

# Florida Academy of Sciences

## *E news*



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### From the Executive Director

Welcome to all our many new members who have joined the Academy since June! We look forward to your participation. The summer months are drawing to a close and many of you are gearing up for the coming semester. The office here, of course, has been active all summer long continuing with our business operations. In our last issue, we asked for your suggestions for a bumper sticker supporting science in Florida and we received a winning entry from Elizabeth Hayes. We are now exploring the printing and distribution of these bumper stickers. The upgrade of our website is proceeding with the help of a team from St. Leo University, headed by FAS Council Member Dr. Patrick Draves. We continue to encourage you to consult our website regularly for any news or updates. In doing so, if you note any incorrect information or broken links on the website please let us know as soon as possible so that we can undertake corrections.

As we have stated before, increasing our membership is one of our primary goals. All of us need to be ambassadors for the Academy and to encourage our colleagues and fellow students to become members of the Academy. We want to have good representation from every major Florida college and university, in particular. To this end, we are planning a mass E-mailing to members of science and science related faculty at several colleges. We may be contacting some of you in the near future to help us obtain e-mail address listings. If at any time, you would like us here in the office to contact a prospective member, please just let us know and we will do that. Also, please let us know if you are aware of any statewide or local-to-your-area events where we might provide a booth or station to aid in our recruitment efforts.

We congratulate Dr. Dean F. Martin who recently was given Honorary Membership award of the Aquatic Plant Management Society (July) "for his service to the Society and in recognition of a distinguished career in aquatic plant management." He served as Chairman of the Student Affairs Committee for a number of years and is a Past president of the Society. Dr. Martin and his wife Barbara are the editors of the *Florida Scientist Journal*.

### **Please Note:**

- Library Subscription rates to the *Florida Scientist Journal* have increased for the year 2008. For the details, consult our website <http://www.floridaacademyofsciences.org/>.
- Please renew your membership to the Academy for 2008 as soon as possible this fall!

### The FAS Endowment Fund

*The following information was provided by Dr. Donald Lovejoy at Palm Beach Atlantic University. Dr. Lovejoy is an FAS Council Member and manages the Endowment Fund.*

The Florida Academy of Sciences was founded in 1936 as a non-profit organization with the purpose of advancing the sciences in Florida through educational programs and public outreach. Although the Academy serves as an important means of communicating scientific research conducted by State agencies, as well as by the State University System, it receives no support from the State and therefore depends on membership dues, sale of publications, gifts & grants, and registration fees at meetings.

Over the years the Academy has built up an Endowment Fund designed to provide the necessary financial stability for its activities, and the Trustees of the Fund wish to encourage the membership to keep the Endowment Fund in mind as they make charitable donations. The Academy is recognized by the IRS under the provisions of Section 501(c)3 of the IRS code as a non-profit scientific and educational organization, so your gifts to the Endowment Fund can be deducted when you itemize deductions on your personal income tax return.

In addition to making gifts by check, you may also make gifts of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, insurance policies, real estate, paintings, unwanted jewelry, rare books, etc. Members may also remember the Endowment Fund in their wills. Checks made out to "Wachovia Securities for FAS" should be mailed to Dr. Donald W. Lovejoy at Palm Beach Atlantic University, P. O. Box 24708, West Palm Beach, FL 33416. For donations other than cash, contact Don at 561-803-2275 or at [donald\\_lovejoy@pba.edu](mailto:donald_lovejoy@pba.edu). You will receive a receipt to be filed with your Federal Income Tax for all donations.

### **FAS/OSC Hosts Harlem Interns**

Once again, The Academy and Orlando Science Center jointly hosted an afternoon recently for student interns from the Harlem School. Please see the photo below showing the students along with FAS Council Member Dr. Leslie Lieberman and the FAS Executive Director.

