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The Emerald Coast Branch continues to hold combined meetings with the Panama City Post of Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), Emerald Coast Chapter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), the Florida Engineering Society – Panama City Branch (FES) and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). This past quarter we held three joint meetings.

On January 20th we held a joint meeting at the City's Oakland Terrace Facility where Craig Rutland, Airfield Pavement Expert for the US Air and Space Force gave a presentation titled "Pivot to the Pacific". This presentation covered revitalizing abandoned World War II airfields in the Pacific.

On February 19, our group celebrated National Engineer's week with a banquet at the Grand Marlin in Panama City Beach. Guest Speaker was Ben Morman, Chief Operating Officer of the Bay Economic Development Alliance. His presentation was about Bringing Business to Bay County a look at recruitment efforts across the manufacturing, aviation, aerospace, and logistics sectors.

On March 25th, Mr. Madison Mr. Madison Harrell, Florida Dept of Transportation, District 3; and Mr. Darrel Burnett of Metric Engineering Gave a presentation referred to as "Getting Around Town". This was a presentation on upcoming major road and bridge projects in our area to include an emphasis on the under-construction DuPont Bridge. The lunch sponsor was the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE).

On April 21st our group will sponsor annual Industry Day. During this event we will hear the latest agency updates, learn from expert speakers, and make valuable new networking connections! Agency speakers include the Air Force, Navy, USACE, VA, and GSA. Special presentations include advances in AI Technology, as well as a presentation on Corporate Leadership by Dr. Gary White. The agenda will also include a tour of the reconstruction of Tyndall Airforce Base that was devastated by Hurricane Michael. The icebreaker is a Topgolf Tournament scheduled the night before.

Respectfully submitted,

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