

# Outlook

"Your project. Our passion."

## THE PASSING OF THE PRESIDENTIAL TORCH

Throughout Johnson Engineering's 65 years in business, we have only known four presidents. In March 2012, after completing his 15<sup>th</sup> term as president, Steve Morrison, P.E., will officially pass the torch to the company's fifth president, Lonnie Howard, P.E.

Lonnie Howard began working for Johnson Engineering in 1994 after completing the University of Florida's graduate program in groundwater and open channel hydraulics. Currently, the director of our groundwater resources team, Lonnie has also served on the company's Board of Directors for the past seven years.

For more than 18 years, Lonnie has worked on hundreds of projects for municipalities, utilities, private developers, and agricultural clients. His extensive experience providing clients hydrological and hydrogeological services includes performing hydrogeological investigations, well construction, wellfield design, well abandonments, well rehabilitations, groundwater modeling, hydraulic modeling, hydrologic modeling, computer programming, deep injection well design and construction oversight, water supply planning, utility certification through the Federal Public Service Commission, and water use permitting for public water supply, irrigation, and dewatering, just to name a few. He has also provided expert testimony before hearing examiners related to zoning cases and before the Governor's cabinet pertaining to water supply and hydrogeology at the Babcock Ranch.



Lonnie Howard, P.E., will become Johnson Engineering's fifth President in March 2012.

If you want to find Lonnie outside of Johnson Engineering, more often than not he'll be in the field standing on the side of his well drilling rig. He is a licensed water well contractor, as well as a professional engineer, which gives him unique

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## PEOPLE & PROJECTS: ON THE MOVE



### Bob Howard, Jr., P.E.

joins our water resources team. Bob brings 34 years of professional engineering experience including design of industrial, commercial, residential, agricultural (citrus, cane, cattle, vegetables), and environmental restoration projects.



### Habitat for Humanity - Regal Acres

dedicated another 20 new Habitat homes in the Regal Acres community this past December. Johnson Engineering has been involved in building this community from the beginning and has worked from the due diligence phase, to environmental permitting, through construction. It's an honor to be a part of the team providing affordable homes to families in need.





Lonnie makes preparations to install pressure transducers for the Green Meadows Wellfield.



Lonnie helped build a split rail fence as part of the company's 9<sup>th</sup> annual Coastal Clean Up at Lover's Key/Carl E. Johnson State Park.

insight to both sides of groundwater projects. Lonnie is passionate about any endeavor he takes on. He is a hard working, hands-on leader who isn't afraid to take off his tie, roll up his sleeves and get dirty. He has considerable accomplishments and qualifications; his infectious enthusiasm and his collaborative experience in developing and innovating water supply solutions provide an essential base for the continued advancement of the company.

When Lonnie isn't drilling wells, he's spending time with his large family in LaBelle. A fifth generation Floridian, raised in Hendry/Glades Counties, Lonnie is extremely active in his community. He sits on the Hendry County Construction Industry Licensing Board and is also a strong supporter of the LaBelle Youth Soccer Association, LaBelle Junior Pro Basketball and LaBelle Quarterback Club. Lonnie's wife Vanita and their three children can be found at church every Sunday morning and out on Lake Placid spending time with family and enjoying their boat.

Lonnie is a solution driven leader who will bring Johnson Engineering into what he likes to call the 'Solution Generation.' Lonnie will provide leadership and direction in the areas of strategic planning, development and service management. He will work directly with each market leader in building a strong solution-oriented strategic vision for the company's future. We are excited about these changes and to embark on this journey. With the beginning of this new era at Johnson Engineering, we look towards

the future with hope and anticipation.

Contact Lonnie with any questions at 239.461.2429 or lhoward@johnsoneng.com. ■

### Lonnie's Vast Project Experience

- Corkscrew Wellfield Expansion, Lee County Utilities, Fort Myers
- Hydrogeological Investigation for Muse Village, Lykes Bros. Inc., Glades County
- Olga Service Area Source Water Study, Lee County Utilities, Fort Myers
- Hydrogeological Investigation of Dugan Pens Area, Lykes Bros. Inc., Tasmania, Glades County
- Initial PSC Certification of Town and Country Utility Company, Babcock Florida Company, Lee and Charlotte Counties
- LaBelle Private Drainage District Water Supply Permitting, LPDD, LaBelle
- Hydrogeological Investigation of the Upper Floridan Aquifer System, Town and Country Utilities Company, Babcock Ranch
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Class 1 Deep Injection Well, Lee County Utilities, Fort Myers Beach
- North Fort Myers Utility Deep Injection Well, North Fort Myers
- ASR Feasibility, Lee County Port Authority, Southwest Florida International Airport Mitigation Park, Fort Myers
- Hydrogeological Investigation of the Upper Floridan Aquifer, Corkscrew Wellfield, Lee County Utilities, Fort Myers
- Hydrogeological Investigation of the Upper Floridan Aquifer, South LaBelle Village, City of LaBelle
- Public Water Supply Water Use Permit Renewal, Lee County Utilities, Lee County
- Hydrogeological Investigation of the Upper Floridan Aquifer System, Charlotte County Utilities, Babcock Ranch Preserve
- Initial PSC Certification of Silver Lake Utilities, Lykes Bros. Inc., Glades and Highlands Counties
- Hydrogeological Investigation of the Intermediate Aquifer System at Ave Maria, Barron Collier



Lonnie performs a hydrogeologic investigation at the Babcock Ranch Preserve.



Support Our Schools program donated \$5,000 to local schools, including LaBelle Elementary School.

### PHASE 1 ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENTS

For more than 16 years, Johnson Engineering has been providing prospective landowners with Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessments as part of their due diligence process. The Phase 1 Site Assessment provides information to the landowner and other interested parties about contamination, or lack thereof on or adjacent to the prospective parcel. In order to qualify for a loan, banks often require that the property or surrounding areas must show no evidence of hazardous substances or petroleum products which could affect the property's environmental integrity.

Andy Tilton, P.E., our senior environmental professional, has conducted numerous environmental site assessments for a wide range of private sector clients as well as governmental agencies throughout Southwest Florida. Tim Denison, our lead environmental scientist, recently completed training in American Standard Testing and Methods (ASTM) 1527 for Environmental Site Assessments. Under Andy's charge, Tim will be providing Phase 1 and Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessments for our clients when needed.

For more information on environmental site assessments, contact Tim Denison at 239.461.2458 or tdenison@johnsoneng.com. ■



### SUPPORTING EDUCATION

In 2005, Johnson Engineering established a scholarship to assist Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) students in pursuing higher education.

At this year's FGCU President's Scholarship luncheon, our transportation design technician, Sabrina Smith was recognized as this year's recipient of the 2011-2012 Johnson Engineering Endowed Scholarship. ■



(L to R) Johnson Engineering's Director of Water Resources, Andy Tilton, P.E.; FGCU Professor and Founding Dean of the U.A. Whitaker College of Engineering, Dr. Susan Blanchard, Ph.D.; Johnson Engineering's scholarship recipient, Sabrina Smith and Johnson Engineering's Development Project Engineer, Dana Hume, P.E., at the 2011 FGCU President's Scholarship Luncheon.



### FAREWELL TO GOOD FRIENDS

This winter marked an end of an era as two veteran Johnson Engineering employees said their good-byes and ventured into retirement. Don Garretson, a senior technician in the transportation market group, retired after 38 years of managing plan production for numerous roadways throughout Southwest Florida. Don joined Johnson Engineering in 1973 and was the project manager for many well known roadways, including Del Prado Boulevard, Veterans Parkway, Livingston Road, Metro Parkway and was chief designer for S.R. 776 in Charlotte County.

Gary Bull, Johnson Engineering's chief financial officer, announced his retirement after 26 years of service. Gary served on the company's Board of Directors and was director of the administrative market group. Gary handled the finances, client relations and contract management, as well as growth and risk management for the company.

We thank Gary and Don for their valued years of service to Johnson Engineering and wish them well in their retirements. Should you have any questions, please contact Kevin Winter at 239.461.2473 or kwinter@johnsoneng.com. ■



(L to R) Gary Bull and Don Garretson at their retirement farewell luncheon in December.



## ODOR DETECTION & NOISE MONITORING SERVICES

Johnson Engineering's environmental scientists have a smelly job on their hands...literally. Our water quality team members can usually be found on the waters edge taking water samples to test its quality but these days they are found smelling the air using an olfactometer, also known as a Nasal Ranger. This equipment allows our team to proactively detect and monitor odor strength in ambient air for our clients, providing them with a quantifiable report to have on record, should it ever become objectionable to surrounding neighborhoods.

In addition to odor detection, our team also conducts noise monitoring services, recording noise in decibel units around property boundaries to verify they remain in compliance of noise ordinances.

For more information about odor and noise monitoring services, please contact environmental scientist Tim Denison at 239.461.2458 or [tdenison@johnsoneng.com](mailto:tdenison@johnsoneng.com). ■



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