

GAPPA 22nd Annual Meeting May 20th .. 30 2007 at Jekyll Island Conservation of Natural Resources

Get ready for another great convention at Jekyll Island. This year we are featuring 90 vendors, a whole lot of educational sessions, the chance to network, and entertainment by Glen Ward. Glen Ward is a full-time, professional Humorist and Inspirational Speaker. He entertained audience of major US corporations, national, regional, and state associations, chambers of commerce, schools, civic and church groups. His impersonations of well-known political and musical celebrities have been featured on radio and television.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the annual meeting is the educational sessions. On page 2 there is a brief list of the educational sessions.

The tradeshow has always been the venue where Facility staff can learn about new products and consult with vendors. The tradeshow will feature 90 vendors who can help with any problem you may be facing at your facility. For the list of vendors, please check page 3.



Glen Ward, Humorist.

Tornado Hit Americus on March 1, 2007

By: Arthur Clark, Georgia Southwestern State University

The tornado hit about 9:25 PM. The campus was very fortunate that we did not take a direct hit. Sumter Regional Hospital really took a direct hit. I was able to go through the hospital last Friday with a group of legislators that had come down. It was pretty horrific. Windows sucked out, cars on top of each other, rocks used for ballast on the roof became like missiles hitting cars. Sheet rock was completely sucked off the masonry walls in



Sumter regional hospital

sections, doors ripped apart, ceiling tiles ripped out, on double pane storm windows, the outside pane was pulled

out but not the inside pane, some exterior walls gone, some roof portions were inside the rooms.

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EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

- **Energy Savings Roundtable discussion**, Roundtable Discussion.
- **Site Specific Response Spectra Analysis**, Hayne Palmer, United Consulting.
- **Outsourcing for Staff Extension Pro/Con**, Lee Richey/Randy Ellis, Draper & Associates.
- **How to Establish an Effective Energy Management Program**, John Boneburg, O'Brien & Gere.
- **Utility Regulation in Georgia**, Jim Clarkson.
- **Contracted PM Program**, Michael Leasure, Georgia Tech.
- **Leed's Certification for Existing Buildings**, Kevin Sok, Southern Company Services.
- **O & M Funding Public /Private ventures vs. State funded/Owned**, Gita Hendessi.
- **Building Information Modeling (BIM), How it will affect you and your buildings**, Rohit Saxena, AIA, Dan Cash, AIA, HOK.
- **"Turning" a Building- Beyond Re-Commissioning**, Alexandra de Kok, Essex Engineering.
- **Green Cleaning Technology for Building Custodial**, Dexter Fisher, University of Georgia.
- **Peer Review Program**, Sandra Nuese, Board of Regents USG.
- **Katrina Recovery at Tulane**, Vernon Duty, Mike Weil /Belfor USA.
- **Emergency Preparedness**, Mark Demyanek, Board of Regents USG.

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And as bad as all of this was there was still flower arrangements with balloons still sitting on the table. Trays of food with jello still sitting there. It was just unbelievable. There is no trees left around the hospital. A lot of the medical community (Dr. Offices) has severe damage or was destroyed. The Healthplex, part of the hospital was totally destroyed. The Winn Dixie was totally destroyed. There was people in there at the time. The amazing thing about all of this is that there was only 2 deaths that occurred in Americus/Sumter County. They were in residences behind the hospital.

A neighborhood going up GA 49, there is no trees left. Cars were flattened by huge trees. Many of the large 150 year old oak trees around town are gone. Every cedar tree in town appears to be gone.

Huge old magnolias gone. As bad as it was it could have been a lot worse. There was



a play going on in the Rylander Theatre in town with 600 people in there. They didn't know anything about it until it was over. If it had hit hours earlier, even an hour earlier there would have been more lives lost. All agencies has been having a daily briefing of what was happening. The city and the County was under a dusk to

dawn curfew for several days. It was then narrowed to 10:00 pm to 5:00 am. Then to 11:00 am until 5:00 pm. We had a tremendous amount of law enforcement agencies in town and they were making arrest for anyone out pass the curfew.

The campus had several

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New VP of Design & Construction at Emory

Steven C. Thweatt, newly appointed Associate Vice President of Design & Construction, joined Emory University's Campus Services' division March 1, 2007. Bob Hascall, Vice President for Campus Services announced the appointment of his new direct report with great anticipation of Steve's contributions. "As Emory University embarks on implementation of the multi-billion campus master plan and construction of a new hospital, clinic and research complex, we welcome the talents and experience Steve brings to Emory University and the Campus Services leadership team."

Steve, a registered architect in Colorado, North Carolina and Louisiana, served as Campus Architect and Director of Facilities Planning, Design & Construction for the University of Colorado at Boulder since August 2003. Over the past thirteen years, he served as an adjunct faculty member in addition to his roles as Director of Engineering and Utilities and subsequently, Director of Facilities Design & Construction. In addition to managing over \$700 million in capital project construction, Mr.

Thweatt secured Board of Regents approval for Colorado Boulder's campus master plan, instituted a web-based project information system, and coordinated capital project initiation processes with the Colorado state legislature.

A native southerner, Steve began his career with dual emphasis in architecture and construction management as a principal in the architectural firm Barton/Thweatt with concurrent duties as Vice President of Barton & Associates Construction Managers. In 1988, he joined Duke University as a Staff Architect coordinating construction of a \$77 million research laboratory complex, a \$24 million expansion of the Law School and renovation of the Law School library. Ultimately promoted to Assistant Dean of Facilities for the School of Arts and Sciences, Steve initiated and developed database systems for facilities inventories and construction cost management, and a space planning modeling program. Mr. Thweatt holds a Bachelor of Architecture from Louisiana State University; his professional accreditations include serving as immediate past President of the



Association of University Architects and as a member of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

Mr. Thweatt was selected from a competitive group of candidates after a long and exhaustive search to fill the newly created position of Associate Vice President for Design & Construction. With direct responsibility for all capital projects Steve leads the Project Management & Construction and Campus Planning departments. In collaboration with University Architect Jen Fabrick, Steve will direct all University project design and construction management activities.

2007 Tradeshow Vendors

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helicopters landing in spaces including a chinook for the first few days. South Georgia Technical College had as many as 600 large power trucks and as many as 1500 utility people located on their campus. All of the electric was up and running by the end of the week. There was still a lot of work to be done. They would not turn the electricity back on until the building had been inspected.

Had some gas lines ruptured due to the large trees pulling the lines up. Then others were ruptured when the clean up started.

But all of that is under control now. There are still some telephones out of service.

We had power people spending the night on our convocation hall floor. There has been a tremendous number of volunteers coming in to help where needed. They set up extra sites for debris to be dumped. Dump truck loads were running like crazy. Up to 60 per hour. FEMA/GEMA people have been here since the storm hit. They are all saying that Americus is ahead of the curb on the clean up effort and getting things back to normal. I heard

them say this morning that at least 700 houses had been destroyed or had damage. There is a lot of blue tarps on houses around town.

Again you just can't imagine the total devastation that occurred. Just thought you might like to know

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