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The Federation's 75th Annual Conservation Awards Banquet



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Learn about the nominees on pages 13-14.

The Florida Wildlife Federation's 75th Anniversary meeting weekend, June 15-17, in St. Petersburg was filled with activities that were meaningful for conservation and included many "faces of the future." On Saturday afternoon, the first annual FWF Youth Congress was held with over 50 young adults in attendance. College students and graduates from across the state, including IDEAS Chapters and the Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society at UF, held a youth summit which discussed issues pertaining to Energy, Food, Waste, Water and Ecology and sought solutions to the challenges within the five categories for the state of Florida. A call to action was established at the end of the conference for all youth attendees to get involved in local, state and national issues. Attendees were all present for Saturday evening's banquet.

On Saturday night, June 16, the 75th Annual Conservation Awards Banquet took place at the St. Petersburg Bayfront Hilton. Nineteen individuals and groups received award statuettes from the Federation, including the FWF Hall of Fame designation going to Governor Bob Graham, David Guest, Monica Reimer and Juanita Greene. Governor Graham was the keynote speaker for the banquet and also served as the coordinator of a workshop for FWF's officers, directors, affiliates and staff on how to be an effective lobbyist/advocate. Former Senator Lee Constantine was also a facilitator at the workshop.

Friday night, June 15, FWF hosted a special party at Weedon Island Preserve. FWF was very pleased to have Elam Stoltzfus, Carlton Ward and Joe Guthrie present to describe their adventures as members of the Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition team. Attendees were enthralled by their stories of outdoor travel over 1000 miles in 100 days, mainly by canoe and kayak, earlier this year. A short film was shown, a preview to a full length film in the making by Elam Stoltzfus of Live Oak Productions about the Expedition which drew a great deal of attention to the importance of preserving Florida's Wildlife Corridor.



FWF HALL OF FAME TWENTY-FIRST INDUCTEE

Governor Bob Graham

Photo by Lou Kellenberger

Bob Graham was born in Coral Gables and grew up on a dairy farm as an active member of 4-H. He graduated from the University of Florida and Harvard Law School and was first elected to office in 1966, initially serving in the Florida House of Representatives and later in the Florida Senate. Elected Governor in 1978, he was easily re-elected in 1982. He left the office of Governor with an incredible 83% approval rating.

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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

by Jim Schuette



Are you ready for the next 75?

Can I just say, what an amazing 75th celebration that was?! From Friday night at Weedon Island for the special presentation of the 1000-mile, 100-day Florida Wildlife Corridor adventure by photojournalist Carlton Ward Jr., filmmaker Elam Stoltzfus and bear biologist Joe Guthrie (very special!), to the eye-opening schooling on legislative processes provided by Governor Graham and Senator Constantine, to having the honor of presenting awards to the class of 2012 conservation standouts, it was a weekend that kept my head spinning! And before any more people make the mistake of thinking I had anything to do with this successful weekend, let me clarify that we all have an amazing staff at FWF who deserve the full credit for the weekend activities!! It was a

job well-done by Diane and her SWAT team of dedicated assistants. I also want to say a strong thank-you to all who donated to the effort, either monetarily or through other contributions ... it certainly was a group effort towards a grand success!

As I wind down my tenure as chair, I am humbled at the amazing opportunity I have been afforded. I have mixed emotions knowing these two years, just as with my Peace Corps stint long ago, have impacted me much more than I have impacted the cause. I exit as a changed and better person! And to have this opportunity while the FWF celebrated 75 years of conserving Florida natural wealth made it extra special.

On the down-side of my tenure, there were way too many examples that time is recursive ... like looking at an Escher drawing you ask yourself "how can it be that we have traveled so far and yet we appear to be in the same place"?

NOAA has documented over 80,000 heat records in the past year. America is experiencing a drought currently comparable to that of the 1950's, and it's not over yet. We may be in a situation comparable to the dust bowl days. Or worse.

Sea levels have risen by nearly a half-foot in some places in US (notice past tense, not a prediction!). Conservative estimates forecast a rise of another half-foot before I retire, with certain highly-populated areas on the east coast likely to experience more than that. By the end of the century it is expected that sea levels will rise by nearly 3 feet.

A recent wildfire in Colorado's Waldo Canyon destroyed over 350 homes, killed 2 people, forced 35,000 to leave their homes, cost \$15 million dollars to contain and burned nearly 30 square miles, of which 20% resulted in soils being sterilized down

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*For more information about each candidate see pages 13-14.

THANK YOU

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Manley Fuller



Dear FWF Members,

Calling Volunteers!

We want you to note the following information about Florida's Water & Land Legacy Campaign.

Soon, you'll be receiving a letter from Florida's Water and Land Legacy Initiative asking you to join one of the most important conservation campaigns in our lifetime. Help us protect Florida's cherished waters and natural areas by volunteering with the campaign!

The legacy campaign needs volunteers to help us pass a constitutional amendment that aims to protect almost two million acres of undeveloped forests and wetlands, our springs, vibrant coastal areas and fish and wildlife habitats across the state.

In the past three years, Florida's conservation funds have been all but eliminated: down 97.5% from \$300 million annually to just \$15 million in 2012. The cuts will continue unless we, the citizens, do something about it.

That's why Florida's leading conservation groups are banding together to get an amendment to Florida's constitution on the November 2014 ballot to dedicate critical funding for land and water conservation, management and to protect Everglades Restoration. This campaign will ensure our leaders in Tallahassee make land conservation and restoration a priority. But we can't do it alone.

We need volunteers to help collect signed petitions. The statewide campaign headquarters are in Tallahassee's Midtown and they also need help with general office work, phone calls, packet assembly and much more!

Together, we will be preparing to launch our statewide effort to gather one million signatures to place this critical amendment on the November 2014 ballot.

If you'd like to be a part of this exciting campaign, contact the campaign today!

Email:

campaign@floridawaterlandlegacy.org

Or, if you're in the Tallahassee area, stop by the campaign headquarters at 316 Williams Street, Tallahassee, FL 32303.

This campaign, if successful, will secure 20 more years of funding for Florida's conservation lands programs, and build upon our past successes by utilizing conservation land acquisitions and permanent conservation easements. The Everglades' ecosystem will also benefit as water recharge areas can be targeted for protection. As always, only willing sellers will be negotiated with, and the funding will come from real estate transfer fee revenues. Placing this amendment in Florida's constitution will help us complete Florida's conservation lands legacy. **We are seeking volunteers to help make this a reality.** Please help FWF and our partners in conservation by volunteering to help us collect petitions to place this important Amendment on the ballot.

The Florida Wildlife Federation recently honored many of our conservation champions at our 75th anniversary banquet and awards program. This issue of *Fish and Wildlife News* contains descriptions and photos of award winners and notes the youth congress held concurrently with our Board of Directors meeting. Thanks go to Governor Bob Graham for a stirring presentation and to both Governor Graham and Senator Lee Constantine for their contributions!

Legislative lobby training sessions also took place during the FWF annual meeting in St. Petersburg. Thanks to the generosity of FWF's members who provided significant support for a very successful and productive meeting. Our Board of Directors and staff really worked hard to make it a great success.

Recently, the U.S. Congress passed and the President signed into law the bipartisan RESTORE Act. The Act will provide significant funding for Gulf of Mexico restoration which is needed due to the Deepwater Horizon oil disaster. Jay Liles' story in this issue (page 13) describes this important act. Thanks to Senator Bill Nelson, Congressmen Mica and the other members of Florida's delegation who worked for the bill's successful passage.

Silver and Rainbow Springs and Rivers are both suffering from historically low flows as well as dramatic increases in nutrient levels. In addition, significant new water withdrawals are being proposed from Florida's spring sheds. I was honored to be a speaker at a recent "Rally for the Spring's" event led by the Florida Conservation Coalition. It was inspiring to have over 1,700 springs advocates in attendance. Please see Jimmy Orth's (of St. Johns Riverkeeper) article on the Florida Sportsman blog (page 7) which describes the rally and the tremendous enthusiasm and concern over these natural treasures.

Recently, a group of Central Florida ranchers, government officials and conservationists gathered at the Nature Conservancy's Disney Wilderness Preserve to discuss new conservation easements being negotiated with

FWF Scholarship Update

FWF Scholarship Update - August 2012

Dear Members and Friends of FWF,

In our last issue, we congratulated the students who received this year's FWF Scholarship Awards at the University of Florida. We are very proud to have the FWF Scholarship Fund benefiting the University of Florida's Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation students and the outstanding programs of study that are offered to them.

Two memorial donations were made to the FWF Scholarship Fund earlier this year, as follows:

Donation in memory of Betsy Knight,
by Bob Reid and Betsy Clark

Donation in memory of Larry Harris,
by Mr. & Mrs. James Schortemeyer

We just learned that our FWF Scholarship Fund balance is now at \$73,276.00. Please consider making a donation to the FWF Scholarship Fund. We want to reach the goal of \$100,000 when our fund will become eligible for state matching funds.

Next January, the FWF Board of Directors hopes to meet at Prairie Creek Preserve near Gainesville for its winter meeting. We invite students from the U. F. Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation to join us for any or all of our activities throughout the weekend. To our FWF Scholarship Winners and to those who have helped FWF in various ways, thank you and please join us in January. We will have further information on those weekend plans after September 1.

Thank you,

Manley

To make an online donation to the FWF Scholarship Fund, please go to:

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Select IFAS under "colleges," and choose the FWF Scholarship Fund (013403) from the choices given.

willing landowners in the Kissimmee Valley. The USDA Secretary Vilsack announced that twenty-three thousand acres of nearby ranchlands will be entering into permanent conservation easements, protecting habits, improving water quality and maintaining working landscapes. This acreage will join another approximately fifty-thousand acres of permanent conservation easements in south central Florida established last year between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and area ranchers. In the Everglades, we are working to see that as habitat restoration proceeds,

the public has places to access so as to enjoy nature-based recreation.

In the marine environment, Florida Wildlife Federation recently joined with a number of organizations committed to ending the blue-fin tuna by-catch by long-line fishing. Our goal is to help recover this magnificent species' population in the Gulf and Atlantic. Preston Robertson developed and submitted our blue fin tuna conservation comments to fishery managers. Rebuilding overfished stocks of marine fish is a critical conservation

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SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REPORT

by Nancy Anne Payton, Southwest Florida Field Representative



along CR 846 (Immokalee Rd) approximately one mile west of the proposed crossing location. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission confirmed the cause of death was collision with a vehicle.

With the installation of this crossing, roaming Camp Keais Strand will be safer for panthers and other wildlife. Camp Keais Strand connects the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge and Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW).

Immokalee Road Underpass Saved by FDOT

Senator Bill Nelson recently secured a federal grant to build a panther crossing under CR 846 (Immokalee Road) near Camp Keais Strand, Collier County, thank you Senator Nelson. When bids were submitted to Collier County, the lead agency to building the underpass, the lowest quote was \$50,000 above the grant.

When Collier County announced it intended to return the grant due to the \$50,000 shortfall, Florida Wildlife Federation's Southwest Florida Office appealed to Johnny Limbaugh, Florida Department of Transportation's Southwest Area Manager. Within a day, Mr. Limbaugh located the needed \$50,000 and the underpass project was again underway with completion expected in late 2013.

Thank you Mr. Limbaugh and the Florida Department of Transportation for providing the crucial \$50,000; and thank you Collier County project coordinator Alison Bradford for understanding the project's urgency.

On June 19, 2012, the remains of a female Florida panther kitten were found



This bear was photographed using the Corkscrew Road underpass in Lee County. Note red tag in the ear which is used to indicate a "nuisance bear." Corkscrew Woods, a proposed project located just west of this underpass, is working with Florida Wildlife Federation and Lee County staff to develop an effective wildlife co-existence plan.

CREDIT: FGCU Wings of Hope Panther Posse



Florida Panther entering an underpass near Naples, Florida. Placing a camera at the entrance of this underpass confirmed that panthers will use a passage as low as five feet high. Lower and narrower underpasses are less expensive and more quickly built.

CREDIT: FGCU Wings of Hope Panther Posse

Wildlife Co-existence Plans Needed

The interactions between humans and wildlife, most notably black bears, are escalating in Southwest Florida as residential developments are built next to the region's large tracts of conservation lands.

The Southwest Florida Office has initiated a campaign to require wildlife co-existence plans and to mandate bear-proof trash containers in all development approvals that are near or abut conservation lands. The goal is to have these requirements included in the deed restrictions. This shifts the onus from the bears and other wildlife to the residents who knowingly purchased in a community in or near bear habitat.

In addition to bear-proof containers, the Federation recommends considering the following also be included in the deed restrictions:

- landscape materials that do not attract deer and other wildlife
- motion sensitive lights
- no feeding pets outside or on lanais
- no storing pet or bird food outside or on lanais
- take bird feeders in at night
- leashed dogs
- indoor cats only
- well lighted walkways

It is the Federation's position that potential buyers should be notified that there are benefits and obligations living near Picayune Strand State Forest, Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW) and other regional natural areas.

In addition to the benefits of viewing nature, a 2009 study by The Nature Conservancy found that single-family homes within 100 feet of natural areas are worth \$14,400 more than comparable homes not located near a natural area. http://serppas.org/Files/economic_benefits_of_land_conservation.pdf

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4 inches. While I read that the cause of this fire remains unknown, I find that a bit misleading. From my understanding, excessive fuel loads combined with high winds, severe dry conditions and dead fuels provided by expanding pine beetle populations due to mild winters made this fire especially difficult to control. While the source of ignition may remain unknown, what caused it would be a combination of the lack of recent fires (controlled burns if needed) and global climate change.

Although your own personal values should be justification enough for you to make the right choices, it appears the people in charge need to be convinced that their short- and mid-term investments will benefit. Fortunately, this win-win is actually a possible outcome, as Gretchen Daily expounds in her book, *The New Economy of Nature*.

The Waldo Canyon fire cost \$15/acre, while costs for prescribed burning are only 10-20% of that amount (without the added immeasurable costs of the resulting destruction). Properly managing the estimated 40-million acres of beetle-infested conifers in North America calls for prudent leaders to take preventative actions to reduce long-term emergency response costs by 90 percent. Just like changing the oil in your vehicle. It's called preventative maintenance. Taking care of your car makes sense if you want to keep it.

Other studies show a healthy Everglades provides a 4-1 benefit-cost ratio of money

spent, with an additional half-million jobs produced. I haven't read an analysis of the benefit-cost ratio or number of jobs that would be produced if we let our springs dry up and turn green. Taking care of the environment is good for business. But there's no room for faking it; you can't fool Mother Nature as easily as the you can the electorate.

It is up to us to make these discussions mandatory for anyone wanting to serve their country by becoming involved in politics. We all are responsible for moving ourselves closer to a healthier natural environment, which will also result in a healthier business environment.

And what about those who clearly see the danger coming, what responsibility do they have to prevent disasters? What happens if the meteorologist fails to warn people when a hurricane is coming? If you fail to act (or act to fail) after being warned, does that place the responsibility on you? Why is this situation different when we talk about the environment? Recent cuts in environmental programs and the uncertainty of the Land and Conservation Trust Fund only serve to increase costs and loss of lives and property, as we are already seeing. Can we blame our elected officials for their lack of environmental understanding? Only if we don't explain the consequences of failing to protect our environment clear to them and all who vote for them.

As I said, these last two years have changed me more than I have been able to improve the natural resources of Florida. They have opened my eyes even more to the challenges of educating our political representatives. It has opened my eyes to the detached attitudes of some Floridians towards protecting the environment. And it has placed me in a position where, just as with the meteorologist who sees a hurricane coming, I need to help people minimize the storm that is on the horizon. I can't stop the storm. I can't stop the damage. I can only relay the facts in an attempt to influence people to make the best decisions for our environment, our future.

Back in the early days of the Federation, it took a coming together of people who understood nature and natural systems to point out the environmental costs the country was paying. The people making the decisions needed to be informed of these facts so they could make better decisions. They needed to realize the importance the public placed on the environment. That is now the case in America, and especially Florida, again. Our forefathers were able to turn the tide 75 years ago. Can we do the same today? It is up to us, the ones who can see and understand the stakes we are facing.

Doing nothing is a choice. It does not relieve you of being responsible for that choice; especially if you are an elected official ... or the ex-chair of the Florida Wildlife Federation.

Signature of Gretchen Daily

NORTHEAST FLORIDA REPORT

by Sarah Owen Gledhill, FWF's Northeast Florida Planning Advocate



Forever is Forever

The St. Johns River Water Management District is undergoing a process to assess our public conservation lands for surplus. During June and July, land acquisition staff held public meetings to take public testimony. The message at these hearings was overwhelmingly against the idea of selling our public conservation lands which were purchased with public tax dollars. Similar to the same exercise the Florida Department of Environmental Protection went through, the SJRWMD is using a scientific analysis to measure the current conservation value of our public lands. The parameters used for scoring are floodplain values, natural communities, greenways and strategic habitat (for vertebrate species only). If they score low, and are deemed unnecessary for conservation, they may be available for sale.

If a list of potential parcels is to be released for sale, the Northeast office has provided the following policy recommendations:

- 1) Any revenue generated from the sale of lands will not only go back to the land acquisition program, but also be used to purchase new lands within the same watershed basin.
- 2) Any surplus lands will be conveyed with a conservation easement as to not facilitate incompatible development and infrastructure pressures adjacent to conservation areas or other areas of significant resource value.

We are working with our conservation partners and members to engage in the process as the list is promulgated. Additional public hearings may occur in the fall. At present, the SJRWMD Governing Board is discussing the issue. We hope that they do not want another public fight on their hands.

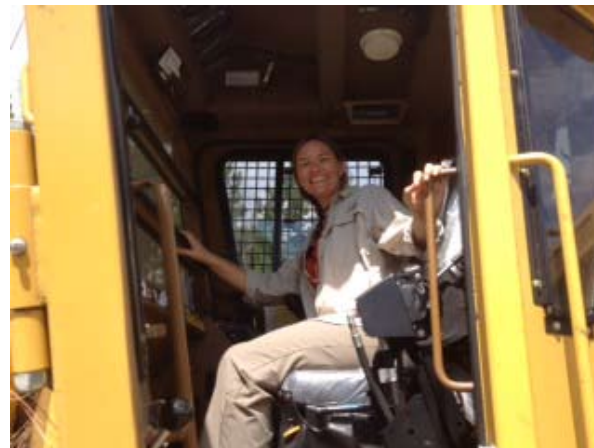
Please look at the District's website and study the maps of the counties you are interested in. <http://www.sjrwmd.com/landassessment/> Please submit your comments on the site and ask that the District maintain the integrity of our public lands. You may want to keep informed via this publication as well as e-mail alerts.



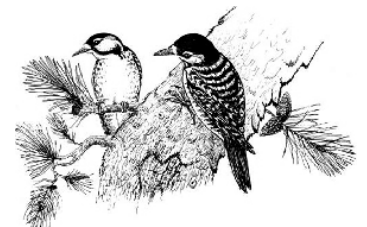
Truly a First Time for Everything

Recently a group of FWF representatives toured a 2,200 acre tract of land in Clay County. The property has undergone extensive restoration, including long leaf pine plantings, prescribed burning, quality deer management, extensive buffering for edging effect and biodiversity enhancements. When the property was purchased, it was a dense commercial forest consisting of off-site species such as sand and slash pine. A harvesting management plan is currently thinning out the previously planted slash pine and we were given the opportunity to see it in operation. When we arrived, a shovel loader was grouping the pines together and loading them into the trailer for delivery. Then this sci-fi looking machine came out from in between the rows of pines. This was the feller-buncher, a machine that cuts down the pines and bunches them together for the shovel

loader. The feller-buncher has an eight inch thick disc that spins at an amazing speed to cut the trees. Then an arm grabs the trees and bunches them together, all controlled by two joy sticks and four pedals. The gentlemen driving the feller-buncher offered someone a test drive and I could not refuse. I had to put myself to the test. This was a chance to step away from the spiral bound land management plans and roll up my sleeves and get a taste of on the ground best management practices. So I hopped in, took a two minute quick tutorial and started the harvesting. It was quite a machine to maneuver and thank goodness for the air conditioning because I was breaking a sweat trying to finesse the movements of the machine. I removed three trees in 10 minutes, compared to the professionals removing seven trees in three minutes. It will definitely be an experience I will never forget and maybe I just opened the a door for FWF to have a land management division. And yes, when the trees fell I did yell "Timber" with great enthusiasm.



Sarah Owen Gledhill harvesting slash pine with a feller-buncher.



The Florida Wildlife Federation's 2012 Sixth Annual "Green" Car Sweepstakes is giving away an outstanding choice of one of four fuel-efficient automobiles or \$25,000 in cash on December 6 at Federation headquarters in Tallahassee. To check out this year's models click on <http://www.fwfonline.org/Sweeps-Archive/Car/2012-Green-Car-Sweepstakes.aspx>. The "Green" Car Sweepstakes, in conjunction with the Federation's 22nd Annual Boating Sweepstakes represents one of the most important fundraising programs for FWF. The proceeds are used to support vital programs and conservation initiatives in Florida.

Watch for your tickets in the mail or play online anytime by going to FWF's website and clicking on the Sweepstakes button at the top of any page. If you would like a set of tickets mailed to you, send an email to FWF at hybridsweeps@fwfonline.org or boatsweeps@fwfonline.org or call our toll-free number (800) 656-3014. Please provide your full name and complete mailing address to receive a packet of tickets. Specify "Hybrid Sweeps" or "Boat Sweeps" in the Subject line.

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Pictured is the Volkswagen Passat TDI Clean Diesel, one of four cars to choose from in this year's fund-raising sweepstakes.

The Volkswagen Passat TDI Clean Diesel (140 hp/236 lb.-ft) is a quiet 4-cylinder 2.0L midsize sedan that delivers 43 miles per gallon on the highway, with a range of 795 miles. Motor Trend's Car of the Year for 2012, it has the most premium features standard in its class: Bluetooth technology, dualzone climate control and carefree maintenance. This clean diesel can reduce NOx emissions by up to 95 percent making it among the cleanest engines in the world. It is built in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in an environmentally-friendly facility that includes a revolutionary paint shop that significantly reduces emissions.



Preston Robertson
Vice-President for Conservation &
General Counsel

What you can do: Florida needs fresh water

National Geographic magazine recently released a poll conducted in 17 nations* around the globe as to citizens' concern over environmental matters. Unfortunately, the United States placed dead last. While no poll is completely accurate, this one does raise some interesting points as to sustainability on a planetary level. Note that the United States, with approximately 5% of the Earth's population, has historically consumed between 20% and 25% of its energy resources.

Questions in the poll related to transportation choices, climate change and personal habits. Only one in five Americans polled were very concerned as to environmental problems in general and climate change in particular. Only one-third believed ongoing climate change would worsen their quality of life. What are we concerned about? Fuel costs.

As Floridians, inhabiting the state that will most be impacted by the rising seas brought on by climate change, we should be concerned, if not for purely environmental reasons, then for economic ones. Salt water intrusion into coastal water supplies is happening now. Millions of dollars are being spent to move existing water supply facilities inland. Cities most at risk are in South Florida, where most Floridians reside. Hallandale Beach, Pompano Beach, Dania Beach and Lantana are all facing saltwater intrusion problems, as the ocean seeps into the freshwater aquifer due to rising sea levels, the overuse of freshwater supplies and drought. The paving of so much of South Florida means that rain water flows not into the underground aquifer, but out into the Atlantic Ocean. Hallandale Beach now has to build six new drinking wells for \$10 million, while Lake Worth is contemplating a Reverse Osmosis plant to turn sea water into potable water. The estimated cost for this plant: \$24 million. All of these new facilities will, of course,

be paid for by Florida taxpayers.

This summer, even the little town of Cedar Key in Levy County had to tell its inhabitants to stop drinking from the public supply. There was too much salt in the drinking water and this in a very rural part of the state.

Only approximately 2.5% of the Earth's water supply is potable (drinkable), and much of that is locked up in the ice caps that are now melting into the salty oceans. Potable water should not be a political issue. Lack of it will impact us all. Is this the world we want to leave our children, where this once abundant and life-sustaining resource was squandered due to lack of leadership and vision and the pursuit of short-term economic advantage?

We have five Water Management Districts (WMD's) in Florida whose mission is to manage our limited water supply. We have a Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Governor who are tasked with overseeing water issues. Please let them know we must stop over-pumping of our precious ground-water and limit the granting of consumptive-use permits. Without an adequate water supply, our future will be greatly diminished. Moreover, this problem will only grow as we add more residents to the Sunshine State.

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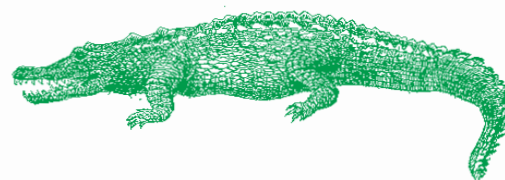
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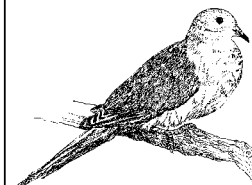
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need. As overfished fish stocks are recovered, both the oceans and fishing will improve. Just like sound management of game species on land, this approach has benefits allowing reef fish to mature, which allows for dramatic improvements in reproduction. Large female grouper produce vastly more eggs than smaller fish, and sex ratios improve when reef fish have places where they can build up healthy populations. Well-sited protected areas for reef fish can benefit local and regional fishing. Protected areas for reef fish can still allow trolling for fish near the surface or at middle depths.

We are at work here in Florida, and with other states and the federal agencies, to protect and conserve migratory species on the land and in the sea. We also strongly support people being out in our woods and waters enjoying outdoor recreation including scientifically-based hunting and fishing.

One thing is for certain; Florida's nature-based economy requires a quality environment and FWF and its supporters are hard at work to protect our waters and fish and wildlife habitats.

We have benefited from the kindness and support of people who have placed us in their wills or by their charitable giving. If you would like to aid Florida Wildlife Federation through a legacy or gift, please let me know at wildfed@gmail.com or 850-656-7113.

Thank you for all your support of FWF.

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Roundup from the Rally for Silver Springs

By James Orth, Special to Florida Sportsman

Recently, the [Florida Conservation Coalition](#) (FCC) and its local partners – **Silver Springs Alliance**, **Silver River Museum**, and **Marion County Springs Festival** – hosted “Speak Up for Silver Springs and Florida’s Waters” at Silver River State Park in Ocala. The June 23rd event was a huge success with over 1800 concerned citizens from around the state in attendance. The “Speak Up” rally was organized to educate the public and policymakers about the significant water quality and supply challenges we are facing and to advocate for the protection and restoration of Silver Springs and all of Florida’s imperiled waterways.

The FCC is a nonpartisan alliance of conservation organizations and concerned individuals that was formed last year by former Governor Bob Graham to ensure that safeguards are in place to protect and properly manage Florida’s rich natural resources. St. Johns Riverkeeper is a charter member of the FCC.

At the event, **Governor Bob Graham (D)**, former **Senator Lee Constantine (R)**, Manley Fuller (Florida Wildlife Federation), Charles Lee (Audubon), Dr. Bob Knight (Florida Springs Institute), John Moran (renowned nature photographer) and Lisa Rinaman (St.

Johns Riverkeeper) inspired the crowd with rousing and informative speeches. Sen. Graham called on Florida residents to be on the “front line of the protectors” for the state’s water resources. He encouraged Floridians to apply common sense — and to encourage their elected leaders to do the same. “If we screw this up, we have killed the goose that laid the golden egg,” he said.

You can watch an interview with Governor Bob Graham and his speech from June 23rd by visiting our website – <http://www.stjohnsriverkeeper.org/blog/speak-up-for-floridas-waters/>.

Silver River State Park served as an appropriate backdrop for this important gathering for Florida’s waters. Over the last several decades, the iconic Silver Springs has suffered from dramatic increases in nutrient pollution and declines in its flow by over 50%, partly due to excessive groundwater withdrawals, poorly treated wastewater, and excessive use of fertilizer. As a result, fish biomass in this National Natural Landmark has declined by over 90%. The Silver River, an Outstanding Florida Water, flows out of Silver Springs, and is also impaired due to excessive nitrate levels and reduced flow.

As a result, the Florida Conservation Coalition has started a **petition** (<http://www.change.org/petitions/governor-rick-scott-speak-up-for-silver-springs>) urging Governor Rick Scott to take immediate action to reverse the damage that has been done to Silver Springs and the Silver River and begin restoring these vital natural resources. So far, over 12,000 people have signed the petition seeking Governor Scott’s help and leadership on this critical issue.

Unfortunately, these aquatic treasures are also facing additional threats from a proposed large-scale cattle operation that is seeking a permit for over 13.2 million gallons of water a day. This is more water than is used by the entire City of Ocala on a daily basis. Adena Springs Ranch is planning to raise as many as 30,000 cattle within the springshed of Silver Springs.

You can learn more about this permit issue and how you can submit comments to the St. Johns River Water Management District by **clicking here**. (<http://www.stjohnsriverkeeper.org/blog/save-silver-springs/>)

However, the “Speak Up” rally was about much more than just Silver Springs and Silver River. What is happening to these waterbodies is emblematic of the water quality and supply challenges we are facing throughout Florida, highlighting the significant pollution problems that exist and the impending water crisis that we face. As a result, this event was a call to action for all of Florida’s rivers, lakes, springs, and groundwater and an intensification of an ongoing campaign by the FCC and its members.

By joining together and getting involved, the citizens of this state can protect the precious natural resources that are so critical to our health, economic well-being, and quality of life.

For more information about the FCC and upcoming events, visit www.floridaconservationcoalition.org.

To see speeches from the event visit <http://www.fwfonline.org/News-and-Press-room/Speeches-from-%22Speak-up-for-Silver-Springs-and-Florida%E2%80%99s-Waters%22-Event.aspx>.

June 16, 75th Anniversary Events in St. Petersburg

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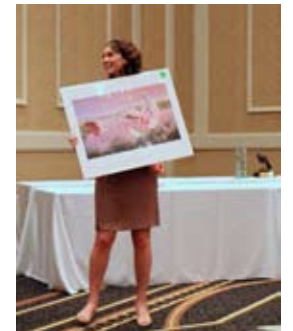
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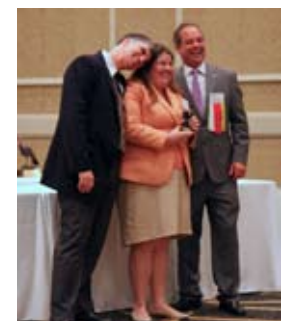
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FWF Staff talks with
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Elam Stoltzfus and Lt. Joe Scarpa



Participants act out lobbying in a practice
session led by Gov. Graham

THE FEDERATION'S 75th ANNUAL CONSERVATION AWARD WINNERS

The Federation's annual selection of conservationists is one of the oldest and most prestigious conservation awards programs in the state. Honorees are selected from nominations made to the Federation's board of directors and are chosen for their dedicated efforts on behalf of Florida's fish and wildlife and native habitats. The 75th Annual FWF Conservation Awards Banquet was held on June 16th at St. Petersburg Bayfront Hilton in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Photography by Tim Boyles

CONSERVATIONISTS OF THE YEAR

Estus Whitfield &
Victoria Tschinkel



This year's FWF Conservationists of the Year, Victoria "Vicki" Tschinkel and Estus Whitfield, have spent their careers protecting the vital natural resources of Florida. Both inside and outside of government, they have remained true to their commitment to retain a sustainable and thriving state for ourselves and our children.

Estus Whitfield was Florida's first Environmental Impact Statement Coordinator and environmental analyst with the Division of State Planning. From 1979 to 1999, he served as Policy Coordinator and Chief Environmental Advisor to four governors (Graham, Chiles, Martinez and Bush) and drafted a plethora of legislation and regulations to move environmental protection forward in Florida. In 1983, Estus co-authored the Save our Everglades program and later became the principal staff person in the implementation of Florida's Save our Rivers, Save our Coasts programs and the highly successful Preservation 2000 program. Since leaving public service, Estus has continued to advocate for clean air, water and the sustainable use of our natural resources. Moreover, he played a critical role in the purchase of Talisman sugar lands in the Everglades Agricultural Area. This 50,000 acres is a key parcel in Everglades Restoration. In 2012 his outstanding work was recognized with the Everglades Coalition's James D. Webb Award.

Vicki Tschinkel served as Secretary of the Department of Environmental Regulation from 1981 to 1987, having previously served both the Askew and Graham administrations in environmental

policy positions. She is past State Director of the Florida Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, and served on the Board of Directors of Audubon of Florida, Resources for the Future, and as a member of the National Advisory Committee on Environmental Technology and Policy for the federal Environmental Protection Agency. As a member of the Board of Conoco Phillips, she serves on the National Energy Advisory board of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

In the latter part of 2011, Vicki and Estus voluntarily spearheaded, with the great assistance of Governor Bob Graham, the creation of a group of conservation organizations and interested individuals known as the Florida Conservation Coalition. The inspiration for this group was the lack of importance placed on environmental issues in 2011 in Tallahassee. By facilitating the spread of information and garnering the support of local governments concerned about water issues, Water Management Districts, and the path state government was taking as to sustainability, tremendous headway was made in the 2012 Legislative Session as to remedying the damage that had been done to environmental protection.

For their years of devotion to the cause of environmental stewardship, and their selfless dedication to promoting conservation in Florida, the Federation was delighted to recognize Victoria Tschinkel and Estus Whitfield as the FWF Conservationists of the Year for 2012.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

Kim Dryden, USFWS



Kimberly A. Dryden (Kim) with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service was selected as the organization's Wildlife Conservationist of the Year. Florida is fortunate to have a biologist who is so completely dedicated to preserving the state's iconic fauna. Her commitment to the long-term success of wildlife in Florida is exemplary.

Originally from Maryland, Kim spent her youth immersed in nature owing to her father and grandfather working with that state's Department of Natural Resources. Kim commenced her conservation-based career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Virginia's eastern shore where she worked with a suite of species including waterfowl and the Delmarva fox squirrel.

In 1984 she relocated to Florida and has worked on environmental and conservation issues ever since. Initially employed as an environmental planner in Lee, she joined the old Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission in 1988 as a supervisor

in the Office of Environmental Services. Focusing on listed species, she provided protection strategies including land preservation to aid the Florida panther, least tern, red-cockaded woodpecker, Audubon's crested caracara, piping plover, gopher tortoise, and scrub jay.

In 1998, Kim was re-hired by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a biologist working at the South Florida Ecosystem office. Since 2001, she has been assigned to Everglades restoration projects on Florida's west coast and has been the lead biologist on the Picayune Strand restoration effort. Kim played a crucial role in Lake Trafford's rehabilitation, drafting of the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed Plan, and developing the Southwest Florida Comprehensive Watershed Plan.

She prepares biological opinions and other scientific-based documents to aid in the protection of native wildlife. She has taken part in over 300 restoration projects, providing guidance and technical assistance throughout a six county area. Her endeavors cover everything from prescribed fire management to exotic plant control. She also assists in wildlife law violation investigations.

Kim has dealt with contentious issues that have no easy solutions. With her extensive experience working with government agencies, non-profit entities, and the general public, she understands how to reach conservation goals which afford significant benefits while respecting divergent interests. She manages to combine her technical expertise with a deep love of the outdoors and the desire to make a positive difference. For her passion and ethics in conserving our native wildlife, the Federation was very pleased to have Kim Dryden recognized as the Wildlife Conservationist of the Year.

WATER CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

Frances Howell-Coleman



Born in Atlanta, Frances moved to Florida in the 1950s to attend Stetson and later the University of Florida where she received her degree. She has been involved with water protection issues since the early 1970s, commencing with the effort to restore the Kissimmee River after its misguided channelization.

Polk County boasts over 500 lakes and is headwaters to five major rivers (Peace, Alafia, Kissimmee, Hillsborough, and Oklawaha) as well as the fabled Green Swamp. As ongoing development threatened the water quality and quantity of these

life-sustaining areas, Frances Coleman ensured that she added her voice to the cause of protection and conservation.

Frances has volunteered countless hours on behalf of the waters of Central Florida alongside her late husband Richard. Since the 70s she has served on diverse committees and groups such as the Winter Haven Federation of Lakes Association, the Chain of Lakes SWIM Citizens Committee, the city's Visioning Committee, and the Sierra Club. She has been a member of work groups for both SWFWMD and SFWMD. She is currently working on Polk's Lakes Access Committee and Winter Haven's Lakes Advisory Committee both of which groups seek to better manage local water bodies. The issue of water use has reached a critical stage in Florida as the human population and natural ecosystems vie for a share of a finite resource. The conservation of water and its proper allocation to benefit all Florida residents requires vigilance and determination which Frances has shown for many years. She is an avid outdoorswoman herself, enjoying backpacking and kayaking with her family.

For her dedication to Florida's waters, the Florida Wildlife Federation was proud to name Frances Howell-Coleman as its Water Conservationist of the Year for 2012.



CONSERVATION EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Eric Gehring, Director of Education,
Arthur R. Marshall Foundation



Eric Gehring was raised in rural southern New Jersey, and after spending several years as a naturalist in Somerset County, moved to South Florida. Hired as the education director for the Arthur R. Marshall Foundation, Eric has spent the last five years expanding the reach of conservation awareness throughout Palm Beach County and beyond. The exponential growth of the out-

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reach provided by the Marshall Foundation has been fostered by Eric Gehring. He has greatly increased the Everglades education programs: whereas 400 students used to be taught annually, now upwards of 25,000 students per year are educated about the nature of the Everglades.

By partnering with other institutions and organizations, Eric has furthered the Foundation's efforts. The Palm Beach County School District, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Florida Atlantic University, Forest Hill High School, Oxbridge Academy and others have all coordinated with Eric and his programs to spread the word about our native surroundings.

Examples of Eric's efforts include "spruce up" sessions at the Arthur R. Marshall/Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge where children and adults learn the necessity of keeping our lands and water litter free and are exposed to the problems caused by exotic plants. He has taught fourth graders with his "Field Experience" on site at a school in Boca Raton, where students learn the value of wetland ecosystems. His Cypress Harvest program takes citizens out into nature to gather cypress seeds for planting in native landscapes. Approximately 100,000 wetland trees, including pond apple, have been planted under his leadership. His Ambassadors for the Everglades effort seeks to create not only environmental stewards, but also advocates for our remaining natural areas. Eric recently facilitated a 75 mile Everglades canoe trip, and ensured that county school students participated through webcasts.

Eric "wants children in South Florida to learn about the environment around them." There can be no greater goal than education of the next generation and inspiring them to keep Florida both sustainable and special. For his tremendous success and creativity in spreading the conservation message, the Florida Wildlife Federation named Eric Gehring as its Conservation Educator of the Year.

FRANCIS S. TAYLOR OUTDOORMAN OF THE YEAR

Officer Kenny McCain, USFWS



Mrs. Frances S. Taylor and Officer McCain

Ken "Kenny" McCain was born in Cedar Key on the Gulf of Mexico and has made his home in the region ever since. First employed with the Division of Forestry as a firefighter, in 1990 he came to work at the Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuges. He has been described as a "jack of all trades and master of many," a tireless worker with a positive, can-do attitude. Kenny is also definitely someone who would rather be out in the woods than sitting behind a desk.

The Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge, encompassing 53,000 acres, was established in 1979 to protect a vast, unspoiled river-delta system. It straddles both sides of the Suwannee River in both Dixie and Levy counties and is fairly

remote. It is a 55 mile drive to get from one side of the Refuge to the other due to the river bisecting the property. Officer McCain knows these woods and waters better than anyone since coming to the Refuge. He is also very familiar with the Cedar Key Refuges, a 762-acre collection of 13 islands in the Gulf.

Certified as a law enforcement officer in 1992, Ken served as both an officer and as a forester on the Refuge. From 2004 until 2011, he was the only law enforcement presence on the Refuge, making cases for poaching, night hunting, license violations and other misconduct. His success in deterring crime is centered on his network of relationships with local citizens. He puts in the extra effort to engage the public and it has paid off.

Officer McCain also teaches boating to Department of Interior employees, and is a certified armorer. Following Hurricane Katrina, he was assigned to Louisiana for three weeks to help maintain public order and was involved in wildlife rescue. He is also an ardent firefighter, having served many times in the western United States as a crew chief.

The lands of the Lower Suwannee, formerly owned by a timber company, have been systematically transformed back into their natural state, with site appropriate longleaf pines replacing slash pine plantations over time. Ken enjoys just walking in the woods, especially trekking in the old bottomlands near the river and is a master of cast-netting for mullet.

For his lifelong love of Old Florida, and his heartfelt desire to protect it and our citizens, the Federation was proud to name Officer Kenny McCain as the Francis S. Taylor Outdoorsman of the Year for 2012.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OF- FICER OF THE YEAR

Lt. Joseph E. Scarpa, Jr., FWC



Having grown up in Palm Beach County, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Lieutenant Joe Scarpa spent his youth fishing and snorkeling in Florida and the Bahamas. Jacques Cousteau and Flipper inspired Joe at a young age as to the wonders of the marine environment and the need for people to protect marine resources.

Following service in the Navy and in the aircraft industry, Joe fortuitously had a conversation with a Marine Patrol Officer, which led him to apply to the Academy, from which he graduated fifteen years ago. Lt. Scarpa is now a Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) lieutenant owing to the merger of the Marine Patrol with FWC, sought out and obtained a post in the Florida Keys, spending his first five years enforcing state and federal rules from Key West to the Dry Tortugas. Not only did he issue citations to law violators, he also educated the public about the need for the regulations and how they would benefit recreation and the environment. As a NOAA Working Diver, Dive Master and Science Dive Instructor, Joe aided in marking sanctuary

boundaries as well as assessing fines for those who damaged our precious seagrass beds.

In 2001, Joe, holder of a 100 ton Master Merchant Mariner's license, was assigned as captain of the 82-foot Point Monroe and tasked with enforcing the laws and regulations at the 150 square nautical mile Tortugas Ecological Reserve. He and his crew made arrests, seized illegal traps, interdicted illegal immigrants and generally tamed what he refers to as the "Wild West." A major part of his work has involved lobster poaching investigations. Some cases have been solved with the assistance of his scuba ability. Casitas (which are artificial lobster habitats made by illegally dumping junk in the water) are an ongoing problem, and Joe and his fellow officers have done their best to stop this trashing of our sea beds.

In 2006, the NOAA law enforcement vessel Peter Gladding was commissioned for use in the Dry Tortugas and Joe serves as captain. This specially built 57-foot ship, a Teknicraft hydrofoil-assisted aluminum-hulled catamaran, can travel almost 50 miles per hour. With a very shallow draft and high maneuverability, it is perfect for cruising the inlets and flats of the Dry Tortugas.

For his steadfast commitment to the protection of our marine resources, it was with pleasure that the Federation named Lt. Joseph E. Scarpa, Jr., as its Fish and Wildlife Officer of the Year for 2012.

CONSERVATION ORGA- NIZATIONS OF THE YEAR

Egmont Key Alliance & Friends
of Tampa Bay National Wildlife
Refuges



The highly-urbanized Tampa Bay area is home to approximately 4.2 million people, which places tremendous stress on the ecological resources of this region. With its waterways and beaches, it is a most attractive place for residents and visitors. Two local organizations that work closely together have taken on the task of preserving some of the Bay's remaining natural places to the benefit of all. The Egmont Key Alliance and the Friends of the Tampa Bay National Wildlife Refuges strive to conserve protected areas which provide fish and wildlife habitat and which also afford sanctuaries for humans needing a break from city life.

Egmont Key is a fascinating island, accessible only by boat, and is home to an 1858 lighthouse. Replete with American history, it served as a prison for captured Indians during the Third Seminole War and was occupied by the Union Navy in the 1860s. In 1898, as war with Spain was pending, Fort Dade was constructed on the island to defend Tampa from the Spanish based in Cuba. Egmont Key, now a National Wildlife Refuge, is home to countless shore birds and numerous gopher tortoises and provides nesting beaches for sea turtles. This forested coastal habitat is made all the more interesting by the presence of the ruins of the old fort and its long-abandoned artillery installations. The Egmont Key Alliance seeks to conserve Egmont Key even in the face of ongoing serious erosion.

Tampa Bay possesses three wildlife refuges:

Egmont Key, Passage Key and the Pinellas Refuge. The Friends of the Tampa Bay National Wildlife Refuges work to manage and protect all three. Passage Key, originally consisting of 64 acres and now reduced to a narrow sandbar at high tide, still affords needed habitat. The 394-acre Pinellas Refuge, which is closed to public access, incorporates Tarpon, Indian, Mule and Jackass Keys. Providing a safe nesting area for native birdlife, this refuge is reputed to be the most significant brown pelican rookery in the state. Other species aided by the Pinellas Refuge include herons, cormorants and roseate spoonbills.

Both the Egmont Key Alliance and the Friends of TBNWR organization have the same basic mission: To conserve special places in Tampa Bay and encourage their ethical utilization by the public. They support the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and raise funds for conservation projects. Elementary students are taken on environmental education programs and clean-up events are held. Moreover, bird counts are conducted and protection afforded to nesting areas.

The Federation was very proud to name the Egmont Key Alliance and the Friends of the Tampa Bay National Wildlife Refuges, two very hard-working volunteer organizations, as the Conservation Organizations of the Year for 2012.

STATE LEGISLATORS OF THE YEAR

Senator Paula Dockery

Senator Dennis L. Jones



Florida State Senator Paula Dockery, a University of Florida graduate, was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1996 from Polk County. Following one term in office, and owing to her skill at gaining consensus amongst sometimes fractious parties, she was chosen to chair the Environmental Protection Committee. In 1999, she authored the Florida Forever initiative as a successor to the highly successful Preservation 2000 program. Florida Forever has, to date, conserved approximately 680,000 acres of sensitive land in our state. She also played a critical part in debate over water allocation, concentrating not only on equitable distribution amongst agriculture, domestic use and the environment, but on increasing alternative water sources. The success of this legislation was a hallmark of her ability to find common ground between divergent interests.

Elected to the Florida Senate in 2003, Senator Dockery continued as a leader on environmental issues, even when some in her own party stood in opposition. As a member of a family in the citrus and cattle businesses, Senator Dockery understands the values of open space and the need to protect not only our life-sustaining environment, but our rural heritage. She has never lost her commitment to water conservation and her steadfast determination to keep Florida Forever and similar programs alive. In recognition of her achievements, she has

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received awards for legislative leadership from the Coastal Conservation Association, Sierra Club, the Teddy Roosevelt Society and others. Due to term limits, she left the Senate in 2012, but continues to actively support land and water conservation.

State Senator Dennis Jones, Pinellas County, was elected to the House of Representatives in 1978 and served for 22 years. He rose to become Speaker Pro Tempore. Following his House tenure, he was elected to the Senate in 2003, serving through this past Session as majority leader. A chiropractor by profession, he has consistently and honorably represented his constituents and the people of Florida.

During his over 30-year political career, Senator Jones has been a champion of land conservation, supporting Florida Forever funding even when others called for disproportionately severe cuts. As an advocate for protection of Florida's springs and rivers, Senator Jones helped fellow State Senator Lee Constantine pass one of the strongest springs protection acts in the nation. While environmental roll-backs and cuts in protection have recently occurred, he has been a voice for retaining environmental controls that help protect Florida's fragile environment. In 2012 he helped lessen the impact of legislation that would end septic tank inspections in the basins of Florida's first magnitude springs.

Among his most lasting contributions will be efforts to protect Florida's beaches and barrier islands culminating in passage of the Dennis L. Jones Beach Management Act of 2000. He has received numerous awards, including one from the Teddy Roosevelt Society.

For their deep and honest commitment to retaining the natural attributes that make Florida a special place to call home, the Federation was proud to recognize Senator Paula Dockery and Senator Dennis Jones as the State Legislators of the Year for 2012.

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Senator Bill Nelson



Award accepted by Shahra Anderson

A fifth generation Floridian, U.S. Senator Bill Nelson was first elected to public office in 1972. Having been born in Miami and raised in Melbourne, he served with the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1971. He was initially elected to the Florida Legislature where for three terms he advocated for growth management and consumer protection. Elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1978, he represented Orlando and the Space Coast for six terms as an early proponent for a balanced federal budget. In 1986, Senator Nelson orbited the Earth on the Space Shuttle Columbia, and is noted as a leading expert on NASA and space exploration.

In 1994, Senator Nelson was elected to the Florida office of State Treasurer, Insurance Commissioner and Fire Marshal. Among other issues, he advanced insurance reforms and the cause of consumer advocacy.

In 2000, he was elected to the U.S. Senate, and is widely recognized as a moderate voice in an increasingly partisan chamber. As a member of the Commerce Committee, he has taken on the leadership role of protecting Florida's economy, military mission and ecology from oil drilling in the eastern Gulf of Mexico. Indeed, the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster, which cost the state millions of dollars and countless jobs, showed the prescience of Senator Nelson's concern for a state so reliant on tourism.

Senator Nelson has consistently backed conservation measures throughout the nation. He is a keen supporter of alternative energy, supporter of the Coastal Barrier Resources Program and opposed opening the pristine Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling. In Florida, he has been a key backer of Everglades restoration, including control efforts of invasive exotics like the Burmese python, and the protection of the Picayune Strand region, home of our endangered panther. Water projects which benefit South Florida's environment and citizens are at the top of his list of priorities. He also helped with securing the 73,000 acres of the Babcock Ranch in Southwest Florida and has facilitated the remediation of contaminated sites via the Superfund program. He strongly supports outdoor recreation.

Following the BP oil disaster, and with many millions of gallons spilled into the Gulf, numerous lawsuits were filed. One involves how the fines to be assessed against those responsible for the calamity are allocated. Senator Nelson played a critical role in 2012 in shepherding Gulf Restoration legislation, the RESTORE Act, in collaboration with bipartisan support of all but one of the other Gulf state Senators, to have the majority of this money come back to the Gulf region. Without this bill's passage, the money will go into the general fund. Thankfully, this bill passed out of the Senate by a wide margin and with bi-partisan support. With House approval, monies from the fines will be used to aid in environmental and economic recovery along the Gulf Coast.

Senator Nelson has always listened to the concerns of FWF and has championed conservation causes many times as a member of the Florida Cabinet and the U.S. Senate. For his stalwart dedication to the conservation of our natural resources, the Federation was proud to present Senator Bill Nelson with the National Legislative Leadership Award for 2012.

LAND CONSERVATION-ISTS OF THE YEAR

Charlie Pelizza, USFWS

David Houghton, National

Wildlife Refugees Association



Charlie Pelizza

The Everglades Ecosystem is a world-class treasure, and a great deal of effort has been expended in trying to restore the ecology of this unique ecosystem south of Lake Okeechobee. But the 'Glades really starts farther north, in the Kis-

simmee valley, as water flows south into Lake O. Thankfully, a major effort is underway to protect upwards of 150,000 acres of sensitive property in the Kissimmee River area. This project's goal is to create a new National Wildlife Refuge, called the Everglades Headwaters Refuge, which will eventually encompass 150,000 acres. Importantly, only willing private landowners will be involved, and the refuge will contain both federal land purchases and conservation easements. The Headwaters Refuge has had many ardent supporters, but two individuals are most noteworthy: Charles "Charlie" Pelizza and David Houghton.

Charlie Pelizza, a 32-year veteran of the National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, oversees Pelican Island, Archie Carr and Lakes Wales Ridge Refuges in Central Florida. His leadership in bringing together a vast array of stakeholders, including ranchers, other private landowners, non-profit organizations, hunters, anglers and the general public is essential to the success of this effort. Indeed, his commitment to forming partnerships has been a keystone of his career in dealing with the public. Charlie has also been previously recognized as Refuge Manager of the Year.

David Houghton is Senior Vice-President of Conservation Programs with the National Wildlife Refuges Association, having previously been on the NWRA board. He spearheads large-scale conservation programs nationwide. Previously a consultant with Innovate Natural Resource Solutions, he has aided in the permanent protection of nearly 600,000 acres in close cooperation with the Nature Conservancy, the Wildlife Management Institute and other organizations.

Both of these gentlemen have effectively worked to make the Everglades Headwaters Refuge a reality, and one which will be based upon collaboration with private landowners, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the public to serve the public good. The new refuge will not only protect Florida's ranchlands and its heritage, but also will help safeguard the drinking water supply of millions of Floridians. The Refuge will provide tremendous outdoor recreational opportunities including hunting and fishing. The great diversity of fish and wildlife species found in this area will be provided a permanent home, and indeed, the area is large enough to ensure migratory routes. It will also stop land fragmentation which has isolated species in the past.

For their stellar work on this wonderful new refuge, the Federation was proud to name Charlie Pelizza and David Houghton as the Land Conservationists of the Year for 2012.



BIFF LAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR

Clyde Butcher



Clyde Butcher came to Florida from the west coast following a career in architecture and photography. As a youth, he visited Yosemite National Park and was exposed to the landscapes of Ansel Adams. Interestingly, he and his family also lived on a sail boat in Newport Beach for several years. It was lucky for the cause of Everglades protection and conserving Florida's natural treasures that he decided to permanently move to Florida and take his immense artistic talents into the Big Cypress, Everglades National Park, and other vestiges of the watery heart of South Florida.

Owing to his 50 years of hard work, Clyde is world-renowned. He is a photographer who prefers black and white film and is talented at capturing the primal essence of a wild place. He is a member of the prestigious Florida Artist Hall of Fame and his Big Cypress Gallery has been named the "Best Gallery in Florida."

Clyde's use of the iconic old style, large format, box and bellows camera brings to mind simpler times, but this special camera is what allows him to capture forever a moment in nature. The depth of the image almost makes the viewer part of the scene. This connection to a two-dimensional work is very important to educate the public that we are part of nature, not simply observers.

Clyde's technique is best expressed in his own words, "I choose to photograph from my heart which is very different than working with your head. When I see a scene that stirs my soul, I photograph it." It is this method that makes his work so powerful.

The wide distribution of Clyde's work has gained tremendous support for environmental causes as it allows people who generally never see wild nature to experience what it is like. His images of South Florida's wetlands have served as poster images for what is at stake and what may be lost if people are not thoughtful stewards of these special lands and waters.

For his incredible, long-term efforts on behalf of nature photography and his forthright commitment to the preservation of nature, the Federation named Clyde Butcher the Biff Lampton Conservation Communicator of the Year. The Award is named for Burke "Biff" Lampton, an outstanding outdoor writer and managing editor for *Florida Sportsmen* who was tragically killed in an auto accident in the early 1990s. Biff was a beloved conservation communicator whose legacy lives on through this annual award.



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CORPORATE CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund



In 1995, the Disney Corporation committed itself to support key conservation efforts through its Worldwide Conservation Fund, which has aided over 300 non-profit organizations in 112 nations around the world, and is approaching \$18 million in total giving.

In raw numbers, the Fund has provided the following in aid of conservation: \$5.6 million for bird conservation, \$1.9 million for primate conservation, \$1.4 million for feline conservation, \$1.2 million for elephant conservation and \$1.1 million for sea turtle conservation. Guests at Disney facilities can donate to environmental causes on site, and the Disney Corporation adds funding so that all money goes directly towards an individual conservation goal. Many scientists and communities have benefitted from this funding, as animal species and their habitat needs are studied. Additionally, Disney provides Community Service Awards to deserving recipients.

The Fund supported 92 individual projects in 2011, providing over \$2 million distributed over 40 nations, with funding set aside for emergency purposes such as oil spill response. Of particular note, Disney recently contributed over \$500,000 to help protect 52,000 acres of savannah land habitat in Kenya.

The Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund has also made a \$6 million investment in California to combat global warming by supporting carbon sequestration projects. In the Mendocino, San Diego and Los Angeles area, the Fund is helping to reforest lands in the Angeles National Forest, Cuyamaca Rancho State Park and local state forests by tree planting and the restoration of sensitive habitats. Forest carbon projects have a world-wide reach, and include countries such as Mongolia, Peru and China. This year the Fund contributed \$100,000 to aid the National Wildlife Federation environmental education programs.

The beautiful Disney Wilderness Preserve in the Orlando area permanently conserves 12,000 acres of Everglades watershed and is a protected home to a vast number of endemic species. The rare red-cockaded woodpecker is being introduced onto the site, and visitors to the wilderness preserve can learn about Florida's environment and our role in it.

For the corporate commitment to conservation and sustainability, the Federation was pleased to name the Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund as its Corporate Conservationist of the Year for 2012.

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Moving onto the national stage, Graham was elected to the US Senate in 1986, and re-elected twice more. Governor Graham retired from the Senate in 2005 as one of our state's most beloved public figures.

Governor Graham's many years of public service have had one central focus: his love for his home state and her people. As Governor, he emphasized educational improvements at state universities and in other public institutions. He addressed economic diversification and the protection of the environment, launching the most extensive environmental program in the state's history up to that time. These efforts centered on the preservation of sensitive lands in the face of sprawling development, and thousands of acres of the "real Florida" were conserved during his watch. He was the architect of the Save Our Everglades program, which now involves not only the state, but also the federal government in a joint effort to protect and preserve this international treasure. He also pushed growth management efforts forward so as to protect our rural areas from sprawl. Moreover, his fabled "workdays," when he worked the jobs of average Floridians, kept him in touch with his constituents.

Bob Graham kept his commitment to Floridians as a US Senator. For three terms, he served on the environment and finance committees, and was also very active in veterans' affairs and foreign policy. Serving for 10 years on the Senate Intelligence Committee, he was the Chairman during and after the 9/11 tragedy.

Following his distinguished career in politics, Senator Graham taught at Harvard University and founded two centers to train Florida's future political leadership, one at the University of Florida and one at the University of Miami. The Bob Graham Center for Public Service at UF affords students not only an opportunity to learn critical thinking and statesmanship, but also allows them to gain real-world political experience.

In 2011, the Florida Legislature seemed intent upon dismantling many of the growth management and environmental protections that had helped preserve our quality of life and conserve our limited resources, especially our water. Some of these programs had been in effect for decades. Governor Graham was a leader in establishing the Florida Conservation Coalition to help mitigate the damage done by short-sighted elected officials. Today, Governor Graham continues speaking out on behalf of Florida's waters and conservation lands.

The Florida Wildlife Federation was honored to induct Governor Bob Graham into its Conservation Hall of Fame.

SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL RECOGNITION

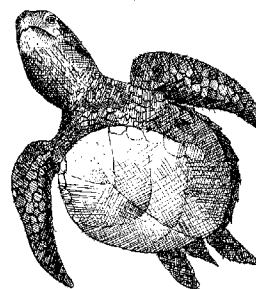
Alisa A. Coe



Alisa graduated from Tulane Law School with honors in 2002 and earned a Master of Studies in Environmental Law with highest honors from the Vermont Law School. She began her legal practice in New Orleans, uncovering air pollution violations at oil refineries and founding a general litigation firm with her sister handling cases across the country. In 2004, she joined the Florida office of Earthjustice as a litigator.

At Earthjustice, she sued a national waste disposal company and ended disposal of sewage sludge near neighborhoods in DeSoto County. Her lawsuit against Seminole Electric stopped a 50 percent expansion of their coal plant along the St. Johns River, eliminating additional mercury pollution. In Sarasota and Manatee counties, she sued over thirty industrial agricultural defendants and the water management district and forced the construction of state of the art, efficient irrigation water recycling systems. She serves as lead counsel for conservation groups in a two decades-old Everglades water pollution litigation, where she fought for more effective on-farm pollution control and helped kill a massive irrigation reservoir that was mischaracterized as a restoration project. Currently Alisa is litigating three cases that seek to keep Fisheating Creek open for public use, remove the Rodman Dam and restore the free-flowing Ocklawaha River.

The federation was pleased to award Alisa Coe with a Special Presidential Recognition for all of her hard work on behalf of Florida's environment.



FLORIDA WILDLIFE FEDERATION HALL OF FAME TWENTY-SECOND AND TWENTY-THIRD INDUCTEES

David Guest, Monica Reimer and Earthjustice



After graduating from the University of Chicago Law School in 1977, David Guest practiced civil rights law before working as an antitrust lawyer suing on behalf of consumers in complex class action cases. In 1984, while working for Bob Butterworth at the Florida Attorney General's Office, he turned his immense litigation skills to environmental law and never looked back. Since 1991, he has been the managing attorney of Earthjustice's Florida Office.

David has tried environmental cases for almost 30 years. He has for many years represented Florida Wildlife Federation and other organizations in Everglades and Lake Okeechobee protection efforts. He has taken on well-financed polluters and most recently, has worked on establishing numeric nutrient standards to stop water degradation. He has acted to protect groundwater resources with litigation geared towards developing minimum flows and levels for streams, lakes and aquifers. He spearheaded the Peace River litigation, in which he defended the state's publicly-owned waterways from claims of private ownership by phosphate companies, and the Fisheating Creek litigation which defended the public ownership of fabled Fisheating Creek.

Monica Reimer began her legal career as a researcher in 1987 when she was hired by David Guest to work on the Peace River litigation. She spent the next six years assisting in environmental cases, learning about the Seminole Wars, Florida cowboys, steamboats, the Works Project Administration and the

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reproduction of cypress trees. In 1993, she made up her mind to become an attorney, and in 1996, graduated with honors from Tulane Law School. Her first trial as an attorney, and one of her most rewarding, was the six-week trial resulting in a Glades County jury returning the verdict that Fisheating Creek was a publicly-owned waterway.

Working first with the Florida Attorney General's Office and then, since 2003, with Earthjustice, Monica has focused on protecting public ownership of the state's rivers and lakes and guarding the quality of those waters. She has also protected Indian River Lagoon islands from development, defended access to public beaches, and successfully defended the state against claims that Floridians owed an oil company \$2 billion because the state had denied a permit to drill for oil a few miles off the white sand beaches of St. George Island.

David Guest and Monica Reimer, on behalf of Earthjustice, have represented the Federation well in numerous cases against those who would take public land or despoil what is our birthright as Floridians. It is with great pride that we inducted David Guest and Monica Reimer, as well as Earthjustice, into the Florida Wildlife Federation's Conservation Hall of Fame this year.

FLORIDA WILDLIFE FEDERATION HALL OF FAME TWENTY- FOURTH INDUCTEE

Juanita Greene



Born in southern Louisiana, Juanita Greene moved to Tampa in 1945, where she worked in the newsroom of the *Tampa Times*. Later, as a writer on the *Daytona News Journal*, she came to learn about the growing problem of public access to the state's beaches. In 1956, she was asked to join the staff of the *Miami Herald*, and spent the following ten years covering federal, state and city

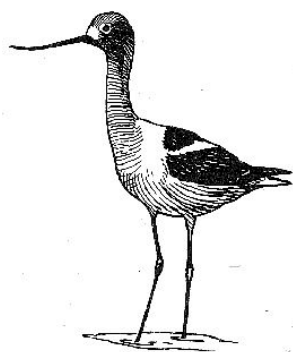
government, as well as local news.

In the mid-1960's, Juanita was present at the Florida Cabinet meeting where the purchase of what would become the Holeyland Wildlife Management Area was being discussed. Also at the meeting was the iconic Marjorie Stoneman Douglas, who received a standing ovation for her talk in favor of acquisition. Juanita and Marjorie became lifelong friends and partners in Everglades protection efforts.

By 1969, Juanita had managed to get the *Herald* to run a series of informational articles about the plight of Biscayne Bay in the face of continuing development. Indeed, some were planning on turning the Bay islands into a new city, Islandia, and dredging had begun for this misguided concept. This series of articles lent great credence to the movement that eventually saved the Bay as a National Park in 1980, and which now protects 173,000 land and water acres in Miami-Dade County. She continued with the *Herald*, serving on the editorial board until her retirement in 1987. She then relocated to the Florida Keys, and eventually to Tallahassee.

Juanita maintained her advocacy for Florida's natural places following her newspaper career. She was involved with the Isaac Walton League, and spent many years on the board of the Friends of the Everglades to promote conservation and restoration of her beloved River of Grass. Juanita Greene had the vision to understand that preservation of this wilderness really meant preservation of humans as well as Florida's natural resources. Juanita's long-standing efforts have been memorialized in the Ken Burns' film *Our National Parks: America's Best Idea*.

The Federation was honored to induct Juanita Greene into the Florida Wildlife Federation's Conservation Hall of Fame.



Jay Liles
FWF Policy Consultant

Passage of RESTORE Act will help rebuild Gulf Coast ecosystems and economy

June 29, 2012 was a day that we may all look back on as the day our US Congress finally made good on its commitment to restore the Gulf of Mexico, in response to the BP disaster of April 2010. It was on this date that Congress passed the "Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economy of the Gulf Coast Act" – Public Law 112-141 and what we have all come to know as the RESTORE Act.

As FWF President Manley Fuller said at a recent press conference held in Tampa with U S Senator Bill Nelson, "Today is a *good* day for the Gulf of Mexico!" Indeed, this legislation holds the promise of not only restoring the Gulf, but can lead to a better understanding of the many influences that impact the Gulf environment and its fisheries. It can and should lead to a more resilient, sustainable and vibrant Gulf and provide for a robust regional economy that depends on the Gulf for energy, food, tourism and recreation.

The RESTORE Act dedicates 80 percent of the Clean Water Act fines from BP and other parties responsible for the 2010 gulf oil spill to restoring the Gulf Coast environment and economy. How much that will mean has yet to be determined but the sums are on an order not seen before in the annals of environmental policy. At the low end, projections range from \$5 to 10 billion to be spent from Texas to Florida. Depending on either the results of settlement negotiations or a court's order, the fines could range as high as \$20-25 billion. Under any scenario, it presents an opportunity to re-envision the Gulf Coast region on a scale never seen before.

Without passage of the RESTORE Act, these fines would have been paid into the federal treasury and likely never would have benefited restoration of the Gulf Region. This funding, paid by those who are

responsible for the largest environmental disaster in American history, will go for Gulf restoration that is above and beyond the direct damage done by the spill.

In offering his congratulations to Senator Nelson and the other members of Congress who worked so hard to achieve this unprecedented victory, Fuller had this to say, "With the passage of the RESTORE Act we can begin investing in and renewing Florida's Gulf Coast environment and economic health. It is critically important to dedicate these funds to lasting and sustainable restoration of the Gulf Coast, our shorelines and coastal watersheds that will benefit recreational and commercial fishing. On behalf of the Florida Wildlife Federation, we applaud Senator Bill Nelson and his outstanding staff, the other conferees and cosponsors for seeing this critical legislation to the finish line."

In addition to restoring ecosystems and communities, a recent report by Mather Economics estimates that spending \$1.5 billion per year in coastal wetland restoration would create 57,000 new jobs in the first 10 years. Funding for such projects will be made possible through the RESTORE Act. These jobs will not only rejuvenate an ailing economy but also revitalize our valuable natural resources.

"Now that the RESTORE Act has passed, we can get to work identifying and implementing projects to restore the marine resources and coastal habitats of the Gulf of Mexico," said David White, director of the National Wildlife Federation's Gulf of Mexico restoration campaign. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have the funding necessary to rebuild marine fisheries, improve water quality at our beaches and estuaries, and help our coastal communities by restoring habitats that will help buffer them from storms and rising sea levels," he added. "A priority for us will be to identify restoration projects that will strengthen local economies by creating jobs and diversifying economic opportunities for commercial and recreational fishing and other tourism-related businesses," White said.

White, who also serves as a member of the Florida Wildlife Federation's Board of Directors, has already begun to meet with stakeholders throughout the five-state region to begin the process of identifying projects that meet restoration goals. In Florida the bill benefits all of the counties which touch the Gulf as part of two classes of counties eligible for funding – those "disproportionally impacted" by the spill (from Wakulla west to Escambia) and those lying on the Gulf Coast from Monroe County north.

Nominee Profiles for District Directors

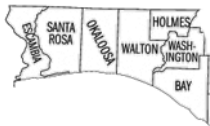
"Eight District Directors (one for each district) shall be elected by the Individual Associate and Corporate or Business members. Nominations for those eight District Directors shall be published to the Individual Associate and Corporate or Business members in the form of a ballot at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting. Such ballots shall be received by the Federation's principal place of business no later than fifteen days prior to the annual meeting; otherwise, the votes on such ballots shall not be counted. The ballots shall be tabulated by the Federation's employees, verified by the Organizational Affairs Committee, and announced at the conclusion of the other elections. The eight District Directors so elected shall be the nominees who received the most votes and neither declined their nomination nor were elected to another office or directorship." – FWF Bylaws, article XI, section B – as amended September, 2005.

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NORTHWEST REGION

DISTRICT I



Name: **Glenn Griffith**

Residence: Pensacola

Years of Florida Residence: 53

Occupation: Escambia County Brownfields Coordinator

Hobbies and Conservation Interests: boating/canoeing/kayaking, camping, SCUBA diving/snorkeling, freshwater & saltwater fishing, hunting, conservation education, bird-watching/nature photography, cycling/hiking, gardening/habitat restoration

Other club/organization affiliations: Board Member Northern Gulf Coast Chapter of USGBC, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), founding member of Escambia/Santa Rosa Environmental Education Coordination Team EECT and Resource Rangers Club, Creator and host of the multi award winning environmental education TV series "The Resource Ranger"

Goals: My goals for serving on the FWF Board will be to create a greater public awareness and education for Florida's natural environment, to instill an ownership mentality of the populace as a whole. I believe that if people understand that they have a stake in the welfare of our state, and a voice that can have an effect, then more people will become engaged in the fight to protect our beautiful state. I also hope to contribute to the protection, preservation and/or conservation of the state's natural resources and I would like to affect some positive change for the economic models and policies that I believe have created the problems we face today.

DISTRICT II



Name: **Lou Kellenberger**

Residence: Tallahassee

Years of Florida Residence: 24

Occupation: Retired Financial Advisor

Hobbies and Conservation Interests: Environmental activism/lobbying, conservation education, bird watching/nature photography, fundraising/donor development

Other Club/Organization Affiliations: St. Marks Refuge Association - Director, Friends of Wakulla Springs State Park - Director, Friends of Maclay Gardens State Park - Director.

Goals: As a conservation photographer I feel I can help the Florida Wildlife Federation build awareness of protecting our natural resources and wildlife. Pictures can help others appreciate the natural beauty of our environment and garner support for all types of conservation efforts. The Federation is the leading conservation organization in Florida and I think I can use my experience with photography and other nature groups to contribute to the Federation's activities.

Name: **Diane Roberts**

Residence: Tallahassee

Years of Florida Residence: Entire Life

Occupation: Professor of Creative Writing and Literature, Florida State University; writer, journalist with various newspapers and magazines (St. Petersburg Times, Washington Post); National Public Radio commentator and BBC contributor.

Hobbies and Conservation Interests:

Environmental Activism & Lobbying/Conservation Education/Fundraising & Donor Development/ Gardening/Habitat Restoration

Other Club/Organization Affiliations:

Tiger Bay Club (Tallahassee), Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Kappa Sorority, Red Hills Writers group, Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honoray

Goals: As an 8th generation Floridian, I find that if I can tell the story of a place—the swamps near Smith Creek where my father was born, the green banks of the Chipola where my mother comes from, or the northern Gulf coast where I spent summers as a child—it becomes that much harder for people to ignore the potential destruction of that place. That's what I've tried to do in *DreamState*, my book on Florida, and in my journalism, and it's what I would do as a director of FWF. I want to get the word out about FWF in a positive way that demonstrates to everyone that we all have a stake in preserving our waters

and wild places.

DISTRICT III



Name: **Richard Hamann**

Residence: Gainesville

Years of Florida Residence: All

Occupation: Attorney/faculty at UF

Hobbies and Conservation Interests: boating/canoeing/kayaking, camping, scuba diving/snorkeling, freshwater fishing, saltwater fishing, hunting, environmental activism/lobbying, bird watching/nature photography, gardening/habitat restoration

Other Club/Organization Affiliations: Florida Defenders of the Environment; Alachua Conservation Trust; University of Florida, Levin College of Law; St. Johns River Water Management District

Goals: With my background in environmental law and policy, I can help FWF focus its limited resources on those issues likely to yield the greatest conservation benefit.

DISTRICT IV



Name: **Matt Kenyon**

Residence: Jacksonville

Years of Florida Residence: 53

Occupation: General contractor + solar energy developer

Hobbies and Conservation Interests: boating/canoeing/kayaking, scuba diving/snorkeling, saltwater fishing, hunting, conservation education, bird watching/nature photography, gardening/ habitat restoration

Other Club/Organization Affiliations: CNL Band Director, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, Sacred Heart Catholic Church BLDG committee, Florida Youth Hunter Participant

Goals: To bring a fresh innovative approach to support the goals and strategic objectives of FWF.

Name: **Steve O'Hara**

Residence: Jacksonville

Years of Florida Residence: 62

Occupation: Attorney

Hobbies and Conservation Interests: Boating/Canoeing/Kayaking, Freshwater Fishing, Saltwater Fishing, Hunting, Cycling/Hiking

Other Club/Organization Affiliations: North Florida Chapter, Safari Club International

Goals: The Florida Wildlife Federation is the most effective statewide conservation organization in Florida. My goal is to keep it that way. Toward that end, I would hope to promote membership and fundraising development. As far for conservation activities, my primary interests are wildlife corridors, public land acquisition, and recreational access.

CENTRAL REGION

DISTRICT V



Name: **Jay Exum**

Residence: Longwood

Years of Florida Residence: 27

Occupation: Consulting ecologist

Hobbies and Conservation Interests: boating/canoeing/kayaking, camping, scuba diving/snorkeling, hunting, environmental activism/lobbying, conservation education, bird watching/nature photography, cycling/hiking, gardening/habitat restoration

Other Club/Organization Affiliations: Past president; Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Past president, current Board member; Friends of the Wekiva River (FOWR).

Goals: Working on local environmental issues with the FOWR, and representing professional biologists at the state and national level has given me great personal satisfaction. I believe that FWF provides a forum for me to help influence resource conservation across Florida. My technical expertise and experience with environmental issues from the panhandle to the Everglades provides me with a context that could be of benefit to the Board of Directors. My goals for future conservation activities would be to seek ways to enhance appreciation of the state's biological diversity, and to ensure protection of a network of conservation and agricultural lands across the state.

Name: **Bob Taylor**

Residence: Lake Hamilton

Years of Florida Residence: 13 + 5 + 21

Occupation: Biomedical scientist (professor emeritus – Univ. of Tennessee College of Medicine)

Hobbies and Conservation Interests: boating/canoeing/kayaking, camping,

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scuba diving/snorkeling, freshwater fishing, saltwater fishing, hunting, environmental activism/lobbying, conservation education, cycling/hiking

Other club/organization affiliations: Ancient Islands Group of Florida Sierra, member for about 29 years, past-chair, and excom member, Ducks Unlimited for many years, Volunteer at Circle B Bar Reserve

Goals: A native of Polk County, I spent my first 13 years there before moving to Atlanta. Much of my early life in both Florida and Georgia was spent in the woods or on local lakes and streams with my father on hunting and fishing trips and acquiring a love of the outdoors has continued for the remainder of my life. I returned to Florida for graduate study at the UF's newly opened College of Medicine before moving out of state to pursue a 30 year career in science and education. Following retirement in 1992, I returned to Polk County. My goals as a director of FWF will be to assist in fund raising by hand crafting-nesting boxes for cavity nesting birds with all derived income going to support the activities of FWF. At the local level, I plan to engage in public activities that promote a love for the wonders of nature.

Name: **Jim M. Thomas**

Residence: Winter Garden

Years of Florida Residence: 70+

Occupation: Environmental consultant, biologist

Hobbies and Conservation Interests: freshwater fishing, saltwater fishing, environmental activism, conservation education, SCUBA diving/snorkeling, birding/nature photography and gardening/habitat restoration.

Other club/organization affiliations: Friends of the Wekiva River; Vice President - Friends of Lake Apopka; President - Oakland Nature Preserve; FL Native Plant Society, Audubon Society, Pollution Control Board - Reedy Creek Improvement District; Vice President - The Henry Nehrling Society

Goals: I feel FWF can be very effective in several areas of conservation and environmental protection. Environmental education in school curricula would be my first objective since many areas have weak programs. The hunting and fishing interests within our group could be combined with scientific interests to present a realistic and interesting series to give students a balanced program.

The Federation also has qualified people who can exert considerable influence over the protection of environmentally sensitive lands through acquisition programs and FWF could be a very positive support to their efforts.

Education of the public about environmental issues such as land management, stormwater treatment, landscaping for habitat goals, ecologic restoration programs, and the importance of greenways and corridors should be on-going programs.

Assistance in the development and oversight of an effective ecotourism certification program for the state is another area where I feel the Federation could be effective.

DISTRICT VI

Name: **Ann Vanek-Dasovich**

Residence: Tampa

Years of Florida Residence: 34

Occupation: Consultant - Media and Public
Hobbies and Conservation Interests: boating/canoeing/kayaking, camping, scuba diving/snorkeling, freshwater fishing, saltwater fishing, hunting, environmental activism/lobbying, conservation education, bird watching/nature photography, cycling/hiking, fundraising/donor development, gardening/habitat restoration

Goals: I have served on the Board of Directors since 1999. Since that time, I have seen the Federation grow in terms of both membership and influence. As a Director, I have assisted in writing numerous successful grants and have served on the Education, Fundraising and Bylaws committees. I was appointed by Governor Bush to serve on the Wekiva Basin Area Task Force and served on the Climate Change Action Group under Governor Crist. However, serving the Federation has been the biggest honor and I hope to continue to serve both the Federation and the Florida conservation community.

Name: **David White**

Residence: St. Petersburg

Years of Florida Residence: 40

Occupation: Public Interest Environmental Lawyer

Hobbies and Conservation Interests: boating/canoeing/kayaking, camping, scuba diving/snorkeling, freshwater fishing, saltwater fishing, environmental activism/lobbying, conservation education, bird watching/nature photography, cycling/hiking, gardening/habitat restoration

Other Club/Organization Affiliations: Director, Everglades Law Center

Goals: For 25 years I have been associated with the Florida Wildlife Federation as an attorney, advisor, or Board Member. FWF is the most effective conservation organization in the state because of a combination of dedicated staff, committed Board Members, and a solid track record of proven conservation successes. I will work to support the Federation's conservation priorities, help design and implement strategies for success, help find the resources necessary to make the Federation financially secure, and assist in cultivating and mentoring new leadership so that the next generation will be able to lead in years to come.

SOUTHERN REGION

DISTRICT VII

Name: **Terry Gibson**

Residence: Jensen Beach

Years of Florida Residence: 38

Occupation: President of North Swell Media, LLC

Hobbies and Conservation Interests: boating/canoeing/kayaking, camping, scuba diving/snorkeling, freshwater fishing, saltwater fishing, hunting, environmental activism/lobbying, conservation education, bird watching/nature photography

Other Club/Organization Affiliations: Surfrider Foundation, Indian Riverkeeper, Snook and Gamefish Foundation

Goals: 1. Develop a stronger presence in fisheries management. 2. Provide media consulting, pro bono. 3. Identify funding and partners. 4. Develop bridges between environmentalists and sportsman. 5. Contribute lobbying skills.

Name: **Martha Musgrove**

Residence: West Palm Beach

Years of Florida Residence: 70+

Occupation: Retired journalist

Hobbies and Conservation Interests: environmental activism & lobbying, conservation education, bird watching/nature photography, gardening/habitat restoration, reading

Other Club/Organization Affiliations: Arthur R. Marshall Foundation, advisory council board member. Florida Conservation Coalition. Gale Academy of Environmental Science and Technology at Forest Hill Community High School (West Palm Beach), director and past president. National Wildlife Refuge Association. Association of Opinion Journalists (formerly National Conference of Editorial Writers).

Goals: The restoration of Florida's Everglades, including Lake Okeechobee, is my passion. It is a task that requires consistent and strong advocacy for cleaning up South Florida's fresh-and salt-water resources, protecting its fisheries and wildlife, and ensuring good management of public lands. For 75 years the Florida Wildlife Federation has been leading the effort to preserve Florida's natural heritage and to maintain public access to public lands. All of us can be proud of that record, but there is still much to be done. As a regional director, I will continue my advocacy and efforts to increase the number of South Florida members and affiliates.

Name: **Linda Stanley**

Residence: West Palm Beach

Years of Florida Residence: 68

Occupation: Conservation Volunteer

Hobbies and Conservation Interests: boating/canoeing/kayaking, camping, freshwater fishing, saltwater fishing, environmental activism/lobbying, conservation education, bird watching/nature photography, flying

Other Club/Organization Affiliations: Defenders of the Environment (Ocklawaha River Restoration), Friends of Corbett and the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp, ET AL.

Goals: As a longstanding member of the FWF and a steward of our natural resources, I have pledged to support the sound management of these resources, the restoration of resources that have been despoiled and the safe-keeping of significant resources for posterity. I believe that conservation education is key to accomplishing these goals and plan to continue my support of the FWF's efforts along these lines, as well as others.

DISTRICT VIII

Name: **Franklin Adams**

Residence: Naples

Years of Florida Residence: 70+

Occupation: Fishing and Eco-tour Guide

Hobbies and Conservation Interests: boating/canoeing/kayaking, camping, freshwater fishing, saltwater fishing, hunting, environmental activism/lobbying, conservation education, bird watching/nature photography, cycling/hiking, fundraising/donor development

Other Club/Organization Affiliations: National Wildlife Federation, Audubon of Florida, Collier Audubon, Collier Sportsmen's & Conservation Club, Earthjustice, NRDC, Ducks Unlimited, Izaak Walton Leage, Putnam County Environmental Council

Goals: FWF has always been well represented by strong grassroots advocates state wide. I want to continue in that traditional conservation work while supporting our very professional and dedicated staff in our three offices. In order to do so we must all do what we can individually to generate financial support in order to accomplish our mission and conservation goals. I strongly support the public's right to access and enjoy Florida's public lands in a responsible and respectful manner. When the public can recreate in a special place you have a constituency that will fight to preserve and protect these places into the future.

Name: **Ned Stone**

Residence: Ft. Lauderdale

Years of Florida Residence: 50+

Occupation: Boat Captain, Fishing Guide

Hobbies and Conservation Interests: boating/canoeing/kayaking, scuba diving/snorkeling, freshwater fishing, saltwater fishing, cycling & hiking, bird watching/nature photography, gardening/habitat restoration, environmental activism/lobbying, fundraising/donor development

Other Club/Organization Affiliations: Sierra Club, IGFA, The Billfish Foundation, 1000 Friends of Florida

Goals: Habitat Loss and Offshore Oil Drilling seriously threaten our environment.

As a former Real Estate Analyst I understand the dynamics of the real estate industry. I can make valid economic arguments that challenge the Pro-growth philosophy that infects Florida. Similarly there are strong economic arguments that can be made against off-shore drilling.

One of my goals is to assist the staff in making the case that our concerns are not just about "Birds and Butterflies" but also, about dollars and cents. I have enjoyed good relations with the media and would use them to promote FWF's message.

As a Florida Native with a deep sense of love and pride in our state I have seen a half century's worth of change, almost all of it BAD. The Florida Wildlife Federation has long fought to protect our natural resources. I would be proud to help further that mission.

Bobby Boone 1936-2012

BOONE, Robert (Bobby) Boone, 75 of Freeport, Florida passed away June 27 at Ochsner Medical Center in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was waiting for a liver transplant at the time of his death. Born October 14, 1936, in Montgomery, Alabama, Bobby graduated from Sidney Lanier High School in 1955 and attended Auburn University. During his senior year, he led the Lanier High School Marching band as drum major. After college he joined the Alabama Air National Guard and started working for WSFA-TV in the production department. In 1961 his unit, the 187th TAC Reconnaissance Group, was called to active duty during the Berlin Crisis, and he served on active duty until 1962. After his release from active duty with the [United States Air Force](#), Bobby became a full-time member of the Alabama Air Guard. In 1966 he received a commission as a Second Lieutenant, and at the same time accepted a position as director of public information with the State of Alabama, Department of Conservation. He continued serving as a member of the Alabama Air Guard, and retired as a Major. In 1973, he became director of public relations for the Alabama Petroleum Council in Montgomery, a position he held until 1975, when he was promoted to assistant director for the American Petroleum Council in Atlanta. In 1978, Bobby joined Gulf Oil Corporation in Atlanta and worked as director of that company's regional public affairs office until Chevron acquired Gulf in 1985. He continued with Chevron as Southern Region Director of Public Affairs in Atlanta until his retirement in 1999. Bobby Boone loved nature and spending time outdoors. He was happiest hunting, fishing and sharing the experience with his wife, daughter and friends. He holds the record for catching the largest Warsaw Grouper of 310 lbs. in the 1999 Destin Fishing Rodeo. He was an accomplished photographer whose photographs have been widely published. His most famous photograph was taken of former Governor Lurleen Wallace holding a wild turkey she had killed while hunting with Bobby. Bobby is survived by his devoted and loving wife Deanna (Deedee) C. Boone, a daughter Alison Boone Hildebrant, her husband Steve, a granddaughter, Anne Marie of Monticello, Georgia, a stepson Shawn Regan, his wife Cassandra, grandchildren, Cheyenne Regan, Austin Regan and Savanna Regan of Crestview, Florida. He was preceded in death by his first wife Margaret Anne, and his parents, Robert Newton and Flora Clark Boone. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to the Florida Wildlife Federation, P.O. Box 6870, Tallahassee, FL 32413-6870. (Published in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution on July 5, 2012)

Florida Wildlife Federation was represented at his funeral by Ted Everett, FWF Director who spoke in his memory.



Bobby and Deedee Boone attending 2004 FWF Annual Awards Banquet. Bobby served on the FWF board of directors for five years, 2004-2009.

A tremendous member and supporter of the Florida Wildlife Federation, Bobby will be greatly missed by his many friends in the Florida Wildlife Federation.

Major Louis F. Gainey 1922-2012

Major Louis F. Gainey, FWC Everglades Regional Manager, died April 3, 2012.

Florida lost a truly outstanding wildlife biologist and our country lost a great World War II veteran and survivor of the "Battle of the Bulge" when Major Louis F. Gainey died April 3, 2012. We are grateful that his wife, Katherine, and the entire family shared Lou's time with his wildlife coworkers. Many friends and fellow professionals continue to promote Lou's legacy of scientific wildlife stewardship for South Florida. By working with diverse interest groups and forming coalitions, Lou accomplished far more than agency manpower and resources would have allowed. In 1970, the forerunner of the FWC was the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC); Lou served as regional manager in charge of field operations. Regional meetings were common and Christmas parties at the Everglades Youth camp were well attended.



The Everglades Youth Camp was built and operated for many years under Lou's direction and guidance. Truly a team effort, the Youth camp was built with help from Airboat and Half-Track Conservation clubs, the Wildlife Conservation League, individual Federation members and game wardens. Lou continued to work closely with local clubs and the FWF throughout the rest of his career. He met regularly with the Everglades Coordinating Council and attended most Federation events. Fakahatchee Strand, the Rotenberger Tract, Brown's Farm and the Big Cypress were all acquired during the 1970s. In the 1950's, Lou worked on Wildlife Management Areas throughout Southwest Florida. In 1958, Devil's Garden and Big Cypress were WMA's in the sparsely populated region of Southwest Florida. Today they comprise all or parts of Picayune Strand State Forest, Okaloacoochee Slough, CREW WEA, and Big Cypress National Preserve. When concerns were focused on the Everglades deer herd, Lou guided efforts to minimize adverse impacts of high water. His calm demeanor and focus on the resource helped everyone search for and agree on the best solution. It is clear that deer are dependent on healthy tree island communities. For those who travel I-75 across the Everglades, a glimmer of hope is revealed by looking North over the sawgrass marsh in the vicinity of the Miami Canal. Numerous tree islands dot the landscape; many of the trees observed on these 'islands' were actually planted during the 1970's. Major Gainey was instrumental in organizing volunteers for these planting details. He also knew how to use a shovel and was a frequent participant. The values and strategies Lou stressed in an earlier time serve us well as we prepare for tomorrow. We are confident that Lou's personal values as well as his wildlife legacy will endure and flourish. Major and Katherine Gainey, Thank you. (Article by Jim Schortemeyer)

LOUIS FRANKLIN GAINNEY, Sr. "Lou". Born in Start, LA on November 18, 1922, Lou was the son of William Riley Gainey and Katie Clack Gainey. The oldest of three children, he is preceded by his sister, Ethel Word and his daughter, Karen Gainey. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Katharine Cocke Gainey; his brother, William Gainey; his sons, Louis F. Gainey, Jr. (Anne Marie), David M. Gainey, Daniel P. Gainey, and daughter, Jane Gainey Mailhes (Sid); his grandchildren, David Gainey, Jr., Jennifer Gainey Harris, Melanie Gainey, Josh Gainey, Thomas Gainey, Erin Gainey, and Grant Mailhes; and his great-grandchildren, Max Gainey, Gracie Harris, and Vance Harris. He attended [Louisiana State University](#) and earned a Bachelors Degree in Forestry and a Masters Degree in Game Management. He proudly served our country during [World War II](#) in the US Army Specialized Training Corps, as well as the K Company of the US Army 99th Infantry Division. He successfully fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded the Victory Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He served the State of Florida as Regional Director of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and as a Wildlife Biologist for 32 years. After retirement he was named Regional Director of Ducks Unlimited for South Florida until 1988. An avid hunter until the very end, he was actively involved in multiple hunting organizations, clubs, and leases. Friends can make donations to Pine Jog/FAU Everglades Youth Camp, 6301 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33415. (Published in The Palm Beach Post on April 4, 2012)

Camera Appeal a Success! Thank you!!

Florida Wildlife Federation is conducting an online appeal to raise money to purchase field cameras to aid the monitoring of Florida panthers by the Florida Gulf Coast University Panther Posse and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. <http://www.fwfonline.org/Fundraising/Panther-Project/Document-FL-Panthers.aspx>

What a great response! Thank you to all who have contributed including a very generous gift of \$1000 from one donor. As the newsletter goes to press, \$1805 has been donated towards our original goal of \$1000. Due to the wonderful support for this effort, we are hoping to raise enough for a second camera.

Each camera costs \$685 and \$315 purchases six months of gas to retrieve photos from these cameras and other cameras located on conservation lands across southwest Florida.

It is a 100 mile round trip drive to check the field cameras.

These candid photos provide important scientific data and are a handy tool for nature education. Photos also

- Document what species of wildlife are using underpasses and roaming conservation lands.

- Document how often an underpass is used.

- Enable Florida panther biologists to monitor or become aware of specific panthers including injured panthers and mothers with kittens.

- Provide a humane alternative and far less expensive way to study panthers and their movements.

- Allow the public to see and appreciate these magnificent wild cats and other native wildlife living in their natural habitats.

- Help Florida Wildlife Federation's advocacy and education campaigns that promote the recovery of the Florida panther and protection of all native wildlife.

Every dollar counts. Please consider giving \$5, \$10, \$125 or more. To donate, please go to <http://www.fwfonline.org/Fundraising/Panther-Project/Document-FL-Panthers.aspx> or mail a donation to FWF Panther Camera, PO Box 6870, Tallahassee, FL 32314.



Florida panther entering a crossing under SR 29 near Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge and Big Cypress National Preserve. This photo is unusual due to the angle of the sunlight, making it more like a painting than a candid shot.

CREDIT: FGCU Panther Panther Posse



Comments from Facebook about the Camera Appeal:

Carol: love those pics of big cats!

Jeffery: These big cats have come back from the razor's edge of extinction, but they still need our help. I will match up to \$100 in donations from any of my Facebook friends who contribute, be it \$1 or \$100. Just post your contribution below. Thank you all, Jeff

Kim: Yep, just sent a donation. Thanks for all you do for Florida's wildlife.

Calvin: Thanks for sharing. I never get tired of looking at wild life.

Conservation Calendar

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

Please fill out and return the ballot for FWF District Directors on page 2. Submissions must be postmarked by September 7, 2012, or you may vote online at www.fwfonline.org/ballot/ballot.aspx.

September 5-6, 2012

FWC Commission Meeting
Tampa

www.myFWC.com/about/commission

September 21-23, 2012

FWF Board/House of Delegates

Annual Business Meeting
Palm Beach Gardens
dhines@fwfonline.org

November 6, 2012

Election Day, VOTE!!

November 28-29, 2012

FWC Commission Meeting
Apalachicola

www.myFWC.com/about/commission

January 5-6, 2013

Annual Everglades Coalition Conference

The Biltmore, Coral Gables
www.evergladescoalition.org

January 5-6, 2013

FWF Board of Directors Meeting
Location to be determined

Florida Wildlife Federation "FWF"

We welcome you!

To join FWF, a conservation organization dedicated for 75+ years to the health of Florida's fish and wildlife, its waters, native habitats, and sustainable outdoor recreation. We support scientifically based, professional management of natural resources and nature based recreation including hunting and fishing. Ecosystem restoration and recovery of depleted species are also primary objectives. We appreciate your support! Please join today!

Yes! I want to join Florida Wildlife Federation in promoting conservation of Florida's natural treasures and the enjoyment of our Great Outdoors! You will receive our publication *Florida Fish and Wildlife News* and periodic conservation updates by mail or email. Thank you.

<input type="checkbox"/> Student.....\$15 <input type="checkbox"/> Associate\$25 <input type="checkbox"/> Family.....\$35 <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining\$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor.....\$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member.....\$500 <input type="checkbox"/> Eagle Club Member\$1000 <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Legacy Club ...\$5000+	<p>Please send completed form with check, money order, or credit card information to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Florida Wildlife Federation PO Box 6870 Tallahassee, FL 32314</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>Join or Donate online at: www.fwfonline.org</p>
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