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**Chen Employee Birthdays**

 June 6 Eric Harrison, RLA	 June 9 Andrew Savage, E.I.	 June 11 Teresa Mills	 June 14 Karen Rachles	 June 15 Peter Moore, P.E., LEED® AP, F. ASCE	 June 23 Joel Brownsey, E.I.
 June 28 Andres Aristizabal	 July 4 Jennifer Smith, P.E.	 July 5 Cris Betancourt, RLA	 July 22 Jason Haeseler, P.E.		
 July 25 Jose McCray	 August 1 Sarah Matin, P.E.	 August 3 Suzanne Dombrowski, P.E.	 August 5 Jose Acosta, P.E.	 August 7 Miguel Lockward, E.I.	

**Chenniversaries**

 June 3 - 5 years Stefan Bortak, CID	 June 3 - 14 years Safiya Brea, P.E., LEED® AP	 June 9 - 8 years Kathryn Horriagan	 June 13 - 5 years Daniel Davila, P.E.	 July 9 - 4 years Karen Rachles	 July 30 - 3 years Bill Daly, III
 August 4 - 2 years Alex Abud	 August 13 - 4 years Carlos Morales	 August 18 - 1 year Ricardo Jimenez	 August 28 - 10 years Derrick Smith, CFM, LEED® AP		

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**Cuba Infrastructure Scholarship Challenge**

Vice President Jose Acosta, P.E. participated in the Cuba Infrastructure Scholarship Challenge on Saturday February 27. The event is an annual student competition where team projects vie for a total of \$12,000 in cash prizes plus non-tangible incentives like mentoring and networking. The event was hosted by both the Cuban-American Association of Civil Engineers (CAACE) and the Association of Cuban-American Engineers (ACAE). For more information, please visit: [http://communitynewspapers.com/coralgables-home/cuban-american-engineers-to-hold-cuba-infrastructure-scholarship-competition/?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=SocialWarfare](http://communitynewspapers.com/coralgables-home/cuban-american-engineers-to-hold-cuba-infrastructure-scholarship-competition/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialWarfare)



**A Message from the President**

I called in for a sick day in April. That may not seem like a big deal to most of you, but that was my first sick day in a decade. Don't get me wrong, I've had the occasional cold here and there, but I was raised in a "suck it up" and "do what it takes" environment. Heck, my mother always proudly told me that she "graduated high school on a Friday, started work the following Monday and didn't miss a day of work until [she] left for maternity leave with me twelve years later"! Hard work was (figuratively) beaten into me from a very early age, so again, taking a sick day was a big deal to me. While I was sick, I realized a few things, because I generally felt tired and, for lack of a better word, stupid. Even when I got back to the office the following day, I couldn't get the energy up to tackle everything I needed to do at work and around the house and when I tried to respond to people, I didn't quite have my typical eye for detail or quick wit. I wasn't very good at my job and that got me thinking about the way in which I did my job. Those that know me well know that I don't sleep very much – it isn't a stressed out insomnia condition; it is more that I just physically rarely sleep more than a few hours most nights. I also have been blessed with a great memory, so I don't often lose time looking things up or trying to find old notes. I've only been good at my job all these years because I don't take as long as most to do things and I have more hours in my day than most people – essentially, I've been "cheating" this whole time. My brief illness gave me an insight into a world in which I have fewer hours than most people and I took twice as long to do things. I saw a glimpse of future failings. I also realized that I was potentially overcommitted, not because of an intention to spread myself too thin, but because I really never had to prioritize one thing over another – it was easy to say yes. I've been reflecting on what I have previously prioritized and what I should prioritize in the future. Clearly I've prioritized my career to some large extent for the past twenty plus years, but what price has that taken on my family, friends and lifelong pursuits? Even the most confident and outwardly happy people all have days (and very long nights) where we wonder about the decisions we made and, more importantly, continue to make. What do you prioritize? Are you, is your family or is the world a better place because of what you chose to prioritize? What have you gained or lost as a result? Was



Socrates right when he said, "An unexamined life is not worth living?" But, just when I get muddled down in too much thinking, I always find a spark when I most need it. Maybe I speak to a college class and see their hope or maybe I speak with a mentee and help them get a tough subject off their chest. Maybe I emcee a middle school math competition (and yes, I can still read all the math terms) or maybe I give a lifetime achievement award to a fellow alumnus. Where does that spark come from when all the chips are down? It comes from giving back. Finding someone else who needs your time more than you do. Throughout this company, that "spirit of giving back" seems to help pick us all up. It isn't written anywhere in a company manual or even in the dozen drafts of our mission and vision statements. It is something that permeates the culture. It gives us ... Chenenergy. "Feel the Chenenergy, 30 Years in the Making" is the slogan that was chosen for our upcoming 30th anniversary. I couldn't think of a more perfect way to celebrate the occasion and the many amazing accomplishments of our founder Dr. Ben H. Chen, P.E., BCEE, than by thinking of the Chenenergy that links us all together, to our projects and to our communities. In the next Chen Quarterly, I'll be highlighting the plans for our 30th Anniversary, kicking off on November 7, 2016 and lasting every bit of the 365 days that we have to celebrate this amazing accomplishment. In the meantime, please enjoy our interaction with students as part of the Cuban Infrastructure Challenge (Page 1) and MATHCOUNTS in Broward County (Page 3). Please reflect on our celebrations at the Leadership Broward Fun Lunch with our CFO Sean Dannelly (Page 2) and the Cuban American Association of Civil Engineers Gala with their President, our own Vice President Jose Acosta, P.E. (Page 3). See us go back to our primary school roots celebrating the Miami-Dade ASCE's Field Day (Page 3) and don't forget to check out our continued growth thanks to two recognitions by the South Florida Business Journal (Page 2). We have a new employee (Page 2), ran the Corporate Run in West Palm Beach (Page 2) and many employee celebrations (Page 4). I invite you all to start feeling the Chenenergy! It's going to be a great celebration!

*Peter Moore*  
Peter Moore, P.E., LEED® AP, F. ASCE, President

## Meet our New Employee!

Employee: Amber Mathis

Office: Stuart

Title: Landscape Designer

Ms. Mathis recently joined CMA's Miami office as a landscape designer. Her previous experience includes serving as a Horticulturist for the City of Gainesville where she developed and implemented the City of Gainesville's tree planting programs; and coordinated with the CRA and the Public Works Department on capital improvement projects to include design, development and inspection; and wrote, coordinated and oversaw professional service contracts.



## Corporate Run

CMA participated in the Annual Mercedes-Benz Corporate Run on April 13 at Meyer Amphitheatre in West Palm Beach. Congratulations to Miguel Lockward, E.I. for finishing the fastest of our team and now holds that record for two years in a row! For more information, please visit [http://www.mercedesbenzcorporaterun.com/west\\_palm\\_beach.php](http://www.mercedesbenzcorporaterun.com/west_palm_beach.php)



## SFBJ Awards 2016 Business of the Year Finalist

CMA is a South Florida Business Journal 2016 Business of the Year Awards Finalist! The Business of the Year Awards were created to give recognition to those organizations that build the South Florida economy through solid business practice, dedication to our community and financial growth. The 2016 finalists were honored at a special cocktail reception and dinner on Thursday April 21 at The Intercontinental Hotel in Miami.



## SFBJ Top 25 Engineering Firms List

Chen Moore and Associates was recently ranked number 15 this year, up from number 18 last year, in the annual South Florida Business Journal's Top 25 Engineering Firms list. The list includes 25 engineering firms located in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties ranked in order by licensed engineers. Additional information includes the number of regional and nationwide offices, total employment, year founded locally and top local executive contacts. For more information, please visit <http://bit.ly/1SPQDJV>



**THE LIST**  
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Rank	Firm	Region	Employees	Engineers	Year Founded	Local Offices	Top Executive
1	AECOM	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1969	1	Bob Beemer
2	Kimley-Horn and Associates	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1969	1	L. Keith Brice
3	Stantec Consulting Services	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1999	1	Robert L. Smith
4	HDR	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1969	1	Paul J. Smith
5	Cuban Overseas & Associates	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1969	1	David S. Smith
6	Worleyparsons	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1969	1	David S. Smith
7	URS	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1969	1	David S. Smith
8	Parsons Brinckerhoff	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1969	1	David S. Smith
9	AMEC	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1969	1	David S. Smith
10	AMEC	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1969	1	David S. Smith
11	AMEC	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1969	1	David S. Smith
12	AMEC	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1969	1	David S. Smith
13	AMEC	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1969	1	David S. Smith
14	AMEC	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1969	1	David S. Smith
15	Chen Moore and Associates	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1969	1	David S. Smith
16	TLC Engineering for Architecture	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1969	1	David S. Smith
17	ARCADIS North America	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1969	1	David S. Smith
18	Thorburn Tomasetti	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1969	1	David S. Smith
19	ADI Consultants	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1969	1	David S. Smith
20	Tetra Tech	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1969	1	David S. Smith
21	PSI	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1969	1	David S. Smith
22	Torreson Consultants	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1969	1	David S. Smith
23	TBC Worldwide Engineering	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1969	1	David S. Smith
24	Mohammar Salibi	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1969	1	David S. Smith
25	Kath & Associates	Nationwide	1,000	1,000	1969	1	David S. Smith

## Leadership Broward FUN Lunch

Our CFO, Sean Dannelly, CPA, was honored by the Leadership Broward (LB) Foundation at their annual "Fun Lunch" last Friday. The Fun Lunch is a one-of-a-kind event that honors six community leaders, in a FUN way, who are also LB Alumni. They have gone above and beyond to achieve milestone accomplishments in Broward County, and support to LB Foundation, Inc. These individuals echo the mission of LB Foundation, Inc. to develop and inspire individuals to serve our community. Sean, a Past Chair and Life Member of LB Foundation, is currently leading the organization's Strategic Planning Initiatives, helping to guide LBF into the future. Also honored were Mary Adams of The Employee Relations Group, Inc, Tom Loffredo of Gray Robinson, P.A., DeAnna McCutcheon of Signature Grand, Peter Neirouz of Broward Center for the Performing Arts and Steven Palmer of Stiles Corporation.



## ASCE Miami-Dade Field Day

CMA served as one of several sponsors for the Inaugural ASCE Miami-Dade Field Day on March 19 at Zoo Miami. Jose Acosta, P.E., Patrick Kaimrajh, P.E. and Miguel Lockward, E.I. participated in the event. Patrick and Miguel also served on the planning committee.

The event was planned as a day of friendly competitions between teams from various companies and friends of the engineering and construction industries. Classic games included corn hole, a three-legged race, concrete bocce ball, water conservation relay and a pacing contest.

Donations raised for the event helped support the University of Miami and Florida International University student scholarship program. For more information, please visit <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/asce-inaugural-field-day-tickets-21354328371>



## Cuban American Association of Civil Engineers Gala

Jose Acosta, P.E., Patrick Kaimrajh, P.E., Miguel Lockward, E.I., Jose McCray, Carlos Morales and Pamela Munoz-Perez attended the Cuban American Association of Civil Engineers (CAACE) Gala March 19 at the Miami Airport Hilton. The event recognizes the Association's best and brightest engineers and projects and awards scholarship recipients. CMA Vice President Jose L. Acosta, P.E. currently serves as the President of CAACE.

The CAACE is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1961. The purpose of the association is to assist members in the maintenance of the highest professional engineering skills and to aid members in retaining and exercising those skills; to maintain and support the highest principles of professional engineering achievements; and to obtain the advancement of the science and profession of engineering. For more information about the CAACE, please visit <http://www.c-aace.org>



## FES' Broward Chapter MATHCOUNTS Competition

FES' Broward Chapter MATHCOUNTS Competition was held January 30 at Stranahan High School in Fort Lauderdale. CMA staff volunteered for the event: Peter Moore, P.E., LEED AP, F.ASCE served as the co-emcee; and Kathy Horrigan, Joel Brownsey, E.I., Safiya Brea, P.E., LEED AP and Dr. Ben Chen, P.E., BCEE assisted with scoring and competition control. The MATHCOUNTS Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that strives to engage middle school students of all ability and interest levels in fun, challenging math programs, in order to expand their academic and professional opportunities. For more information, please visit <http://www.mathcounts.org/>

