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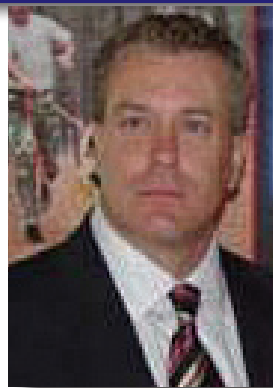
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A new year is upon us, and I want to start off by thanking immediate Past President Cornita Riley, her board, and host committee for making this a most memorable year. The conference in Bonita Springs was a perfect ending to a great year. The four-day event was a wonderful opportunity to come together and receive great training, celebrate the achievements of the past year, and share in fellowship with other like-minded correctional law enforcement colleagues and friends.

This year, like the last couple of years, we find ourselves in the midst of serious financial difficulties. With paychecks remaining stagnant but the cost of living continuing to go up, most American families have to make tough decisions on how their money is spent. State and local government is no different.

Due to having to tighten budgets and make tough decisions on whether to keep programs and/or people, there is little hope of support in the form of government funding this year for our group. In fact, the days of agencies sending employees to the training institute on per diem or commuter status may be over. That's why it's more important now than ever for each and every chapter to maintain or improve its financial standing.

My top priority for the upcoming year is to financially strengthen struggling chapters and revive chapters on the brink of extinction. This process began at the first quarterly board meeting when a greater emphasis was focused on chapter presidents in the form of information sharing and training. We'll continue to do this at each board meeting, setting aside time for chapter presidents, liaisons and executive board members to get together to share information and best practices.



Patrick Finan
State President

As you know, training and community service is the cornerstone of this organization. My goal is to continue in that tradition by striving to provide the best quality training available to this membership. My belief is that training must not only be timely and pertinent to our jobs, but more importantly, training should be based on the concept of officer safety first.

In the realm of community service, the organization will tackle three projects: The first project has just completed, and I'm proud to say the partnership between the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency, the Florida Department of Corrections, and other state and local agencies was a huge success. Together we raised over \$85,000 during the recent Light the Night Walk Campaign. Congratulations and thank you!

The second is very near and dear to my heart, and hopefully, you'll find it as rewarding as I do. I propose that we join forces to make this year's Special Olympics Florida Law Enforcement Torch Run the largest in terms of participation and funds raised. There are three ways we can accomplish this:

The first is to register your chapter to participate in the upcoming Special Olympics' Polar Plunge. The second is to purchase Law Enforcement Torch Run Merchandise and run in your local Torch Run this spring. Finally, I ask that you join me and participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg and Opening Ceremony of the Special Olympics' Summer Games on May 13th at Disney's Wide World of Sports. This event will coincide with the 3rd Quarterly Board Meeting held at the Hilton Orlando, May 13th-14th.

Lastly, but most importantly, I want to thank you for your hard work and support in making FCCD an organization we can all be proud of. In closing, on behalf of myself and the executive board, I want to wish you a wonderful holiday season.

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On behalf of the Chapter Presidents' Liaison Committee, we hope this message finds you fully engaged in activities that support the upcoming holidays. This is a great time of year for your chapter to make a profound impact on the lives of others.

There are more folks now struggling to provide daily basics than we have probably seen in a lifetime. The economy has affected folks that never thought they would need assistance.

And to add to the stress, 'tis the season' when families become deeply overwhelmed with the thought of trying to provide something extra, something that otherwise would be considered extravagant or frivolous. Things such as a special meal, a toy truck or maybe a baby doll. Although this may all sound pretty simple to you and I, to someone that is struggling daily to keep the power on or make the water payment.... it's a big deal. And to think, these are the "fortunate" ones. They still have somewhere to call home. There are hundreds more families in shelters, intervention facilities or just outright homeless.

Yes, this is a wonderful time of year for us to reach out and make a difference, one child at a time, one family at a time, one city at a time through one FCCD chapter at a time let's share goodwill with the State of Florida.

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LOCAL CHAPTER NEWS

Chapter 2

Chapter 2 has had an amazing beginning to our 2010-2011 year. We had a very successful school supply drive followed by an amazing kick-off meeting at Wakulla C.I. on October 12, 2010. Lieutenant Vincent Robinson is presiding as the new president, and Wakulla showed up in numbers, gaining over 60 enthusiastic new members. This is a sure sign Wakulla has an institution full of servant leaders.

The guest speaker was State President Pat Finan. Other speakers included: Sharon Nicholson, President-Elect; Joy Ailstock, Treasurer; Patricia Perkins; Secretary; Debbie Kissane, State Board Administrative Assistant; We also had a representative from Wakulla County Coalition for Youth as a special guest speaker. The topic of discussion was recommitment and future goals for the coming year. The evening was full of fellowship and great food.

It would be impossible to maintain FCCD without our volunteers. Volunteers are individuals who dedicate their time, gifts and talents for the betterment of our community. The Community Service Committee wasted no time when they delivered the extra food to the local Transitional Housing for Homeless Children and Parents. Our ongoing fundraising project of concessions at the Civic Center continues through a busy season, and we have future events scheduled at a minimum of one per month.

A new project this year for Chapter



Vice President Sharon Nicholson and Nidia Tew add finishing touches to some of the food boxes, while Carol Butler adds Thanksgiving Cards for each of the families or organizations.



Onome Edukore distributing the boxes of blessing and turkeys donated by Siam Sushi of Tallahassee.



2 was the Veteran's Day Parade Fallen Heroes Project. Our chapter collected candy to be used by the veterans and some of our members for passing out to the children and other spectators during this year's parade. We collected over 75 bags of candy, taking advantage of the after-Halloween sales. Our Community Service Committee continues to provide outstanding services for our chapter and our communities. During this first quarter, we made deliveries of personal and toiletry items to the Homeless Shelter, a case of soda can "pop-tops" to the Ronald McDonald House, and cases of food and Thanksgiving blessings to the Second Harvest of the Big Bend area, the Refuge House for Abused Women and Children, and families identified for special needs during the holiday season. We were very fortunate to partner with a local restaurant, Siam Sushi, to provide turkeys with our food baskets.

As we finish one project, our teams are quickly ready to begin another. We have set up our Senior Angel Tree for residents of our local nursing or assisted-living facilities and have started our Toys for Tots drive and the Coats for Kids drive.

Chapter 3

My name is Sylvia Turner. I am a Sergeant at Avon Park Correctional Institution. I have been a member of FCCD off and on for several years. The reason for my inconsistency was that I had a negative attitude about FCCD because when it came



time for the yearly institute/conference, I noticed that the same people always went. Well, God showed favor through Major Shirley Johnson to submit my name to go to the conference and God answered that favor. I was chosen to go, all expenses paid, by the State. Words cannot express how much I learned about the FCCD family. I received so much knowledge about other agencies, and the networking was awesome. I met some wonderful people. Truly, it was not what I expected. I made a statement to one of my fellow employees: "Even if the State does not choose me for next year's conference, I will be glad to pay for it myself."

Thank you, Secretary Walter McNeil and my warden, Mr. Trovillion, for allowing me to receive this experience. It has changed my total outlook and perspective towards FCCD.

See you next year!

Chapter 4

CHAPTER 4 HOLDS GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER

Submitted by Jill Holness, President

FCCD Chapter 4 held a successful garage sale fundraiser on Saturday 10/30/10. Chapter members and their friends and family contributed donated items in order to make this fundraiser a success for Chapter 4. Items included clothes, household items, jewelry, handbags, and numerous children's toys. Halloween items such as costumes and decorations were also a big draw since Halloween was the following day. The fundraiser was held at the home of Chapter Treasurer, Marny Lewis. An advertisement was placed in the Sun Sentinel, which helped draw a large crowd. The chapter raised approximately \$150 during this event. All remaining items were donated to AVDA (Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse). Special thanks to Chapter 4 members Sarah Harrington and Doris Howley for helping out at this event.

Chapter 5

Submitted by Carol Starling

I had the pleasure of being invited to attend the 81st Florida Council on Crime & Delinquency, Annual Criminal Justice Training Institute in Naples, Florida. The conference began Monday, August 23, 2010, and continued through Thursday morning. The theme was "2010 and Beyond: Creating New Opportunities,

Managing Limited Resources, and Developing Stronger Leaders."

There was a wide variety of useful training offered daily, and there was an exhibit hall set up with vendors from all over offering information on products and resources. The networking was very interesting with people from all aspects of the criminal justice system in attendance. I was honored to meet Department of Corrections Secretary McNeil, Past Secretary, Louie Wainwright, and many others.

I would like to thank Captain Carol Starling, Sheriff Gordon Smith and the Bradford County Sheriff's Department for sponsoring me and allowing me to attend such a wonderful event. I am a member of FCCD and intend to volunteer as much time as I am able to assist with all of the community functions and the great programs they offer. I encourage everyone to get involved in this wonderful organization.

*Lieutenant Dawn McKinley
Bradford County Sheriff's Office*

Chapter 6

Currently, under the leadership of Kraig R. Carter, President of Chapter VI, we are continuing to support the goals and objectives of FCCD. Recognizing that there is much work to do in the criminal justice arena gives FCCD members the opportunity to work on various committees and to serve as a catalyst for positive change. We have some awesome members in Chapter VI who have been doing just that -- working and serving! Our chapter has been working diligently to promote training, networking, and participation in activities that will enhance our communities, such as:

- *Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Caring and Sharing Food Bank, Santa Rosa Beach, FL.*
- *Christmas Toy Drive for the Ronald McDonald House.*
- *Participated in the Light the Night Walk in Pensacola, FL.*
- *Annual Christmas Party, Yesterday's Restaurant, Osceola Golf Club, December 4, 2010 at 7:00PM!*
- *FCCD trainings, luncheons, and much more!*

Our membership has increased, and we are looking forward to making a positive difference within the counties that we serve: Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Walton! Needless to say, we are very proud to be a part of the family of FCCD members. It is a great privilege to be a part of FCCD Chapter 6!

Chapter 8

LIGHT THE NIGHT WALK AT BAYFRONT

Submitted by Tammy Marcus, President

FCCD Chapter 8 members and Circuit 11 Community Corrections staff were Champions for Cures at the "Light the Night Walk" for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) on the eve of October 21 at Bayfront Park in Miami. With their tremendous fundraising efforts, the Circuit 11/FCCD Chapter 8 Team did their part in saving lives by raising approximately \$2,000 for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society! Moreover, the group walked behind a beautiful banner made by the employees of South Florida Reception Center (SFRC) in memory of our former secretary, Harry K. Singletary.

A special thanks to Julie Mardini and Julie Curcio at SFRC for inviting us to walk with them, and many thanks to all the members and staff who donated money to this worthy cause.



The following people walked and raised money to meet our team goal of \$2,000: Dot Miller (Staff Assistant at 11-0) and her daughter Ashley and friend Jermaine; Tammy Marcus (CPS at 11-0); Brenda Everett (CPS at 11-6); Kimlynn Cohen (CPS at 11-4) and her son; Kim and Robert Laier (HRS at 11-6); Claudette Brown (CPS at 11-3) and her daughter Olivia; Patricia Stringer (P&P Specialist at 11-B); Vernice Henton (CJIT at 11-4);

Rodeline Champagne (CPO at 11-4); Guelsy Herrera (CPSO at 11-2) and her daughter and granddaughter; Denise Felix (CPS at 11-C).

Chapter 10

CHAPTER 10 THANKS THE STATE BOARD FOR A FANTASTIC CONFERENCE

Submitted by Sherri Cole, President

Chapter 10 members were very excited to receive a



Chapter 10 Member Keith Burden, Secretary Silvia Robinson, President Sherri Cole, and Members Alvis Pierre and Marlin Hill

chapter effectiveness for the first time in many years. Our chapter is small, but growing. We do not have a lot of funds yet, so our members did not think we would be able to send anyone to the conference on a full scholarship. The state board, however, came through and offered us to allow one of our new chapter board members to attend.



Chapter Presidents Tammy Marcus, Sherri Cole, Jill Holness, pictured with Fred Schuknecht, Maria DiBernardo, Janet Worsham, & Marny Lewis

Everyone had a wonderful time and benefited from the exceptional training which was provided. As a result, more of our members are becoming active in the chapter. We have already hosted a community service project to benefit AVDA (Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse) and a snack sales fundraiser. We have many more events and fundraisers planned for the year as we hope to send as many members as possible to the next Institute.

Thanks again to the state board for helping our members attend the 81st Institute!

and more.....

Chapter 10 has been getting a jump start on our charitable activities this year. In October, to celebrate Domestic Violence Month, we collected unused toiletries (lotions, shampoos, soaps and vitamins) for the local women's shelter. We would like to thank Boca Raton Chiropractor Dr. David Goldberg and his staff for consistently supporting our efforts with donations throughout the year. This year, he and his staff gave the women's shelter a water filtration system, vitamins, toothpaste, body wash and clothing. Their generosity was greatly appreciated.

We had a drawing for a \$250.00 Visa gift card to raise money for our chapter. Donna Jostiak was the lucky

winner. Ms. Jostiak also donated a car full of clothing, shoes, books and purses for our women's shelter charity drive. We had a domestic violence training presented by Billie Sosa from Palm Beach County Victims Services.

We would like to thank Chapter 8 President Tammy Marcus and her members for helping us with our charitable donation drive for the baby that was born without eyes. Chapter 8 raised money through salad sales to assist this family in need. We sold snacks at two training events in Circuit 15 and raised \$130 towards our scholarship fund. We gave out candy trick-or-treat bags at the Halloween luncheon at the 15-2 office. The luncheon followed a retirement training presented by Jim King from Database Financial Services, Inc.

We joined Chapters 4 and 8 in Broward County for a "Light the Night" fundraiser at the Elks Club. We would like to thank the Elks Club for letting us use their facility for the talent show and dinner that night. The event was a success. The participants in the show did a great job, and we were able to raise money for a good cause.

Chapter 10 is now selling tickets for a \$100 Publix gift card drawing. Part of the proceeds will be donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to help fight blood cancers. Chapter 10 President Sherri Cole will be participating in the "Light the Night" walk on November 6, 2010 in Boca Raton and hopes to raise more money for the cause. We have started collecting food items for our Food for Families drive. December will bring a charitable drive for the women's shelter, the US Marines' Toys for Tots and a holiday door decorating contest. This year we will be assisting St. Jude's Ranch for Children. We will be donating used greeting cards that the children remake into new cards, and they are sold in their gift shop and online to benefit their program. Soon we will be assisting Special Olympics.

We hope that you and your family have a safe and healthy New Year.



Chapter 14

"LIGHT THE NIGHT" WALK

Submitted by Kara Williams, President

FCCD Chapter 14 membership and DOC- Charlotte CI embraced the amazing cause of the Leukemia &

Lymphoma Society's "Light the Night" walk. From a luncheon, to a raffle and donuts for donations, the participation was tremendous. Our area's walk was on October 9th beginning at Estero Community Park. Our team raised \$1,775.72 with many thanks to Sue Leahey and Cathy Bivins. Without their efforts, our fundraising would not have been as successful.



The "Light the Night Walk" is The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's premier fundraising event. It is the nation's night to pay tribute and bring hope to thousands of people battling blood cancers and to commemorate loved ones lost. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society funds lifesaving research that has contributed to major advances in the treatment of blood cancers and treatments for other types of cancer.

Chapter 14 Prepares for the Upcoming Holiday Community Service Projects

- *Thanksgiving -- food drive for the Back Pack Kidz*
- *Christmas care -- packages for overseas servicemen and women*
- *Easter -- Adopt the local domestic violence shelter. Clothing and personal needs drive, Easter baskets for the children.*

Chapter 17

CHAPTER 17 AND TOMOKA CI HOSTS PTSD TRAINING AND DONATES STUFFED ANIMALS TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Submitted by Crystal Hilton

On Monday, October 18, 2010, the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency Chapter 17 hosted a training session at Tomoka CI entitled, "Recognizing the Signs and Symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder." Lindsay Murphy of the National Alliance of Mental Illness was the guest speaker for the training. Ms. Murphy provided an insight into PTSD with instructions on how to

recognize the signs and possible causes as well as how to diffuse triggers of PTSD.

Prior to the training, Inv. Lily Efirid with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office and Victims' Advocate, Sophie Vessa with the Daytona Beach Police Department were presented with hundreds of stuffed animals that had been donated by staff at Tomoka CI, Tomoka Work Camp, Daytona Beach Work Release Center, Reality House and Probation and Parole Circuit 7.

The stuffed bears are going to be provided to child victims of crime and fire in the local community. While only two organizations were able to be present for the presentation, the stuffed animals will be distributed to law enforcement agencies around the county.



Chapter 21

Submitted by Patti Gibson, Secretary

Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency Chapter 21 is proud to announce that after a long struggle, we are finally active again. We have elected the following new chapter board members: President Tomasi Mautatia; Vice President Teddy Jeter; Secretary Patti Gibson; and Treasurer Angela Carter. We have held monthly meetings in September and October, and we have two scheduled meetings for the month of November. Our participation continues to increase, along with our membership.

Our first community service project was a Pet Supply & Fundraising Drive for the Gadsden County Humane Society. Chapter 21 was proud to join in the efforts of fellow Chapter 21 member Christie Dolan's son, JJ Dolan, in his continuing efforts to support the GCHS.

JJ set his goal at \$650.00 this Halloween, and set out dressed as "Scooby Doo" to visit the administrations at Apalachee Correctional Institution and Jackson Correctional Institution, Region I Office, Sneads Police Department, Sneads City Hall, Gadsden County Sheriff's Office, and other neighborhood businesses to raise money for his cause.

Collection boxes were placed at Apalachee CI East Unit, West Unit, River Junction Work Camp, and Region I Office to collect needed pet supplies. We are proud to announce that he reached and exceeded his goal, raising over \$1,000.00 (along with needed supplies) for his Halloween drive!!

We have planned two community service projects for the upcoming holiday season. Currently, Chapter 21 is collecting donations and putting together Thanksgiving baskets that will be given to needy families in the community. This has been a project that Chapter 21 has supported for several years, and we will strive to increase our efforts in the years to come.

Also scheduled for the upcoming holidays is our joining with the Guardian Ad Litem program in their efforts to host a Christmas toy drive at Apalachee Correctional Institution and Jackson Correctional Institution. The Guardian Ad Litem program is a program made up of volunteers who advocate for the best interests of children who are alleged to be abused, neglected, or abandoned, and who are involved in court proceedings. Toys collected will be distributed to these children this Christmas.

We still have a long way to go, but Chapter 21 has set our goal this year to meet chapter effectiveness and increase not only our membership, but participation as well.

Chapter 27

Submitted by Julie Beebe, President

During the month of August 2010, FCCD Chapter 27 held a teddy bear drive, and the donations went to the Children's Advocacy Center of Lake and Sumter Counties. The Children's Advocacy Center works in partnership with other area agencies and law enforcement. The role of the center is to provide services as soon as possible following the disclosure of abuse and reduce the severity of the emotional impact of the child victim. All services are provided to child victims up to the age 18 and their families at no charge.

Since March 1998, the center has provided services to over 5,000 child abuse victims residing in Lake and Sumter Counties. Unfortunately, the need for the CAC services is



growing at an alarming rate.

FCCD Chapter 27 would like to thank the Children's Advocacy Center for all they do for our youth.

Chapter 30

Chapter 30 & Hernando C.I. Fundraisers for LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY "Light the Night" Walk

Submitted by Donna Crawley, President

Hernando Correctional Institution & Florida Council on Crime & Delinquency (FCCD) Chapter 30 raised over \$1,200.00 through fundraisers and donations for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in Memory of Harry K. Singletary, Secretary of the Department of Corrections from 1991-1999.

Several people donated items for our hot dog and bake sale fundraisers. A very special thanks to Alexis Trevino, Assistant Warden; Julie Beasley, Medical Clerk Typist; Gloria White, Classifications Supervisor; Eileen Faris, Staff Assistant; Roberta Anderson, Recruiting Officer and FCCD Chapter 30 Treasurer; and Renee Harrington, Human Services Counselor and FCCD Chapter 30 Vice President. We'd also like to give a big thank you to all the members of FCCD who donated food items and money to help us make the event successful.

The walk was on Saturday, November 6th at Munn Park in Lakeland, FL. It was a huge success with participation exceeding the organizers' expectations. The night was filled with entertainment for all ages and ended with walkers carrying lit balloons in colors of red, gold, and white.



Pictured from left: Alexis Trevino, Assistant Warden, Hernando C.I.; Julie Beasley, Medical Clerk Typist; Donna Crawley, Digital Design and Chapter 30 President; and Renee Harrington, Human Services Counselor and Chapter 30 Vice President organized the Chili Cheese Dog lunch fundraiser at Hernando C.I.

Chapter 31

Submitted by Ron Tadlock, President

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS's) "Light the Night" Walk was held Thursday, October 21, 2010. Registration started at 5:30 p.m. and the walk started at 7:30 p.m. Our Chapter, Chapter 31, participated in this event. We had a team of eight, which included Warden William Smith, AWP Robin Smith, AWO Daniel Bannister, Col. Steve Klein, Chapter 31 President CO Ron Tadlock, Charlotte Epling, Janice Ott, and Amanda Johnson. Our chapter raised over \$850.00, and together with the local community and other volunteers, walked to raise thousands of dollars to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Every person that participated in the Light the Night Walk was given a balloon to carry (white- cancer survivors, yellow remembrance, and red- any individual walking).



Chapter 30 members and Hernando C.I. staff participating in the "LLS - Light the Night Walk".



Chapter 31

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS/LUNCHEON

Submitted by April Melvin, Treasurer

During the month of October 2010, FCCD Chapter 36 hosted a luncheon in honor of Domestic Violence Prevention month. We were able to make a large money donation to help with the electric bill at the local shelter in Bay County. We were able to have Mrs. Pam Martin, Victim Advocate with the Salvation Army to come and give a heartfelt presentation to more than 20 guests. The luncheon included spaghetti, salad, bread, brownies and drink for a donation of \$3 or a personal care item to donate to the shelter. We also had several of the guests donate clothing items to the shelter for those who came with nothing.

Domestic violence is a serious problem that has been

occurring for centuries. Many women and men are ashamed of being victims and do not report the crime. Be aware that domestic violence is a crime and that each day millions of people in the United States are victims.

A special thanks to the ladies in Region I Accounting and Finance. Your time, effort and donations are greatly appreciated.



2ND QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

The 2nd Quarterly Board Meeting will be held at Hotel Duval, located at 415 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL. The board meeting is scheduled to begin at 1:00 pm on Friday, February 4th, 2010 and end at 12:00 pm on Saturday, February 5th. The rate for the hotel is \$99.00 per day. Room rates are guaranteed three nights prior to and three nights after the board meeting.

Reservations can be made by calling 866-957-4002

Deadline for hotel reservations January 14th, 2011



82ND ANNUAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING INSTITUTE

The excitement is building for the 82nd Annual Criminal Justice Training Institute to be held at the Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa. The Institute will take place August 22nd - 25th, 2011.

More information will follow.



2011 DATES TO REMEMBER

January 22	Special Olympics – Polar Plunge Orlando, Florida
February 4-5	2nd Quarterly Board Meeting Tallahassee
May 13 -14	3rd Quarterly Meeting Orlando
June 1	Deadlines for Distinguished Service Award Nominations, Training, Community Service & Scholarships
June 1	Chapter Effectiveness Books Due
August 22	4th Quarterly Meeting & Institute Sandestin Beach
August 22-25	82nd FCCD Training Institute

Take the Plunge for Special Olympics Florida!

2011 SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLORIDA POLAR PLUNGE



Join your family, friends and colleagues at Aquatica Waterpark @ SeaWorld-Orlando on Saturday, January 22nd when Special Olympics Florida hosts its second annual Polar Plunge! Aquatica is usually warm and tropical, but for one day only, they're icing down their wave pool so you can experience the "thrill of the chill" while supporting a great cause.

Come join me on Team DOC, join an existing FCCD team or start your own. Teams consist of a minimum of 6 plungers who have each raised at least \$50. Those who raise \$50 earn the privilege of taking the plunge. Plungers receive an official commemorative plunge memento and bragging rights. Incentives and prizes increase based on the amount of money you raise.

Please see the attached Polar Plunge Fact and Incentive Sheet. Competitive awards will be awarded to the Biggest Team, Highest Grossing Team and Best Costume.

Thanks for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you in the frigid waters of Aquatica!



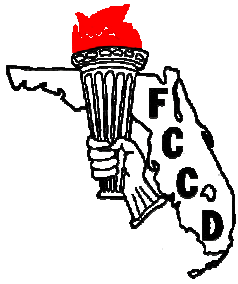
Take a look at some of our FCCD Teams!

- Happy Feet-Plungin Penguins (Chapter 14)
- Hare's Polar Bears-Avon Park CI (Chapter 12)
- Holmes CI Plungers (Chapter 25)
- CFRC's Plungin' Penguins (Chapter 7)
- Chilled to the Bone (Chapter 30)
- Team DOC (Chapter 2)
- FCCD (Chapter 27)
- The Pillaging Pirates of Polk-Polk CI (Chapter 12)
- Team Zach & Evan (Chapter 1)
- Corrections Hidden Heroes-Osceola County Corrections (Chapter 7)
- Dream Makers-Orange County Corrections (Chapter 7)

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