

# THE EMERALD COAST TRAINER



The Newsletter of the  
**EMERALD COAST CHAPTER**  
January 2007

**Rick Severance to speak at the January Meeting**  
*All Members Invited to Attend*  
*January 9, 2007*

Experienced any changes in your organization recently? Were the changes viewed favorably by your employees?

Rick Severance, CEO/President of The Severance Group, will speak on managing change effectively at our January meeting.

Rick was most recently CEO of Seaside. During his 6 year tenure, he was responsible for development, brokerage, lodging and commercial leasing. Rick has more than 23 years of diverse real estate, hospitality and operational experience. He managed development and operations for both Hyatt and Marriott hotels and resorts around the country.

Rick is the outgoing Chair for the Walton County Chamber of Commerce and is the Chair of the Task Force for Workforce and Affordable Housing for Walton County. Rick lives in Destin with his wife Gretchen and their two daughters.

Make your luncheon reservations now for the January meeting.

**Where?**

Okaloosa Walton College, Niceville, Building K, Gallery

**When?**

Tuesday, January 9

11:30 am until 1:00 pm

**Cost for Luncheon**

\$12 for Members

\$17 for Guests

**RSVP**

No later than noon, Friday January 5

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ASTD at the National Level

Visit the National ASTD Website for Great Info

Perhaps you are not a member of ASTD at the national level? Do not fret. There are still many great things to see and do on the ASTD website. Or maybe you are a national member but have not visited the website recently. You too should make a visit. Everyone can read articles about current topics relevant to your job, find dates of interesting conferences, seminars, meetings, and other activities, explore educational opportunities in our field, visit the ASTD bookstore, and many other fun and useful things. Of course, you enjoy the website in much greater depth if you are a national member, but all local chapter members are encouraged to see what is available at the national level. Just click on [www.astd.org](http://www.astd.org)

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**AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT ASTD MEMBERSHIP!!!**

Now is the time to renew your membership for 2007.

Individual membership - \$50

Corporate - \$165 Includes 5 members

Students and Retirees- \$25

Checks payable to ASTD at the meeting or mail to:

Emerald Coast Chapter

PO Box 1766

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There will be more exciting workshops, presentations, and luncheons. Your membership will give you reduced rates at those activities, plus access to all the other wonderful benefits of ASTD chapter membership. Consider expanding your individual membership to a corporate membership so that more of your co-workers can take advantage of all ASTD has to offer. Maybe you know another individual who you would like to encourage to become a member. Bring them to the January event as a guest and encourage them to begin full membership in 2007. For information on joining our chapter, visit our website [www.astd-emeraldcoast.org](http://www.astd-emeraldcoast.org) or contact Carol Barry, Vice-President for Membership at (850) 423-9991, or at [carol.b.barry@cox.net](mailto:carol.b.barry@cox.net). A membership invoice which can be copied, completed, mailed or e-mailed, can be found as the last page of this newsletter.

