



Southwest Florida Branch

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The Southwest Florida Branch has continued our tradition of holding monthly breakfast meetings throughout the past quarter.

In February David Bearce, the Southwest Florida Regional Vice President for Engineering Consultant Services presented on Pressure Meter Engineering to gain a better understanding on the allowable bearing capacities available from different soil types and how it relates to the expected settlement performance on foundations in those soils. March included a presentation by Ralph Verrastro on "Everything you always wanted to know about bridges". Just this last week we had our April meeting which included a presentation on APWA initiatives and a review of available APWA resources to enhance leadership skills, career development, and field operations conducted by Robert Garland.

In addition to the monthly breakfast meetings, our annual Clay Shoot Scholarship Fundraiser was conducted in February 2026 and had a successful turnout.

Furthermore, our branch has remained committed to community service by participating in the Adopt-a-Road program, regularly picking up litter along Daniels Parkway.

This concludes the report for the Southwest Florida Branch for the preceding quarter.

Respectfully submitted,

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