



Gulf Coast REC

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A real friend never gets in your way -- unless you happen to be on the way down. Wayne Dyer



MARCH Birthdays:

- 5.....Tracey Revels
- 7.....Lloyd Stettler
- 11....Renata Zalewski
- 14....John Egenes
- 16....Dianne Griesman
- 18....Anselmo Lopez
- 18....Aliya Momotaz
- 20....Fredy Martinez
- 26....Rick Thomas

God grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, the courage to change the one I can, and the wisdom to know...it's me! John G. Miller



Congratulations Superior Accomplishment Winners!

winners from our Center. **Curtis Nagle**, in the Scientific/Technical category; **Joel Parlin** in Administrative/Professional category; and **Todd Test** in Support Services. A total of 23 persons within IFAS were selected. They will receive a check for \$200, a certificate and commemorative coffee mug set. They will also be eligible to be considered for campus-wide recognition in their category. Congratulations, guys!

We wish a hearty CONGRATULATIONS to recent Superior Accomplishment Award winners! We had *three*



Congratulations, Cami!

Cami Esmel, graduate assistant for Dr. Jim Gilreath, was recently awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Florida Weed Science Society.



Mark Your Calendar...



March 3-12...**Plant City Strawberry Festival**

March 8...Valri Davis, the Outreach Librarian for Agricultural Sciences will be here to discuss Library Services and Interlibrary Loan for RECs.

March 9...our VALIC representative will be here. If you need to speak to him, please see Tracey for appointment.

March 13...*End of Season* pot luck lunch - surprise entertainment (noon)

	<p><i>(Left)</i> Dr. Jim Gilreath's weed science program has hired another OPS. Fredy Martinez, brother to Jose Martinez (also in Gilreath's program) joined us this past month. Fredy lives in Bradenton. He has a wife and five children.</p> <p>Debora Ratliff <i>(right)</i> is working as OPS for Dr. Craig Stanley and Dr. David Schuster in a joint project. Debora is a local girl who graduated from East Bay High School and lives in Balm with her husband and two children.</p>	
	<p><i>(Left)</i> Joining Dr. David Schuster's team this past month as OPS is Lloyd Stettler. Lloyd will be working with the off-site mole cricket traps for the Entomology research program. He is a resident of Sun City and a retiree from the National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health in Cincinnati, Ohio.</p> <p>Don McIntyre <i>(right)</i> is another Sun City resident who has joined</p>	

David Schuster's and Craig Stanley's team as part-time OPS (so as not to cut into his fishing time)! Don retired from his sales/consulting business, Management Training Services, Inc. in Jackson, Georgia.

Two new OPS employees at our *Plant City Campus* this past month are **Carolyn Cheatham-Rhodes** and **Mark Dykes**. Carolyn will be working with Dr. Michael Andreu. She is a graduate of HCC and is continuing her NRC studies at the Plant City Campus. Mark is working with Dr. Steve Johnson and is also an HCC graduate continuing his education in Natural Resource Conservation. *(no photos available)*

Gardener's Lament:

You pull 'em, spray 'em, chop 'em... *whack!* Medusa-like they grow right back.
You dig 'em up and smoke 'em out; the more you fight, the worse they sprout.
Do you recall, while planting seeds, laying eyes upon a pack called... "Weeds"?

Strawberry Field Day... Thanks to everyone who worked to make our first Strawberry Field Day, February 6th, a success. It was well attended by industry representatives with about 65 present. After a program overview and introduction, the group toured the Center fields to learn more about methyl bromide fumigant and view the latest results on disease, pest, and nitrogen fertilizer management studies.





EMPLOYEE APPRAISALS DUE THIS MONTH!...

Employee Appraisals are due **NO LATER THAN MARCH 31st!** Non-Exempt and USPS employees must first fill out the self-assessment sheet and give to their supervisor to complete the evaluation. Exempt employees will receive an evaluative letter from their supervisor. New or probationary employees will not need an evaluation at this time. *Remember...the absence of an evaluation marks the employee as "achieves".* Please see Patty if you have any questions.



Don't forget our **POT LUCK LUNCH, Monday, March 13th at noon.** This is a Dover tradition for "End of Season". Bring your favorite dish to share and join us for a little "luncheon entertainment" by the *Silver Strings*. They play for food, so bring extra for the band and their spouses! (10-12)