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**LOCAL POOL BUSINESS OWNER ANNOUNCED AS PERSON OF THE YEAR**

(SARASOTA, Fla.) February 22, 2016—The Florida Swimming Pool Association (FSPA) recognized John Garner, Sr. as the 2015 Person of the Year at the annual *Everything Under the Sun<sup>sm</sup> Expo*, held in Orlando on February 12 and 13. This award recognizes individual effort and effectiveness of an individual in providing the FSPA with leadership, commitment and service.

John Garner, Sr. has been in the pool industry for more than 30 years. He is President and Owner of Pools by John Garner, Inc., a custom pool building company in Jacksonville. John is certified as a commercial pool/spa contractor and holds multiple licenses. John has been active in the Northeast Florida Chapter for many years, serving as chapter president for three years and receiving a Director of the Year award twice. John served as President of FSPA for two terms and in that time the FSPA made great strides in many areas. In the past two years we've added 79 new members, a 15% increase. New websites were launched for both consumers and industry professionals offering better navigation and information about swimming pools, safety and industry insights. In the summer of 2015 John helped lead the board in developing a 3-year strategic plan which will assist staff and volunteers keep focused on issues which are relevant to members and the general public.

FSPA Executive Director, Wendy Parker said, "John has been an outstanding leader for FSPA as well as a great friend to me, he is an asset to the Pool and Spa Industry."

The Florida Swimming Pool Association is a trade association for the pool and spa industry in Florida. There are approximately 600 member businesses in 16 chapters across the state. Members are required to abide by a code of ethics and to be properly licensed and insured. FSPA provides the industry with access to continuing education courses, information on current trends and issues, an arbitration program and government relations representation. FSPA is governed by a board of directors.

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