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President's Column

By: *William R. Whitson,*
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I am writing to say thank you for all your outstanding efforts during the Tour De Florida! It was quite a ride. Now that the tour is complete we are tallying the funds and following up on the many opportunities for new members across the State. Once again, I greatly appreciate the efforts many contributed to make the ride such a success.

I would like to remind you all of some of the efforts we saw as important priorities for FCCMA

- 1) Let's make sure we reach our goal of talking with 1,000 students about the Profession. Already we have reached 355 students! I know that many of you have this special opportunity or can make such an arrangement. I would like for our members who speak with students to send Lynn Lovallo an e-mail so we can count your efforts. Simply provide us with the number of students and when the event took place. Let's make a special effort to actively reach out to the Next Generation today!
- 2) Soon we will be evaluating RFP's for the Center of Excellence. If you would like to be involved, please send me or Lynn Tipton an e-mail.
- 3) Congratulations to Tom Bonfield, City Manager of Pensacola and past President of FCCMA for being recognized by Governor Bush. Tom has placed a lot of time and energy into mentoring and his efforts have not gone unnoticed. Congratulations Tom!

- 4) Now is the time to prepare for Hurricane season. If you have not already done so, please sign up as a Hurricane Recovery Partner community. We need to establish a network across the State that can supplement the excellent emergency management system Florida has already developed.
- 5) Your Legislative committee has been working hard to evaluate key legislative issues being faced by the State. Please check the web site periodically for the Legislative White Papers we are developing on Portability & Impact Fees. Please contact Jack Schluckebier, City Manager of Melbourne if you have any additional questions.
- 6) Please sign up and make plans to attend the annual conference in Panama City Beach-May 2006. This year is our 60th anniversary and I know that our Conference and Host committees are planning some extra special events.
- 7) Consider making an investment and become a Credentialed Manager. Florida leads the world in the number of Credentialed Managers in our State and we do not want to give up that title now! Contact Lynn Lovallo to learn more or go to the ICMA web site.
- 8) FCCMA's Past Presidents' Council has been busy at work developing materials to take to the editorial boards around the state promoting professional management and the importance managers place on ethics.
- 9) Please go to our web site occasionally..... it is on my favorite list! There is lots of good information about FCCMA and our activities across the State. There is also information concerning future activities and events. This is especially important for those desiring credentialing training hours.

In closing, I would like to again say how much I enjoyed meeting the many City & County Managers across the State during the Tour De Florida. It is a trip I will never forget. If you have any issue or concern you want to discuss with me, please feel free to contact me at 386-506-5501 or send me an e-mail at wwhitson@port-orange.org

Annual Conference Update

May 24-27, 2006, Panama City Beach—the place to be! Conference registration information will be mailed the first few days of February. Please note the change in how to make your room reservations—we are not using a housing form this year. The Edgewater offers such an array of rooms, staff felt it would be better for each person to talk to the hotel to be sure to get the type of room best suited to them. All rooms are suites, and no two rooms are alike. Please also note the reservation cut-off date: April 22. This does not mean that rooms are available until that date; it only means that after that date, the conference rate will not be honored.

FCCMA has confirmed the Honorable Bill Bradley, former U. S. Senator from New Jersey and basketball star, as the opening session keynote speaker. Other confirmed speakers are the Honorable Reubin Askew, former governor of Florida; Betty Castor, former Florida Commissioner of Education and past president of the University of South Florida; and R. David Paulison, the Acting Director of FEMA.

Friday night's social event will be poolside overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. There will be great food and entertainment.

Friday's Awards Luncheon will have a special recognition of the past presidents in honor of FCCMA's 60th anniversary.

Bring the family—family guests are free this year. Come enjoy the beautiful beaches of Northwest Florida, see your colleagues, get credentialing hours, and learn some new things.

March Symposium

This year's symposium will be March 17 at the Stetson University campus at Celebration. Cost is \$100, which includes lunch and refreshment breaks. Hotels nearby have offered a rate of \$99. Information has been sent to members and is also available on the website. Registration deadline is March 10. Scholarships are available; please see below.

Scholarships Available for the March Symposium and Annual Conference

Two scholarships will be awarded for the March Symposium. Each scholarship will entitle the recipient to a complimentary registration, one year's membership dues to FCCMA (FY07) and reimbursable expenses up to \$150 to help with travel expense. Download an application from the website (www.fccma.org). Deadline is February 24, 2006. Five individuals will be awarded an Annual Conference Scholarship that includes complimentary registration, one year's FCCMA membership dues (FY07), and reimbursable expenses up to \$500 for travel. Applications are available on the website, and the deadline is March 9, 2006.

Flu Pandemic Strategic Planning Session: February 16, Tallahassee Leon County Civic Center

As a municipality, are you ready for a pandemic flu season? Could your city's services be delivered if one-third of your workforce was ill? Do you have facilities for treatment that may be used if hospitals are overrun? Has your city talked with business leaders about the economic impact of a pandemic flu? Please plan to attend an emergency planning summit in Tallahassee on February 16th from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt, Governor Jeb Bush and Florida's Department of Health Secretary M. Romy Francois. There is no cost for registration, and local governments are encouraged to send at least one delegate to this important planning session. To register, please visit the web site: www.doh.state.fl.us or call (850) 245-4111. Satellite hook-up may be made available for those who cannot attend and who have satellite capability, and you can ask for satellite information at the number listed.

B. Harold Farmer Scholarship

The Florida City and County Management Foundation is once again proud to offer the B. Harold Farmer Scholarship. This scholarship was initiated in 1992 in honor and memory of B. Harold Farmer who worked as a city manager for about 25 years and helped establish the Innovation Groups. To be eligible for the Scholarship, a student must be enrolled during the summer or fall semesters of 2006 and pursuing a public administration or related degree at a Florida university.

The award recipient will receive a \$2500 scholarship and an all expense-paid trip to the annual conference in May. Application deadline is February 17, 2006; for more information visit the web site at www.fccma.org or call the office at 850.222.9684.

MIT News and Update

There are currently seven members-in-transition. The current MITs are: **Richard Diamond**, 386.753.9093, richarddiamond@bellsouth.net; **Susan Boyer**, 352.753.3392, sboyerhwood@aol.com; **Pam Brangaccio**, 727.368.9151, pbrangaccio@tampabay.rr.com; **Yocelyn Galiano-Gomez**, 786.683.5239, Yg7133@yahoo.com; **Robert Mearns**, 904.491.5178, Bob270F@aol.com; **Frank Spence**, 561.635.1194, frspence@att.net; and **Stella Heath**, 863.638.2178. Please take a minute to give these members a call.

New Members

The following membership applications have been received. If no current member comes forth with a reason why these applicants should not be approved as members, they will be invoiced for dues. **Ambreen Bhatti**, Assistant City Manager, City of North Lauderdale, Associate member. **James L. Crawford**, County Manager, Bradford County, Affiliate member. **Edward L. Ericson**, City Manager, City of Dunnellon, Associate member. **Nicole Blanton**, Student, Florida Atlantic University, Student member. **Richard Giroux**, City Manager, City of Wauchula, Affiliate member. **John Gucciardo**, Interim Town Manager, Town of Fort Myers Beach, Full member. **Wally Hill**, Deputy County Administrator, Hillsborough County, Associate member. **Patrick J. McNamara**, MPA Student-summer '06, Student member. **Jan Shockley**, City Manager, City of Lake Alfred, Associate member. **Arthur Sementelli**, Assistant Professor, Florida Atlantic University School of Public Administration, Affiliate University Connection. **Edward Sparks**, Recycling Coordinator, Polk County, Affiliate member. **James Vardalis**, Town Manager, Town of Sewall's Point, Affiliate member. **Michael Wilson**, MPA Student, Troy State University, Student member. Mr. Wilson is a retired commander, US Navy. He is a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy. His membership has been endorsed by William Whitson and Lee Feldman.

Foundation Update – Bike Ride Donations

The following members and affiliates have donated to the Foundation through the Bike Ride since September 23, 2005:

Baskerville-Donovan
Russ Blackburn
Thomas Bonfield
Michelle Bono
Ray Britt
George Brown
Jeffrey Brown
Jacqueline Burns
Christopher Chinault
Clearwire
Steve Cottrell
John Drago

Maria Davis
Mike Crotty
Greg Dunham
Mark Durbin
Edwin A. Eddy
Lee Feldman
Florida Association of Counties
Florida League of Cities
George Forbes
Elmon Lee Garner
Mike Good
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Kenneth Hammons
Sue Hann
Laura Hannah
Jim Hanson
Carrie Hill
William Horne
Brad Johnson
Dennis Kelly
Tom Kelly
Richard Kelton
Martina Kohler
Lori LaVerriere
Barbara Lipscomb
John Litton
Lynn Lovallo
Miami Dade CCMA
Gail Nelson
Bill Neron

Robert O'Neill
Orange County
Ellen Posivach
Progress Energy
Richard Quigley
Beth Rawlins, Inc.
Michael Roberto
Frank Roberts
Joyce Shanahan
Thomas Shevlin
Edward Smyth
Frank Spence
Rex Taylor
Lynn Tipton
Ann Toney-Deal
Linda Weldon
John Wesley White
Denise Young

As of 1/31/06, \$15,317 has been collected from the Bike Ride. More contributions are still coming in. Names of contributors who are not affiliated with FCCMA, could not be identified by the computer and are not listed here. They have been sent thank you notes from the FCCMF, and a sincere thank you is extended to all who have contributed! In the next newsletter all donors to the Foundation (those not specific to the bike ride) will be listed. Many people ordered t-shirts (there are still shirts available; the order form is on the web). FCCMF greatly appreciates the support of so many people.

ASPA Annual Conference

The 2nd Annual Florida ASPA Conference, "Rising to the Challenges of Public Management in the State of Florida," is scheduled for Friday, May 5, 2006 at the Orange County Regional History Center, 65 East Central Boulevard, Orlando. Advanced Registration is \$55 or \$45 for students. Further information is available by contacting Claire Mostel at ctel@miamidade.gov.

Positions

City Manager, City of Dunedin, FL. (pop. 37,217) Salary: \$88,380 - \$128,151 DOQ. The city has a city manager form of government with a five-member commission including the mayor. The City Manager performs high-level administrative, technical and professional work in directing and supervising the administration of the city government. The city has a \$74-million operating and capital budget, and operates its own water and wastewater treatment plants, fire department, leisure services, library and marina. Position requires a Master's degree in public administration, urban planning, business administration or related field, supplemented by a minimum of ten years of progressively responsible experience in municipal administration, seven of which have been in a supervisory capacity, or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience that provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities. Send or email cover letter and resume to: Director of Human Resources, City of Dunedin, 750 Milwaukee

Avenue, Dunedin, FL 34698. Jobs@dunedinfl.net <http://www.dunedingov.com> Position open until March 15, 2006.

Assistant City Manager- City of Oakland Park. (pop. 43,500) Salary range: \$81,125 - \$123,442 DOQ with an excellent benefits package. Oakland Park, a City on the southeastern coast of Florida is seeking to fill the position of Assistant City Manager. The Assistant City Manager is an experienced local government manager who partners with the City Manager to ensure the overall effectiveness of City operations and the fiscal integrity of the community. The successful candidate must have the skills to exercise considerable discretion, initiative, interpersonal skills, and creativity in the performance of duties. The Assistant City Manager is expected to be an innovator, a problem solver and a leader who has a strong record of task achievement. The position requires frequent communication and coordination with elected officials, business leaders, and residents.

City Vision/Mission: By 2008, Oakland Park will be recognized as a friendly "small town" with safe and attractive neighborhoods, quality schools, outstanding parks and exceptional recreation programs, with the social, cultural and business opportunities of a big city. The City is dedicated to providing friendly, responsive and quality service to all residents, businesses and visitors in our diverse community.

Candidates must have 5 -7 years of progressively responsible experience in municipal government or similar public sector administration. Excellent oral and written communication skills, strong project management skills and interpersonal skills, and must have successfully supervised senior-level professional personnel. A BA in political science, public administration, business administration or closely related field is required. A MPA, MBA or related field is preferred as well as experience as a local government Department Head or Assistant City Manager.

Visit www.oaklandparkfl.org for additional information. Send cover letter, resume, salary history and references to: Linda Francis, HR Analyst, Human Resources Department, 3650 NE 12 Avenue, Oakland Park, FL 33334. Open until filled. EOE.

Town Manager, Town of Melbourne Beach. (pop. 3,422). Approximate salary \$62,000/year. Retirement and insurance package.

LOCATION: Mid-Atlantic coast of Florida. Bordered by Atlantic Ocean on the east and the Indian River on the west, this beautiful, upscale residential community offers gracious beachside and riverside living while being close to larger regional jurisdictions for shopping, health care and other services. Council-Manager Charter.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a BA; MA preferred, in public or business administration or related field and five years of successful management experience in a municipal or county government organization. Skills desired: government grant administration/writing, human resources, land development and finance. Experience shall be recognized at the level of manager or assistant manager in local government. Closing date for applications TBD.

SEND RESUME TO: Town Clerk, Town Hall, Melbourne Beach, FL 32951
FAX: 321.984.8994
TELEPHONE: 321.724.5860

QUESTIONS? Please contact FCCMA/ICMA Range Rider, Howard D. Tipton, 386.304.9928

Executive Director, Jacksonville Housing Commission

The City of Jacksonville, Florida is seeking a seasoned professional to serve as Executive Director of the Jacksonville Housing Commission, responsible for providing vision, leadership and strategic direction to create affordable housing, eradicate substandard housing, and develop and maintain healthy communities.

The City seeks a proven leader with increasingly responsible experience in a governmental agency, real estate development firm, financial institution, or non-profit agency, with at least five years' experience managing federal and state funded affordable housing programs. Position requires excellent communication skills and demonstrated success in leading a customer-focused work force. This position requires a bachelor's degree in Business, Management or Planning, and preference will be given to candidates who also possess a Master's Degree in Public Administration or Urban Planning. The successful candidate will serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and will play a key role in improving the quality of life for the citizens of Jacksonville.

The City of Jacksonville is an equal opportunity/equal access employer and offers a competitive salary and benefits package. For consideration, apply at www.coj.net and fax resume and cover letter with salary expectations to (904) 630-8240.

Building Official, Madison County Board of County Commissioners.

DESCRIPTION: Administrative and technical position directing the operation of Building, Code Enforcement and Planning & Zoning Department for Madison County.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Job Description available upon request.

REQUIREMENTS: High School graduation or possession of an acceptable equivalency diploma. Ten (10) years experience as an Architect, Building Inspector, Engineer, Contractor or Construction Superintendent. Standard certification as "Building Code Administrator" or "Building Official" per F.S.S. 468 or must qualify for provisional certification and obtain standard certification within two (2) years. Valid Florida Driver License and a good driving record.

SALARY: Negotiable based on Qualifications.

DEADLINE: Open until filled.

APPLICATION: To apply for this position, please fill out a Madison County Board of Commissioners Employment Application and a Background Check Form. Provide: Copy of Certificate(s), Copy of Driver License and Resume. You can pick up an application at the Madison Board of County Commissioners Administrative Office located in the Court House Annex, 229 S.W. Pinckney Street, Room 219, Madison, Florida. For further information, please contact Heidi Hemanes, Administrative Office Manager, at (850) 973-3179. Madison County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Drug Free Workplace.

Important Dates to Remember:

March 2-3, 2006 – ICMA SE Regional Summit, Asheville, NC

March 17, 2006 – FCCMF Symposium, Stetson University Campus, Celebration.

May 5 - 2nd Annual ASPA Conference, Orlando, Florida

May (week of May 8) Governor's Hurricane Conference, Fort Lauderdale

May 24-27, 2006 – Edgewater Beach Resort, Panama City Beach. FCCMA Annual Conference

June 27-30, 2006 - Marco Island Marriott. Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference

August 10-12, 2006 – Florida League of Cities Annual Conference