

# LEE COUNTY

## MOSQUITO/HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICTS



## April, 2014

**March 3rd, 2014 — Happy 169th Birthday, Florida**

### Important Calendar Dates:

**April 1st: Chikungunya Webinar 2 –3:30 pm**

**April 10th: Board Meeting, 10:00 am**

**April 22nd: Noon, - CPR & AED Make-up Session**

**April 29th: Supervisors' Meeting, 2:30 pm**

March 17th, Exec. Dir., T. Wayne Gale, Commissioners Pat Mann and Melissa Dortch, Jim Burgess, Katie Heggemeier and Neil Wilkinson went to "Tallahassee Days" to meet and speak with Florida Legislators.

Please welcome Rick O'Neal to Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts. He has assumed the position of Chief Pilot of our Aviation Unit.

The annual regulatory tour was provided for personnel from the FL Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Environmental Protection Agency to help them better understand operational mosquito and aquatic weed control. Field demonstrations of aerial larviciding and spraying for aquatic weeds were provided along with detailed presentations on mosquito and aquatic weed control operations. The tour is designed to help regulators make informed decisions regarding the registration of pesticides and enforcement of regulations regarding mosquito and aquatic weed control. During the previous week, Leadership Lee County Class of 2014, was provided with a similar tour of the facilities and demonstrations of operations. Commissioner Melissa Dortch went on this tour with the group.

Presentations were made by Katie Heggemeier, John Cassani, Kevin Watts, Keith Andreu, Ken Sonne, Jim Burgess and Neil Wilkinson of FGCU. The Aviation Department assisted in all of these operations and Robert Roper explained safety procedures.



Pictured above are Kevin Watts, Keith Andreu and Ken Sonne.

## 2014 Field Activity

ACRES TREATED	GROUND ADULTICIDING	AERIAL ADULTICIDING	GROUND LARVICIDING	AERIAL LARVICIDING	SERVICE REQUESTS
January	4,643.4	0.0	1.1	0.0	17.0
February	7,240.3	0.0	35.0	1,166.2	57.0
March	2,213.2	0.0	11.6	1,902.5	50.0
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					
Y-T-D Totals					

**Florida Gulf Coast University FGCU:** Katie Heggemeier assisted Neil Wilkinson with his mosquitoes Biology, Disease and Control Course at FGCU, March 11th. Katie gave presentations on how to identify some of the common adult mosquitoes found in Lee County. She took some of the common pest species for the students to view under a microscope.

**NECE:** Katie Heggemeier attended the Navy Entomology Center of Excellence (NECE) first-annual Symposium for Disease Vectors and Control Techniques in Jacksonville, FL on March 14th. The Symposium addressed the emerging threat of Chikungunya, the persistent threat of Dengue and the utilization of thermal fogging in integrated vector management.

**From the Desk of Rita Maiss:** March 15th, Dawn Seymour, a WWH B-17 Pilot, visited the Buckingham Airfield for the first time in 70 years. As a member of the Women Air Force Service Pilots, better known as *WASP*, she was one of only 13 women who completed the challenging B-17 flight training program—the same program designed for the male pilots who trained for combat missions. Kirby Bradford, Tactical Flight Officer from the Lee County Sheriff's Aviation Unit, displayed dozens of items of memorabilia for the visit. Lunch was provided by LCSO at their hangar before touring other parts of the Buckingham Airfield, including Lee County Mosquito Control. As Seymour toured, she recalled experiences with thoughtfulness and clarity. When she was told that the beacon used during WWII still operated atop a maintenance hangar, she smiled and commented, "that beacon was always a friend" and then added "and lighted oil drums lined the runways for us at night."

