



## Member of the Month Richard Woodward

I'm the Streetlight Systems Supervisor for the City of Mesa, Arizona. Mesa is the third largest city in Arizona and the second largest in the Phoenix Metropolitan area. We have over 462,000 residents, and cover 133 square miles. I supervise a crew of 11 personnel, which consists of 2 Foreman, 6 Streetlight Technicians, 2 Trainees and an Engineering Technician. We maintain over 37,000 City owned lights. The lighting covers mostly roadways, but does include some parking lots, and pedestrian pathways. The crews are responsible for outage repairs, knockdowns and other damages. They also help to oversee projects with new installations and assist with inspections. They are by far, the best group in the business and it's a pleasure to work with them. I have worked for the City of Mesa for almost 23 years. I came from a small mining community where I was a Journeyman Electrician and had 8 years of electrical experience. I started my "government" career as a Streetlight Technician in June, 1986. Since then I have advanced my way up to Senior Streetlight Technician, Streetlight Foreman and finally up to the Streetlight Systems Supervisor position in late 2005.

I've been married to the same amazing woman for over 32 years. We were high school sweet-hearts and were introduced by her brother. Margaret and I have raised two really good kids and currently have five grandchildren. Their names are Rayne, Alyssa, Christian, Adrianna, and Ethan. They range in ages 3 to 13.

Margaret has spent the past 20 years working for a non-profit organization as an advocate for teenagers. It's a tough job, but she really gets a lot of enjoyment out of helping kids get on the right path. We joke about her having more patience with teens than adults.

Our hobbies include spending time with family, camping, and exploring ancient Native American ruins. In 2007, we spent 2 weeks in Peru exploring some of their ancient ruins, including the famed Machu Picchu.

I have been member of IMSA since coming to Mesa in 1986. I have been involved in the Section for about fifteen years. I have held various Vice President positions with the Arizona Section over the years. I have been involved at the International level with the Roadway Lighting certification program since 1990 and helped with development of the original Roadway Lighting Certification program. Most recently, I was on the review team for the Roadway Lighting Level II. For the past eight years I have been the Section Secretary/Treasurer. My duties include all the financial dealings of the Section along with being the official record keeper. I'm really lucky that I get to deal with a great bunch of people in our Section, have met a lot of good people at the International Conferences, and have the pleasure of dealing with the staff at the International Office on a regular basis.



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### **Orlando 2009 – Come Experience The Magic . . .** *Continued from page 16*

Museum of History, several art galleries and Clearwater has its own unique aquarium.

#### **Entertainment**

Nearby, Busch Gardens theme park features herds of wild animals that can be viewed on simulated safaris, and Weeki Wachee Springs amusement park has the world's only underwater theater. Cypress Gardens, Florida's oldest theme park, still offers botanical gardens, a butterfly conservatory, amusement rides and their famous water ski shows.

Tarpon Springs, a coastal community about 30 minutes drive north of Tampa, has an active sponge diving fleet and a thriving Greek community. It is famous for its restaurants featuring authentic Greek cuisine and its unique gift shops. Sarasota is less than an hour drive south of Tampa Bay. It is generally considered the cultural center of Western Florida.

#### **Beaches & Fishing**

Of course, the Tampa Bay Area's most popular attractions are its white sand beaches especially those in Clearwater or the quieter beaches in St. Petersburg and the northern suburban communities. Fishing is another popular activity. The large marina, located near the Clearwater side of the causeway, has numerous excursion boats and fishing charters. You can spend a half-day fishing on the Gulf for as little as \$25 or you can rent a six-passenger charter for \$700. The boats will provide all of the tackle and will even clean your catch, while a nearby restaurant can cook it for you. If you prefer fresh water fishing, there are also many inland charters in the area.

Come join Denise and I for the greatest industry event of the year and experience IMSA expertise, training and education programs in action as you travel the roadways and communities of Central Florida that they have helped make better...See You In August!!!

