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UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation Schedules Tenth Annual Bass Fishing Tournament

The UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation will be holding its two-day Bass Fishing Tournament on Friday, March 5 – Saturday, March 6, 2010 on the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes on Lake Toho at the Big Toho Marina. This tournament has been organized to raise funds for the *UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation*. The Fishing Tournament Chairman Scott Johnson has already started making plans for this event.

There will be a mandatory Captain's Meeting on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at the Kissimmee Steak House which is located across the street from the Quality Inn Heritage Park hotel. One representative from each team must be present at this meeting. The weigh-in for each day's tournament will be held at the Big Toho Marina. An Angler Dinner will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 5 at the Quality Inn Heritage Park hotel.

The tournament will be a two-day event. Five fish per boat, per team, per day. There is a minimum of two people on a team. No team can consist of more than three people. Paid professional guides cannot be considered as a team member. This will be a catch and release tournament and will be scored in accordance with the B.A.S.S. guidelines. However, the use of live bait is permitted! (After all, this is for FUN!) Professional guide services are available through the foundation.

The schedule for both days is as follows: Check in/Registration starting at 6:30 a.m.; Cast Off at 7:00 a.m. (or safe light); and Weigh-

in starts at 2:00 p.m. The cost to register for this event is \$85.00 per person. The registration fee includes a T-Shirt, hat and raffle ticket at registration. Hotel accommodations, meals, bait, boats and professional guides are not included in this fee.

Angler, Boat/Guide, Shiners and Hotel Registration Forms will be mailed to the UUCF membership the first week of December. All registration forms, along with payment, must be submitted to the UUCF office **no later than January 22, 2010**.




UUCF is also accepting companies to be a part of the Major, General,

Captain's Meeting Happy Hour, Angler Dinner Beverage, Angler Dinner, Grand Prize, Weigh-In and Trophy Sponsorship Programs. All sponsorship forms were mailed to the UUCF membership at the end of November. If you are interested in participating in any of the sponsorship programs, please complete the appropriate sponsorship form and return with payment to the UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation office **no later than January 22, 2010**. If you need a specific sponsorship or registration form, please visit the UUCF website at www.uucf.com or contact the UUCF office at (407) 830-1880.

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UUCF . . . 30th Anniversary Cruise

We at the Underground Utility Contractors of Florida (UUCF) are excited about celebrating our 30th Anniversary. This year, we are making the 2010 Convention special by having a 30th Anniversary Cruise. The cruise will be departing from Fort Lauderdale on Thursday, July 22, with stops in Key West and Cozumel, and arriving back at Fort Lauderdale on Monday, July 26. We hope you join us for this wonderful event.



When it comes to beautiful beaches and sparkling blue waters, the Caribbean is really in a league of its own. And beneath their tropical paradise settings, these islands are home to rich culture and complex histories.

The sailing itinerary is as follows:

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Depart from Fort Lauderdale, Florida at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, July 23, 2010

Arrive in Key West, Florida at

7:00 a.m.

Depart Key West, Florida at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 24, 2010

Arrive in Cozumel, Mexico at 10:00 a.m.

Depart from Cozumel, Mexico at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 25, 2010

Cruising

Monday, July 26, 2010

Arrive in Fort Lauderdale, Florida at 7:00 a.m.

This year's Convention Committee is being chaired by Flo Woodall of John Woody, Inc. in Jacksonville. At the first UUCF Convention Committee meeting, the committee members reviewed surveys that were completed and returned by attendees and sponsors from the 2009 Convention. The committee also reviewed the convention program as well as various events.

The Platinum and Gold Sponsors from the 2009 Convention have been solicited for the 2010 Convention. Once the UUCF hears back from those companies, the UUCF office will start soliciting for additional Platinum and Gold Sponsors.

The Convention Committee has established that UUCF will be holding

two or three receptions during the cruise. There will be continuing education classes for contractors and a Golf Tournament.

A Cabin Registration Form will be completed and sent to all UUCF members in January. If you plan on joining us for the 30th Anniversary Cruise, please complete and submit your Cabin Registration Form, along with payment, to the UUCF office as soon as possible. **Cabins will be on a first-come, first-serve basis and will not be reserved until payment is received.**

In January, UUCF will also be sending out a Convention Registration Form which will cover the registration fee for all private UUCF functions during the cruise.

Please note: Due to the heightened level of security in 2005, all passengers are required to have a passport. A passport at embarkation is strictly enforced. Anyone arriving at the port without a passport will be denied boarding and NO REFUND will be issued. No exception will be made, per Royal Caribbean. Everyone MUST have a passport when taking a cruise to any foreign port of call. If you do not have a passport, go to the U.S. Department of State website at http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/forms_847.html.

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OSHA 300-A Form – Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses – Must be Posted

This is a reminder that all companies are required to post the *Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses (Form 300-A)* — by February 1 of the year following the year covered by the form and keep it posted until April 30 of that year. You must keep the *Log* and *Summary* for five years following the year to which they pertain.

Employers must keep a Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses and Summary for each establishment or site. If you have more than one establishment, you must keep a separate *Log* and *Summary* for each physical location that is expected to be in operation

for one year or longer. **Note: you can use a workers' compensation or insurance form, if it contains the same information.**

Note that your employees have the right to review your injury and illness records.

All employers covered by the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-596) must report to OSHA any workplace incident resulting in a fatality or the in-patient hospitalization of three or more employees within eight hours.

Employers must prepare and maintain records of work-related injuries and illnesses.

The *Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses (Form 300)* is used to classify work-related injuries and illnesses and to note the extent and severity of each case as well as track days away from work, restricted or transferred. When an incident occurs, use the *Log* to record specific details about what happened and how it happened.

The *Injury and Illness Incident Report (Form 301)* is one of the first forms you must fill out when a recordable work-related injury or illness has occurred. Together with the *Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses* and the accompanying *Summary*, these forms help the employer and OSHA develop a picture of the extent and severity of

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work-related incidents. Within seven calendar days after you receive information that a recordable work-related injury or illness has occurred, you must fill out this form or an equivalent. Some state workers' compensation, insurance, or other reports may be acceptable substitutes. To be considered an equivalent form, any substitute must contain all the information asked for on this form. According to Public Law 91-596 and 29 CFR 1904, OSHA's recordkeeping rule, you must keep this form on file for five years following the year to which it pertains.

Record those work-related injuries and illnesses that result in:

- death,
- loss of consciousness,
- days away from work, restricted work activity or job transfer, or medical treatment beyond first aid.

You must also record work-related injuries and illnesses that are

significant (as defined below) or meet any of the additional criteria listed below.

You must record any significant work-related injury or illness that is diagnosed by a physician or other licensed health care professional. You must record any work-related case involving cancer, chronic irreversible disease, a fractured or cracked bone, or a punctured eardrum. See 29 CFR 1904.7.

You must record the following conditions when they are work-related:

- any needlestick injury or cut from a sharp object that is contaminated with another person's blood or other potentially infectious material;
- any case requiring an employee to be medically removed under the requirements of an OSHA health standard;
- tuberculosis infection as evidenced by a positive skin test or diagnosis by a physician or other licensed

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The *Summary* — a separate form (Form 300-A) — shows the totals for the year in each category. At the end of the year, post the *Summary* in a visible location so that your employees are aware of the injuries and illnesses occurring in their workplace.

The OSHA Form 300-A, Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses is now available on OSHA's website at <http://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping/RKforms.html>.

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Battle of the Forms (Part II of II)

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Last month, we described and illustrated the differences between the “Mirror Image Rule,” which governs offers and acceptances when services or goods and services are being purchased, and the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) rules, which apply when solely goods are involved. In Part II, we will describe some of the other UCC rules which apply in a “Battle of the Forms” situation and steps buyers and sellers can take to eliminate uncertainty regarding the terms of the deal when forms are exchanged.

Recall that under the UCC, any definite and timely expression of acceptance can create a contract for the sale of goods even if the acceptance includes different or additional terms. A seller/offoror may want to prevent any different or new terms from being injected into the deal and the UCC has rules that allow an offeror to restrict the deal to the terms of the offer. For example, if the initial offer expressly states that any acceptance is restricted to the terms of the offer (i.e. the offer rejects in advance any additional or different terms), then any definite and seasonable expression of acceptance creates a contract, but the different or additional terms are excluded.

Another exception is where the different or additional terms materially alter the deal, in which case, the new terms are not part of the contract. A material alteration is generally found if the additional or different terms create surprise or

hardship on the other party. Examples of clauses that are generally viewed as being material alterations that are not automatically included in a contract would include: a disclaimer of standard warranties of merchantability or fitness, or a clause making the seller responsible for all sales taxes when previous sales did not include such a provision.

Here is an illustration of the UCC offer and acceptance rules in action. Our same Prime Contractor, Inc. from last month needs to purchase steel guardrail and hardware which the prime contractor will install using his own forces. Since the prime contractor is merely buying the goods and not labor to install, the UCC applies. Guardrail Supplier, Inc. offers to sell Prime Contractor, Inc. the steel guardrail for \$75 and the offer to sell is silent regarding whether hardware is included or not. Prime Contractor, Inc. sends the supplier a purchase order form that accepts the offer but adds that Guardrail Supplier, Inc. is also to provide hardware and expensive traffic attenuators for the same \$75. Under these facts, the prime contractor’s purchase order is a legitimate acceptance and a contract has been formed for the supply of the guardrail. Prime Contractor, Inc.’s additional terms for the supply of the hardware and for the supply of the traffic attenuators would also be part of the deal unless the additions materially alter the deal or the supplier objects. In all likelihood, requiring the supplier to also provide the expensive traffic attenuators

would be deemed a material alteration and that additional term would not be a part of the contract. The hardware may be a closer question depending on whether the supply of the hardware would be deemed a hardship on the supplier or constituted a surprise to the supplier.

The supplier could protect itself from having to potentially supply the additional goods added by the prime contractor’s acceptance by including language in Guardrail Supplier, Inc.’s offer stating that the offer is restricted to the terms of the offer and any acceptance is restricted to the terms of that offer. In that manner, any additional or different terms are rejected in advance by the seller. Alternatively, upon receipt of the prime contractor’s additional terms, the seller could send the prime contractor a timely rejection of prime contractor’s additional proposed terms. A timely objection to the proposed additional terms would prevent the contract from including the additional items.

What happens if the supplier’s offer rejects all additional or different terms in advance, but the prime contractor’s acceptance includes additional terms and also states that the prime contractor’s acceptance is conditioned upon seller’s assent to the prime contractor’s additional terms? In other words, both parties exchange forms that restrict any deal to the terms on their own particular form. In that case, the UCC states that the writings do not form the





contract. However, if the parties go ahead and perform, then they have an oral contract and any of the written terms that are in agreement in the exchanged forms would be part of the oral contract. This often happens when: (1) a supplier submits a proposal which states that all different or additional terms are rejected; (2) the buyer sends the seller a purchase order accepting the offer, but the purchase order also states that the acceptance is expressly conditioned upon the seller's assent to the buyer's purchase order terms; (3) both parties perform as if they have a deal (i.e., the seller supplies the goods, the buyer accepts the goods); and then (4) there is a dispute. In that situation, the UCC deems that there is an oral contract rather than a written contract created by the seller's written offer and the buyer's written acceptance. Usually at that point, the lawyers are called in to help the judge decide what terms are included in the oral contract.

The lesson to be learned is that the rules regarding what creates a contract and what is included in the contract are often determined by whether the contract involves services (and/or goods and services), in which case the Mirror Image Rule applies, or just the supply of goods, in which case UCC rules apply.

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Charitable Contribution Form

Looking for a business or personal charitable contribution for this year? Why not contribute to the UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation? The foundation has been approved as a non-profit corporation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Since its inception in 2000, the UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation has awarded \$155,500 in scholarships to very deserving individuals. The foundation's only current source of revenue is its Annual Bass Tournament which is held each spring.

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 (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.

In less than three years since its formation, the foundation, through the generous gifts of family, friends and a concerned industry, has established a scholarship fund that will hopefully serve the association's membership to enable college bound students and forever memorialize a bright young man. Please consider taking this opportunity to continue funding the foundation by making a contribution today.

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OSHA Welcomes GAO's Report on Under-Reporting of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses

OSHA Finds Problems Identified in Report Alarming

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) welcomes the Government Accountability Office's (GAO) report on the under-reporting of workplace injuries and illnesses and OSHA's audit process.

The report identifies a number of factors that may contribute to the inaccuracy of employer injury and illness records, as well as problems with the audits that OSHA conducts to ensure their accuracy.

"Accurate injury and illness records

are vital to protect workers' health and safety," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "They not only enable OSHA to better target its resources and determine the effectiveness of its efforts, accurate numbers are also an important tool that workers and employers can use to identify hazards in their workplaces."

The report identifies worker intimidation as well as a number of disincentives that may discourage workers and employers from reporting work-related injuries and illnesses. The report also notes widespread reports from

occupational health practitioners who were pressured not to record an injury or illness.

Acting Assistant Secretary for OSHA Jordan Barab announced that the agency will move swiftly to implement the recommendations made by the GAO. Additionally, in response to numerous studies of under-reporting and congressional interest, on October 1, OSHA implemented a National Emphasis Program on Recordkeeping. OSHA will send inspectors into worksites

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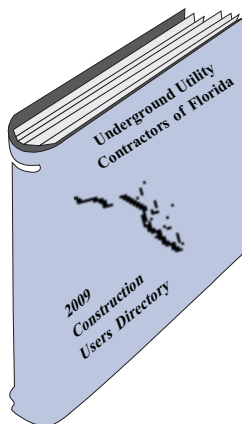


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The UUCF 2009 Construction Users

Directory was mailed in August to all UUCF members.

This directory is your best reference guide to

members of the seven chapters in the state of Florida.

If you did not receive your **free** copy of the UUCF Directory or need an additional copy for your office, please contact your local chapter or the UUCF office at (407) 830-1880.

Certified Contractor License Renewal Reminder

Just a reminder that the Certified Contractor licenses from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) are up for renewal on August 31, 2010. Current law requires licenseholders to obtain 14 hours of continuing education with at least one hour in workplace safety, one hour in workers' compensation, one hour in business practices, one hour in the advance building code module, one hour in laws and rules (Chapter 489) and one hour in wind mitigation (this requirement only affects general, residential, building, roofing and glass and glazing contractors).

Don't forget to notify the DBPR office of any address change. Section 489.124(2) gives sole responsibility to the licensee for notifying DBPR in writing of the licensee's current mailing address and phone number. Failure to notify the department of a change of address shall constitute a violation of this section. In addition, if your address changes and you do not notify the department, you may not receive important mailings from the department such as your renewal notice.

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President's Message



I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We can only hope that early 2010 will

be a turnaround in our economy.

This month, I do not have a lot to report. Kirk Richmond, UUCF Treasurer, has been working on the new budget which is a moving target, and we will be working on the contract with the R. Bruce Kershner Company. Flo Woodall and her committee are doing a good job with the UUCF 30th Anniversary Convention cruise.

This year, we need to focus on Amendment 4. If you don't already know, Amendment 4 is the new name for Hometown Democracy. We all know the consequences if this is not defeated. Last month's issue of the *Ditchmen* had a good article about



St. Pete and their experiment with this type of rule. We all need to

educate our employees and anyone within the construction and supply industry about the problems with Amendment 4.

In closing, we will all put 2009 behind us, and let's charge on with 2010. With all of us working together like we are, UUCF will continue to be the strong voice in Tallahassee and within our industry for the underground utility contractor.

Merry Christmas,

Bill Lee
UUCF President

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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UUCF PAC Needs Your Help!

The UUCF PAC needs your help today if it is to continue contributing to candidates who are business friendly. During the 2008 Election, UUCF expended more than \$60,000.00 to candidates running for House and Senate seats. Candidates and the UUCF PAC now need to replenish their funds for the 2010 Election. The UUCF PAC is currently receiving solicitations from candidates.

Legislative actions have a major impact on our industry. It is important to elect members to the Florida Legislature who are willing to listen objectively to our concerns, understand them and act accordingly. Our opponents are powerful with seemingly unlimited resources. They spend big money to elect candidates who do not share

our values and concerns. UUCF has just come off another successful Legislative Session. The success was hard fought. These victories came because UUCF has worked hard to send elected officials to Tallahassee who will listen to our concerns.

UUCF has enjoyed much success over the years through its day-to-day lobbying efforts. The reasons for this success are clear — we are visible, vocal and effective. The UUCF PAC is one vehicle we use to reach our goals. We need your help today to send Florida's best to Tallahassee.

One of the most important aspects of a successful legislative program is the ability to assist candidates financially during their campaigns.

The UUCF PAC has been there in the past making contributions to "business friendly" candidates. The UUCF PAC is currently receiving solicitations for contributions for the 2010 election. This is why we are asking for your support today.

There are four UUCF PAC club memberships: President's Club — \$1,200.00 for the first year, \$1,000.00 for renewal years; Founders Club — \$500.00; Century Club — \$250.00; and Capital Club — \$100.00. If you are interested in joining one of these clubs, please contact the UUCF office at (407) 830-1880.

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Division of Regulation

The Division of Regulation is the enforcement authority for the professional boards and programs. It monitors those professions and related businesses to ensure that the laws, rules and standards set by the Legislature and professional boards are followed. This is accomplished by proactively monitoring the professionals and related businesses; investigating complaints of wrongdoing; utilizing compliance mechanisms such as notices of noncompliance and citations; and the performance of

statutorily mandated inspections.

The division is divided into six program areas and operates eight regional offices. The six program areas are: Complaints; Alternative Dispute Resolution; Unlicensed Activity; Compliance; Farm Labor; and Child Labor. Regional offices, headed by Regional Program Administrators, are located in Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Gainesville, Orlando, Ft. Myers, West Palm Beach, Margate (Ft. Lauderdale), Miami and satellite offices in Pensacola and Tampa.

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across the country to review the occupational injury and illness records prepared by businesses.

"Many of the problems identified in the report are quite alarming, and OSHA will be taking strong enforcement action where we find under-reporting," Solis said.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act, OSHA's role is to promote safe and healthful working conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, outreach and education. For more information, visit <http://www.osha.gov>.

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Mar. (TBA) Board of Director's Meeting, Tallahassee
June 4 Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando
July 22-26 30th Anniversary Cruise
Royal Caribbean Grandeur of the Seas
July (TBA) Board of Director's Meeting
Nov. 5 Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando

UCA of South Florida **2010**

Jan. 7 Board of Director/Committee Sign Up Night
Meetings, Gatsby's Boca Raton
Feb. 11 Board of Director's Meeting,
UCA of South Florida office
Mar. 11 Board of Director's Meeting,
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Apr. 8 Board of Director's Meeting,
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Apr. 16 Scholarship Golf Tournament,
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NUCA **2010**

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Mar. 19 Executive Committee Meeting,
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May 20 Annual, Board of Director's and Committee
Meetings, DeBary Call Center
May 21 Golf Tournament, Deland
June 18 Executive Committee Meeting,
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Aug. 19 Committee Meetings
Aug. 20 Board of Director's Meeting
Sept. 17 Executive Committee Meeting,
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Nov. 18 Committee Meetings,
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Nov. 19 Board of Director's Meeting,
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Dec. 17 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary Call Center/Conference Call

Construction Industry Licensing Board Meetings **2010**

Jan. 13-15. Doubletree Hotel Cocoa Beach Oceanfront,
Cocoa Beach
Feb. 10-12 Crowne Plaza Tampa Westshore,
Tampa
Mar. 10-12 ... The Florida Hotel and Conference Center,
Orlando

Letter from Outgoing DBPR Secretary

November 20, 2009

Dear Friends:

Serving Florida's businesses and professionals as the Secretary of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation has been an unparalleled and rewarding experience. By working closely with industry partners and the people we serve, we have built tremendous momentum toward streamlining processes and eliminating unnecessary burdens. I am pleased to share that I will continue to support Florida's businesses and professionals in a new capacity—Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Charlie Crist. Recently, he selected me to serve in this new role, and I am grateful and honored by this appointment. I will begin serving you in this position on November 30.

I would like to thank each of you who took the time to meet with me and share your input on how to do business better. The foundation upon which we built better customer service was based on feedback from the end-user. From "On the Road to Better Business," where I met with licensees around the state, to attending numerous board meetings, I realized that the insight provided by those we serve is invaluable. I thank you for sharing this gift—without which we could not have made many of the improvements that we did.

I assure you that the momentum gained over the past several years will not be lost. Chief of Staff Charlie Liem will take the helm of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation as Interim Secretary. He shares the department's common mission to: License Efficiently. Regulate Fairly. We will continue to strive to provide you with the best service possible.





Finally, I thank you for your partnership on this endeavor and, moreover, for what you do to support Florida's economy. I will miss working with you as closely as I have in the past, yet I am excited about serving you in my expanded role as Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Crist.

Sincerely,
Charles W. Drago
Secretary

Interim DBPR Secretary

Prior to his appointment as the Interim Secretary, Charlie Liem had served as Department of Business and Professional Regulation's Chief of Staff. Charlie has nearly 40 years management experience, 25 of those years serving the state of Florida as staff in the executive branch as well as both houses of the Legislature. He has worked as an executive manager in both the Florida Medicaid program and the Department of Elder Affairs, and he has served as the Governor's policy and budget coordinator for Health and Human Services programs. He has been a staff director and analyst in the House of Representatives and Florida Senate.

A Pensacola native, he worked with various community social-services agencies in Colorado from 1970 to 1985, before returning to Florida. He is a graduate of Pensacola High School and the University of the South in Seawee, Tennessee. Charlie is the winner of multiple Davis Productivity Awards, was named one of "Andrew's Angels" by Metro Dade County, and was recognized with the state's Distinguished Service Award by the Governor and Cabinet for his work following Hurricane Andrew in 1993. He was a city councilman when he lived in Colorado, has been a volunteer firefighter, and is active as a volunteer in Tallahassee disaster services organizations. He is married and has three adult children.

Contractor V License Renewals

Just a reminder that the Contractor V license from the State Fire Marshal's office is up for renewal on June 30, 2010. Current law requires Contractor V licenseholders to obtain 14 hours of continuing education with at least one hour in fire protection discipline.

Reciprocity was established between the State Fire Marshal's office and the Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB). Any hours obtained through CILB approved courses can apply towards your Contractor V license. The same applies to courses obtained through the State Fire Marshal's office.

Sunshine State One Call of Florida, Inc. 2009 Holiday Calendar

Christmas Eve	12/24/09
Christmas Day	12/25/09

2010 Holiday Calendar

New Year's Day	01/01/10
Martin Luther King Day	01/18/10
Memorial Day	05/31/10
Observance of Independence Day	07/05/10
Labor Day	09/06/10
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Chapter News

Central Florida U&TCA

Effective December 31, 2009, the Central Florida Utility & Transportation Contractors Association will no longer be a chapter of the Underground Utility Contractors of Florida.

Northwest Florida UCA

The 2010 Officers and Directors of the Chapter were installed by Past President Joe Cook on November 13 at the New World Landing. The newly installed Officers and Directors are as follows: **President** – Bill Lee; **President-Elect** – Don Padgett; **Vice-President** – Bill Davis; and **Secretary/Treasurer** – Donathan Johnson. **Contractor Directors:** Gabe Jackson, Ben Joyner and Bill McGough. **Associate Directors:** Crayton Brogdon, Chris Dixon, Matt Hall, Roy Tugwell and George Wainwright.

Joe Cook, outgoing board member, was recognized with a certificate of appreciation for his dedication of service to the board for the past fifteen years.

This year's function was held at the New World Landing in Pensacola on November 13, and the turnout was great. Everyone enjoyed the fabulous food, outstanding musical entertainment and fellowship with their peers.

This year's format featured a White Elephant Auction with President Bill Lee acting as auctioneer. Thank you to the firms who donated our items: Gator Boring & Trenching, HD Supply Waterworks, Pensacola Concrete Construction Company, Inc. and Utility Service Company.

"Lucky 100" drawing was held once again, and the winners were Al Cheney, Ben Joyner and Matt Waite. Special thanks to Al Cheney who donated his winnings from the "Lucky 100" drawing back to the association. A number of other

attendees walked away with door prizes.

We wish to thank the following firms, for without their support and contributions the event's success would not have been possible: Bizzell, Neff & Galloway; Brown Construction of N.W. Florida; Coastal Machinery; Ferguson Waterworks; Ford Meter Box; Gator Boring & Trenching; Gulf Equipment Corporation; HD Supply Waterworks; Pensacola Concrete Construction Company, Inc.; SBP, Inc.; Sihle Insurance Group; Sun South Capital; Thompson Pump & Manufacturing; and Utility Service Company.

SUCA

SUCA's November 5th Membership Meeting served as the installation of SUCA's 2010 Officers & Directors. We would like to thank and congratulate the following members for their commitment and willingness to serve SUCA in 2010: **Chairman:** Ken Wachman of Michael James Developers, Inc., **Vice Chairman:** David Runyan of Florida Gas & Electric Corp., **Secretary:** Linda Shutt of David Nelson Construction Co., **Treasurer:** Steven Kennedy of Ferguson Waterworks, Inc. **Past Chairman Directors are:** Bill Haan of Westra Construction Corp., Bruce Akers of Ferguson Waterworks, Inc., Kevin Fulcher of Michael James Developers, Inc., and Kevin Rowland of Rowland, Inc. **Contractor Directors are:** Mike Beukema of Westra Construction Corp., Rich Cutting of Dallas 1 Corporation, Nick Freeman of Southeastern Silt & Erosion, Steve Gamm of Tampa Pavement Constructors, Lisa Judge of R.E. Purcell Construction Co., Jeff Meek of Southeastern Silt & Erosion, Jacob 'Beetle' Thompson of Phillips & Jordan, Inc., Don Vance of RIPA & Associates, Robert Van Valin of Pepper Contracting, and Lorie Waldrop of Terra Construction

Group. **Associate Directors are:** Mickey Bell of Wallace, Welch & Willingham, Bill Cammann of Lanier Upshaw Insurance, Billy Dugan of Oldcastle Precast, Larry Falls of Associated Construction Products, Greg Hasty of Ring Power Corp., Matt Riggs of Ring Power Corp. and Ron Sherwood of Service Pump & Compressor. Following the installation, UUCF Executive Vice President Bruce Kershner addressed our membership regarding current legislative issues.

SUCA's community affairs committee donated the proceeds of our November charity raffle to the Children's Dream Fund. Each month at the general membership meeting, a charitable organization or cause is selected to receive the proceeds of this raffle. Thank you to all who donated to this great charity. For more information on the Children's Dream Fund, visit www.childrensdreamfund.org.

SUCA's 4th Annual Clay Shoot was held on Friday, November 6 at Deer Creek Sporting Clays in Land O' Lakes. Congratulations to the following tournament winners:

First Place Team – Stan Williams, Mike Thompson, Sr., Mike Thompson, Jr., and Doug Thompson, all of Technical Sales Corp. **Second Place Team** – Lee Ford of Streamline Environmental and Don Gwyn of Prince Contracting, Inc. **First Place Individual** – Mike Thompson, Sr. of Technical Sales Corp. **Conservationist Shooter** – Larry Bane of R.E. Purcell Construction Co. **Shotgun Raffle Winners** – Mike Beukema of Westra Construction Corp. and Jeff Purcell of R.E. Purcell Construction Co.

In addition to those who shot in the tournament, we extend our gratitude to the following member firms whose generosity made the tournament great:





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Finishing touches are being placed on SUCA's Annual December Banquet. The festivities will take place Saturday, December 12 at the beautiful Tampa Club. The evening is packed with year end awards, a reverse raffle drawing, a silent auction, live entertainment and more. Thanks to the banquet committee: Bill Haan, Linda Shutt and Nick Freeman for putting together a great line up. Special thanks to our 2010 banquet sponsors. Their generosity enables SUCA to provide our guests with first class accommodations and a memorable evening: Acme Barricades, Advanced Contracting Specialties, Bob's Barricades, Constangy Brooks & Smith, LLC, David Nelson Construction Co., Ferguson Waterworks, Florida Gas & Electric Corp., Lassiter Ware Insurance, LGM Contracting, Inc., Ripa & Associates, Inc., Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers, Streamline Environmental, Stuart Angelo & Co., CPA's, Traffic Control Products, Westra Construction Corp., and Woodruff & Sons, Inc.

We have secured guest rooms at preferred rates directly across the street from the Tampa Club at the Hyatt Regency Tampa for the evening of December 12. The cost of a deluxe room (single or double occupancy) is only \$89.00 per night. The Hyatt Regency has a limited number of rooms to hold for our group, so don't wait too long to make your reservation(s). All reservations must be made individually through the hotel's Reservation Department by calling

(800) 233-1234. When contacting Hyatt Regency about the room reservation, be sure to tell them you are with the Suncoast Utility Contractors Association's holiday party.

Tickets are currently available for the reverse raffle drawing to be held at the December Banquet for \$50.00 each. There is a minimum \$1,000 grand prize, so get your tickets now! You need not be present to win. Contact the SUCA office for a ticket or a list of members who are selling tickets.

SUCA is planning a banner year of events, meetings and recognitions in 2010. It is not only a new year, but SUCA's 35th Anniversary, as well! We look forward to a year packed with excitement and many new opportunities.

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.

On behalf of the SUCA board of directors, our members and staff, we wish you the very happiest of holiday seasons!

UCA of South Florida

UCA of South Florida sincerely thanks its 2009 Board of Directors. The time and effort put in by all of the board members are greatly appreciated. The board will be acknowledged at our holiday party on December 10 at Maggiano's in Boca Raton.

Fred Chesney (Centerline Utilities) completed his third year as President of UCA of South Florida, and we thank him for his leadership and direction while serving as President this past year.

2010 UCA of South Florida

Officers: President – Lane Berg (Pipecon), **President Elect/Vice President** – John Sunderman (American Eng.), **Vice President** – Jerry Rodgers (Centerline Utilities),

Secretary – Joe Antico (HD Supply Waterworks), **Treasurer** – Greg Wolf (U.S. Concrete Products), and **Immediate Past President** – Fred Chesney (Centerline Utilities).

UCA of South Florida is pleased to announce our 2010 Annual Award Recipients: **Company of the Year** – Centerline Utilities, Inc.

Contractor of the Year – Paul Knight (Sunline Engineering).

Member of the Year – Brian Hunsicker (U.S. Concrete Pipe).

Congratulations to the winners and thank you again for your continued support of UCA of South Florida!

The 2010 UCA membership dues invoices were mailed out and are due on January 1.

The UCA of South Florida Annual Dolphin Fishing Tournament will return to the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo this summer. The tournament will be held June 10-13, 2010 so mark your calendar and save the date! Registration information will be available in March.

UCA of North Florida

This past month at our General Membership Meeting, we held our election of officers. The following people were voted by the members to serve as the 2010 UCA of North Florida Officers & Board of Directors: **Officers: President** – Ed Porter, Barco Duval Engineering, **President-Elect** – J. David Hinson, Callaway Contracting, **Vice-President II** – Anthony Zebouni, Regan Zebouni & Walker, P.A., **Secretary/Treasurer** – Kim Bryan, Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors and **Past President** – Lauren Atwell, Reynolds, Inc. **Board of Directors:** John Kirkland, A. J. Johns, Inc., Tim Clay, J. B. Coxwell Contracting, Inc., Mike Woodall, John Woody, Inc., Mike Gruber, Ellis & Associates, Rick Erickson, Industrial Tractor Company. Alternates will be: Bob Barnes, Bob's Barricades, Flo Woodall, John





Woody, Inc. and Jaime Parham, Maudlin International. Our guest speaker was Steve Robbins from Richie Bros. Auctioneers, Inc. who discussed equipment values in today's economy and upcoming trends and values. The Installation of 2010 Officers meeting will take place on Thursday, January 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the Jacksonville Marriott.

Members of our association participated in three charity events



last month. About a dozen individuals for John Woody, Inc.,

Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors and Ellis & Associates, along with Kathy Blackman, walked in the Alzheimer's Memory Walk on Saturday, November 14 and raised



\$1,390. Two companies, A. J. Johns, Inc. and Reynolds, Inc. participated in the City Rescue Mission Bed Race 2009 on Saturday, November 14. Reynolds, Inc. raised \$2,595 and A.

J. Johns, Inc. raised \$7,500. On Friday, November 20, Seamark Ranch hosted a "No Turkeys' Clay Shoot fundraiser. UCA of North Florida members David & Katie Hinson, Callaway Contracting, and Jeff Blomgren, Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, participated in this event. It's nice to see that even in tough times our members come together for a good cause!

Plans are already underway for our annual golf tournament to be held on Tuesday, March 2 at Deerwood Country Club. Call the UCA of North Florida office at (904) 296-1230 for additional information.

It's not too late to register for the NUCA Expo '10! Single event registration is currently available. Visit www.nuca.com for details. Hope to see lots of Florida folks there.

Wishing everyone a Safe Happy Holiday Season!

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