

Happenings!

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Annual Awards Banquet

The chapter held its annual awards banquet June 28, 2008, on the USF campus. President Albert C. Coleman presided. Robin Gomez introduced the evening's speaker, Mr. William Horne, City Manager of Clearwater who gave an inspiring talk about "How to Be a Successful City Manager".



Suncoast Officers 2008-09

Picot B. Floyd Public Service Leadership Award

Mr. Kevin Dunbar, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Clearwater received the award. "This is a great honor being recognized by my peers to public administration. I am very fortunate to work with a wonderful staff who do an outstanding job of providing services to the residents and visitors in Clearwater." The award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated the highest standard of professional competence and ethical leadership. Picot B. Floyd was city manager of Clearwater and Temple Terrace and the first county administrator in Hillsborough County.



Newsletter Spotlight

Finally, whether you are citizens of America or citizens of the world, ask of us here the same high standards of strength and sacrifice which we ask of you. —President John F. Kennedy

President Steve Concepcion



I have the privilege of addressing you as the new President of the ASPA Suncoast Chapter. This is a position that I do not step into lightly or without thought of its importance. ASPA Suncoast Chapter has a rich heritage dating back to 1971. Many dedicated and accomplished men and women have filled this position in the past. Their leadership has built ASPA's Suncoast Chapter into what it is today. I look forward to contributing to this heritage.

Looking ahead, I believe that this organization is one of the local institutions that plays a key "behind the scenes" role with growing importance in the years to come. Among many things, ASPA Suncoast is a forum, where we, a representation of this local region's professional core of civil servants, can come together, communicate, share ideas, and network.

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Public Management Innovation Award

The City of Clearwater's electronic payment processing team wins award! Ms. Margie Simmons, Finance Director, accepted the award for the team. One could say it was a Clearwater evening!



Innovation Winners!

Election Results

Gil Machin — President-elect 2009-10

Meena Chary — 2008-10

Mariana Llanso — 2008-10

Susan Walker — 2008-10



Mariana

Meena

Susan

Gil

Newsletter Spotlight

“Dr. Jreisat has instilled in his students the principles of democratic governance, of ethical conduct above reproach, and he makes us proud to have chosen careers in public service. He has made each one of us a better public servant.” — statement in nomination package

Outstanding Public Administrator & Hall of Fame Awards



Sam Halter received the Hall of Fame award for his commitment to professionalism and service to the Suncoast chapter. Don Menzel made it to the Hall of Fame for the second time.



Professor Jamil Jreisat, University of South Florida received the outstanding public administrator award. Eric Johnson presented the award representing over 20 USF MPA Alumni who nominated Dr. Jreisat. Upon receiving the award, he said: “I am thankful to the Suncoast Chapter for the honor. I am particularly grateful to the many practitioners who endorsed the nomination.”