

CH2M HILL Deerfield Beach Alumni Gather for a 2025 Reunion

Recap by Maria Sheridan with Greg McIntyre and Dick Bedard

The adage promoted by Jim Howland to “work hard, have fun, and make a profit” has been embraced by CH alumni for decades, but the “have fun” component was never more evident than at the recent Deerfield Beach Reunion, held on May 2 and 3rd. Alums who had been assigned to various positions in CH2M HILL’s legacy Deerfield Beach office traveled from as far west as Arizona and Calgary to celebrate more than three decades of camaraderie in Southeast Florida.

The reunion was organized by Greg McIntyre, Sean Skehan, and Steve Lavinder, and spanned two fun days, starting with a Friday evening cocktail party at Muddy Waters, formerly the local watering hole for Deerfield Beach staff to gather and chill after a long day, or long week. Saturday alum revelers gathered again for a BBQ and picnic that featured an amazing amount of food, cooked by Deerfield Beach office chefs – Sean, Steve, and Walt Schwarz.

“We really appreciate the strong turnout for both events and the many that traveled from out of state to participate. By all reports, everyone had a fantastic weekend. It was great catching up and reconnecting with our friends and colleagues,” noted Greg.

As this author roamed the room on Friday evening, and then the picnic pavilion, the common theme was the strong bond shared by this group of people whose relationships have transcended that of professional colleagues – and over the years people have remained close friends and grew to be more like family.

The turnout for this reunion was beyond expectations, with 75 people gathering – reminiscing about days gone by and retelling old war stories. And what are our CH alums up to? We learned a wide array of activities – some have stayed on with Jacobs to carry on the CH2M HILL culture started all those years ago by our five founders. Those who have retired are enjoying an array of activities: golfing, cruises, grandkids, and travel to exotic places. We learned of folks taking on fun goals and hobbies – photography, piano, and dance lessons. Others are more aspirational – an impressive goal to bike 50 miles in each of the 50 states; and Dick Bedard is still counting all the people he hired in Southeast Florida!

We heard of the accomplishments of our kids – some of whom we haven’t seen since they were toddlers, and now have grown with families of their own, with very impressive and diverse occupations – veterinarians, lawyers, pilots, sports writers, neurosurgeons, IT specialists, forensic scientists, musicians, news anchors – the list goes on.

We heard of so many wonderful stories, exchanged laughs, and there were a lot of “remember when.” This was such a fun time, and everyone agreed that we shouldn’t wait 20 years for the next reunion.

A huge shout out to Sean, Greg, and Steve for organizing this long-overdue event. Looking forward to the next one – wherever it may be!



I.r. Sitting: Ashland Traub, Julie Payne, Alex Vasquez, Sean Skehan
Standing: Bart Ziegler, Mark Morris, Stacey Smith, Ron Mattingly, Greg McIntyre, LaNetra Ford, Sheila Aberin Morales, Carol Bresney, Jeff Nash



l.r. Greg McIntyre, Sean Skehan, Rick Olson, Carolyn McIntyre



Sean Skehan



l.r. Troy Lin and Steve Lavinder



Amy Lavinder (She said she let her husband dress her for one day only.)

