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UUCF Members "Treasure Our Time in 2009" at the Convention

July 23–26, 2009 at The SandPearl Resort & Spa in Clearwater Beach was the site of this year's Underground Utility Contractors of Florida (UUCF) Convention. We are grateful for the overwhelming support of our sponsors and the enthusiastic participation of our members and guests in this year's convention.

There are many people to recognize and thank for this year's convention. First and foremost – the contractor's "partners" who are needed not just at convention, but year round – our associate members. Contractors need their equipment, materials and services so they can do the job of building Florida's infrastructure. This time of year, the same companies the contractors rely on every day in their business step forward to support the association's goal of improving our industry . . . and for that, we are greatly appreciative.

Throughout this article, we will recognize all of our great sponsors. A special thanks to our **Platinum Sponsors: CNA Insurance; Hanson Pipe & Precast; Nortrax; and Sunshine State One Call of Florida, Inc.**, whose early commitment helped make this year's convention so successful.

UUCF would also like to take this opportunity to thank the **Gold Sponsors**. They are: **Evans Oil Company; Flagler Construction Equipment; Glenn Rasmussen Fogarty & Hooker, P.A.; ITT Water & Wastewater Florida, LLC; Linder Industrial Machinery Company; Mainline Supply Company; Pensacola Concrete Construction Co., Inc.; Ring Power Corporation; Suncoast Utility Contractors Association; and Honorary Gold Sponsor: Ring Power Corporation.**

Finally, this grand convention would not have been possible without the hard work of this year's Convention Committee: Larry Falls, Chairperson; Linda Shutt, Co-Chairperson; Darren

Campbell; Sam Etheridge; Laura Hinson; Brian Hunsicker; Bill Lee; Paula Lieser; Chris Stewart; Joe Weber; and Flo Woodall. We also would like to thank the Chapter Executive Directors and UUCF Staff for their hard work: Kathy Blackman; Karen DeWitt; Sharon Fugatt; Michele Kelson; Jennifer Mancini; Misty McKendree; and UUCF staff Bruce Kershner and Julie Kershner. Each one is to be commended for the many hours worked, creativity and team work. We couldn't have done it without them.

We were honored to have representation from NUCA in attendance at the UUCF Convention this year, which included Lyle Schellenberg, NUCA President, and Bill Hillman, NUCA Executive Vice President. As always, UUCF appreciates the support we get from NUCA at our convention each year. It gives the members an

opportunity to hear what issues our national association is working on to help better our industry.

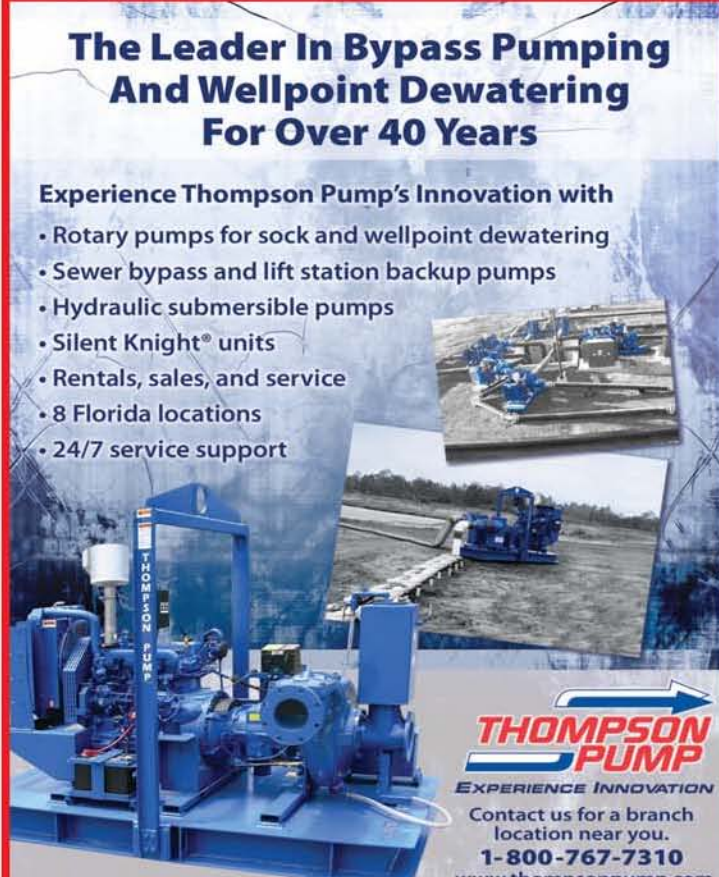
Special thanks to **J.D. Weber Construction Co.** for sponsoring the Hospitality Room on Thursday, July 23 and **Glenn Rasmussen Fogarty & Hooker, P.A.** for sponsoring the Hospitality Room on Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25, 2009. The Hospitality Room gave the attendees a place to relax, socialize, bid on the Silent Auction items and purchase tickets for items in the Chinese Raffle. This year in the hospitality room, Nortrax provided a simulator where attendees had the chance to run an excavator. Attendees also had the chance to purchase keys to the treasure chest.

Thursday, July 23, marked the start of the convention with the UUCF Executive Committee and Board of

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Director's Meetings. Many issues were discussed. UUCF would like to thank the following individuals who gave presentations at the Board of Director's Meeting: Representative Will Weatherford, District 61, and Ted Garrison, Garrison Associates.

On Thursday evening, the Welcome Cocktail Reception, **sponsored exclusively by ABC Cutting Contractors of Jacksonville, Inc.**, was held. During the Welcome Cocktail Reception, Larry Falls welcomed everybody to the 2009 Convention. NUCA President Lyle Schellenberg addressed the members with issues that NUCA is working on.

Lyle Schellenberg also installed the UUCF 2009/2010 Officers and Directors. UUCF is proud to have the following Officers for 2009/2010: **President** – Bill Lee, Utility Service Company; **President Elect** – Bruce Wendorf, Forsberg Construction, Inc.; **Vice President** – Mike Woodall, John Woody, Inc.; **Vice President** – Jeff Blake, Arrow Directional Boring, Inc.; **Vice President** – John Robertson, Derrico Construction Company; **Vice President Convention** – Flo Woodall, John Woody, Inc.; **Treasurer** – Kirk Richmond, Armadillo Underground; **Secretary** – Ken Wachman, Michael James Developers, Inc.; and **Immediate Past President** – Tom Opfer, East Coast Underground, Inc.

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On Friday, July 24, a breakfast, **sponsored in part by Tom Opfer**, preceded the continuing education seminars and fishing trip, **sponsored in part by M. E. Wilson Co., Inc.; PRINCE Contracting, LLC; and Ripa & Associates.**

The continuing education seminar on Friday morning was presented by Deborah Lawson. The three one hour continuing education seminars in the afternoon were **sponsored in part by Central Florida Utility & Transportation Contractors Association.**

For those who didn't attend the continuing education seminars, a free fishing trip was being offered. Individuals set sail at 8:00 a.m. for a four hour fishing trip aboard the 90 feet Super Queen.

After the fishing trip, individuals volunteered to help build pirate ships. The pirate ships were utilized as decorations for the Saturday night

theme party.

Friday evening began with the Dinner Party Reception, **sponsored in part by Johnson-Davis, Inc.; and Mid Florida Utilities & Transportation Contractors Association.**

During the Dinner Party and Reception, the children were having a good time at the Children's Program. There was food, games and videos to keep them entertained.

The Friday Dinner Party, **sponsored in part by Associated Construction Products, Inc.; Northwest Florida Utility Contractors Association; Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers, Inc.; and Zurich Safety**, was a business casual affair.

Tom Opfer presented the 2009 UUCF Construction Performance Awards for the *Mitch Ellington, Gary D. Sawyer and Andrew J. Mayts Awards*. The Winners were: **Mitch Ellington Award** – Kimberly Bryan, Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Inc. **Gary D. Sawyer Award** – Bill Davis, HD Supply Waterworks. **Andrew J. Mayts Award** – Joe Weber, J.D. Weber Construction Co.

Bruce Kershner, UUCF Executive Vice President, announced the recipient of the UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation. The \$7,500 scholarship to an individual currently enrolled in high school was presented to **Sarah Maureen Cannon**. Sarah is the daughter of Mike Cannon, who is employed by Reynolds Inliner, Inc. in Longwood, FL, and Mary Cannon.

Please see details of Sarah Maureen Cannon and other recipients of Meritorious Scholarships from the UUCF/ASJMSF on Page 13 in this issue of the *Ditchmen*.

On behalf of UUCF, Tom Opfer was presented with his outgoing President's plaque and gift.

Ted Garrison gave the keynote address at Friday night's event. His message offered strategies for contractors and owners to not only survive in the future, but thrive.

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On Saturday morning, attendees headed to the Belleview Biltmore Golf Club for a fun-filled day of golf at the Annual Golf Tournament, **sponsored in part by Utility Service Company, Inc.; and Valenti, Trobec & Woody, Inc.** The Beverage Cart was **sponsored in part by Vac-Tron Equipment, LLC.** UUCF would also like to thank the following Tee/Hole Sponsors of the Golf tournament: **Arrow Directional Boring, Inc.; Johnson-Davis, Inc.; and LGM Contracting, Inc. & The Merucci Equipment Co.**

Congratulation to the following Golf Winners: **First Place** – Skip McElhenny; Larry Gustafson; Barry Hatten; and Dave Wenmark with Hanson Pipe & Precast. **Second Place** – George Carr; John Bentley; and Mike Cason with Linder Industrial Machinery Co.; and Chris Joyce with Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc. **Closest to the Pin** – Sam Etheridge with HD Supply Waterworks. **Longest Drive** – Dave Wenmark with Hanson Pipe & Precast. **Putting Contest** – tie between Jeff Blake with Arrow Directional Boring, Inc. and Chris Joyce with Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.

Beach activities started at 1:00 p.m. Individuals competed in games such as Sand Darts, Beach Ball Balancing Act, Beach Golf, Water Bucket Race, Bury a Yard Stick and Sand Castle Building.

Saturday evening began with the UUCF Theme Party Reception. The reception was **sponsored in part David Nelson Construction Co.; John Woody, Inc.; and Southwest Florida Utility Contractors Association.** The dinner was **sponsored in part by Gator Boring & Trenching, Inc.; Ring Power Corporation; Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers, Inc.; Stuart Angelo & Company, P.A.; Utility Contractors Association of North Florida; and Utility Service Company, Inc.**

During the Theme Party and Reception, the children were having a good time at the Children's Program. There was food, games and videos to keep them entertained.

The evening also included a Trivia Contest. Each table selected a name for their table. There was five rounds with five questions. The questions were based on information pertaining to UUCF, the pirate theme and general questions. Each table wrote their answers on a piece of paper and were handed in. At the end of the five rounds, there was a tie between two tables. The winners were the UCANF & Crew table with Mike, Flo and Brook Woodall and Ryan Schmitt.

Throughout the convention, UUCF held a Drawing. Individuals who were the first or additional registrants from a company were placed in the Drawing. Congratulations to the following individuals who each won \$250.00: John Bentley, Lou Merucci, Chris Stewart and Jason Caneer. Congratulations to Tom Woodward who won \$500.00.

Throughout the Convention, UUCF sold keys to the Treasure Chest. The following is a list of items included in the treasure chest: a Bottle McManis Petite Sirah; a Bottle Red Belly Black Chardonnay; Wine Stoppers; Wine Glasses; Canvas Wine Cooler Bag with Additional Compartment containing Wine Opener, Wine Glasses, Plates, Cloth Napkins, Forks and Knives; Captain Morgan's Original Spiced Rum; 2 Liter Coca Cola; Tumbler Style Cups; 6 pack Fiji Water; Large Beach Towels; Banana Boat Sport Performance 30 SPF Sun Block; Vera Bradley Beach Hat; Sony 7" Portable DVD Player; DVD – Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl; DVD – Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest; DVD – Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End; and Pirates & Smugglers Book. As soon as the attendees were informed that they could try their keys, Chris Stewart was the first to try his luck. With the flick of his wrist, the key turned the pad lock and the treasure chest was opened. Congratulations Chris.

Get ready to mark your calendar for next year's Convention. UUCF will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary aboard Royal Caribbean. As soon as a contract is signed, we will publish the dates in the *Ditchmen*. The 2010 Convention Chairperson is Flo Woodall with John Woody, Inc. Hope to see you all next year.

Again, UUCF would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Platinum, Gold, Silver, Golf Tee/Hole and Beverage Cart Sponsors. We would also like to thank the following sponsors and contributors:

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Come and enjoy three wonderful days and two nights at the PGA National in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida on October 2-4. You will enjoy three fun-filled days of golfing on three different 18 hole courses. Participants will have the opportunity to play on the Haig Course on Friday, the Champion course on Saturday and the Squire course on Sunday. A different tournament will be held on each course. The format will be a two-man scramble, two-man best ball and two-man alternate shot. All tournaments will be handicapped so everyone will have an equal opportunity to win.

Mike Woodall with John Woody, Inc.



is chairing this year's tournament. All proceeds from this year's tournament will benefit the UUCF Legal Defense Fund.

Designed by Tom Fazio, the Haig Course was the first to open for play at PGA National Resort & Spa.

Fazio's goal in designing this spectacular choice among Palm Beach golf clubs was to create an outstanding quality course that would be playable for all types of golfers. The major design factor relates to the location of water hazards. There are no crossing water hazards — which means the golfer always has the option of playing around a water hazard rather than over it. This eliminates a major obstacle for the high handicap golfer. At 6,806 yards, the Haig is the second-longest course at PGA National and has the highest difficulty rating from the standard men's (white) and ladies' (red) tees. Our Palm Beach golf

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resort requires a combination of length and accuracy off the tee to set up your approach to these tricky greens. Both the 9th and 18th holes return to the clubhouse area . . . allowing play to start from the 1st and 10th tees, making the Haig Course a convenient choice for 9-hole play in the afternoon.

The 1st, 8th, and 9th holes surround the Haig Driving Range — which has several practice greens, bunkers and chipping areas. The Haig Range is also the location of one of the nation's most comprehensive golf schools: the Golf Digest Academy.

The Haig Course was named in honor of Walter Hagen, known affectionately as "The Haig." Hagen became an international legend through his unparalleled style and his accomplishments in golf, including five PGA Championships.

Originally designed by Tom Fazio for major tournament play, the Champion Course at PGA National Resort & Spa was redesigned by Jack Nicklaus in 1990. Although the Champion Course has generous landing areas and spacious and accepting greens, golfers are presented with course management challenges throughout their rounds. This South Florida golf resort course has five sets of teeing areas, so golfers can choose the yardage that best accommodates their playing abilities. This makes the course enjoyable for golfers of all skill levels. The first hole runs along the adjoining driving range, with a practice green located next to the first tee for that last-minute warm up. The 15th, 16th and 17th holes of our South Florida golf course — which, along with the 11th hole, have been designated as "The Bear Trap" by Nicklaus — statistically have all been among The Top 10 Most Difficult Holes on the Senior PGA Tour. In May 2008, USA Today stated that The Bear Trap is "one of the toughest stretches in golf."

The Champion Golf Course has a distinguished place in Major

Championship history. It was the site of the 1983 Ryder Cup Matches; the 1987 PGA Championship; the 1982–2000 PGA Seniors' Championships; and the 1981, 1982, and 1994–2000 PGA Junior Championships. PGA National's Champion Course is now home to the PGA Tour's Honda Classic.

The Champion Course is dedicated to Jack Nicklaus, in honor of a man whose commitment to golf has been an inspiration to the game, and personifies the high standard of excellence we associate with the "Player of the Century."

Designed by Tom Fazio, the Squire is the shortest and the most exacting of the courses at **PGA National Resort & Spa**. Tom Fazio referred to the Squire as "the thinking man's course." The golfer is required to test his or her accuracy with fairway woods and long irons from many tees — and the smaller greens demand precise iron shots. In addition, our North Palm Beach golf course has several doglegs to test the longer hitter's control. Success or failure on the doglegs will make or break your round.

The Squire has more natural environmental areas than the Haig, the General and the Champion. Teeming with native vegetation, these areas attract an abundance of wildlife. The 5th hole of this North Palm Beach golf resort course runs along part of the wilderness preserve, which borders the west side of the PGA National community.

The Squire is named after the immortal Gene Sarazen. Nicknamed "The Squire," he is as much a part of golf history as anyone who has played the game. He was a true competitor who became the first person to win the professional "Grand Slam" — the U.S. Open, British Open, PGA Championship and the Masters. His actions on and off the course were always exemplary, and he stands today as a credit to all who have enjoyed the game.

Boasting a world-class European spa, five championship courses, and seven spectacular restaurants, PGA National Resort & Spa is more than just a golfer's paradise. It's a

stunning retreat that provides leisure and business travelers with experiences both exciting and memorable.

The entry fee for the three-day tournament is only \$560.00 per player. The entry fee includes three rounds of golf for the tournament, two nights' accommodation, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, \$30.00 dinner voucher for Friday and Saturday, one free mulligan for each day (option to purchase additional mulligans will be available), skins game on Friday and Saturday and beverages on the course during tournament play. A Hospitality Suite will be available for your enjoyment.

UUCF is also selling the Survival Kit. Included in the package are: **Friday:** three mulligans, putting contest and Closest to the Pin contest; **Saturday:** three mulligans, two throws, putting contest, Closest to the Pin contest and Hole in One Contest; and **Sunday:** three mulligans, two throws, putting contest and Closest to the Pin Contest. If the above items were purchased separately, it would cost \$185.00. However, for golfers who purchase the Survival Kit prior to the first day of the tournament, the cost is only \$175.00. Golfers may also participate in the optional skins game on Sunday at a cost of \$50.00 per team.

There will be great prizes (first and second place each day), optional purchase of the skins game on Sunday and a lot of fun. There will also be prizes for Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin. We will also be holding a putting contest each day.

The tournament is open to the first 60 teams. Hurry and mail your entry fee along with the registration form as soon as possible. Sleeping accommodations consist of two people per one bedroom (two double beds).

UUCF is accepting sponsorships for the tournament at \$250.00 each (unlimited sponsors available). All tournament sponsors will be recognized on signage located in the Hospitality Suite throughout the tournament. There are also beverage cart sponsorships available at

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UUCF Presents 2009 Construction Performance Awards

Each year, UUCF presents its Construction Performance Awards at the Annual Convention. Each chapter submits the name of a contractor and associate member. The *Mitch Ellington* and *Gary D. Sawyer Awards* honor outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions (on the local level and continue on to the state level) to the industry and/or association. These contributions can be in any area that results in benefits, progress, achievement or recognition for our association or industry and must have local and/or state impact. The *Andrew J. Mayts Award* is presented annually to a UUCF board member who has made a significant contribution, on the state level, to the industry and/or association. The recipient is selected by the current UUCF president.

Tom Opfer presented the 2009 UUCF Construction Performance Awards for the *Mitch Ellington*, *Gary D. Sawyer* and *Andrew J. Mayts Awards* on Friday, July 24 at the UUCF 2009 Convention.

The recipient of the **Mitch Ellington Award** was Kimberly Bryan. She is Project Manager of Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors in Jacksonville. She has been an active member of UCA of North Florida since 1998. She has consistently attended and actively participated in local, state and national board meetings, conventions and other events.

She has served on the local board from 2003 to the present; was President in 2007; served on the Executive Committee from 2004 – 2008; Chaired the Education

Committee in 2003; serves on the Legislative Committee from 2004 – present; serves on the Scholarship Committee from 2001 – present; serves on the Holiday Committee from 1998 – present; serves on the Seamark Ranch Committee from 2003 – present; and served on the Programs/Meetings Committee from 2006–2007.

She was awarded the chapter's *President's Award* in 2003. One of the focuses of her Presidency was to get more involved/participation from the members. New events such as an identity theft seminar, county issues and TV of storm drain session and a meeting with fire marshals from various surrounding counties showed many new faces.

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Mitch Ellington Award to Kimberly Bryan.

The recipient of the **Gary D. Sawyer Award** was William "Bill" Davis who is employed by HD Supply Waterworks. He has been an active board member of Northwest Florida UCA since 1995 and in the capacity of Vice President since 1999. He was instrumental in developing the trade show for four years serving as a committee member as well as an exhibitor and sponsor. He has been a strong supporter and sponsor of numerous chapter events through donation of money, time and participation.

He was instrumental in the establishment of the Chapter's Golf Tournament in 2005 and has continued to serve as chairman. He has also served as the Clay Tournament Chairman for the last two years. He is a current member of the chapter's Membership

Committee and is always promoting the association with non-members and making them aware of the benefits.

For the last several years, he has been involved with the Emerald Coast Utility Authority (ECUA) working on numerous technical and specification issues. He is a member of an ad hoc committee which meets regularly to address industry issues.

UUCF is proud to present this year's **Gary D. Sward Award to William "Bill" Davis.**

The recipient of the Andrew J. Mayts Award was Joseph "Joe" G. Weber who is President of J.D. Weber Construction Co. He has been involved with the UUCF Board of Directors since 1994. He has been very active by serving on the UUCF Convention Committee from 1994 – present; serving on the UUCF Executive Committee as an

At Large Member from 2000/2001 – 2006/2007; and serving as Vice President from 2007/2008 – 2008/2009.

He has been very dedicated to and worked hard for the association throughout the years. Joe, along with other members of his family, has attended UUCF Conventions for many years and contributes heavily to the association. During the conventions, he volunteers his time for duties such as moving items and manning tables for the Silent Auction and/or Chinese Raffle which are held during the receptions. He has also helped on occasion with tearing down for the convention on Sunday.

UUCF is proud to present this year's **Andrew J. Mayts Award to Joseph "Joe" G. Weber.**

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UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation 2009 Scholarship Winners Announced

During the Underground Utility Contractors of Florida (UUCF) 2009 Annual Convention at The SandPearl Resort in Clearwater Beach, Florida, the UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. announced the 2009 recipient of a \$7,500.00 scholarship to an individual who graduated from high school in 2009 and its Meritorious Award winners of either a \$6,000.00, \$2,500.00 or \$1,500.00 scholarship.

Prior to 2009, the UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. has awarded \$119,000.00 in scholarships. In addition to the \$7,500.00 scholarship, the trustees elected to

distribute an additional \$29,000.00 in Meritorious Scholarships for a total distribution of \$36,500.00. As of this year, we have awarded a total of \$155,500.00 in scholarships since the inception in 2000.

The recipient must be an employee of and/or an immediate family member employed by a company that is a member in good standing with UUCF. The committee based its decision on the applicant's scholastic standing, ACT and/or SAT scores, extracurricular activities, community service, work experience, letters of reference and a 500-word essay.

The following was the recipient of a \$7,500.00 one time High

School Scholarship:



The UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. is proud to announce the 2009 recipient of the \$7,500.00 scholarship to an individual who graduated from high school in 2009, Sarah Maureen Cannon. Sarah is the daughter of Mike Cannon, who is employed by Reynolds Inliner, Inc. in Longwood,

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promotional items in the Hospitality Suite throughout the tournament.)

To obtain a copy of the UUCF President's Cup Golf Tournament Registration or Sponsorship form, please visit our website at www.uucf.com. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact the UUCF office at (407) 830-1880.

Hope to see you all at the UUCF President's Cup Golf Tournament on October 2-4 at PGA National in Palm Beach Gardens.

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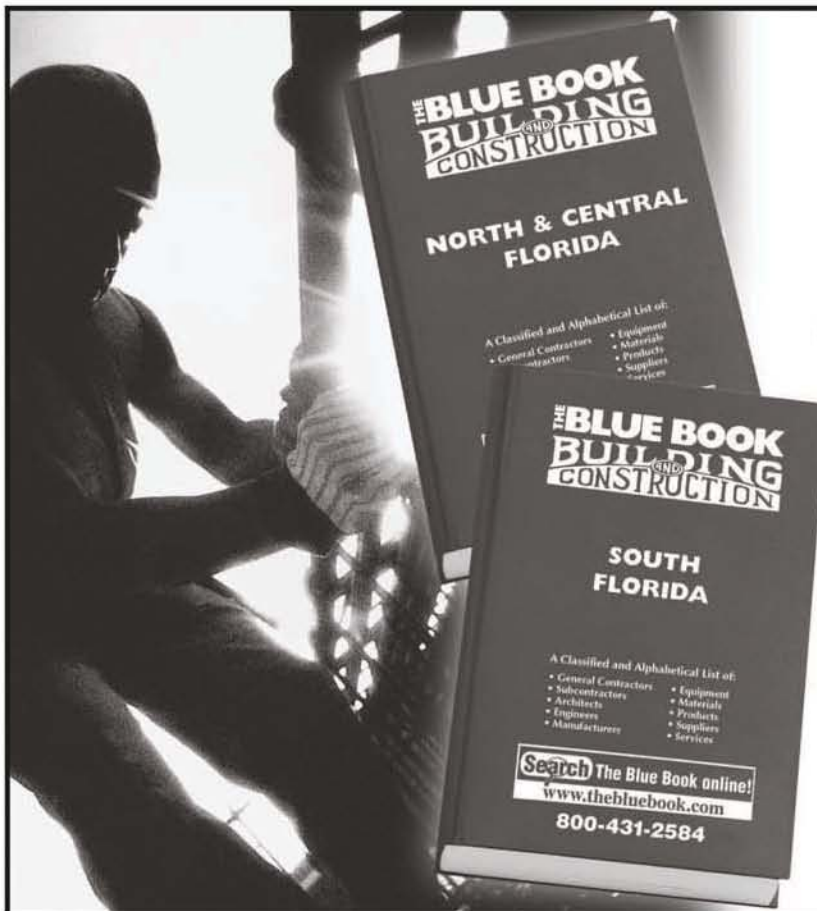
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President's Message



I would like to thank the UUCF Board of Directors and membership for the honor of being elected as the

President of UUCF for the next two years. I look forward to the responsibilities and progress I hope we all achieve in helping to carry our organization through these tough financial times into what we all hope is a more productive and profitable future ahead for all of those who are members of the Underground Utility Contractors of Florida. My hope is to keep the membership growing so that we can all unite in this common goal.

I would like to thank Tom Opfer, our previous President, and Larry Falls, our Convention Chairman, for a fantastic convention in Clearwater Beach. The pirate ships and all the decorations were awesome. Thanks to



Larry and the Convention Committee. All the work that the

members and volunteers put into making the "Treasure Aarrh Time in 2009" theme was a great success and much appreciated. I doubt there has ever been such a motley crew of Pirates or a more good looking group of Winches on the shores of Clearwater Beach. Aarrh. Many thanks to all the sponsors who are always a major key to the success of our convention.

Everyone seemed to enjoy The SandPearl Resort. Many of our members commented on the beautiful accommodations, friendly staff and all around great time they had while at the convention. There

were also many positive comments about the Golf Tournament and Fishing trip. Congratulations to the team of Skip McElhenny, Larry Gustafson, Barry Hatten and Dave Wenmark from Hanson Pipe & Precast for winning the Golf Tournament, and congratulations to Glenn Lieser for the large shark on the fishing trip.

My plan is to lead our organization into the future addressing the needs of UUCF as a whole, while also looking objectively at the needs of each chapter. We can only stand strong unified and each chapter has much to offer to make our team complete. Our future success relies on each of us being educated to the changes in our profession. Be it new equipment technology, upcoming regulations or state legislative issues,

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FL, and Mary Cannon. Sarah graduated from Lake Brantley High School in 2009 with a 4.657 grade point average. She was ranked third in a class of 675 students. Sarah will be attending Vanderbilt University where her intended course of study and intended career plans are in biomedical engineering.

Sarah was Salutatorian; National AP Scholar and Commended National Merit Scholar. While in high school, Sarah was in band for four years, section leader from 2007-2008 and drum major from 2008-2009; was part of the Science Fair for one year, on the National Honor Society for three years and treasurer from 2008-2009; part of the Physics Club for one year and president; part of

the Honorary Society for three years and secretary from 2008-2009; and part of the Key Club for three years and treasurer from 2007-2008.

The UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. would like to congratulate Sarah on her hard work and wish her luck in her future endeavors.

The following was the recipient of a \$3,500.00 one time High School Meritorious Scholarship:

Benjamin Thomas Hurst is a graduate of Columbia High School in 2008. Ben is the son of Tim Hurst, who is employed by APAC Southeast, Inc. in Jacksonville, and Anne Hurst. Ben plans on attending Tallahassee Community College and Florida State University where he is studying Computer Engineering. His intended career plans are to attend college for four years majoring in Computer Engineering while learning and achieving his highest

potential. At FSU, he plans on joining the Air Force ROTC program and entering the United States Air Force as an officer.

The following were recipients of a \$6,000.00 one time Meritorious Scholarship:

Yang Ge graduated from Stanton College Preparatory School in 2008. Yang is the son of Helen He, who is employed by England Thims & Miller in Jacksonville, FL, and Ling Ge. Yang was a recipient of a 2008 Scholarship. Yang has been attending Harvard University where he is studying Mathematics and Economics. His intended career plans are in business and public service.

Mark "Tommy" McCabe graduated from Cardinal Mooney High School in 2007. Tommy is the son of Mark and Kim McCabe with C

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& M Road Builders, Inc. in Sarasota, FL. Tommy was a recipient of a 2007 and 2008 Scholarship. Tommy has been attending Bucknell University where his intended course of study is economics. His intended career plans are in business and infrastructure engineering management.

Avery Lauren Spofford graduated from H.B. Plant High School in 2007. Avery is the daughter of George Spofford, who is employed by Glenn Rasmussen Fogarty & Hooker, P.A. in Tampa, FL, and Anita Spofford. Avery was a recipient of a 2008 Scholarship. Avery has been attending Vanderbilt University where she is studying English, Music Literature and Women's and Gender Studies. Her intended career is Music Journalist/Journalist.

The following were recipients of a \$2,500.00 one time Meritorious Scholarship:

Steven J. Sanchez graduated from W.T. Dwyer in 2006. Steven is the son of Rosa Sanchez, who is employed by Johnson-Davis, Inc. in Lantana, FL, and Juan Sanchez. Steven was a Meritorious recipient in 2006, 2007 and 2008 as well. Steven has been attending the University of Miami where he is studying Political Science and Business Administration (pre-law). His intended career plans are to work as a business/legal advisor.

Megan Nicole Unger graduated from Camden County High School in Kingsland, GA in 2009. Megan is the daughter of Thomas Unger, who is employed by Florida Roads Contracting, Inc. in Jacksonville, FL, and Pamela Unger. Megan plans on attending the University of Georgia where she plans on studying Pre-Medical and a triple major in Biology, Psychology and Physics. Her

intended career plans are to be a neurosurgeon.

The following were recipients of a \$1,500.00 one time Meritorious Scholarship:

Benjamin Burgess graduated from South Iredell High School in Statesville, NC in 2001. Ben is currently employed by A. J. Johns, Inc. in Jacksonville, FL. Ben plans on attending the University of Florida to earn his masters in Business Administration. His intended career plans are in civil construction/land development.

Ashleigh Elizabeth Ciambriello graduated from Dr. Phillips High School in Orlando, FL in 2009. Ashleigh is the daughter of Paul Ciambriello, who is employed by Guignard Company, Inc. in Longwood, FL, and Allesa Ciambriello. Ashleigh plans on attending Ithaca College where her course of study will be in sound recording technology. Her intended career plans are to open her own recording studio and record label.

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Calendar of Events

UUCF

- Oct. 2-4 President's Cup Golf Tournament, PGA National Resort & Spa, Palm Beach Gardens
- Nov. 6 Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando

Central Florida U&TCA

- Sept. 14 Board of Director's Meeting, Brevard County
- Oct. 19 Board of Director's & Membership Meetings, Volusia County
- Nov. 16 Board of Director's Meeting
- Dec. 4 Annual Christmas Party, Radisson Resort at the Port

Mid Florida U&TCA

- Sept. 18 ... Fall Golf Tournament, Eagle Creek Golf Club, Orlando
- Oct. 6 Board of Director's Meeting
- Oct. 23 Annual Auction/Barbecue
- Dec. 3 Annual Christmas Party

Northwest Florida UCA

- Aug. 13 Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
- Sept. 10 Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
- Sept. 26 Fishing Tournament, Pensacola
- Oct. 8 Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
- Oct. 23 Clay Tournament, Pensacola
- Nov. 3 Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
- Nov. 13 Annual Meeting

Southwest Florida UCA

- Sept. 19-20 Fishing Tournament, Tween Waters Inn, Captiva Island
- Oct. 15 Board of Director' & General Membership Meetings
- Dec. 5 Christmas Party & Installation of Officers & Directors, Holiday Inn, Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers

SUCA

- Sept. 10 Board of Director' & General Membership Meetings
- Sept. 17 Fish Fry, Largo Central Park, Largo
- Oct. 1 Board of Director's Meeting & Baseball Mixer, Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg
- Oct. 10 Fishing Tournament, Tierra Verde
- Nov. 5 Board of Director's & General Membership Meetings
- Nov. 6 Clay Shoot, Deer Creek Sporting Clays, Land O'Lakes
- Dec. 3 Board of Director's Meeting, Tampa Club
- Dec. 5 December Banquet, Dinner & Dance, Tampa Club, Tampa

UCA of South Florida

- Sept. 9 Board of Director's & Membership Dinner Meetings
- Oct. 8 Board of Director's Meeting, Johnson-Davis, Inc.'s office, Lantana
- Oct. (TBA) Scholarship Golf Tournament
- Nov. (TBA) Board of Director's Meeting & ECA Networking Night, Shula's, Miami Lakes
- Dec. (TBA) Holiday Party & Officer Installation, Maggiano's, Boca Raton

UCA of North Florida

- Sept. 8 Executive Committee Meeting, Conference Room at UCA of North Florida office
- Sept. 17 Board of Director's Meeting
- Oct. (TBA) Fishing Tournament, Sister's Creek Marina/City of Jacksonville
- Oct. 7 Bettering Your Business Luncheon Series
- Oct. 13 Executive Committee Meeting, Conference Room at UCA of North Florida office
- Nov. 4 Safety Director's Forum
- Nov. 10 Executive Committee Meeting, Conference Room at UCA of North Florida office
- Nov. 19 Election of Officers Meeting
- Dec. 15 Executive Committee Meeting, Conference Room at UCA of North Florida office

NUCA

- Sept. 23-25 Fall Board Meeting, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

2010

- Jan. 11-13 Expo '10, Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel, Orlando, Florida

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- Jan. 18-21 Expo '11, The Executive Experience, The El Conquistador Hotel, Las Croabas, Puerto Rico

Sunshine State One Call of Florida, Inc. (SSOCOF) Meetings

- Sept. 17-18 Committee & Board of Director's Meetings, DeBary Call Center
- Oct. 16 Executive Committee Meeting, DeBary Call Center Conference Call
- Nov. 19-20 Committee & Board of Director's Meetings, DeBary Call Center
- Dec. 18 Executive Committee Meeting, DeBary Call Center Conference Call

Construction Industry Licensing Board Meetings

- Sept. 9-11 Crowne Plaza Tampa Westshore, Tampa
- Oct. 14-16 Hyatt Regency Jacksonville (Pending)
- Nov. 11-13 Grand Bohemian Orlando (Pending)





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graduated from Ridgeview High School in Orange Park, FL in 2008. Christopher is the son of David Todd, who is employed by Florida Roads Contracting, Inc. in Jacksonville, FL, and Suzanne Todd. Christopher is attending Appalachian State University where his course of study is in geography and planning and geographical information systems. His intended career plans are to work with the economic impact of land use and development.

Austin Taylor Wynn graduated from Trinity Christian Academy in Jacksonville, FL in 2009. Austin is the son of Donald Wynn, who is employed by Florida Roads Materials, LLC in Jacksonville, FL, and Sandy Wynn. Austin plans on attending the Mars Hill College in North Carolina where his course of study is in business. His intended career plans are to open his own engineering firm.

The UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. would like to congratulate Yang, Tommy, Avery, Steven, Megan, Ben, Ashleigh, Christopher and Austin and the best of luck to all of you at college and on your future career plans!

How the UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation Was Formed

The UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. was established in memory of the son of two-time Past President of UUCF, Scott Johnson of Johnson-Davis, Inc. On December 28, 1999, Scott and Robin Johnson's son Andrew "Andy" Scott Johnson was tragically killed in an automobile accident at the age of 19. At the time of his death, Andy was a sophomore at Vanderbilt University studying Civil Engineering with hopes of entering the family business.

The foundation has established a scholarship fund that will hopefully serve the association's membership, provide help to individuals attending college, and memorialize a bright young man.

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Chapter News

Central Florida U&TCA

Join us for Central Florida U&TCA's August Membership Social. The hors d'oeuvres and drinks are on us, so join us on Thursday, August 20 for a happy hour mixer at the Fishlips Bar and Grill in Cape Canaveral from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please call the Central Florida U&TCA office to reserve your place. See you there!

Mid Florida U&TCA

Congratulations to the Mid Florida U&TCA Richard E. Moreland 2009 Scholarship Recipients! During a combined Membership Social and Scholarship Night on July 28, the following scholarships were presented:

Mid Florida U&TCA proudly introduces this year's \$6,000 Scholarship Recipient – Sarah Cannon. Sarah is the daughter of Michael Cannon, who is employed by Reynolds Inliner, LLC, and Mary Cannon. Sarah graduated as Salutatorian from Lake Brantley High School this past June with an amazing unweighted GPA of 4.0, and a weighted GPA of 4.6. Beginning this fall, Sarah will be attending Vanderbilt University where she will major in Biomedical Engineering. Sarah plans to obtain a Masters of Engineering Degree and work as a Biomedical Engineer with a focus on neuroscience. Sarah received her first \$1,500 scholarship check this year.

Emily Porteus is the winner of the \$1,500 Scholarship for College Student. Emily is the daughter of Steve Porteus, who is employed by Ring Power Corporation, and Penny Porteus. A 2008 graduate of East Ridge High School, Emily attends the University of Florida. Emily is enrolled in a five-year Masters of Education Program and plans to become an Algebra teacher at a local middle or high school.

Mid Florida U&TCA is also pleased to award two meritorious scholarships: Congratulations Kayli Kishel (daughter of Eric and Lori Kishel), winner of a \$1,000 award. Kayli will be attending the University of Central Florida where she plans to major in Microbiology before applying to Medical School.

Congratulations also to Lisa Hawthorne, recipient of a \$500 award

for a college student. Lisa is an Executive Assistant with Ring Power Corporation who has been very involved in our chapter events, volunteering on several committees and donating her valuable time to our events. Lisa is working toward a degree in Business Management, after which, she aspires to become Ring Power's first female Heavy Equipment Sales Representative in the history of the company.

Receiving her fourth \$1,000.00 scholarship installment – Ashleigh Amanda Darnell, daughter of Tom Darnell and Cindy Darnell. Ashleigh graduated from Harmony High School in 2006 and currently attends the University of Central Florida where she is studying to become a physical therapist.

Receiving her third \$1,000.00 scholarship installment is Kjerstin Ann Kishel. Kjerstin is the daughter of Eric Kishel, who is employed by Johnson Bros. Corporation, and Lori Kishel. Kjerstin graduated from Newsome High School in 2007 and is attending the University of Central Florida in Orlando where she majors in Business.

Receiving her second \$1,500.00 scholarship installment is Taylor Pride. Taylor is the daughter of Scott Pride, who is employed by Central Florida Underground, Inc., and Wendy Pride. Taylor graduated from Lake Mary High School in 2008 and is currently attending Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville and majoring in Communications.

Finally, our thanks to the members of the Scholarship Committee: Steve Poretus, Chairman (Ring Power Corporation); Larry Blumberg (Mainline Supply Company of Orlando); Charlie Humphries (Johnson Bros.); and Larry Shotwell (Phillips & Jordan, Inc.).

The Mid Florida U&TCA Fall Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, September 18, 2009. This year's fall tournament will be a morning event held at the Eagle Creek Golf Club in Orlando.

Southwest Florida UCA

We are looking forward to the

Southwest Florida UCA Annual Fishing Tournament that will be held September 18–20 at the Tween Waters Inn, Captiva Island. Register today for one of the most exciting, fun-filled Southwest Florida UCA events of the year. All fishing tournament forms have been sent out and are available on our website. Tournament registration will be from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 18 under the tent on the tennis courts. There will be a Captain's Meeting that evening and each boat must have representation. Dinner is on your own. The tournament will start on Saturday. All boats are due in at 4:00 p.m. for the weigh-in. The Saturday evening buffet dinner will be served under the tent, and tournament awards and prizes will be given out. You must pre-register everyone in your party in advance including anglers, jr. anglers, guests and children in order to be eligible for prizes and giveaways. All payments are requested in advance to guarantee reservations. We look forward to seeing you there!

We were very excited to receive 11 impressive Scholarship applications this year. Congratulations to the following 2009 Southwest Florida UCA Scholarship winners. Daniel Stewart was our first place winner and was presented a scholarship in the amount of \$2,250. Daniel is the son of Chris and Susan Stewart and will be attending the University of Florida in Gainesville. Our second place winner was Victoria Neubert. Victoria was presented a scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. She is the daughter of Bob and Karen Neubert and will return to the University of Florida for her masters. There were two third place winners. Kristin Mason and Callie Sipes were each presented a scholarship in the amount of \$1,250. Kristin is the daughter of Shawn and Donna Mason and will attend the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Callie is the daughter of Keith and Stephanie Dean. Callie will be attending Santa Fe College in Gainesville. The fourth place winner was Catherine Cowart. She was presented a scholarship in the amount of \$750. Catherine is the daughter of Richard and Claudia Cowart and will be attending the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Our next Southwest Florida UCA Board





of Directors and Dinner Meetings will be held Thursday, August 20 at the Holiday Inn, Gulf Coast Town Center, right across from the Bass Pro Shop. Cocktail hour starts at 6:30 p.m. You are also invited to attend and get involved in a Political Interest Committee Meeting before which starts at 3:00 p.m. at the same location. We are looking forward to having David Holmes, Corporate Attorney with Farr Law Firm in Punta Gorda, as our speaker. Please make plans to attend. Potential new members can attend as our guests.

Mark your calendar for the 2009 Southwest Florida UCA Christmas Party which will be held at the Holiday Inn, Gulf Coast Town Center on Saturday, December 5. More details will be out soon.

SUCA

SUCA's July membership meeting was Scholarship Night, and 2009 marks the twenty-first year SUCA has awarded scholarships to the children of our members. Scholarship Committee Chairperson Lorie Waldrop of Terra Construction Group, Inc., Linda Shutt of David Nelson Construction Co. and Jack Neu of Nielson, Wojtowicz, Neu & Associates had a difficult time making their selection from many very accomplished applicants.

This year's scholarship recipient, who will receive \$1,000.00 for four years, was Caitlin Forshier, daughter of Nathan and Colleen Forshier of Wallace, Welch & Willingham, Inc. Caitlin graduated 11th in her class from Osceola High School in St. Petersburg with a 4.35 weighted GPA. Congratulations to the Forshier family, and we wish Caitlin the very best in her college career!

SUCA's August membership meeting was a bowling tournament at AMF University Lanes in Tampa. Over 60 members attended the event, and everyone had a great time! Congratulations to the first place team from Ferguson Waterworks, Inc.: Bruce Akers, Steven Kennedy, Kevin Kornett and Wally Quigg.

SUCA and UUCF are joining together to host a fundraiser for Representative Will Weatherford on Wednesday, September 9 at the Tampa Bay Golf & Country Club in San Antonio, FL. The

fundraiser will be held from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the UUCF or SUCA office.

SUCA's September General Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9 at the Tampa Bay Golf & Country Club in San Antonio. Cost is \$30.00 per person and includes Roast Pork Loin, House Salad, Herb Roasted Red Potatoes, California Vegetable Blend, Baked Rolls and Butter and Fresh Fruit Salad. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m.

State Representative Will Weatherford, District 61, will be our guest speaker for the evening. Representative Weatherford will address our membership regarding current legislative issues. Please plan to attend this important meeting. All members in attendance will have the opportunity to participate in a question and answer session.

SUCA's Annual Fish Fry will again be held at Largo Central Park on Thursday, September 17 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. This ever popular event draws over 300 people year after year for seafood cooked on site and a chance to make those important business contacts over lunch. Ten tickets have been mailed out to each member firm. Please remember to return any unwanted tickets to the SUCA office by September 11. Ticket price is \$12.00 per person and includes two kinds of fish, hush puppies, grits, cole slaw and peach cobbler.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME! SUCA's October Membership Mixer will be held Thursday, October 1, 2009 at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg where SUCA members will get together to watch the Rays –vs– Orioles game! Registration and cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m. We will have the Hot Corner Lounge to ourselves from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. SUCA members will then head to their seats in Section 215 to watch the game! The cost is \$40.00 per person and includes your ticket to the game, finger foods and non-alcoholic drinks. This meeting is strictly for networking, catching up and having a good time! Reservations must be received by the SUCA office no later than noon on Thursday, September 17, 2009.

SUCA committees are already hard at work on year end projects. The Nominating Committee is working on our leadership for 2010, the Clay Shoot Committee is gearing up for the November 1 Clay Shoot at Deer Creek Sporting Clays and the December Banquet Committee is finalizing details for the December 12 gala at the Tampa Club.

If you are interested in SUCA's projects or events, please contact our office at (813) 989-7822 or visit our website at www.suca.org.

UCA of South Florida

The Annual UCA of South Florida Scholarship Awards were awarded on July 16 during our General Membership Dinner Meeting at the Deerfield Beach Hilton. All of the applicants are very deserving, and it was difficult to determine our winners. We awarded \$15,000 in scholarships this year!

The scholarships are funded by proceeds from the Annual UCA of South Florida Scholarship Golf Tournament held each Fall. These scholarships were made possible because of the dedicated UCA of South Florida members who serve on the golf committee, played in the tournament and who donated through their generous sponsorships. So many thanks to all those who were involved in the event.

Thank you to the UCA of South Florida Scholarship Committee members for their time spent reviewing the many applications. Committee Chairman Brad Miller (Chaz Equipment); Russell Montgomerie (Lawless, Edwards & Warren); and Kim Tran (Atlas Traffic Mgmt.).

Congratulations to the winners: Kelly Blake (Arrow Directional Boring); Andres Villada (Ryan, Inc.); Jeffery Joseph (Craven Thompson & Assoc.); Dale Parsan (Atlas Traffic Mgmt.); Marcello Cunha (Chaz Equipment); and Casey Love (Sunline Engineering).

This year's tournament will take place on November 20 at Palm Beach National Golf Course in Lake Worth. Registration information will be available next month. For more information, please contact the UCA of South Florida office.





UCA of North Florida

We just returned from the UUCF Convention at The SandPearl Resort in Clearwater Beach. Thank you to Larry Falls and Linda Shutt, Convention Chairs, and their team from Suncoast Utility Contractors Association for hosting a terrific convention. Although attendance was a little lighter than usually, everyone had a blast. Saturday night's event was the highlight with a great pirate themed event. We had a lot of fun fishing, painting pirate ships, playing beach games and golfing. Thank you to Bruce and Julie Kershner and their staff for all of their hard work. The 2009 Performance Awards were announced at the Friday night dinner. Kim Bryan, Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, received the 2009 *Mitch Ellington Award*, Bill Davis, HD Supply Waterworks, received the 2009 *Gary D. Sawyer Award* and Joe Weber, J.D. Weber Construction Co., received the 2009 *Andrew J. Mayts Award*. Congratulations to all the winners.

We had our scholarship luncheon on July 29. The 2009 J. Richard Baker Scholarship was awarded to Megan Unger, daughter of Tom Unger, Florida Roads Contracting, and Pamela Unger. In the fall, Megan will begin her studies in Biology and Psychology at the University of Georgia. Her career goal is to become a neurosurgeon for a research-based medical institute. The 2009 Mike Allen Scholarship was awarded to Amy Beth Gruhn, daughter of Gordon Gruhn, Gruhn May, Inc., and Valerie Gruhn. Amy will be attending Florida State University where she will be enrolled in the honors program. She will be majoring in public relations and marketing. Thank you to our scholarship committee Chair Ted Turnbeaugh, Kim Bryan, Laura Hinson and Lauren Atwell. We had great applicants this year, and it was a very tough decision.

Sign up for the 2009 Fishing Tournament has begun. This year's

event will be held on Saturday, October 10 at Sister's Creek Marina/City of Jacksonville. Sponsors and Anglers are both needed. Sponsorships are available for \$125, \$300 and \$600. Price for anglers is \$60. This is a great day of fishing with delicious food, great door prizes and good company. Call the UCA of North Florida office at (904) 296-1230 to register or for additional information.

Don't forget to register for the NUCA Fall Board meeting. The meetings will be held at the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre in Indianapolis, Indiana from October 8-10. Information is available at the NUCA website at www.nuca.com.

Upcoming events include Bettering Your Business Luncheon on Wednesday, September 3, General Membership Meeting with JEA on September 18 and our Annual Fishing Tournament on Saturday, October 25.



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