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Architects Associate Landscape

Designer Claudia Visconti

American Society of

Miami-Dade ASCE

Installation of Officers event

performed the installation

Branch Annual

Officers

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American Society A Message from the President

Clients, Colleagues and Friends of CMA: I can't believe you are actually reading this. In a day of information overload, Facebook and Twitter feeds filling up smartphones and more texts and emails than I can read in a day, you, the individual have taken the time to read this. Since our first Chen Quarterly circa 2007, we've strived to put out a publication that puts a real face doing real activities in the hands of our clients, colleagues and friends. Over the years I've heard a number of compliments on the publication, mostly neard a number of complainents on the publication, mostly anecdotes about growth, activities and fun. Over the past year, though, I've heard a lot of detailed comments about my President's message in particular and I know that those that made the comments had to have actually read the last issu For that and in honor of the holiday season, I'm truly grateful to

each or you.

Recently, our founding partner, Dr. Ben Chen, came into my office and asked me why I started opening up in the Quarterly, airing my personal feelings in front of so many people that I have worked with for nearly 20 years, but also to some perfect strangers. I didn't have a great answer for him at the time, but I've been thinking about it and my life a lot lately and reflecting on my successes, but even more so on my failures. I had a friend once say, "if I were any crazier, I'd be a cartoon." I'm going to paraphrase that statement and say "if life were any crazier, we'd all be cartoons." I know I'm a little crazy. I think write this piece for everyone else to know that it's okay to be a

White crazy, too.

In today's world, everyone is expected to be perfect. Holiday cards show happy families, not people struggling to afford holiday gifts for their kids. Facebook posts show vacations and perfect weather, not someone who just got laid off sulking on per lect weather, indison look revisit play got had on standing on their couch. Company brockures show perfect ribbon cuttings, not the humanly inherent mistakes that were overcome to get the job done. Frankly, I know I'm not perfect and I'm perfectly ok with that. That being said, I know that through my actions, inactions and just plain ignorance, I'm sure there are a percentage of you that I have offended, hurt, ignored or in some other way wronged you. Some of these things can be righted and some have ended relationships. I am to sorry regardless. I am a flawed person and no one here at the Chenpire is perfect.

But, thanks to the beauty of this profession, flawed people can make great things. On the evening of October 9th, I was joined by about ten of my co-workers for the Ribbon Cutting of the by about the nof my co-workers for the Ribbon Cutting of the Art Walk (photos and stary on page 2). It was truly humbling to see the hispired work of our landscape architects, designers, engineers and construction professionals come together in such a public format, with literall husbaards of people enjoying the festhidies. Even better, we were such a small part of this project with visionary elected officials, dedicated public employees and hard-working contractors each baring a huge brunt of this work. We all we able to share in this public space, varieting farmlies enjoy the facility, the eart, the festival and, most importantly each other. People, for the most part, stayed through not one but two rainstorms—but this is a park that was bull where earnal used to be .-> we've all a little crazy. was built where a canal used to be - so we're all a little crazy. was bulk where a canal used to be – so we're all alltide crazy. I would be remish in not recognize the holiday season in this Winter Quarterly. I'm not an overly religious person, so I readly choose to recognize the time of year more than any one specific day or group of days. It is a time to appreciate one another for who we are. It is a time for forgiveness. It is a time to remember that we all can be a better person (or spouse o parent, etc.) tomorrow than we are today. We're all flawed and crazy or whatever word you use to describe yourself to some extent in one way or another, but it doesn't mean that we can't make someone else happy to build something beautiful. To round out this issue, we have our continued professional service to the State of Florida American Society of Landscape Architects (left), Miami-Dade and Broward Branches of the American Society of Civil Engineers (left and page 3, respectively) and the Cuban American Association of Civil Engineers (Page 2). We continue to celebrate the Art Walk (Page 2) and Rocked Out with the Battle of the Bands in Gainesville (Page 3). Last but not least, we showcase the Canesvine (rage 3). Last out not least, we showcase the various themed logos that we create throughout the year to share with you our holiday spirit, patriotic pride, love for family and tribute to those struggling with breast or prostate cancer

onderful winter and I hope to share more with you in the Spring (if I'm not too crazy for you)!

oore, P.E., LEED® AP, F. ASCE

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Coral Springs ArtWalk Opens

The City of Coral Springs and the Coral Springs Red Celebration on October 9 in Downtown Coral Springs. CMA designed the project to include a concrete box

the construction of a linear park, currently called the 'Art Walk'. The project is an important pedestrian connection between the downtown pathways project, The Walk development, and the upcoming Coral Springs Municipal Complex. The project required coordinating multiple facets of design including civil engineering, structural engineering, electrical engineering and landscape architecture.





Battle of the Bands

Chen Moore and Associates sponsored the Battle of the Bands 2015 which raised over \$20,000 for the Education Foundation of Alachua County's "Take Stock in Children" program on October 10, 2015. Senior Engineer Jason Haeseler, P.E. also participated.

Florida that provides a unique opportunity for deserving low-income youth/ students, many from minority families, to escape the cycle of poverty through education. We offer our students college scholarships, caring volunteer mentors and hope for a better life. Our comprehensive services start in middle school. continue through high school and include their transition into college.

The event was produced by Leadership Gainesville Class 40, of which Mr. Haesler

is a graduate. "Leadership Gainesville (LG) is a year-long community leadership program designed to identify,



educate and develop leadership skills. Each year approximately 40 individuals are selected to participate in the program following completion of a competitive application process. Leadership Gainesville's principal goal is to build a resource of community leadership on a lanned, continuing basis. Each session examines key themes and issues affecting our community. "

ASCE Broward

Broward ASCE Officer Installation

The Broward ASCE officer installation event was held last week. Jennifer Smith, P.E. is now past president; as ASCE Florida Section President, Jose Acosta, P.E. conducted the installation. Peter Moore, P.E., LEED® AP, F. ASCE won the engineer of the year!



A Message from our Social Networking Committee

