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Big Fish First Day



L to R: James Tilli, Al Savery and Pablo Riano with U.S. Precast Corporation

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UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation Holds Tenth Annual Bass Tournament to Benefit the Foundation's Scholarship Program

The UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. held its Tenth Annual Bass Fishing Tournament on Lake Toho in Kissimmee on March 5–6, 2010. The tournament, held to raise funds for the foundation's scholarship program, was headed up by Fishing Tournament Chairman Scott Johnson with Johnson–Davis, Inc.

The Annual Tournament is held in memory of Andrew Scott Johnson, son of Scott Johnson. Andy Johnson worked summers with his father's company, but he especially liked to fish.

This is the tenth year for the UUCF/ Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Bass Tournament, and this year's event drew a field of 37 participants divided in to 17 teams.

This year's event began with a Captain's Meeting on Thursday evening. Teams fished on Friday and Saturday, with a weigh-in held following each day's fishing. Following the Friday weigh-in, participants enjoyed a barbecue dinner. Trophies and prizes were presented following Saturday's closing weigh-in.

Trophies were awarded for the largest fish caught on Friday and Saturday. In addition, first, second and third place team trophies were presented to the teams accumulating the greatest total two–day catch. Teams could weigh in a maximum of five bass per day.

At the end of the first day's fishing, the U.S. Precast Corporation team of Al Savery, Pablo Riano and James Tilli were in first place with a total catch of 33.65 pounds. The Johnson–Davis, Inc. team of Chris Johnson and Tyler Johnson were in second place with a total catch of 27.42 pounds. The Johnson–Davis, Inc. team of Walt Gainer and Carl Gainer were in third place with a total catch of 25.71 pounds.

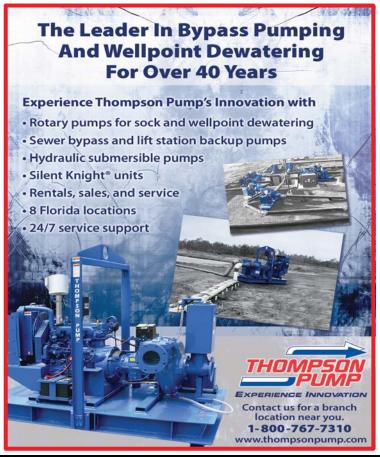
The biggest fish on the first day of fishing went to the team of U.S. Precast Corporation for catching a bass weighing 9.52 pounds.

On day two of the tournament, the biggest fish went to the Sheltra & Son Construction Company, Inc.

team of Richard Forlifer, Lance Merritt and Richard Forlifer. Their winning fish weighed 8.81 pounds.

The Big Fish Pot was held again this year. Participants paid \$10.00 toward the Big Fish Pot. The Big Fish Pot was paid to the participant/team with the single largest fish caught in the two-day tournament. One hundred percent of the funds collected were presented to the winner of the Big Fish Pot, the team of U.S. Precast Corporation. Congratulations guys.

When the second day's weigh-in was





complete, the Rockliner, Inc. team of John Fernandez and Tom Kraft were the first place winners with a total day catch of 26.54 pounds. Second place for the day went to the U.S. Precast Corporation team of Al Savery, Pablo Riano and James Tilli with a total catch of 25.01 pounds. Third place for the day went to the Precision Pipe & Products, Inc. team of Gilmer Nelson and Bobby Wakefield with a total catch of 21.47 pounds.

With their total two day's tournament combination, congratulations to the following winners: Overall First

Place Winners: John Fernandez and Tom Kraft with the team of Rockliner, Inc. with a total two–day catch of 48.33 pounds. Overall Second

Place Winners: Al Savery, Pablo Riano and James Tilli with the team of U.S. Precast Corporation with a total two–day catch of 44.00 pounds. Overall Third Place Winners: Walt Gainer and Carl Gainer with the Johnson–Davis, Inc. team with a total two–day catch of 42.89 pounds.

Rounding out the top five were the Johnson-Davis, Inc. team (Andy Fick and Jeff Dick) with a total two—day catch of 39.285 pounds for fourth place and the Johnson—Davis, Inc. team (Chris Johnson and Tyler Johnson) with a total catch of 36.21 pounds for fifth place. Between all 17 teams, a total of 477.01 pounds of bass were caught during the two—day tournament.

The UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation thanks the following companies who sponsored the Fishing Tournament: Weigh-In Sponsor: Rockliner, Inc. **Angler Dinner Beverage Sponsor:** HD Supply Waterworks. **Angler Dinner Sponsors:** Glenn Rasmussen Fogarty & Hooker, P.A. and Palmdale Oil Company. Captain's Meeting Happy Hour **Sponsors:** Centerline Utilities, Inc.; Community Asphalt Corporation: Concrete Products of the Palm Beaches, Inc.; and Ranger Construction Industries, Inc. **Trophy Sponsors:** U.S. Concrete Pipe Co. and U.S. Concrete Products Corp. Major Sponsors: Burck Oil Company, Inc.; Burkhardt Construction, Inc.; Charles S. Whiteside, Inc.; Dickerson Florida, Inc.; Forsberg Construction, Inc.; Hubbard Construction Company, Inc.; Johnson-Davis, Inc.; Messier Land Developing, Inc.: Rockline Vac Systems, Inc.; The Friends & Family of Andy Johnson; The Mack Company; Trio Development Corporation; U.S. Precast Corporation: Underground Contractors Association of South Florida: Utility Service Company, Inc.; Wakefield Road Boring, Inc.; and Wells Fargo Construction. **Corporate Sponsor:** Sheltra & Son Construction, Inc. Corporate **Sponsors (Donations):** American Trophy Co.; Big Toho Enterprises, Inc.; Fish 'n Fool Guide Service;

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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.





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Savery, Pablo Riano and James Tilli

U.S. Precast Corporation – TracyPost, Larry Roof and ShaneDeBogory

We look forward to next year's event. Once the date has been secured, we will post the date in the Calendar of Events section of the *Ditchmen* or on the website at **www.uucf.com**.



L to R: Carl Gainer and Walt Gainer with Johnson–Davis, Inc.



Curt and Billie Parcells weigh–in.



Skip Campbell handles the Fishing Tournament weigh—in.

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UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation Application Available

he UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce that its scholarship application became available in March. The scholarship application will be available to any employee and/or their immediate family member (i.e., child, grandchild, etc.) who is employed by a company that is a member of UUCF. The applicant must be a senior graduating from high school who will be enrolling in an accredited two- or four-year college or university for the year beginning in August or September 2010 or an individual who is currently attending an undergraduate two- or four-year

accredited college or university for the year beginning in August or September 2010. The enrollment may be in a curriculum of any number of years but the scholarship will not exceed one year. (Applicants must be affiliated with a UUCF member in good standing with dues paid at the time of application. Out of state branches of member companies are not eligible.)

The UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. was established in memory of the son of a Past President of UUCF, Scott J. Johnson (Johnson–Davis, Inc.). On December 28, 1999, Andrew "Andy" Scott Johnson was killed in

an automobile accident. Andy was 19 years of age. He was an honor student and a 1998 graduate of Pope John Paul II High School. He was a sophomore at Vanderbilt University. He loved the outdoors, all kinds of sports, especially Lacrosse, music and sport fishing. Andy was especially dedicated and loyal to his many friends and family.

If you have any questions, need additional information or would like to request a scholarship application, please do not hesitate to contact the UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation office at (407) 830–1880.

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UUCF 2010 Convention. 30th Anniversary Cruise

W e 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 in Fort Lauderdale on Monday, July 26. We hope you and your family will 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 tentative 2010 Convention and sailing itinerary are as follows:

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Executive Committee Meeting 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration

3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Hospitality Room

3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Depart from Fort Lauderdale, **Florida**

5:00 p.m.

Thursday Reception

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday Dinner

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Friday, July 23, 2010

Arrive in Key West, Florida 7:00 a.m.

Registration

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Hospitality Room

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Depart from Key West, Florida

2:00 p.m.

Friday Reception

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Friday Dinner

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.



Saturday, July 24, 2010

Arrive in Cozumel, Mexico

10:00 a.m.

Continuing Education Seminar (Continued on Sunday)

7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Registration

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Hospitality Room

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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

Saturday Dinner

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 25, 2010

Cruising all day

Continuing Education Seminar (Continued from Saturday)

7:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Registration

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Hospitality Room

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Board of Director's Meeting

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Registration

2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Hospitality Room

2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Reception

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Dinner

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Monday, July 26, 2010

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

Disembark

9:00 a.m.

This year's Convention Committee is being chaired by Flo Woodall of John Woody, Inc. in Jacksonville. This year's Convention Theme is Journey to the Future. Don't Stop Believin'.

The Platinum and Gold Sponsors from the 2009 Convention have been solicited for the 2010 Convention. Once 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 three receptions during the cruise. There will also be continuing education classes for contractors.

The Convention Cabin Registration Form was finalized and sent to all UUCF members in March. If you plan on joining us for the 30th Anniversary Cruise, please complete and submit your Convention 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 April, 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.

SSOCOF Update

Florida Celebrates 'Safe Diggin Month' This April

Florida homeowners reminded to call 811 before all digging projects

"Call 811 Before You Dig" is the main message behind Sunshine State One Call's annual safety and awareness campaign, Safe Digging Month, celebrated this April.

With Florida's frigid weather long gone and many homeowners anxious to replace frost–damaged plants and embark on other outdoor digging projects, it's the perfect time for the reminder, "always call 811 before digging."

This free call to 811 connects you to SSOCOF which notifies appropriate utility companies of the intent to dig. Utility locators are sent to the requested digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with flags or spray paint. This is a free service.

Once lines are marked, digging can begin; however, extra caution is required when digging within 24–inches of the marks. Underground lines could be anywhere within that area.

"In Florida, it's the law to call 811 before doing any digging," explains Mark Sweet, SSOCOF executive director. "By having underground lines marked, homeowners reduce the risk of striking utilities and, ultimately, avoiding injury and inconvenient utility outages."

Failure to call 811 before digging results in Americans unintentionally hitting underground utility lines more than 200,000 times annually, which can lead to injury, penalties, repair costs, and inconvenient outages.

Every digging project, no matter how large or small, requires a call to 811. Installing a mailbox, putting in a fence, building a deck and laying a patio are all examples of digging projects that need a call to 811 before starting.

Visit www.callsunshine.com for more information about 811 and the call-before-you-dig process.

Sunshine State One Call of Florida is a private, not–for–profit, corporation created by Florida Legislature in 1993 with the Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act, Chapter 556, Florida Statutes. It educates excavators and homeowners on the "call 811 before digging" process and provides the free system excavators use to notify utility owners of intended digging.

SSOCOF Excavation Safety Forum

Sunshine State One Call of Florida is holding an Excavation Safety Forum on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in West Palm Beach. There is no charge to attend, and space is limited to 100 people.

Meet, engage, share and learn during this informational event featuring presentations by industry professionals. We'll highlight important excavation and damage prevention issues of local, state and national interest to all industry

stakeholders. We'll end with an opportunity for public discussion of ideas to improve the current system, protect our valuable infrastructure resources and enhance public safety.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Sergio Clavijo at **sergio.clavijo@mail.callsunshine.com** or (305) 861–1873 or (800) 638–4097 + 1 + Ext. 2062.

SSOCOF Golf Tournament

Sunshine State One Call of Florida, Inc. (SSOCOF) will be holding its Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, May 21, 2010 at the Victoria Hills Country Club in DeLand. The cost to golf is \$65.00 per person with sponsorships starting at \$150.00. Registration is at 7:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast and tee off is at 8:00 a.m. Soft spikes only and collared shirts required. No denim allowed and no personal coolers. A copy of the Registration Form is included on page 25 in this issue of the *Ditchmen*.

There are two ways to register:

- Go to www.golfinvite.com/ onecall, complete on-line form and mail check payable to SSOCOF to Accounting, 11 Plantation Road, DeBary, FL 32713.
- 2. Go to http://
 www.callsunshine.com/
 images/stories/hot-topics/
 golf_reg.pdf and print out
 registration form. Mail form and
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For questions or additional information, please contact Brad Martin at **brad.martin@ mail.callsunshine.com** or (800) 638–4097, ext. 2060.





OSHA Update

Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health Meeting Scheduled for April 1416

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will hold a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health (ACCSH) April 14 and 16, 2010, in Houston. For more than 35 years, ACCSH and OSHA have collaborated to reduce injuries, illnesses, and fatalities in the

Be Safe Think Safe! construction industry caused by such hazards as falling objects, unstable trenches, power tools, and silica inhalation. See the notice in the Federal Register for more details.

ACCSH also advises Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health David Michaels, Ph.D., M.P.H., on worker safety and health in the construction industry. The agenda for this meeting will include updates on OSHA activities and reports from ACCSH work groups that address construction topics related to green jobs, diversity and multilingual issues, nailgun safety, fall protection, prevention by design, and silica exposure, among others.

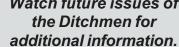
ACCSH and its work group meetings will all be held at the Crowne Plaza Houston Downtown, 1700 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002. ACCSH work groups will meet on Monday, April 12, 2010, from noon to 4:15 p.m., and on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The full committee will meet from 8 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, and Friday, April 16, 2010. ACCSH meetings are open to the public. Persons requiring special accommodations who wish to attend should contact Veneta Chatmon at (202) 693-1999 or

chatmon.veneta@dol.gov.

Those wishing to submit comments, requests to address the committee, or presentations, should mail three copies of all materials to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA-2010–0014, Room N–2625, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Submissions that do not exceed 10 pages may be faxed to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–1648. Materials may also be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to assure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit http://www.osha.gov.







Unemployment Tax Relief is on the Way

hanks to the many UUCF members who voiced their opposition to dramatically higher unemployment taxes, the Florida Legislature passed special legislation to delay the scheduled tax increases. The bill was passed on HB 7033 and Governor Charlie Crist signed the bill into law on March 2, 2010 which is now Chapter No. 2010-1.

Here's what the bill does:

- For two years, 2010 and 2011, it reduces back to \$7,000.00 the amount of each employee's wages subject to the tax (It was scheduled to be \$8,500.00 for five years starting in 2010.)
- For two years, 2010 and 2011, it eliminates the automatic tax increases triggered by the low

balances in the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund.

• It establishes a quarterly payment plan for 2010 and 2011 that allows employers to spread out their unemployment compensation tax payments for the first three quarters over the entire calendar year without being subject to penalties or interest. For example, for taxes due for the first quarter of 2010, instead of paying the full amount by April 30, employers will be allowed to pay 25% of their tax due on or before April 30, 2010. An additional 25% will be due July 31; 25% by October 31; and the remaining 25% by December 31.

Employers at the minimum unemployment tax rate were going to see their bill go up from \$8.40 per employee per year to \$100.30 per employee per year. Now, under the new bill, employers at the minimum tax rate will go from \$8.40 to \$25.20 per employee per year.

Employers, especially those who had to lay off workers during the last year, will still see their taxes go up; however, the tax increase is intended to be much smaller and more manageable for small businesses under the legislation.

The Department of Revenue (DOR) should have mailed your new tax notices in March. You can ignore the tax notice you received from DOR in December - you will not be required to pay the rate indicated on that

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he 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 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. This is why we are asking for your support today.

Facts pertaining to the 2010 Election:

 For the first time ever, every member of the state's Cabinet will be up for grabs in the same election. Governor, attorney general, chief financial officer and agriculture commissioner will each be filled by new people.

- The U.S. Senate race will lead the parade.
- All 120 state House seats are up for grabs and more than half of the Senate.
- Qualifying for state office elections ends June 18.
- Primary elections are August 24.
 The general election is November 2.
- Independent voters, about one in five in Florida, will be a focus in all the statewide races.

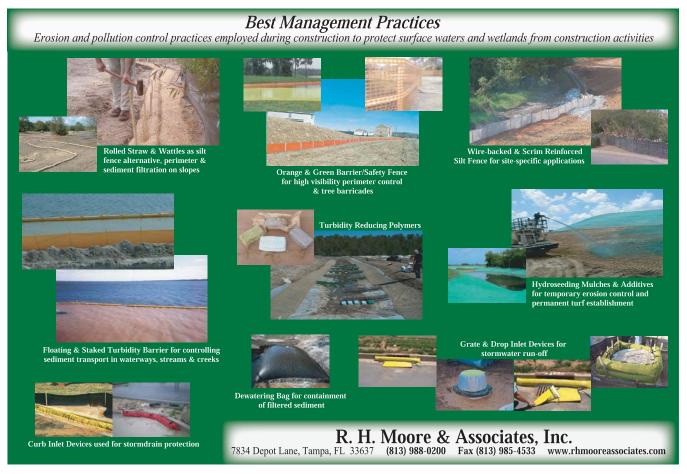
Legislative actions have a major impact on our industry. It is important to elect members to the Florida Legislature who are willing to listen objectively to our concerns.

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

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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.

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. The UUCF PAC also accepts donations in any amount that you are comfortable contributing. If you are interested in joining one of these clubs, please contact the UUCF

office for a UUCF PAC Membership Form at (407) 830-1880.

UUCF would like to thank the following individuals who have joined the various UUCF PAC clubs as of March 26, 2010:

PRESIDENT'S CLUB \$1,000.00

- · John Woody, Inc.
- Utility Service Company, Inc.

<u>CENTURY CLUB</u> - \$100.00

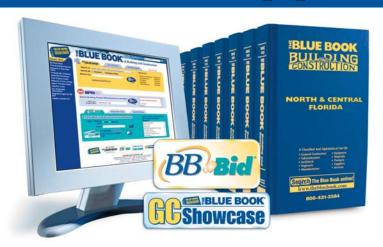
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Don't forget to notify the DBPR office of any address change. Section 489.124(2) gives sole responsibility to the licensee for notifying DBPR in writing of the licensee's current mailing address and phone number. Failure to notify the department of 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 am hoping that spring will be a bit of a turning point with our industry. All of us are still singing the blues

with the lack of work and lack of private and public monies. The last few weeks, I have talked with engineers, municipalities, equipment dealers and others that are seeing a little activity and have a little more optimism. I hope they are right. Others within the public sector are complaining that stimulus money is slow, and there are strings attached that may not be affordable. We have bid on two stimulus projects which have required us to include higher than normal labor rates. These rates



range from 3% up to over 30% above what our area pays for labors, pipe

layers and operators. But with this said, at least we still have opportunities, and we are optimistic that there will be enough work for all of us. I'm only good at two things fishing and ditch digging, and I don't want to depend on fishing.

March starts the Legislative Session, and Bruce Kershner will keep us informed through his alerts, weekly reports and VoterVoice. Bills such as Prompt Pay, Construction Liens and

Bonds and Amendment 4 will be on our radar. We also have our Board of Director's Meeting and visits with our senators and representatives on March 22–23. I expect we will have a good turn out and am looking forward to seeing everyone.

In closing, continue doing business with UUCF members. We have a very good association made up of great people.

Sincerely,

Bill Lee President



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Workers' compensation topics covered include:

- Review of Key Statutory Definitions
- Contractor Responsibilities
- Exemptions
- Insurance Coverage Requirements
- Enforcement Provisions

Workplace safety topics presented by OSHA (U.S. Dept. of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration) include:

- Direct and Indirect Costs
- Inspections
- Florida Fatalities

The following is a list of class locations and dates. All seminar times are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon:

April 19, 2010

Miami State Office Building 401 N.W. 2nd Avenue, North Tower, Room 423 Miami, FL 33128

April 27, 2010

Fort Myers
Career & Service Centers of
Southwest Florida
4150 Ford Street Extension,
Conference Room 1
Fort Myers, FL 33916

April 29, 2010

Tallahassee Southwood Complex, Betty Easley Conference Center 4075 Esplanade Way, Room 180 Tallahassee, FL 32399

May 5, 2010

Orlando
State Office
Building, Hurston
Complex
400 West Robinson
Street, South
Tower, Room 706
Orlando, FL 32801

May 7, 2010

Tampa State Office Building 1313 North Tampa Street, Suite 605 Tampa, FL 33603

May 7, 2010

Pompano Beach Workforce One 2301 West Sample Road, Building 4 Pompano Beach, FL 33073

June 8, 2010

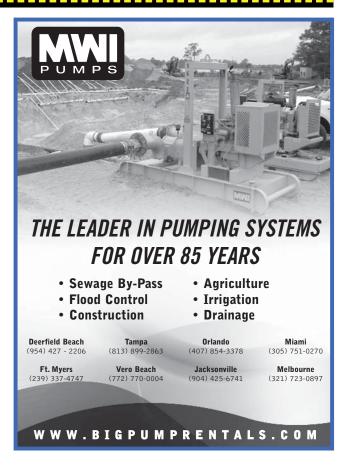
Pensacola West Florida Regional Library 200 West Gregory Street Pensacola, FL 32501

June 17, 2010

Largo
Pinellas County Construction
Licensing Board
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June 18, 2010

West Palm Beach Central Career Center 1951 North Military Trail, Suite D West Palm Beach, FL 33409



July 13, 2010

Fort Myers Career and Service Centers of Southwest Florida 4150 Ford Street Extension, Conference Room 1 Fort Myers, FL 33916

July 15, 2010

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Calendar of Events

UUCF

June 4	Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando
July 22-26.	
	Royal Caribbean Grandeur of the Seas
July 25	Board of Director's Meeting
Nov. 5	Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando

Northwest Florida UCA

Apr. 8	
May 13	. Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
June 10	. Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
July 8	. Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
Aug. 12	. Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
Sept. 9	. Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
Sept. 18	Fishing Tournament, Pensacola
Oct. 14	. Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
Oct. 22	Clay Tournament, Pensacola
Nov. 2	. Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
Nov. 12	Annual Meeting, Pensacola

Southwest Florida UCA

Apr. 8 Trade Show, Harborside Event Center,
Downtown Fort Myers
May 15 Scholarship Golf Tournament
June 24 Scholarship Night & Dinner Meeting
July (TBA) Board of Director's Meeting
Aug. 19 General Membership Meeting, Holiday Inn,
Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers
Sept. 17–19 Fishing Tournament,
'Tween Waters Inn, Captiva Island
Oct. 21 General Membership Meeting, Holiday Inn,
Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers
Nov. 18 Board of Director's Meeting
Dec. 4

SUCA

Apr. 15 Board of Director's/General Membership Meetings, Gator's, Madeira Beach
Apr. 17 Fishing Tournament, Gator's, Madeira Beach
May 6 Board of Director's/General Membership
Meetings
May 14 Spring Golf Tournament
June 3 Board of Director's/General Membership
Meetings
July 8 Board of Director's/General Membership
Meetings (Scholarship Night)
Aug. 5 Board of Director's/General Membership
Meetings
Sept. 9 Board of Director's/General Membership
Meeting
Sept. 16 Fish Fry, Largo Central Park
Oct. 7 Board of Director's Meeting/Hall of Fame Night

Nov. 4	Board of Director's/General Membership
	Meetings/Installation of Officers & Directors,
	Rusty Pelican
Nov. 5	
Dec. 2	Board of Director's Meeting, Tampa Club
Dec. 4	December Banquet, Tampa Club

UCA of North Florida

	Safety Director's Forum Executive Committee Meeting,
	ce Room/UCA of North Florida Office
	ville Suns vs. Mississippi Braves Game,
M 10	Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville
	Executive Committee Meeting,
	ce Room/UCA of North Florida Office Board of Director's Meeting
	Annual Golf Tournament,
May 25	Deerwood Country Club
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Jan. 18–21 Expo '11, The Executive Experience, The El Conquistador Resort, Las Croabas, Puerto Rico

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

Apr. 1–30 National Safe Digging Month



May 20 Annual, Board of Director's and Committee
Meetings, DeBary Call Center
May 21 Golf Tournament,
Victoria Hills Country Club, DeLand
June 18 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary Call Center/Conference Call
Aug. 19 Committee Meetings
Aug. 20 Board of Director's Meeting
Sept. 17 Executive Committee Meeting,
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DeBary Call Center/Conference Call

Construction Industry Licensing Board Meetings

Apr. 14–16 Embassy Suites Tampa/USF, Tampa
May 12–14 Doubletree Hotel Tampa Westshore
Airport, Tampa
June 9–11 Embassy Suites Orlando–North,
Altamonte Springs
July 14–16 The Casa Monica Hotel, St. Augustine
August 11–13 Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention
Center, Kissimmee
Sept. 8–10 Grand Bohemian Hotel, Orlando
Oct. 13–15 Doubletree Hotel, Tampa Westshore
Airport, Tampa
Nov. 10–12 Embassy Suites Orlando–North,
Altamonte Springs

Sunshine State One Call of Florida, Inc. 2010 Holiday Calendar

Memorial Day 05/31/10 Observance of Independence Day 07/05/10 Labor Day 09/06/10 Thanksgiving Day 11/25/10
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June 23 July 28
August 25 September 29
October 27 December 1

2011 FDOT Letting Date

January 26 February 23 March 30 April 27 May 25 June 22



Chapter News

Northwest Florida UCA

The Fifth Annual Northwest Florida UCA Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, April 8 at Marcus Point Golf Club in Pensacola. The format is a four man scramble. For sponsorship opportunities, contact the chapter office at (850) 434–8328. Tournament details will be forthcoming.

The first membership meeting of the year has been scheduled for March 18 at Sonny's Bar–B–Q's new location on North 9th Avenue. This is a luncheon and will recognize the retirement of long time utility contractor C. E. Chavis of Northwestern. For details, contact the chapter office.

Northwest Florida UCA was among the associations who participated in a fundraiser held on February 25 in Pensacola for Representative Dave Murzin who is a candidate for the Florida Senate District 2. The chapter was represented by Joe Cook, Bill Davis, Matt Hall, Gabe Jackson, Bill McGough and Michele Kelson. In addition to several contributions gathered by the chapter, Joe Cook presented a check from the UUCF PAC to Representative Murzin.

SUCA

SUCA's March Membership Meeting will be held Thursday. March 4 at the Columbia Restaurant in Tampa (Ybor City). Registration and cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m. Dinner will include Ropa Vieja, '1905' Salad, Cuban Bread & Butter and Godiva Chocolate Cake. The cost is \$32.00 per person. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Tom Fass, P.E., Hillsborough County's Manager of the Project Management section overseeing the Transportation & Stormwater Capital Improvement Program. Mr. Fass plans to address our members regarding some of the initiatives being discussed in PRIDE meetings and will provide an

overview of the transportation referendum. This referendum has sometimes been referred to as the Transit or Light Rail referendum, when in fact it goes beyond transit as a funding source. You will not want to miss this meeting!

Once again, over 300 SUCA members, their families and employees gathered at Lupton's Boggy Bottom Barbecue Ranch in Plant City for our Annual Barbecue on Saturday, February 21. The weather was a little cool, but kids and adults enjoyed the beautiful, park–like setting, a delicious barbecue feast, entertainment, games and good company.

The Horseshoe Tournament, sponsored by Florida Gas & Electric Corp., awarded cash prizes to the following winners: First Place (\$300) – Gary Beer & Roger Bohach of Florida Gas & Electric Corp. Second Place (\$200) – Jim Fair & James Fair of Raymow Construction and Third Place (\$100) – Jason McKendree of Ring Power Corp. and Joe Bass of CF Industries. Congratulations!

SUCA would like to thank BBQ Chairman James Adams of Ferguson Waterworks, Inc. and the following committee members for an outstanding event: Steven Kennedy of Ferguson Waterworks, Inc.; David Runyan of Florida Gas & Electric Corp. and Bill Haan of Westra Construction Corp.

We would also like to thank our sponsors for their generous support of the barbecue. These firms enable us to provide great entertainment, activities and prizes which make the day so enjoyable: Acme Barricades, Advanced Drainage Systems, Associated Construction Products, David Nelson Construction Co., Ferguson Waterworks, Inc., Florida Gas & Electric Corp., Killibrew, Inc., Linder Industrial Machinery, Mabey Bridge & Shore, MWI Pump Rental

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SUCA members and staff will travel to Tallahassee March 22–23 for the UUCF Board of Director's Meeting, Legislative Briefing and Capitol visits. This is a golden opportunity to meet your legislators one on one and informally discuss industry issues. If you are interested in attending, please contact Misty McKendree at the SUCA office.

SUCA scholarship packages will be mailed out this month and SUCA's Scholarship Committee is looking forward to reviewing applications from our member families. The deadline for application submissions is May 15, at which time the review process begins. Our membership is very proud of this program, now in its twenty–first year. Presentation of the awards will take place Thursday, July 8 at Scholarship Night.

SUCA's Spring Scholarship Golf Tournament will take place Friday, May 14 at The Eagles Golf Club in Odessa. Check in and lunch begins at noon with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. The cost remains \$90.00 per person with survival packs available to purchase for \$20.00 each. The registration fee includes a nice tee prize for all players at check-in, cart, greens fee, range balls, mulligans, beverages on the course, box lunch, barbecue dinner, awards and contest prizes. If you are not golfing and wish to join us for dinner and the awards ceremony, the cost is \$20.00 per person. Your check made payable to SUCA guarantees your reservation. Please remember, a portion of the



proceeds of the tournament benefit SUCA's Scholarship Fund. This is our only funding source for scholarships. Sponsorships are also available and appreciated.

On May 18–20, SUCA members will travel to Washington, D.C. to the NUCA Spring Board and Committee Meetings and to visit our lawmakers on Capitol Hill. This is an exciting trip and all members are invited to attend. You don't have to be a lobbyist, just someone interested in the process of how your business is regulated. If you are interested in attending the meetings, please contact the SUCA office for more information.

We are happy to announce the SUCA Fishing Tournament is returning this year! The tournament Captain's Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15 in conjunction with SUCA's 'Cheeseburger in Paradise' Membership Mixer at Gator's Waterfront Café & Saloon in Treasure Island. The fishing tournament and awards ceremony will be held on Saturday, April 17, also out of Gator's.

The cost per angler is \$55.00 for SUCA members and \$75.00 for non-SUCA members. Sponsorships are available at the following rates: Presenting Sponsor \$1,000.00 (1 available/1 needed), Gold Sponsor \$500.00 (2 available/2 needed); Silver Sponsor \$250.00 (unlimited available). Please contact Mistu McKendree at the SUCA office if you are interested in sponsoring this exciting event. Tournament Chairman Mickey Bell of Wallace, Welch & Willingham is planning a great tournament, so keep an eve out for additional details and be sure to register early!

Reminder . . . The SUCA office has relocated! Please make note of the following new contact information: P. O. Box 2740, Zephyrhills, FL 33541. Our new phone number is (813) 355–4879, and the new fax number is (813) 355–4883. Our

web address remains www.suca.org and Executive Director Misty McKendree's e-mail remains mtjader@suca.org.

If you are interested in SUCA's projects or events, please contact our office at (813) 355–4879 or visit our website at **www.suca.org**.

UCA of North Florida

This month, we had Billie Tucker from the First Coast Tea Party Movement as our guest speaker. The Tea Party movement encourages people to educate themselves, read the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Read conservative websites and stay up-to-date on political issues. Sign up for e-mail alerts from websites such as: www.freedomworks.org, www.humanevents.com. www.afa.net or www.heritage.org. They ask people to register to vote, fly the flag and call or write their representatives. Our Legislative Chair Tony Zebouni gave an overview of legislative issues in preparation for our visit to Tallahassee. We also talked about Amendment 4, and the need to educate ourselves, our employees, family, friends and neighbors. Please visit the VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT 4 website at www.florida2010.org to tell a friend, volunteer or make a

We have scheduled a CEU Class for Contractor V License with the Florida Fire Sprinkler Association for March 16 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m at Ellis & Associates. The cost is \$250.00 for UCA of North Florida members and \$300.00 for nonmembers. If you need this training, please contact the UCA of North Florida office at (904) 296–1230 to register.

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Joe Mastanduno with John Deere will be our guest speaker at March General Meeting on Thursday, March 18. Joe will be speaking on Emission regulations and Tier 4 Emissions. Plans are already underway for our Annual Golf Tournament & Vendor Showcase to be held on Tuesday, May 25 at Deerwood Country Club. This year's golf chairman is Rick Erickson with Industrial Tractor Company.

The following companies have already agreed to participate in our Vendor Showcase: Duval Asphalt Products, Industrial Tractor Company, Myers-Seth Pumps and Vermeer Southeast. We are pleased to have these companies as sponsors of our tournament: The Blue Book, Commercial Florida Realty, Linder Industrial Machinery, Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Reliance Supply, Reynolds, Inc., Southeast Industrial Sales (SISCO), Standard Precast, The Gibbs Group, and United Rental Trench Safety. Call the UCA of North Florida office for additional information about golfing, sponsoring or participating in the Vendor Showcase.

Welcome New UUCF Members March 26, 2010

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Nortrax Equipment Company

Bob Porter Tampa, Florida (813) 635–2301 Associate

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August 6, 2010

Lakeland Lakeland Public Library 100 Lake Morton Drive Lakeland, FL 33801

August 10, 2010

Pensacola West Florida Regional Library 200 West Gregory Street Pensacola, FL 32501

August 12, 2010

Orlando State Office Building, Hurston Complex 400 West Robinson Street, South Tower, Conference Room A & B Orlando, FL 32801

August 13, 2010

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August 18, 2010

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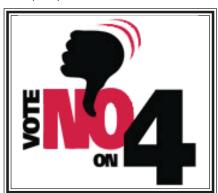
August 20, 2010

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The Division of Workers' Compensation is an authorized provider (Provider Number: 0004354) for continuing education purposes through the CILB. Course Number: 0010118 - one hour

satisfies the Workers' Compensation requirement and Course Number: 0010630 - one hour satisfies the Workplace Safety requirement.

Advanced registration is required. The form is available on the Division's website at www.myfloridacfo.com/ WC. For additional information, email bocseminars@MyFlorida **CFO.com**, call (813) 221–6518 or Fax (813) 233-3742.





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TIMES

7:30 a.m. Registration, continental breakfast 8:00 a.m. Tee Off

RULES

Soft spikes only. Collared shirts required. No denim allowed and no personal coolers.

Two ways to register - payment must be received before player can golf

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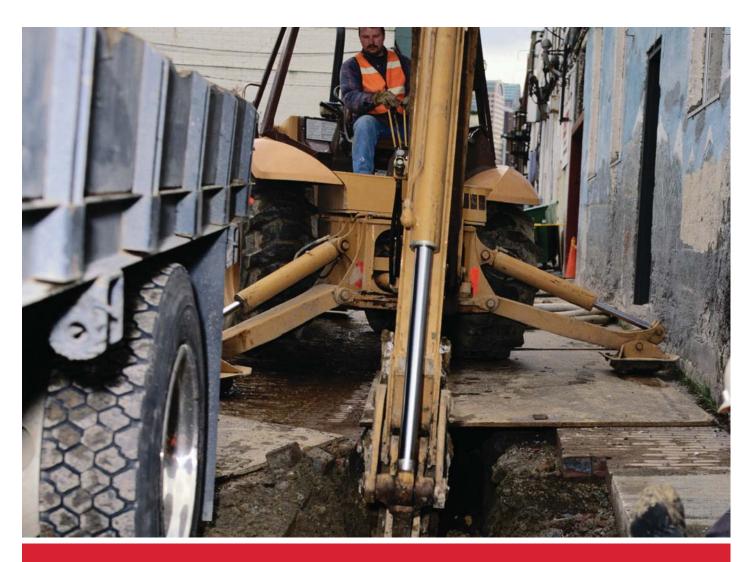
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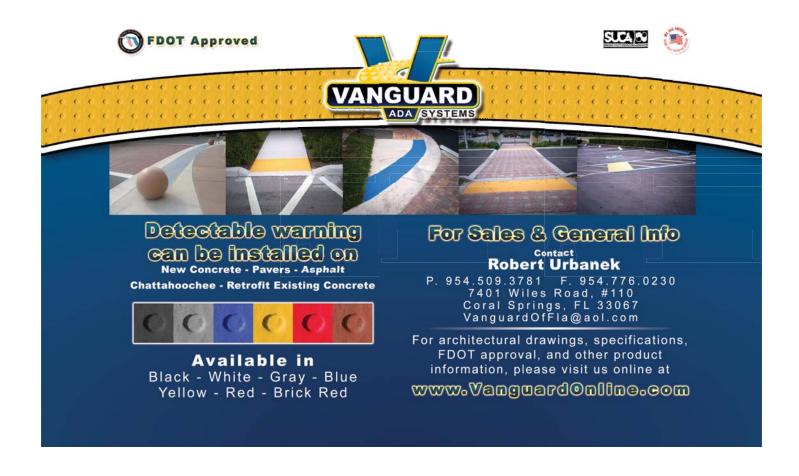
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