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## In Memory of Dick Simmons



Richard "Dick" Simmons, past president and range rider emeritus, died on Tuesday, March 19, 2013. Many members will recall Dick's cowboy hat, which he always wore to conferences and meetings as a Range Rider.

Dick joined FCCMA in 1951 and was an active

member until the day he died. Dick started his public service career in Kissimmee as an administrative assistant. He then served in Melbourne, West Palm Beach, again in Kissimmee and then finally retired from Davenport in 1992. <u>(Read more)</u>

## March New Members



The following membership application has been received. If no current member comes forth with a reason why this applicant should not be approved as a member, he/she will be invoiced for dues.

Bolton Parners, Inc., District IV, Contact: Jeffrey DeLisle, Senior Consultant, Corporate Member. (Read more)

## "Outsourcing - Pros and Cons and Important Tips" Webinar Tomorrow

Every organization has its own unique set of challenges when it comes to getting the job done. Is your organization operating at peak efficiency? Are you utilizing all of the resources available to you to the full extent. This thought provoking session will focus on outsourcing and will feature three leaders that have proven track records in making the most of every opportunity through public/private partnerships. (Read more)

# Last Onsite Training Session for this Program Year

This last session will provide an Economic Review of Florida and its Southeast Region, including trends (employment, population, economic recovery and the housing markets); review of the various industries impacting our economy; and impact of the growth of the Latin American/Caribbean markets. We will discuss



innovative methods to leverage capital - both debt and equity - to ensure project success for small businesses, transit-oriented development and mixed-income housing, with emphasis on private investment funds, community development capital providers, New Markets Tax Credits and the Community Reinvestment Act. There will also be a review of case studies of one city's role in facilitating and attracting firms in the bio-tech industry." This session will cover ICMA Practice 3: Functional and Operational Expertise and Planning. (Read more)

## FCCMA District Games at Annual Conference

Are you ready for a night of fun and excitement? Get your competitive juices flowing and support your district in our FCCMA District Games. The eight districts will compete in events of skill, smarts,

and song. This year's festivities will include "Are you Smarter than a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader," Karaoke, Corn Hole, Putt-Putt, "Majority Rules", and more. <u>(Read more)</u>

Career Development Luncheon: Florida's Future: Seize It, Don't Dread It!

Most of Florida's cities and counties have been through six to seven years of cuts, furloughs, lay-offs and more. The mood toward local government from the state has not been positive. Government is not beloved across the country; in fact, opinions of government in general are at an all-time low. Now you tell me I'm supposed to love my community? Easier said than done! Join **Lynn Tipton,** FCCMA's executive director for her observations on Florida's future and why a positive mindset will not only help our careers but also help our community's leadership. (Read more)

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