

# THE WHISTLE

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I hope this fall edition of the *Whistle* finds everyone in good health and great spirits. I can hardly believe that this is my third and next to last article as well.

I continue to be amazed by all the talent and wisdom that we have amassed on the FHEA Board of Directors, which has made my job this year much easier. I wish to extend my appreciation to all of this year's Board members.

Now about your organization's activities and future direction:

The Board of Directors and sub-committee met on August 24 and 25 at the Marriott in Delray Beach. This facility is quite nice, especially in light of its beautiful location, and it was accepted as the venue for the FHEA spring meeting in 2007. The executive

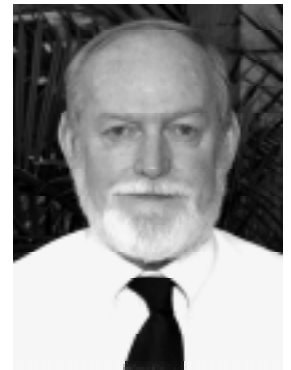
## *The President's Corner*

director search committee met on August 24 to interview four candidates, representing three separate management organizations. As you all know, finding the proper replacement for Shelburn Wilkes was not something that would be easy. After about seven hours of interviews, critiques and open discussions on who was the best choice for our organization, we came to a unanimous agreement on our selection, which was Ms. Alethea Vitray! Congratulations to Alethea—I will let Shelburn address the subject of our new executive director in his section of this newsletter.

On to the Fall Meeting, which will be held at the brand new Shingle Creek Resort and Golf Club in Orlando. Shelburn and Rita toured the property just after its opening in September to ensure everything was in order for the trade show as well as in the meeting rooms we will be using. This 44th Annual Meeting and Trade Show has had a record total of 224

booths sold and has been sold out since September 1st.

The theme of this year's meeting is "Avoiding Major Surprises," and we have secured an outstanding panel of speakers to address handling both the kind of surprises that accompany natural disasters, as well as those surprises that come in human JCAHO form. The program and trade show will once again be partnered with AHCA and Skip Gregory. So plan to attend—and express your appreciation to our supporting members who help make this organization such a success (don't



*Jim "Hutch" Hutchinson, CHE*

forget to bring business cards for a chance at the door prizes).

This has been a very rewarding year for me as your state president. The trip to

Boston for the ASHE Annual Convention was very interesting and educational as well. I am very proud to announce to you all, if you have not heard, all four states that make up ASHE Region 4 won the Gold Chapter Award.

In closing, I would like to thank District 3 members for the wonderful food and fun for both my wife and myself in Mount Dora at the Lakeside Inn. I also need to thank District 2 for their invitation to Jacksonville on September 20th; I regret I was unable to attend due to prior commitments. District 1 had their annual night out on September 23 with 30 people attending the dinner cruise on the beautiful Choctawhatchee Bay.

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you in Orlando, November 6th through the 8th!

Sincerely,  
*Jim "Hutch" Hutchinson, CHE*  
President

# Meet your new executive director

FHEA's new executive director who will take Shelburn Wilkes' place when he steps down at the end of January, is Alethea Vitray.

Alethea has had a long "behind the scenes" association with our group. Owning her own business since 1992, her clients include schools, businesses, and individuals with projects involving writing, editing, and design work. Alethea began providing Wilkes Management with its design/print needs in the early 1990's.

For the FHEA, this included laying out the *Whistle* newsletter, and designing their brochures as well as other printed material. In recent years, she has helped Shelburn and Rita during registration at the trade show and annual meeting. Some of you may have met her at one of these meetings.

For seven years, she also served

as editor of the *Healthcare Circuit News*, a publication concerned with electrical distribution systems in health care facilities.

Alethea's educational background includes an undergraduate degree from Stanford University where she double majored in English and psychology.

Alethea has two sons, Chris and Eric. Chris, 24, is a graduate student studying meteorology at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and Eric, 21, is a senior majoring in physics at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Alethea is married to Rick Vitray who is a professor of mathematics at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida.

When Alethea officially takes the FHEA reins in February her biggest concern is making the transition seamless. She has a great



*Alethea Vitray*

deal of respect for the healthcare engineering profession and looks forward to serving this organization well. Be sure to introduce yourself to her at the meeting next month!

## Welcome New Supporting Members

The following have joined our growing ranks since our last issue of "The Whistle."

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Fort Myers, FL

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**Shelburn M. Wilkes, CAE**  
**Executive Director**

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# 44TH ANNUAL TRADE SHOW EXHIBITORS

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Company Name	DOOR PRIZE	Company Name	DOOR PRIZE	Company Name	DOOR PRIZE
Abatement Technologies, Inc.		Evergreen Medical Services	✓	Modular Building Systems International	
Abesco	✓	Exeter Architectural Products, Inc.	✓	Modular Services Company	✓
ACM Engineering & Environmental Srvcs	✓	Facilities Technology Group	✓	Nalco Company	✓
Affiliated Engineers		Filter Pure Systems, Inc.	✓	National Power Corporation	✓
ALC Controls	✓	Florida Detroit Diesel - Allison, Inc.	✓	Optimum Power &	
Allen-Bradley/Rexel	✓	Florida Door Control, Inc.	✓	Environment of Florida	✓
American Air Filter		Florida Power & Light Company		Originals Solutions Company, Inc.	✓
Anderson Moore Construction Corp		Flowserve (Duriron)	✓	Pevco Systems	✓
APG Electric		Follett Corporation		Phoenix Architectural Products	✓
Armstrong International		Forbo Flooring		Phoenix Products, LLC	✓
ASC Geosciences, Inc.	✓	Four River Software Systems, Inc.		Portable Air, LLC	
ASCO Power Technologies	✓	Gafnea and Associates, LLC	✓	Powerex, Inc.	
ASCO Services, Inc.	✓	GE Security	✓	Powerlogics, Inc.	✓
ASSA Abloy - Door Security Solutions	✓	General Works Roofing	✓	PQ Testing & Rentals	✓
Audio Visual Innovations	✓	Georgia-Pacific Gypsum Corporation	✓	Project One Systems Sales	✓
Baltimore Aircoil Company		Graef, Anhalt, Schloemer & Assoc, Inc.	✓	Protek Systems of Florida	
Batson-Cook Company	✓	Grainger Industrial Supply	✓	Pure Air Control	✓
Batten & Shaw, Inc.		Gresham, Smith and Partners	✓	R.C. Stevens Construction Company	
Bay Area Disaster	✓	Guldmann, Inc.		Red Design Group, LLC	
Belfor USA	✓	Hardin Construction		Ring Power Corporation	
Belimo AirControls	✓	Harvard Jolly, Inc.	✓	RJ Griffin & Co.	✓
Bernhard Communications, Inc.	✓	HDR Architecture, Inc.	✓	Robins & Morton	✓
Bessolo Design Group, Inc.	✓	Herman Miller/Workplace		Roll-Door, USA, Inc./	
Bovis Lend Lease	✓	Resource Healthcare	✓	Flexible Panels International	✓
Brasfield & Gorrie	✓	Hill-Rom	✓	Roofing Technologies	
Cannon Design	✓	Hilti, Inc.	✓	S&C Electric Company	
Centex Construction	✓	HLM Design/Heery International	✓	Safe Check	✓
Charles Perry Construction, Inc.	✓	Hoar Construction, LLC	✓	Safety Management Services, Inc.	✓
Clean Air Systems Engineering, Inc.	✓	Hurricane Protection	✓	Shannon Sales, Inc.	✓
Clean Work Booth, Inc.	✓	I.C. Thomasson Associates, Inc.		Siemens Building Technologies, Inc.	✓
Cleaver - Brooks		IBA Consultants, Inc.		Skanska USA Building	
Coastal Mechanical Services, Inc.	✓	Industrial Engineering	✓	Smith Seckman Reid, Inc.	✓
Columbus Automatic Door	✓	Ingersoll Rand	✓	Southwest Engineers	✓
Commercial Flooring Distribution	✓	InPro Corporation		Specified Technologies, Inc.	✓
Commercial Flooring Distributors		JB Painting & Waterproofing, Inc.	✓	Spot Coolers, Inc.	
Commons Medical Development, Inc.	✓	Jeron Electronic System, Inc.		SPX Cooling Technologies - Marley	✓
Composite Cooling Solutions	✓	JSA, Inc.		Square D Company/Schneider Electric	✓
Comprehensive Energy Services, Inc.	✓	KHS&S Contractors	✓	SSRCx, LLC	
Con- Air Industries, Inc.		Lauth Group, Inc.		St. Crolx Systems Corporation	
Construction Specialties, Inc.		Life Safety Services	✓	Stan Weaver & Co.	✓
Control Systems Specialists, Inc.	✓	Link Construction Group, Inc.	✓	Stanley Security Solutions	✓
ConVault Florida		M.J. Harris, Inc.	✓	Steris Corporation	✓
Creative Arts Unlimited, Inc.	✓	Marlin Manufacturing Company, Inc.	✓	Sto Corp	✓
Creative Contractors, Inc.	✓	Marshall Erdman & Associates	✓	Strategic Hospital Resources	✓
Curbell Electronics	✓	Mason Engineering		Strut Technologies	✓
Datarep, Inc.	✓	MC2, Inc.	✓	Suffolk Construction Company, Inc.	✓
Decon Environmental	✓	Mechanical Services of Cent. Florida, Inc.	✓	Suncoast Glass Protection	
Door Control, Inc.	✓	Medair, Inc.	✓	Superior Biomedical Service, Inc.	✓
Dorma Architectural Hardware	✓	Mercury Medical		Swisslog	
Doster Construction Company, Inc.	✓	Meridian Art Group	✓	Tarkett Commercial	✓
Dynatherm Resources, Inc.	✓	MET Laboratories	✓	TeleHealth Services	✓
Eaton Corporation	✓	MGE Architects	✓	TexTone Sound & Signal	✓
Electrical Reliability Services		MGMC	✓	The Haskell Company	
Engineered Energy Equipment, Inc.	✓	MGMC/AMICO		The Whiting-Turner Contracting Co.	✓
Engineering Lining Systems	✓	MGMC/ATG		TLC	
Enviro Team Group		MGMC/MTA			

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# Plan AHEAD

## 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Trade Show

November 6-8, 2006

 **ROSEN  
SHINGLE CREEK**  
RESORT & GOLF CLUB

Orlando, FL

Our block of rooms has been sold out.  
Call the FHEA office (407/898-1695) for  
names of nearby hotels where you may  
still make reservations.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Spring Meeting

May 10-11, 2007  
Delray Beach Marriott  
Delray Beach, FL

## 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Trade Show

Oct. 22-24, 2007  
Renaissance  
Orlando Resort  
at SeaWorld  
Orlando, FL

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Company Name	DOOR PRIZE
TMA Systems	✓
Total Door	
Trammel Crow	✓
Trane	✓
Tremco, Inc.	✓
Tri City Electrical Contractors, Inc.	✓
Tri-Dim Filter Corporation	✓
Turner Healthcare	
TUV Rheinland of North America	
Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.	
United Business Systems Company, Inc.	✓
Universal Engineering Sciences	
US Design Source, Inc.	✓
USG	
Vanguard Modular Building Systems	✓
Viega North America	✓
W. G. Mills, Inc.	✓
WACO Filters	✓
Walbridge Aldinger Company	
Wal-Mark Contracting Group, LLC	
Watson McDaniel Company	✓
Weishaupt Corporation/TNT Combustion	✓
Wescom Products for Healthcare, Inc.	✓
Western Waterproofing Company	✓
Whitehall Mfg./Acorn Engineering Co	✓
Williams Scotsman, Inc.	
Wilsonart International	✓
Yates Construction	✓



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