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UUCF Schedules Three-Day President's Cup Golf Tournament at PGA National in Palm Beach Gardens

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 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

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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. **The deadline to register is August 26, 2009.** Sleeping accommodations will consist of two people per one bedroom (two double beds). A registration/sponsorship package has been mailed to the full membership and is available on the website at www.uucf.com.

UUCF is accepting sponsorships for the tournament at \$250.00 each (unlimited sponsors available). All tournament sponsors will be

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recognized on signage located in the Hospitality Suite throughout the tournament. There are also beverage cart sponsorships available at \$350.00 each (unlimited sponsors available). All sponsors will be recognized on signage on the beverage cart during tournament play. The last sponsorship program is the Exclusive Hospitality Suite Sponsor at \$1,000.00 (one slot only available) or Hospitality Suite Sponsor at \$500.00 (two slots available). (The Exclusive Sponsor will be recognized on signage located in the Hospitality Suite throughout the tournament. Executive Hospitality Suite Sponsor will also be permitted to display their company's promotional items in the Hospitality Suite throughout the Tournament. If

there are two sponsors of the Hospitality Suite, the companies will be recognized on one sign located in the Hospitality Suite throughout the tournament. The two Hospitality Suite Sponsors will also be permitted to display their company's promotional items in the Hospitality Suite throughout the tournament.) For your convenience, a UUCF President's Cup Golf Tournament Sponsorship form is included on page 7 of this issue of the *Ditchmen*.

To obtain a copy of the UUCF President's Cup Golf Tournament Registration 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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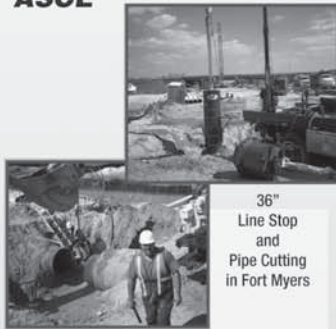


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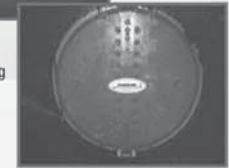
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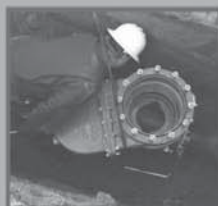
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Legislative Bills Passed During 2009 Session Which Affect Your Business

The 2009 Legislative Session ended on Friday, May 8, one week later than was expected. During the session, lawmakers debated many bills important to businesses. The following is a summary of some of the bills that passed:

Unemployment Compensation SB 810 by Senator Rudy Garcia and Representatives Dave Murzin. Florida employers are required to pay unemployment taxes on their company's payroll into the Florida Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund. This Trust Fund is used to pay benefits to those workers who lose their jobs.

Due to skyrocketing demands on the Trust Fund, it is very close to insolvency. The federal government has offered to provide assistance with federal stimulus dollars, but that money was offered with costly strings attached. Florida lawmakers wisely rejected this approach, which would have led to long-term increases in the unemployment taxes that businesses pay.

Instead, this bill tries to ease the financial burden on the Trust Fund by increasing the taxable wage base that unemployment taxes are collected on, from \$7,000 to \$8,500. This change will mean an average increase of around \$35 per employee per year, for the next several years.

Workers' Compensation HB 903 by Representative Anitere Flores and Senator Garrett Richter. As mentioned in prior issues of the *Ditchmen*, the Florida Supreme Court dealt businesses a damaging blow last October by throwing out limitation on attorney fees in workers' compensation cases. This limitation, which was put into law in 2003, was one of the main reasons that workers' compensation rates for businesses have decreased over 60% since then.

As a result of the Court's decision, the state approved a rate increase of 6.4% starting April 1, with additional rate increases expected in following years. **HB 903** restores the limitation on attorney fees back to the way it was in 2003 and limits the incentive for attorneys to drag workers' compensation cases out.

Thanks to the passage of this bill, the state expects to wipe out the 6.4% rate increase on July 1.

Safety Belt Law Enforcement SB 344 by Senator Nan Rich and Representative Rich Glorioso. Effective June 30, Florida police will be allowed to stop and cite motorists for not wearing their seat belts. Governor Charlie Crist reversed decades of public safety policy by signing a law that allows police to ticket motorists solely for not wearing seat belts. This issue gained new momentum this session because this is the last year Florida is eligible to draw \$35.5 million in federal highway safety funds by passing a stricter seat belt law.

Effective June 30, adults caught not being buckled up in the front seat will face a \$30 fine. The law already allowed for enforcement for drivers and passengers under 18.

Governmental Financial Information SB 1796 by Senator JD Alexander. This bill requires a website be established for public access to government entity financial information. The initial phase will include appropriations data and expenditure data for all branches of state government. The Joint Legislative Auditing Committee will oversee the website and will propose additional phases of information to be made available. The committee will provide a proposal by March 1, 2010, to be submitted to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, that will include a

schedule of additional phases of information by the type of information to be provided for specific governmental entities, including local government units, community colleges, state universities, and other government entities that receive state appropriations. The proposal will include timeframes for additional phases as well as a proposed development entity for the additional information.

Growth Management SB 360 by Senator Mike Bennett. This bill amends a number of provisions of law with the goal of stimulating economic development, promoting development in urban area and providing for affordable housing.

Extension of Permits. The bill creates an undesignated section of law to provide a retroactive 2-year extension and renewal from the date of expiration for:

- Any permit issued by the Department of Environmental Permitting or a Water Management District under ch. 373, part IV, F.S.,
- Any development order issued by the DCA pursuant to s. 380.06, F.S., and
- Any development order, building permit, or other land use approval issued by a local government which expired or will expire on or after September 1, 2008 to January 1, 2012. For development orders and land use approvals, including but not limited to certificates of concurrency and development agreement, the extension applies to phase, commencement, and buildout dates, including a buildout date extension previously granted under s. 380.016(19)(c), F.S.

The conversion of a permit from the construction phase to the operation phase for combined construction and operation permits is specifically

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UUCF Receives Nominations for 2009 Construction Performance Awards

UUCF will be holding its Thirteenth Annual Awards Presentation for the *Mitch Ellington Award* (Contractor Member of the Year), *Gary D. Sawyer Award* (Associate Member of the Year) and *Andrew J. Mayts Award* (Board of Director of the Year). The 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 winners will be announced and awards presented at the UUCF 2009 Convention on Friday evening, July 24 at The SandPearl Resort in Clearwater Beach.

UUCF would like to take this opportunity to thank each chapter for submitting one contractor and associate member for this award. Picking an individual from the list of contractors and associates is a very difficult task. The following is a list of nominees and the chapter they represent:

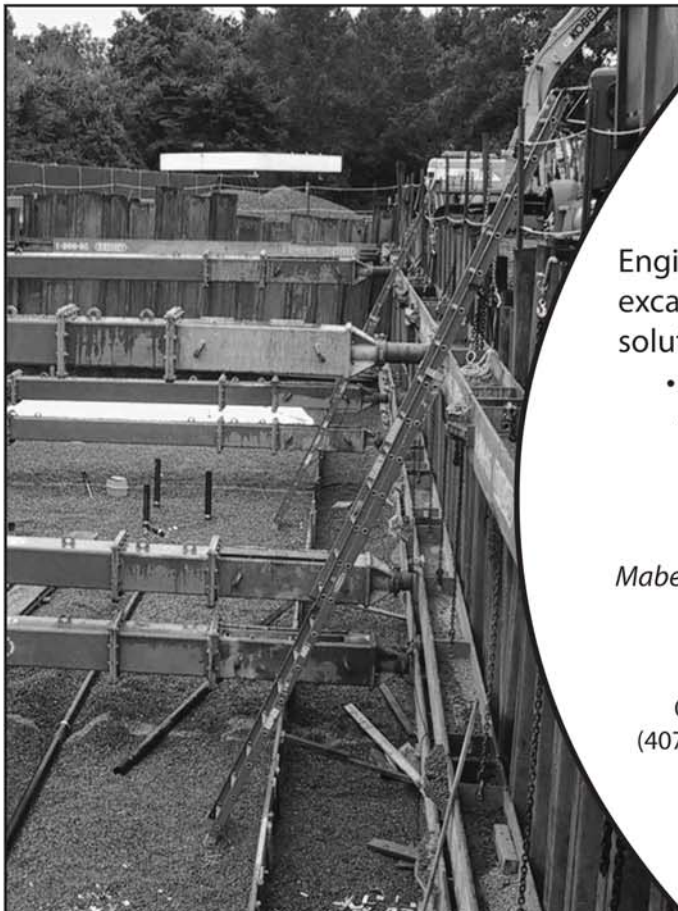
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- Mid Florida U&TCA: Charlie Humphries (Johnson Bros.)
- Northwest Florida UCA: Bill Lee (Utility Service Company)
- SUCA: Bill Haan (Westra Construction Corp.)
- UCA of South Florida: Jerry Rodgers (Centerline Utilities, Inc.)
- UCA of North Florida: Kimberly Bryan (Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Inc.)

Associates:

- Central Florida U&TCA: Rick Bolinger (Rinker Materials, Concrete Pipe Division)
- Mid Florida U&TCA: Steve Porteus (Ring Power Corporation)
- Northwest Florida UCA: Bill Davis (HD Supply Waterworks)
- SUCA: Steven Kennedy (Ferguson Waterworks, Inc.)
- UCA of South Florida: Steven Shay (HD Supply Waterworks)
- UCA of North Florida: Tony Zebouni (Regan, Zebouni & Walker, P.A.)

UUCF wishes each candidate the best of luck. We know that everyone cannot win; however, it is going to be a tough decision for the Awards Nomination Committee. The committee consists of UUCF President Tom Opfer, UUCF President-Elect Bill Lee and UUCF Executive Vice President Bruce Kershner.



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- Who is eligible for exemptions from workers' compensation
- Contractor responsibilities
- State enforcement of the workers' compensation laws
- OSHA/Workplace Safety Inspections

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is required and can be made via the Division's website at www.myfloridacfo.com/wc. For more information, call (813) 221-6518 or e-mail bocseminars@myfloridacfo.com.

Here are the locations, dates and times of the classes. The seminars will be provided in Spanish at locations where indicated.

Daytona Beach

August 13, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Center for Business Excellence
329 Bill France Boulevard

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July 30, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
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9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (English)
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Spanish)
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Month: U.S. Custom Fabrication

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pride in knowing that all of our products are fabricated and delivered to elite organizations within this fast paced industry."

U.S. Custom Fabrication joined the Underground Contractors Association of South Florida and Underground Utility Contractors of Florida back in 2003. Lyn Campbell said, "We are very proud to be a member. To be able to be part of this distinguished association, of which this company has serviced for many years, is truly an honor. We look forward to the opportunity to help support the association and all of its efforts."

provided for. The completion date for any mitigation associated with a phased construction project is extended and renewed so the mitigation takes place in the appropriate phase as originally permitted. Entities requesting an extension and renewal must notify the authorizing agency in writing by December 31, 2009, and must identify the specific authorization for which the extension will be used.

Exceptions to the extension are provided for certain federal permits, and owners and operators who are determined to be in significant non-compliance with the conditions of a permit eligible for an extension. Permits and other authorizations which are extended and renewed shall be governed by the rules in place at the time the initial permit or authorization was issued.

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Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board
12600 Belcher Road, Suite 102
Largo, FL

Tampa

August 4, 2009
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon (English)
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Park Trammel Building - State Office Building
1313 North Tampa Street, Suite 603

Jacksonville

September 15, 2009
9:00 am - 12:00 noon -
State Office Building Complex
921 North Davis Street, Building E

Tallahassee

September 22, 2009
9:00 am - 12:00 noon
Southwood Complex
Betty Easley Conference Center
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Pensacola

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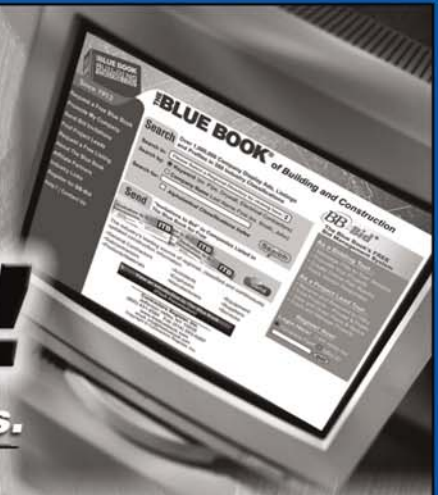
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President's Message



It's hard to believe this will be my last *Ditchmen* President's Message. Time has gone by so quickly,

and I am now at the end of my term as the UUCF President.

When you look back over life experiences, so often they're not what you expected them to be. There are unexpected rewards and unexpected challenges. This has certainly been the case for me over the past two years. The challenges are obvious – this economy has really hit us all hard. They say that adversity makes us stronger, but it sure doesn't feel good at the time!

The rewards, however, are many. I've



President – particularly working with members throughout the state. It has been gratifying to see our seven chapter

associations work together on so many legislative, economical and industry issues. As I've mentioned in past articles, my favorite responsibility as President has been the reviewing of the *Contractor of the Year* and the *Associate of the Year* nominee. It has been a privilege to see this side of our members.

Although I'm now retired, I'm looking forward to many years of working with UUCF and my local chapter – not only to support the industry that I have loved, but also to stay in touch with the many friends Delores and I have made through our involvement in UUCF, as well as Central Florida U&TCA and NUCA.

I'd like to congratulate our incoming President Bill Lee, and wish him all the best in his new position. I know he will have all the support that was given to me, and I hope that this life experience for him offers many unexpected rewards, and few unexpected challenges.

Sincerely,

Tom Opfer
UUCF President

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OSHA Update

OSHA Offers Tips on Working Safely in Hot Weather

Those hot, hazy days of summer are approaching. The heat can be especially harmful for those who work outdoors in direct sunlight or in hot environments, making them susceptible to heat-induced illnesses such as heat stress, heat exhaustion or the more serious heat stroke.

"Working in extreme temperatures is not only uncomfortable, it can be life-threatening," said acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for

OSHA Jordan Barab. "As we move into the summer months, it is important for workers and their employers to minimize the chances of heat-induced illnesses, and imperative that they recognize the signs of heat stress and take proper precautions to reduce the chances of illness or death."

High temperature and humidity, physical exertion and lack of sufficient water intake can lead to heat-related stress. Symptoms of heat exhaustion or heat stroke include confusion, irrational behavior, loss of consciousness, abnormally high body temperature and hot, dry skin.

OSHA advises workers to take preventive measures such as reducing physical exertion and wearing light, loose-fitting clothing.

The agency advises employers to provide workers with water and regular rest periods in a cool recovery area.

"Protecting Workers from the Effects of Heat" (http://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/data_Hurricane_Facts/heat_stress.pdf) and "Working Outdoors in Warm Climates" (http://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/data_Hurricane_Facts/working_outdoors.pdf) are OSHA fact sheets that explain heat stress and provide recommendations to protect workers from exposure to ultraviolet radiation. Employers and workers will find more practical tips for guarding against UV radiation in "Protecting Yourself in the Sun," (<http://www.osha.gov/Publications/osha3166.pdf>) a

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Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, OSHA's role is to assure 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 www.osha.gov.

Safety and Health Topics Pandemic Influenza

A pandemic is a global disease outbreak. An influenza pandemic occurs when a new influenza virus emerges for which there is little or no immunity in the human population; begins to cause serious illness; and then spreads easily person-to-person worldwide. A worldwide influenza pandemic could have a major effect on the global economy, including travel, trade, tourism, food, consumption and eventually, investment and financial markets. Planning for pandemic influenza by business and industry is essential to minimize a pandemic's impact.

It is difficult to predict when the next influenza pandemic will occur or how severe it will be. Wherever and whenever a pandemic starts, everyone around the world is at risk. Countries might, through measures such as border closures and travel restrictions, delay arrival of the virus, but cannot stop it.

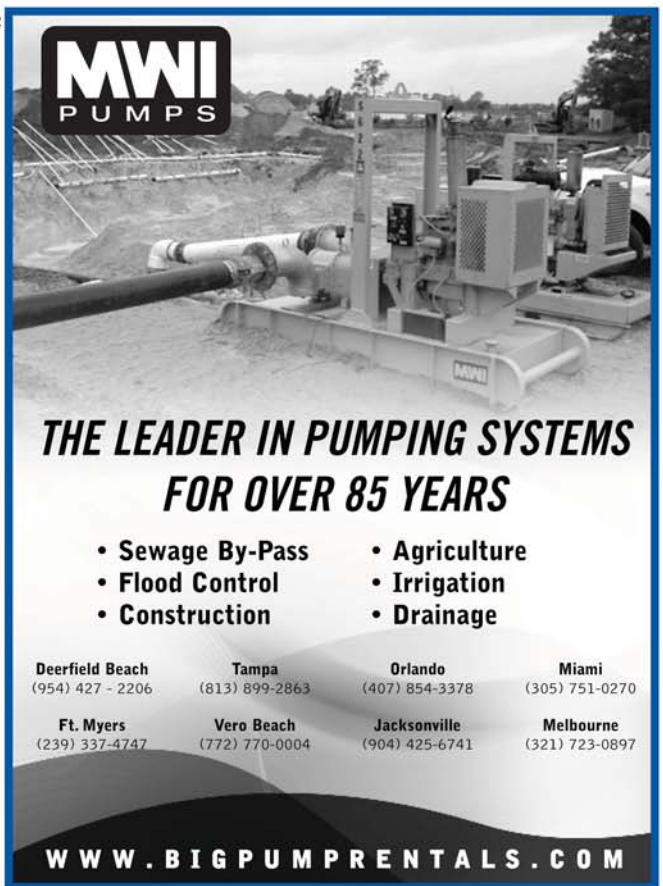
During a pandemic, transmission can

be anticipated in the workplace, not only from patient to workers in health care settings, but also among co-workers in general work settings. A pandemic would cause high levels of illness, death, social disruption, and economic loss. Everyday life would be disrupted because so many people in so many places become seriously ill at the same time. Impacts could range from school and business closings to the interruption of basic services such as public transportation and food delivery.

Education and outreach are critical to preparing for a pandemic. Understanding what a pandemic is, what needs to be done at all levels to prepare for pandemic influenza, and what could happen during a pandemic helps us make informed decisions both as individuals and as a nation. Should a pandemic occur the public must be able to depend on its government to provide scientifically sound public health information quickly, openly and dependably. For additional information on pandemic influenza, see One-stop access to U.S. government avian and pandemic flu information (http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owaredirect.html?p_url=http://www.pandemicflu.gov/index.html).

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Program Information

Using a free consultation service largely funded by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), employers can find out about potential hazards at their worksites, improve their occupational safety and health management systems, and even qualify for a one-year exemption from routine OSHA inspections.

The service is delivered by state governments using well-trained professional staff. Most consultations take place on-site, though limited services away from the worksite are available.

Primarily targeted for smaller businesses, this safety and health consultation program is completely

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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

- Aug. 17 Board of Director's & Membership Meetings
- Sept. 21 Board of Director's Meeting
- Oct. 19 Board of Director's Meeting
- Nov. 16 Board of Director's & Membership Meetings
- Dec. 4 Annual Christmas Party, Radisson Resort at the Port

Mid Florida U&TCA

- Aug. (TBA) Membership Meeting – Family Night
- Sept. (TBA) Fall Golf Tournament
- Oct. 6 Board of Director's Meeting
- Oct. 30 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

- Aug. 20 Board of Director's & General Membership Meetings
- Sept. (TBA) Fishing Tournament
- Oct. 15 Board of Director' & General Membership Meetings

SUCA

- Aug. 6 Board of Director's Meeting & Bowling Mixer, Splitsville, Tampa
- Sept. 10 Board of Director' & General Membership Meetings
- Sept. 17 Fish Fry, Largo Central Park, Largo
- Oct. 1 Board of Director's & General Membership Meetings
- Oct. 9 Fall Scholarship Golf Tournament
- Nov. 5 Board of Director's & General Membership Meetings
- Nov. 6 Clay Shoot, Deer Creek, Land O'Lakes
- Dec. 3 Board of Director's Meeting, Tampa Club
- Dec. 5 Installation Banquet, Dinner & Dance

UCA of South Florida

- Aug. 13 Board of Director's Meeting, UCA of South Florida office
- 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

- Aug. 5 Safety Director's Forum
- Aug. 11 Executive Committee Meeting, Conference Room at UCA of North Florida office
- Aug. 20 August General Membership Meeting
- 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

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

2011

- 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

- Aug. 21 Executive Committee Meeting, DeBary Call Center Conference Call
- 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

Aug. 12–14 Hilton Ocala (Pending)
 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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separate from the OSHA inspection effort. In addition, no citations are issued or penalties proposed.

It’s confidential, too. Your name, your firm’s name, and any information you provide about your workplace, plus any unsafe or unhealthful working conditions that the consultant uncovers, will not be reported routinely to the OSHA inspection staff.

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This program provides incentives and support to smaller, high-hazard employers to develop, implement and continuously improve effective safety and health programs at their worksite(s). The program recognizes employers who have demonstrated exemplary achievements in workplace safety and health by receiving a comprehensive safety and health consultation visit, correcting all workplace safety and health hazards, adopting and implementing effective safety and health management systems, and agreeing to request further

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

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Chapter News

Central Florida U&TCA

Congratulations to Central Florida U&TCA's 2009 J. Mitchell Ellington Scholarship Recipients:

Montana Smith is the daughter of Diane & David Smith of Landmasters Development. She graduated from Palm Bay High School in 2008 and was also last year's recipient of the J. Mitchell Ellington Scholarship. Montana is currently a student at Brevard Community College majoring in Business Administration.

Clay Sorey is the son of Debra and Randal Sorey of V. A. Paving, Inc. Clay is entering his final year of college and will be graduating from the University of Florida in the Fall of 2010 with a degree in Construction Management.

Lauren DeWitt is the daughter of Karen & Scott DeWitt. She graduated from Space Coast High School and will be attending Florida State University. Lauren is undecided as to her major and is looking forward to exploring the options that are available to her.

We congratulate all three recipients and wish them the very best in their academic careers!

Central Florida U&TCA's 24th Annual Auction & Barbecue was held on Friday, June 19, 2009. Our guests enjoyed a delicious barbecue dinner while keeping up on their bids in the silent auction, followed by our live auction. Thanks to the many donations from our members and benefactors, there were items to bid on for everyone. The evening concluded with our exciting Reverse Draw. The evening was a great success and fun for all who attended.

Many thanks the following companies whose generosity made this event so successful! **Platinum Sponsors:** Brewer Paving & Development Co.;

Ferguson Underground; Premier Utilities & Services; and V. A. Paving, Inc. **Gold Sponsor:** Landmasters Development, Inc. **Silver Sponsors:** Advanced Drainage Systems; Derrico Construction Co.; HD Supply Waterworks, J. D. Weber Construction Co.; Joe & Donna Weber; Mersino Dewatering, Inc.; Neff Rentals; and Pirtek Space Coast. **Reverse Draw Sponsors:** Brewer Paving & Development Co.; Derrico Construction Co.; East Coast Underground, Inc.; Ferguson Waterworks; HD Supply Waterworks; J. D. Weber Construction Co.; Linder Industrial Machinery; Premier Utilities & Services; Rinker Materials Concrete Pipe; and V.A. Paving, Inc. **Auctioneer:** Allen Cowart, Cowart Auction Company, Inc.

Thank you also to all the Central Florida U&TCA members and supporters who contributed items to our Auction & Barbecue. Without you, our auction would not have been possible! Last but not least, thanks to our Chairperson Debra Sorey and the Auction & Barbecue Committee for their time and effort in orchestrating this very successful event.

Mid Florida U&TCA

Thanks to everyone who attended the Mid Florida U&TCA General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, June 23 at The Tap Room at Dubsdread. Our meeting program was Final Inspection of New RCP Storm Pipe, presented by Douglas J. Holdener, P.E. of Rinker Materials Concrete Pipe. If you were unable to attend and would like to receive a copy of the presentation "Understanding the Performance of Reinforced Concrete Pipe", please contact the Mid Florida U&TCA office.

Save the date for Mid Florida U&TCA's Fall Golf Tournament

which will be held on Friday, September 18 at the beautiful Eagle Creek Golf Club. Watch for Registration and Sponsorship forms which will be available soon.

Northwest Florida UCA

The most recent After Hours Event had over 120 people in attendance – members, area engineers, public works engineers and non-member guests. This was our first "Cajun Boil" and everyone enjoyed the Louisiana fresh crawfish and fixin's cooked up by Donathan Johnson, Leo Kelson, Joe Langston and Bill Lee. A special note of recognition and thanks goes to our exclusive event sponsor – Utility Service Company. Thanks to Thompson Pump & Mfg. Co., Inc. for providing the space to hold this mixer.

SUCA

SUCA's Scholarship Committee, chaired by Lorie Waldrop of Terra Construction Group, Inc., and assisted by Linda Shutt of David Nelson Construction Co. and Jack Neu of Nielson, Wojtowicz, Neu & Associates have made their selection from a field of impressive applicants for the 2009 Scholarship award. The recipient will be announced and award presented at Scholarship Night on July 9th at Feather Sound Country Club in Clearwater.

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 will be mailed out to each member firm in the next few weeks. Please remember to return any unwanted tickets to the SUCA office by September 11.

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 First 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 30th Annual UCA Dolphin Fishing Tournament was held at the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo on June 11-14. There were almost 200 attendees at this year's tournament. Thank you to everyone who participated in and sponsored the event.

Very special thanks to the 2009 UCA of South Florida Fishing Committee for all of their hard work at the tournament: Chairman Bernie Vito (Underground Industries), Kevin Alexander (US Construction Supply), Joe Antico (HD Supply Waterworks), Jeff Blake (Arrow Directional Boring), Greg Blake (Arrow Directional Boring), Andy Crowe (Ferguson), Mike Dean (Rockline Vac. Systems), Greg Fearon (LSR, Inc.), Eric Forman (U.S. Precast), Judy Kroeger (Rockline Vac. Systems), Jerry Rodgers (Centerline Utilities), Glen Tupler (Austin Tupler Trucking), Don Webster (HD Supply Waterworks), Greg Wolf (U.S. Concrete Products) and Debra Zambrana (Gateway Insurance).

Also, very well deserved thanks to Dawn, Danielle, Nicole and Cameron Wolf for all of their help again this year with the tournament raffle. And, thanks to Cynthia Tupler, Jorge Fernandez, and Karen DeWitt for all of their help this year. Thanks again everyone!

Congratulations to the Tournament Winners: **First Place Total Weight** - Centerline Utilities, Inc. **Second Place Total Weight** - H & J Contracting. **Third Place Total**

Weight - Environmental Products. **First Place Dolphin Award** - Freddy Chesney (Centerline Utilities) (42.5 pounds). **Lady Angler/Biggest Dolphin** - Robin Johnson (Johnson-Davis, Inc.) (44 pounds). **Heaviest Game Fish Award** - Glen Pultz (Johnson-Davis, Inc.) (13.5 pound Tuna). **Golf Tournament Winners** - Team of Jerry Rodgers (Centerline Utilities) and Dan Thomerson (Ferguson).

The 24th Annual UCA of South Florida Scholarship Awards will be awarded on Thursday, July 16 during our general membership dinner meeting at the Deerfield Beach Hilton. All of the applicants are very deserving, and it will be incredibly difficult to determine a winner! The Underground Contractors Association of South Florida has awarded over \$178,000 in scholarships since 1985. We hope to see you all at the dinner.

UCA of North Florida

Thank you to Enterprise Fleet Management for sponsoring our June Bettering Your Business Luncheon Series meeting and providing lunch for our attendees. Our guest speaker was Kristen Tackett, Vice President of Florida First Capital Finance Corporation (FFCFC). She spoke to our group about SBA 504 Loan program and ARC loans. Those members in attendance found the information very helpful.

We were saddened this month by the passing on two long-time UCA of North Florida members. Jake Goode, Industrial Tractor Company, died on Wednesday, June 10. Jake was a member of the UCA of North Florida Board of Directors and was just 35 years old. He leaves his wife, Sandra, and one year old son, Von. Donations are being accepted for Von's 529 College Fund. Checks can be made payable to College America and sent to Sandra Goode at 3 Madeira Street Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32080. Bill Smith, retired employee of Hughes Supply, died on Monday, June 15. Services were held for Bill

on Saturday, June 20 at the Jacksonville Memory Gardens, Orange Park. We extend our sympathies to his wife Diane and son, Shealan.

Congratulations to Meghan Unger, Daughter of Tom Unger, Florida Roads Contracting, Inc., and Patricia Unger. Meghan was the winner of NUCA's 2009 D.A. Foster Memorial Scholarship. Named after one of NUCA's founding members, D.A. Foster of D.A. Foster Trenching Co. of Northern Virginia, the \$8,000 scholarship provides \$2,000 per year for four years. 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. To prepare for the future, the National and Georgia Merit Scholar pursued a college preparatory program with a focus on biology and physics. A gifted flutist, she has played with the Coastal Symphony of Georgia, Golden Isles Community Band, Macy's Great American Marching Band and All-State Orchestra (2008 and 2009). Her work experience includes serving as a certified Georgia Youth Soccer Association referee and mathematics tutor. Habitat for Humanity and the Camden County Humane Society are only two of the many organizations that have benefitted from her volunteer services.

We would like to welcome the following new members who joined our association this month: Maudlin International Trucks, Inc. (Associate), Administrators Advisory Group, Inc. (Affiliate), McCabe & Vaughn, P.A. (Affiliate) and GHG Insurance (Affiliate). Don't forget that new members joining UCA of North Florida at this point in the year receive half-priced dues!

The date has been set for our Annual Fishing Tournament. The tournament will be held on Saturday, October 10 at Sister's Creek Marina/City of Jacksonville. This is a great event to





bring your customers, business associates, employees, friends and family. The cost per angler is just \$60 and includes fishing entry fee, meal/drinks, and a complimentary T-shirt and hat. We have various levels of sponsorship and we need your help to make this a successful event. Please contact the UCA of North Florida office at (904) 296-1230 to get a registration form.

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consultative visits if major changes in working conditions or processes occur that may introduce new hazards. Employers meeting these specific program requirements may be exempt from general scheduled OSHA inspections for one year.

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consulting machinery in motion. The consultant will discuss your specific needs with you and set up a visit date based on the priority assigned to your request, your work schedule, and the time needed for the consultant to adequately prepare to serve you. OSHA encourages a complete review of your firm's safety and health situation; however, if you wish you may limit the visit to one or more specific problems.


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Registered Contractor License Renewal Reminder

Just a reminder that the Registered Contractor licenses issued by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) are up for renewal on August 31, 2009. 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).

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