The bill permits a retrospective rating plan to contain a provision



for negotiation of a workers' compensation premium between an employer and insurer if the employer has: (1) exposure in more than one states; (2) an estimated annual standard workers' compensation premium in Florida of at least \$175,000; and (3) an estimated annual countrywide standard workers' compensation premium of at least \$1 million.

*Comments:* It would appear this would not affect many in the pool and spa industry unless it met the specific qualifications provided under the summary.

*Effective date:* July 1, 2014

*Status:* SB 952 - On April 24 this bill was laid on table in lieu of HB 785. HB 785 – This bill was signed by the Governor on June 13.

Motor Vehicle License Taxes: SB 156 by Sen. Negron / HB 61 by Rep. Hill / HB 7123 by Rep. Workman

*Summary:* Reducing the service charge imposed on an application for an original or duplicate license plate, or transfer of specified registration stickers or certificates; reducing a fee collected for a motor vehicle registration; reducing surcharges imposed on a license tax; reenacting and amending provisions relating to special vehicle license plates for the Governor and federal and state legislators, etc.

*Comments:* This legislation could possibly save Floridians between \$20 and \$25 per vehicle registration, depending on the size of the vehicle.

*Effective date:* September 1, 2014

*Status:* SB 156 - This bill was signed by the Governor on April 2. HB 61 – This bill was never heard, instead the House addressed this issue via HB 7123. HB 7123 – was laid on the table in lieu of SB 156, which passed and has been sent to the Governor and was signed on April 2.

Economic Development : HB 7023 by Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee

*Summary:* Economic Development; Revises provisions relating to transportation concurrency, impact fees, loan programs, urban redevelopment, Space Florida, Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund contributions, and

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*Effective date:* July 1, 2014

*Status:* This bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 20.

### **FSPA Bills of Interest:**

Legislature/Legislation Session Dates: SB 72 by Sen. Flores / HB 9 by Rep. Nunez

*Summary:* Changing the date for convening the regular session of the Legislature in even-numbered years to convene on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in January, beginning in calendar year 2016.

*Comments:* The Senate bill will allow it so that only the 2016 session would start in January where as the House bill would have it every even year starting in 2016.

*Effective date:* Upon becoming a law

*Status:* SB 72 –Please refer to HB 9. HB 9 - This bill was signed by the Governor on June 13.

State Speed Zones: SB 392 by Sen.Brandes and Sen. Clemens / HB 761 by Rep. Caldwell

*Summary:* Raising the maximum allowable speed limit on certain highways; increasing the maximum allowable speed limit on roadways under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation, etc.

*Effective date:* July 1, 2014

*Status:* SB 392 - This bill was vetoed by the Governor on June 2. HB 761 – Laid on table in lieu of SB 392.

Joint Rules of the Florida Legislature: SCR 954 by Sen. Thrasher

*Summary:* Creating a new Joint Rule 7 of the Joint Rules of the Florida Legislature relating to residency of members.

*Comments:* The residency standards (SCR 954) approved by the Senate Rules Committee are aimed at clarifying the meaning of a constitutional requirement that legislators live in their districts.



*Effective date:* Not specified

*Status:* This Joint Rule was passed by the Senate and the House on March 4. This Joint Rule was signed by Officers and filed with the Secretary of State on March 10.

Concrete Masonry Education: SB 286 by Sen. Richter / HB 147 by Rep. Caldwell

*Summary:* Concrete Masonry Education; Creating the “Concrete Masonry Education Act”; creating the Florida Concrete Masonry Education Council, Inc.; requiring the council to operate under a written contract with the Department of Economic Opportunity; authorizing the council to accept grants, donations, contributions, and gifts under certain circumstances; providing for collection of a voluntary assessment on concrete masonry units; requiring manufacturers who elect to pay the assessment to commit to paying the assessment for a specified period, etc.

*Effective date:* July 1, 2014

*Status:* SB 286 – This bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 20.

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### **Broward**

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The World's Largest Swimming Lesson took place on June 20. The Chapter partnered with John Raddaker at The Swim Academy. **Rick Myers, AquaCal AutoPilot**, headed up the volunteers from the Chapter who attended the event. Thank you to all who volunteered.

The FSPA High School Invitational Swimming and Diving Meet is taking place September 26-27 at Sailfish Splash Waterpark in Stuart. Sign up to sponsor or volunteer by visiting [www.fspaswimmeet.com](http://www.fspaswimmeet.com).

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Have a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

### **Central Florida**

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The Central Florida Chapter participated in several safety events this month including the World's Largest Swimming Lesson in Celebration. The Chapter joined Celebration Spring Park Pool in its commitment to teach kids about water safety and distributed safety



*Members of the Central Florida Chapter promoted swimming pool safety in June with signs held along the road.*

materials including coloring books, safety badges and sun safety kits to the kids and their parents.

The Chapter also worked hard to raise community awareness regarding swimming pool safety with public campaigns and radio promotion throughout the months of May and June.

Please visit the new Facebook page: FSPA-Central Florida Chapter. Like the page and join us in conversation, learn about new opportunities, and see what's going on!

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 8 at 2:00 p.m.

### **Charlotte Harbor**

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Many thanks to **Gary Crayton, Bay Area Pool Service**, for his presentation of a CE course on Chapter 489 on June 10. The meeting was held at the Trabue Restaurant in Punta Gorda and was well attended by members.

The Chapter staff is looking for information from our members! A survey will be sent to all member companies to determine interest in certain activities, CE course topics and other ideas. So, please take a moment to complete the survey and fax it back to the Chapter office.

Check out the new Charlotte Harbor Chapter meeting and event website. It is ready to use! Members can now find the latest local news by going to [www.charlotteharborfspa.com](http://www.charlotteharborfspa.com). You can also RSVP for meetings and events on the site, and pre-pay for the meetings and events. (Note: This is only a site to better communicate regarding Chapter meetings and events. Consumers and industry members looking to join or for other information will be redirected via links to the [www.FloridaPoolPro.com](http://www.FloridaPoolPro.com) website maintained by our FSPA state office.) If you are not a member and want to get local Charlotte County updates, please e-mail us your information at [FSPACHarlotteHarbor@FloridaPoolPro.com](mailto:FSPACHarlotteHarbor@FloridaPoolPro.com).



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Congratulations to **Rachel and Adam Beaty, Pool Captain Corp.**, on the birth of their daughter, Marley Kai Beaty on May 15. She is absolutely beautiful.

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A big congratulations and welcome to **Eric Watters** from **5 County Wholesale & Supply** on his nomination and election to the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter Board of Directors. Thank you, Eric, for your dedication and commitment to the industry and forgetting involved.

Have you taken your annual Chapter member survey? An e-mail was sent to you recently with a link to take this online survey. If you misplaced it, just send us email at [FloridaGulfCoast@FloridaPoolPro.com](mailto:FloridaGulfCoast@FloridaPoolPro.com) and we'll resend it to you!

This survey provides us with feedback so we can provide programs, education and events that you want as a member of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter. This will allow our Chapter Board of Directors plan for the fall and next year. Your feedback is appreciated!

Watch your e-mail for announcements of some awesome upcoming

programs including our community CPR training program, August Chapter Members Meeting and the FGCC Golf Tournament.

Event dates for the rest of the year are as follows:

- July 9: Board Conference Call
- August 7: Board Meeting
- August 13: Tentative Chapter Meeting
- September 12-13: State Board Meeting
- September 17: Board Meeting
- September 20: Tentative Golf Tournament
- October 2: Chapter Meeting
- October 8: Board Meeting
- November 12: Board Meeting
- December 5: Holiday Party
- December 10: Board Meeting

### **Florida West Coast**

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The Chapter Board of Directors met at noon on Tuesday, June 3 at Chili's in Clearwater. Thank you to **David Oxley, Belleair Pool Service and Supply**, and to **Don Ball, The Pool Works**, for sponsoring the luncheon. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held at noon on Tuesday, July 1 at Chili's Restaurant located at 5430 East Bay Drive (US19) in Clearwater. Remember that every member is encouraged to attend Board meetings. 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. Please call or e-mail the office if you will be attending this meeting so that we can plan accordingly.

Kick off your Independence Day Celebration with a Night at the Ball Park! Join the Florida West Coast Chapter on Thursday, July 3 at Bright House

Field in the Big Shark Café. Come watch the Clearwater Threshers play the Dunedin Blue Jays in a luxurious covered group area with padded seats. The gates open at 5:30 p.m. and the game starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 (children 4 and under are free). Included in the admission cost is three hours (5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.) of all-you-care-to-eat ballpark favorites, plus BBQ pork sandwiches, baked beans, soft drinks, bottled water, and more!. Also, 16oz draft beer is just \$2 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Post-game fireworks show included! Call Malinda at 727-638-6072 for ticket information.

## Manasota

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The Manasota Chapter focused its efforts in June on water safety awareness by supporting Klein Swim Academy and the Boys & Girls Club of Sarasota during the World's Largest Swimming Lesson. Chapter Members talked with the kids and their parents about pool safety and distributed safety materials. These kids were exposed to the swimming pool, some for the very first time, and learned lifesaving lessons. The Chapter also donated funds that will allow kids, who otherwise could not afford swimming lessons to attend classes at a free or reduced rate, throughout the year.

Several fun, social events are being planned for fall. Watch for more information and plan to attend!

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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.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 8 at 11:45 a.m.

### **North Central Florida**

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The World's Largest Swimming Lesson took place on June 20. The Chapter partnered with Lexi Brock at the Sun Country Sports Center. **Jeremy Hine, Florida Leisure Pool & Spa**, represented the Chapter. Thanks to Jeremy for volunteering his time for the event.

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## Northeast Florida

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May 17 was the annual Water Safety Fair at the Jacksonville Zoo in conjunction with Safe Kids. This year the event started a little earlier and the turnout was not as good as it has been in previous years. We did see almost 750 kids who enjoyed receiving the Splash the Penguin tattoos and the stuffed penguins along with the water safety coloring books. Thank you again to our volunteers: **Beth and Charles Starling, Classic Marcite; Susan Landregan** and her granddaughter Cassidy, **HornerXpress;** and **Mike Quintal, Blue Haven Pools.**

In a city famous for its river, beaches and parks system, safety around the water is essential to enjoying all that Jacksonville has to offer. This summer free water safety education and swim lessons will be available to more qualifying families than ever. The Chapter applied for and was awarded a \$1,000 grant from the SPESFoundation to assist in providing swimming lessons this summer. The Chapter matched the \$1,000 for a total contribution of \$2,000!

Along with Safe Kids and the City of Jacksonville, and with private donations, we will be ensuring more than 1,500 children receive swimming lessons.

“Waterproof Jacksonville is about nothing less than saving lives,” said Mayor Brown. “The ability to swim is absolutely essential in a state like Florida, especially here in Jacksonville. Our state has the nation’s highest drowning rate among children ages 14 and under. That needs to change, and that’s what we’re trying to do with Waterproof Jacksonville.”

The swimming organizations in this partnership are First Coast YMCA, Flying Fish Swim Team, Kerry Wick Swimming, Mandarin Aquatic Club, Safety First Swim, School of Swimming, Southside Athletic Club, Swimming Safari Swim School and JaxParks. Safe Kids Northeast Florida, and the Florida Swimming Pool Association – Northeast Chapter all provided financial support. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, in a partnership with USA Swimming, will promote water safety during community events and encourage more minorities to learn to

swim. Accidental drowning is the leading cause of death in Florida for children under age five and the second leading cause of accidental death for children ages 1-14. The accidental drowning rate for black children is three times that of white children.

May 22 the Chapter held a CE credit course during the Chapter Meeting. The meeting was at **HornerXpress**; thank you for donating your space! We were very fortunate to have **David Rivers, R&S Compliance Group**, teaching a CE credit class about DOT. Members received free CE credits. It was a very informative class and we appreciate David making the drive to Northeast Florida.

The Board of Directors voted to form a committee to determine if the Chapter supports going forward with the proposed service bill. There will be two meetings over the next three months. A big thank you to the volunteers of this committee: **Rick Schmitz, Paradise Pool Service; Jeff Clarkson, Florida Bonded Pools; John Garner, Pools by John Garner; Jack Manilla, Portofino Pools; Stephanie Mitchell, Superior Design Pools & Spas; Brian Curts, Eagle Pools;** Eric Bizanger and Bill Piper.

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***

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The Chapter welcomed Dennis Mino, Ozone Joes, to the membership meeting June 10 at Contractors Business Park, West Palm Beach. Dennis gave an interactive lecture on the many benefits of using pool ozone systems with an in-depth explanation of how they work. He covered ozone and saltwater pools, health concerns, and the clarity of water using an ozone system. Dennis Mino donated an OJ 30 generator as a door prize. **Scott Griswold, Hula Pools**, was the winner. Thank you, Dennis Mino, Ozone Joes.

New to Chapter meetings is a gift card to the business bringing the most

employees. **The Wright Pool Service** won a \$50 gift card to Outback Steakhouse. Congratulations **Zane** and **Debra Wright**.

The Palm Beach Chapter participated in the World's Largest Swim Lesson at the Little Fish Big Fish Swim School in West Palm Beach. **David Villandry, CES**, chaired this year's Chapter involvement. Thank you to the Chapter members who attended and the support of Anna Stewart, Palm Beach Drowning Prevention Coalition.

This summer the Palm Beach Chapter will host the second annual swim lesson program. Due to the efforts of **Proline Distributors**, the Chapter will be able to increase the number of children benefiting from this important program. Proline Distributors hosted a customer appreciation picnic which included a dunk tank set up to raise funds for swim lessons. The Chapter now has over \$900 for swim lessons due to the efforts of **Jim Bingold**, as well as several others giving their time and energy, and having the courage to potentially receive a dunking. See the smiling picture of **Jim Bingold** just before he received one of many drenchings. Thank you, **Proline Distributors**.

There are never too many ways to



*June 10 at the Palm Beach Chapter meeting Zane and Debra Wright, The Wright Pool Service, won a \$50 gift card from the Chapter; Scott Griswold, Hula Pools, won an OJ 30 generator donated by Dennis Mino, Ozone Joes.*



*Palm Beach member Jim Bingold, Proline Distributors, raising money for swim lessons by sitting in a dunk tank.*

learn to save lives. In the fall of 2014 the Chapter will offer CPR certification conducted by the American Heart Association. This certification will be offered to members for only a minimal charge. Certification is good for two years and includes first aid and CPR/AED. This is an excellent marketing tool for your business. What better could be offered than to list that all employees are CPR certified. More information will be made available as details are finalized.

The membership meeting on July 8 will cover pool algae and its treatment in pools. This meeting program will feature several speakers. Mark your calendar for July 8 at Contractors Business Park.

The August 12 membership meeting will feature a presentation by **Jim Gay, Jack's Magic Products**. Details of this meeting and others will arrive in your inbox and will be on the Chapter website at [www.fspa-pb.com](http://www.fspa-pb.com)

And don't forget to register for the Palm Beach Pool and Spa Show on September 24 at the Embassy Suites on Belvedere Rd. Registration is now open. Members and non-members who pre-register online may enter the showroom for free. Exhibitors interested in table space may also register at [www.fspa-pb.com](http://www.fspa-pb.com). Interested exhibitors are encouraged to register ASAP; table space is becoming limited. I'll be there, will you?

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The FSPA High School Invitational Swimming and Diving Meet is taking place September 26-27 at Sailfish Splash Waterpark in Stuart. Sign up to sponsor or volunteer by visiting [www.fspaswimmeet.com](http://www.fspaswimmeet.com).

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](mailto:Maggie@floridapoolpro.com) if you are



interested.

Have a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

## Space Coast

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Cindy Staubly from the Brevard County Recreation Palm Bay Aquatic Center joined the Chapter at our meeting on May 22 to officially receive one of the Chapter checks for swim lessons.



*The Space Coast Chapter presenting Cindy Staubly, Recreation Specialist at the Palm Bay Aquatic Center, with a check for \$3,000 to provide swim lessons to children. The Chapter, SPESF and NSPF all contributed funds.*



*Albert Underwood with the Space Coast Chapter charter he had on display at the reception.*



*The Space Coast Chapter hosted a reception during the state Board of Directors meetings in May.*



*The Space Coast Chapter had volunteers at their local World's Largest Swimming Lesson held June 20.*

She asked for our assistance at the World's Largest Swim Lesson which takes place on Friday June 20 at the PBAC. We have participated in the past at this event and **Debbie Pflug, American Leak Detection of ECF; Terri Underwood Payton, Aqua Blue Pools of Central FL; Geoff McGuire, Florida Water Products; George Birkhead, Pool Corp, LLC; and Dominick Montanaro, M & M Pools,** will represent the Chapter at the event.

The Chapter will not meet as a whole until Wednesday, September 17. However, the Chapter Board will meet Thursday, July 17 to formalize our calendar for next year and discuss any other issues that come up.

We will keep you posted. Have a great summer!

## Tampa Bay

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The World's Largest Swimming Lesson took place on June 20. The Chapter partnered with the three of the city pools: Bobby Hicks, Copeland Pool and Brandon's Sports & Aquatic.

**Ken McKenna, Tampa Bay Pools; Cathie Alderman, HornerXpress; and Tim Converse, Solar Solutions,** represented the Chapter. Thanks to Ken, Cathie and Tim for volunteering their time.

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The Board of Directors is planning events for



*The Tampa Bay Chapter had volunteers at three locations for the World's Largest Swimming Lesson on June 20. Chapter President Ken McKenna is pictured above.*



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. We are looking for Board members. If you are interested, please let us know.

Have a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

## Treasure Coast

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The next Chapter Board Meeting is July 31 at 6:00 p.m. at the New England Fish Market, Palm City. During the month of August we will not have a meeting; enjoy family time and vacation! In September we will be having a Chapter meeting; more information will be available soon. Have a great summer and be safe!



*The Treasure Coast Chapter was a part of the World's Largest Swimming Lesson at Sailfish Splash Park on June 20.*

For additional information about any of the events or meetings listed in the Chapter News, please contact the Executive Director listed at the top of each Chapter's News.

## **Are your customers' VGB drain covers about to expire? What you need to know.**

*By Jennifer Hatfield, FSPA Government Relations Consultant*

**This December will mark five years since the Virginia Graeme Baker (VGB) Act required all commercial pool and spa drains to have new VGB certified covers. Part of the law also required manufacturers to provide a life span for each cover and a fair majority were between 5-7 years. Therefore, FSPA encourages contractors who installed these drain covers to a) notify their customers if their drain cover is set to “expire” and b) replace the covers correctly.**

**This first means that a licensed pool contractor should be doing the work. The licensed contractor should choose the right cover, install it correctly, provide both the customer and any regulatory body (i.e. health department) with the documentation the cover was replaced and when the new cover is set to expire, and finally the contractor should keep a copy of this information on file. Part of choosing the correct cover will mean ensuring that it is tested and certified for the flow rate that the pump can produce on that particular pool or spa. Further, while changing out the cover, make sure all components of the drain are in good condition. It is also important that the contractor use the new screws that come with the new cover - do not use the old screws! Remember, VGB compliance also requires the replacement cover be compatible with the currently installed mounting ring and/or sump, which may require replacement if it is damaged. For example, if the screw holes are stripped out. Finally, always follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation. However, it is important to be mindful that Florida Public Pool Rule 64E-9, F.A.C., requires a limit of 1.5fps through the openings, which is more restrictive than the VGB Act, so it may not be in the instructions.**



# CALENDAR

## JULY 2014

- 1 FSPA Florida West Coast Chapter  
Board Meeting  
Noon at Chili's, 5430 East Bay Dr., Clearwater
- 3 FSPA Florida West Coast Night at the Ball Park  
7:00 p.m. Bright House Field, 601 Old  
Coachman Rd., Clearwater
- 8 FSPA Central Florida Chapter Board Meeting  
2:00 p.m.
- FSPA Manasota Chapter Board Meeting  
11:45 a.m.
- FSPA Palm Beach Chapter Meeting  
Contractors Business Park
- 9 FSPA Florida Gulf Coast Chapter Board Conf. Call
- 31 FSPA Florida Treasure Coast Chapter Board  
Meeting  
6:00 p.m. New England Fish Market, Palm City

## AUGUST 2014

- 7 FSPA Florida Gulf Coast Chapter Board Meeting
- 12 FSPA Palm Beach Chapter Meeting
- 13 FSPA Florida Gulf Coast Chapter Meeting

## SEPTEMBER 2014

- 12-13 **FSPA State Committee Meetings and  
Board of Directors Meeting**
- 26-27 **FSPA High School Invitational Swimming  
& Diving Meet**  
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