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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 April 21st our combined group sponsored annual Industry Day. During this event we heard the latest agency updates presented by expert speakers. This event provided networking connections with agency and industry leaders, including the Air Force, Navy, USACE, VA, and GSA. Special presentations included advances in AI Technology, as well as a presentation on Corporate Leadership by Dr. Gary White. The agenda included a tour of the reconstruction of Tyndall Airforce Base that was devastated by Hurricane Michael. The icebreaker was a Topgolf Tournament the night before.

On April 25th, Mr. Madison Harrell from the 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 of the DuPont Bridge that spans the entrance to East Bay of St, Andrews Bay. The lunch sponsor was the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE).

On June 18th, Mr. Nate Hillard, Vice President of the Water Division at Wharton-Smith, presented a discussion on "Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Project Execution;" representing a look at schedule risks and cost risks associated with construction projects. Wharton-Smith also sponsored the lunch for the over 100 guests that attended.

Respectfully submitted,

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