

## 30 Years Service

### Larry Albrecht, Crew Chief - West Palm Beach Field Station

Larry was hired as a Fieldworker 1 at the West Palm Beach Field Station on October 4, 1976. He progressed up through the Equipment Operator ranks until he achieved the title of Equipment Operator 4 or Crane Operator in October 1984. Larry has been the crane operator for nearly one hundred (100) major gate overhauls over the past twenty (20) years. He has lifted and set dozens of pieces of equipment such as towboats and barges. He has also performed the lifts on countless projects such as portable pump deployments and all types of pump station machinery repairs including gear boxes, pumps, and impellers. Larry is a positive person and a highly qualified operator. He is very safety conscious and a source of information to less experienced operators. He is exceptionally reliable and trustworthy when given an assignment.

In August of 2005, Larry was promoted to Crew Chief of the Canal/Levee Maintenance Crew at the West Palm Beach Field Station. In this position, Larry will be able to continue his role as teacher and mentor to other equipment operators.

In his personal life, Larry has been an avid road and off-road cyclist for the past 33 years, riding an average of 200 miles per month. He has ridden in a number of competitions and tours and is our resident expert on the Tour de France. He has taken several bicycle maintenance courses and does all the repairs and maintenance on his five bikes.

Larry and his wife Vyke (another long term District employee) enjoy hiking and camping in their spare time. Larry is a valuable asset to the Canal/Levee Maintenance Crew at the West Palm Beach Field Station. Congratulations on 30 years of service.