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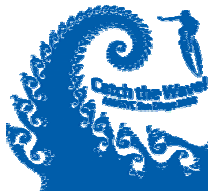


## Special Dates of Interest

Sept 9 & 10 2005  
**Mathematics in the Sun IV**  
Fall Retreat 2005  
College Algebra:  
Redefine & Redesign  
Central Florida CC  
Ocala, FL



Nov 10 - 13 2005  
**AMATYC Annual Conference**  
*Catch the Wave*  
Town & Country Resort  
Mission Valley  
San Diego, CA



Feb 17 & 18 2006  
**Joint Meeting of  
FTYCMA/MAA**  
Florida Atlantic Univ  
Honors College  
Jupiter, FL



## FTYCMA CELEBRATES 40TH BIRTHDAY AND HONORS PAST PRESIDENTS

A cornerstone in the commemoration of FTYCMA's 40th birthday was a special dinner recognizing the estimable accomplishments of our past and current presidents.

Past presidents who attended the function were, in order of service, Maurice Nott (St. Petersburg College), Ben Braun (St. Petersburg College), Bill Palow (Miami-Dade College), Guesna Dohrman (Tallahassee Community College), Mike Mears (Manatee Community College), and Cliff Morris (Valencia Community College).

Mr. Nott was one of the founding fathers of the organization, Mr. Braun designed the logo, Mr. Palow was instrumental in resuscitating FTYCMA after a brief hiatus in the group's activity, Ms. Dohrman

helped establish the outstanding teaching and service awards, Mr. Mears helped to strengthen our alliances with the Florida section of the MAA, and Mr. Morris artfully coordinated the events surrounding the AMATYC conference held in Orlando in 2004.

Martha Goshaw, our current president, is walking a distinguished pathway, and is already carving out her own niche in this hall of fame by attracting more state-wide participation in the organization's activities.

The dinner took place Thursday evening, February 24, and was sponsored by the FTYCMA/MAA conference hosts. Many of the current FTYCMA officers, friends and family members, and a scheduled conference speaker were also in attendance.

The organization owes a great deal of gratitude to ALL of its past presidents, officers and members for sustaining this important voice for the two-year college mathematics professors in the state of Florida.



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## Mathematics in the Sun IV College Algebra: Redefining and Redesigning Sept. 9 & 10, 2005 at Central Florida CC

Although Mathematics in the Sun III was swept away by the 2004 hurricanes, Mother Nature was not able to dampen our spirits or blow us off course. A special session concerning recommendations for implementing the plan for developmental mathematics and responsibilities of the students in the process of learning was held at the beginning of the MAA/FTYCMA spring conference. The great turnout for that session with representatives from community colleges statewide speaks to the continued interest in providing contemporary and quality instruction in the two-year colleges in the state of Florida. However, it was generally agreed by those in attendance that the next step in the process of implementation should be delegated to actively-engaged committees composed of volunteers from across the state. [See article below for details.]

As a result of this decision, the organization was faced with determining the next mathematics architectural design it would like to analyze for needed renovations. And what seemed to be a logical sequence to developmental mathematics was college algebra.



Therefore, Mathematics in the Sun IV will launch FTYCMA's voyage into the realm of college algebra with the hope of equaling or surpassing the redefining and redesigning that was accomplished with developmental mathematics.

This year's retreat will be held at Central Florida Community College in Ocala, Florida, on September 9 and 10. Meetings for persons interested in actively participating with the committees discussed in the article below will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 9, the welcome and general sessions will begin at 1:00 p.m., and the retreat will close at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The format of the retreat will be similar to the first two with an emphasis being placed on workshops, discussion groups, and poster sessions. The registration fee (amount to be disclosed at a later date) will include snacks for Friday afternoon, and a continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday. (No lunch or dinner is provided on Friday.)

Further details will be sent via email and will be posted at the FTYCMA website ([www.ftycma.org](http://www.ftycma.org)) under the events tab.

So make plans now to be a part of the impetus that is FTYCMA, and bring a colleague.

## Realizing the Developmental Mathematics Plan Requires Articulating Committees Consisting of Enthusiastic and Dedicated Volunteers

Over the past three years, FTYCMA and a number of other organizations and individuals with common goals have been designing a detailed plan to bring developmental mathematics up to date. It is now the time to transform the plan from a concept to reality, and we need your help in doing just that. Five committees have been identified and will meet for the first time at the fall retreat on Friday, Sept. 10th at 10:00 a.m. All are in need of volunteer members and a chairperson. Names of the committees are: Visitation/Implementation, Materials/Textbooks, Articulation/Resources, Dissemination, and Developmental I.

For details concerning the tasks of each of the committees, refer to the developmental plan (Section VII; Part B) attached to the email message containing the newsletter, or contact John Salak at [Tccmathguy@aol.com](mailto:Tccmathguy@aol.com). With the great support that has been exhibited at the

retreats and conference sessions, it is evident that we are ready for a change. So now is your opportunity to ensure that the plan was more than just talk. Contact John Salak today and let him know you will be there at 10:00 a.m. on Sept. 10th to show your support. United we stand, divided we fall.



## Cliff Morris Receives Outstanding Service Award

In odd numbered years, FTYCMA presents an Outstanding Service Award to one of its members who has made an exemplary contribution to the teaching profession through length of service, advocacy of mathematics education, and contributions both to the success of FTYCMA and to the progress of others in the field.

The list of past honorees is:

- 1993 Mike Mears (Manatee CC)
- 1995 Joan Golliday (Santa Fe CC)
- 1997 Moana Karsteter (Tallahassee CC)
- 1999 Glenn Smith (Santa Fe CC)
- 2001 Guesna Dohrman (Tallahassee CC)
- 2003 Carl Hensley (Indian River CC)

Added to this distinguished list for 2005 will be Dr. Cliff Morris of Valencia Community College.

Those who have been affiliated with FTYCMA for any length of time are quite aware of his dedication to the field of math education and his enthusiasm toward life in general.



A list of the leadership roles Cliff has taken on include president of FTYCMA, department chair for mathematics at Valencia Community College, and conference chair for the 2004 AMATYC Annual Conference. Cliff is also involved with an outreach program assisting with feeding and educating children in South Africa. (More about this program in the Fall newsletter.)

***Congratulations Cliff and best wishes in your retirement!***

## LIFETIME MEMBERS OF FTYCMA

Norma Agras	Miami-Dade College	Pete Kerwin	Tallahassee CC
Randey Burnette	Tallahassee CC	Andrew Lambert	Palm Beach CC
Kenny Chan	Palm Beach CC	Dorothy S. Marshall	Edison College
Guesna Dohrman	Tallahassee CC	Mike Mears	Manatee CC
Sandra Etgeton	Edison College	Ronald Moore	FCC-Jacksonville
Debbie Garrison	Valencia CC	Cliff Morris, Jr.	Valencia CC
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William Johnson	Valencia CC	Carol Weideman	St. Petersburg College
Moana Karsteter	Tallahassee CC		

## Deepankar (Rick) Pal Named Publicity Director for AMATYC

In the fall of 2003, AMATYC announced the creation of three new positions within its organization — one of which was publicity director. Rick Pal of Valencia Community College (West Campus) recently received word that he has been appointed to that position.



The role of publicity director is to vigorously pursue AMATYC publicity opportunities, oversee press releases and maintain an AMATYC media kit, and carries a three year term.

**CONGRATULATIONS, RICK!**

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**Websites of Interest**

[All Resources Include Listings of Employment Opportunities]

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American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges  
www.amatyc.org

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Mathematical Association of America  
www.maa.org

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Florida Association of Community Colleges  
www.facc.org

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## FTYCMA Goals for 2004–2005

- *Discovering how officers can best meet members' needs*
- *Increasing membership*
- *Increasing member involvement*
- *Promoting quality instruction for two-year college mathematics students*



FTYCMA Membership Form

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College

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Email

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Are you a member of AMATYC \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Mail completed form and

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