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UUCF 2010 Convention . . . 30th Anniversary Cruise Moving to Dry Land

The Underground Utility Contractors of Florida (UUCF) are excited about celebrating our 30th Anniversary.

The UUCF Board of Directors recently held a conference call to discuss this year's convention. The board wanted to do something special for its 30th Anniversary; however, due to the long economic downturn, plans for a cruise had to be reconsidered. The board has cancelled the cruise and has moved this year's convention to dry land at a facility centrally located in Florida.



We are pleased to announce that the board voted to hold the UUCF 2010 Convention at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center in Kissimmee on July 23-25, 2010. The theme will remain "Journey to the Future . . . 'Don't Stop Believin.'"



To view information on the Gaylord Palms Resort & Conference Center,

please [click here](#).

UUCF has secured an unbelievable room rate of \$129.00 per night which includes the \$15.00 resort fee. These rooms have an outside view without a balcony. You can upgrade to a room with a view of the atrium of the hotel with a balcony for only \$169.00. Executive suites can be secured for \$399.00 per night, and Deluxe suites can be secured for \$599.00 per night. As part of the \$15.00 resort fee, which is included in the room rate, is wired/wireless internet access in guest rooms, daily newspaper, access to fitness center, two bottles of water daily in guest room, transportation to/from Disney World and onsite putt-putt. The room rate does not include a

\$12.00 daily self parking fee or \$20.00 valet fee plus tax. The room rate also does not include tax, which is currently 13% plus a 1% Osceola County Assessment Fee. All room rates are good three days prior to and after the dates of the Convention.

In the next few weeks, the Convention Committee will be working on all the details for the Convention. We hope to have more information available to the membership at that time. We hope you will join us for this wonderful event.

The board has agreed to scale back the convention this year and hold a two-day event instead of the three-day event. In turn, this will save you and/your company money. The tentative 2010 Convention itinerary

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Friday, July 23, 2010

Executive Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Registration

12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.

Hospitality Room

12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.

Board of Director's Meeting

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 noon

Round Table Discussion

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Dinner on own

Saturday, July 24, 2010

Registration

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Hospitality Room

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Breakfast on own

Continuing Education Seminars

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Lunch on own

Continuing Education Seminars

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Registration

3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Hospitality Room

3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Reception

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Dinner

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 25, 2010

Depart from hotel

11:00 a.m.

This year's Convention Committee is being chaired by Flo Woodall of John Woody, Inc. in Jacksonville. We will still utilize the cruise theme of "Journey to the Future . . . 'Don't Stop Believin.'"

The 2010 Platinum Sponsors of the UUCF Convention as of May 24, 2010 are:

- CNA
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To become a Platinum Sponsor, the cost is \$3,000.00. Platinum Sponsors are entitled to the following benefits:

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Watch future issues of the *Ditchmen* for additional information.

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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- A handsome printed sponsor sign displayed at the event you choose.
- Your company name will be listed with other Silver Sponsors in our convention brochure which will be given to all attendees.
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Silver Sponsor for the 2011 Convention.

The Convention Committee has established that UUCF will be offering continuing education classes. There will be a total of seven hours offered for contractors who are required to fulfill their continuing education requirements by August 31, 2010.

For your convenience, the Hotel Registration Form is included on page 10 in this issue of the Ditchmen or [click here](#) to obtain the form.

For your convenience, the Convention Registration Form is also included on page 11 in this issue of the Ditchmen or [click here](#) to obtain the form.

If you plan on attending the UUCF 30th Anniversary Convention, please complete and submit your Hotel and Registration Forms no later than **Friday, July 2, 2010.**

UUCF will be holding a Silent Auction this year, but there is a twist. The Silent Auction will be called the White Elephant Auction. As in past years, individuals or companies will make a donation to the Auction. The individuals, companies or UUCF office will wrap the item(s). Attendees at the convention will be provided with a list of each of the items donated; however, they will not know what package the items are located in. Throughout the Convention, individuals will bid on the items; however, they will not know what is in the wrapped package that they are bidding on. Once UUCF closes the Auction, wrapped packages will be awarded to the highest bidder; however, the highest bidder cannot open the package. Individuals who are the highest bidder are allowed to exchange their wrapped package for another wrapped package. Once the exchange is over, then each individual with a wrapped package will be allowed to open their package. Some of the items donated to the White

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Elephant Auction will be silent items and others will be live items.

Instead of holding a Chinese Raffle, UUCF will be holding a Lucky 30 Raffle. A Lucky 30 Raffle is where UUCF will place the numbers of 1 – 30 on slips of paper in a bowl. Attendees at the Convention will pull a number from the bowl. Whatever number they pulled, that is the cost of their raffle ticket (i.e., if the number 30 is pulled, the individual would pay \$30.00). Half of the proceeds from the Lucky 30 Raffle collected go to the association, and the other half of the proceeds go to the winner. The Lucky 30 Raffle will be held on Saturday night.

We hope to see you all at the UUCF 2010 Convention at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center in Kissimmee on July 23–25, 2010!



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UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation Application Available

The UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce that its scholarship application is available. The scholarship application is 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.

This year, the foundation will be awarding two one-time only \$6,000.00 scholarships. The first \$6,000.00 scholarship is for an individual who is currently a senior graduating from high school and enrolling in an accredited two- or four-year college or university for the year beginning in August or September 2010. The second

\$6,000 scholarship is for 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 "Andrew" Andy Scott Johnson who is 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.

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This form is invalid unless received on or before Friday, July 2, 2010

All rooms are subject to applicable taxes. Group rates and availability for arrivals three days prior and departures three days after above group dates are on a space available basis only. Group rates may not be combined with any other special offer, package or discount. **When reservations are made, the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center will require a deposit equal to the room rate and tax for the first night of each reservation. An individual's deposit is refundable if the resort receives notice of cancellation three (3) days prior to the scheduled arrival.** Rooms will be held under the UUCF room block until July 2, 2010. After this time, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis at prevailing hotel rates.

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ADDRESS

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AREA CODE/PHONE NUMBER

E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR CONFIRMATION

ARRIVAL DATE

HOUR (Check-in
time 3:00 p.m.)

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(Check out time 11:00 a.m.)

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UUCF will be holding a Round Table Discussion on Friday, July 23, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. In order to provide ample seating, please register the following individuals for the Round Table Discussion:

NAME:	NAME:
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UUCF will be providing seven hours of continuing education seminars on Saturday, July 24, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. with a one and a half hour break for lunch. To date the courses have not been finalized. Please register the following individuals for the continuing education seminar(s).

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NAME:	CONTRACTOR LICENSE #(s):

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Amendment 4 Opens the Floodgates for Special Interest Lawsuits

By — Ryan Houck

This November, voters will be faced with a number of tough decisions at the ballot box. Fortunately, one of the most important decisions should also be the easiest. Amendment 4, a “Vote on Everything” proposal, would kill jobs, raise taxes, and lead to endless litigation at taxpayer expense.

Amendment 4 has been referred to as a ‘stimulus package for special interest lawyers’. And for good reason; this proposal would add costly new layers of bureaucratic red-tape to an already complicated planning process. It would be virtually impossible to condense thousands of

pages of technical planning data into the 75 word ballot summaries that are required by law. Inevitably, disagreements – and lawsuits – would ensue. Amendment 4 encourages the special interests that lose at the ballot box to take their case to court, at taxpayer expense.

That is exactly what happened to the small town of St. Pete Beach, which implemented a local version of Amendment 4 in 2006. The measure has decimated their economy and created chaos at the polls. To date, the citizens of St. Pete Beach have seen nearly a dozen lawsuits that have cost local

taxpayers more than three-quarters of a million dollars in legal fees. When St. Pete Beach voters approved four pro-economy changes to their comprehensive plan in 2008, Amendment 4 lawyers sued to overturn the results of the election. Nearly two years later, the people of St. Pete Beach are still defending their vote in court. Ward Friszolowski, the former Mayor of St. Pete Beach wrote “Our experiment in Amendment 4 has turned St. Pete Beach into a battleground for special interests.” The same “copy and paste” lawsuits that plague St. Pete

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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 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 April 16, 2010:

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

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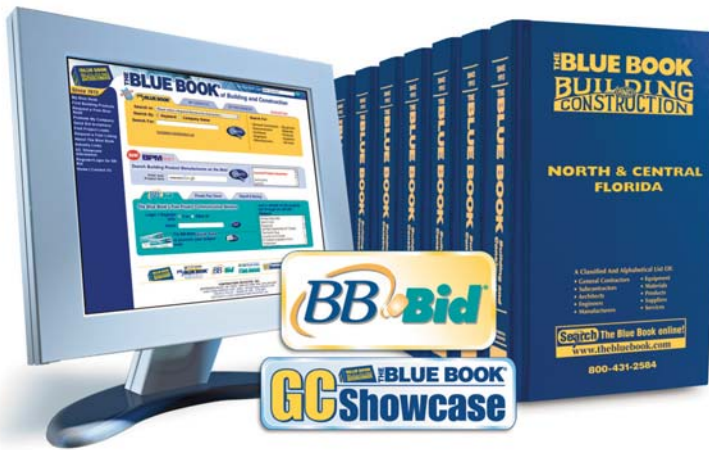
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Certified Contractor License Renewal Reminder

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



Southwest Florida Utility Contractors Association, congratulations on winning the 2009 NUCA Chapter

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As with all of the UUCF Conventions, my family and I look forward to seeing and spending time with friends that we only see at the conventions. The point of my comment is to say that I know the economy is bad and money is tight, but we are making sacrifices to be able to attend this year's convention, and I am looking forward to seeing my fellow contractors and suppliers. If you have not signed up, please do so prior to July 2, 2010. Flo and her crew have done an



outstanding job putting together this year's convention. If you need information, please call Julie at the UUCF office, and she will be glad to forward the information.

I hope April and the beginning of May you have been seeing some job opportunities. Work is still scarce, but we have noticed that the military has been actively bidding work. There has been a couple of FDOT jobs, and there has been a few public jobs out for bid. Yes, the work is cheap, but it is an opportunity. I have heard some contractors make comments that they don't see as many out of town contractors as they once did.

We need to continue to contact our state and local representatives letting them know our views on our industries issues. This year, there are 120 House seats up for re-election. Of those 120, 24 of them are being termed out. There are two ways we can support our candidates . . . one is spending time campaigning, and the other are through contributions. A powerful way to contribute is through the UUCF PAC. Not only does the candidate get the funds, but it sends a message that the whole association is behind them.

In closing, we need to continue supporting each other by doing business with our UUCF members.

Sincerely,

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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:

June 8, 2010

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

June 17, 2010

Largo
Pinellas County Construction
Licensing Board
12600 Belcher Road, Suite 102
Largo, FL 33773

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

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

July 29, 2010

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

July 29, 2010

Pompano Beach
Workforce One
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August 6, 2010

Lakeland
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August 10, 2010

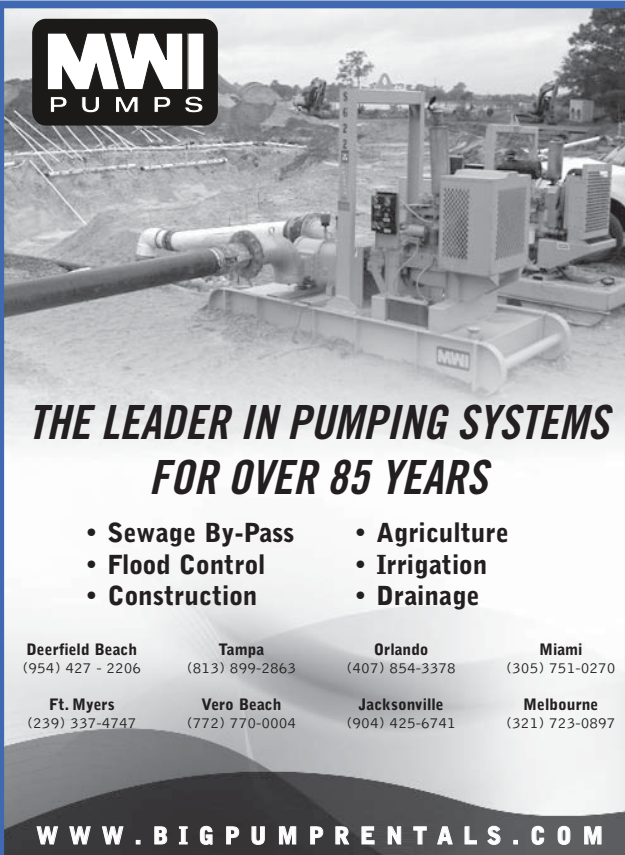
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August 12, 2010

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





Calendar of Events

UUCF

- June 4 Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando
- July 23-25 30th Anniversary Convention,
Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center, Kissimmee
- July 23 Board of Director's Meeting,
Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center, Kissimmee
- Nov. 5 Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando

Northwest Florida UCA

- 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

- 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 Christmas Party

SUCA

- 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 Clay Shoot, TBA
- Dec. 2 Board of Director's Meeting, Tampa Club
- Dec. 4 December Banquet, Tampa Club

UCA of North Florida

- June 3 Bettering Your Business Luncheon Series

- June 8 Executive Committee Meeting,
Conference Room/UCA of North Florida Office
- July 6 Executive Committee Meeting,
Conference Room/UCA of North Florida Office
- July 15 Board of Director's Meeting
- Aug. 4 Safety Director's Forum
- Aug. 10 Executive Committee Meeting,
Conference Room/UCA of North Florida Office
- Aug. 19 General Membership Meeting
- Sept. 7 Executive Committee Meeting,
Conference Room/UCA of North Florida Office
- Sept. 16 Board of Director's Meeting
- Oct. (TBA) Fishing Tournament,
Sister's Creek Marina/City of Jacksonville
- Oct. 6 Bettering Your Business Luncheon Series
- Oct. 12 Executive Committee Meeting,
Conference Room/UCA of North Florida Office
- Nov. 3 Safety Director's Forum
- Nov. 9 Executive Committee Meeting,
Conference Room/UCA of North Florida Office
- Nov. 18 Election of Officers Meeting
- Dec. 14 Executive Committee Meeting,
Conference Room/UCA of North Florida Office

NUCA 2011

- 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

- 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,
DeBary Call Center/Conference Call
- Nov. 18 Committee Meetings,
DeBary Call Center
- Nov. 19 Board of Director's Meeting,
DeBary Call Center
- Dec. 17 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary Call Center/Conference Call

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- Feb. 17 Committee Meetings, DeBary Call Center
- Feb. 18 Board of Director's Meeting,
DeBary Call Center
- Mar. 18 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary Call Center/Conference Call
- May 19 Annual, Board of Director's and Committee
Meetings, DeBary Call Center
- May 20 Golf Tournament, DeLand
- June 17 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary Call Center/Conference Call
- Aug. 18 Committee Meetings
- Aug. 19 Board of Director's Meeting





Sept. 16 Executive Committee Meeting, DeBary Call Center/Conference Call
Nov. 17 Committee Meetings, DeBary Call Center
Nov. 18 Board of Director's Meeting, DeBary Call Center
Dec. 16 Executive Committee Meeting, DeBary Call Center/Conference Call

Construction Industry Licensing Board Meetings

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
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Labor Day	09/06/10
Thanksgiving Day	11/25/10
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Christmas Eve	12/23/10
Christmas Day	12/24/10

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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

Southwest Florida UCA

The Southwest Florida Utility Contractors Association's 2010 Trade Show was held on Thursday, April 8 at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers. This event provides a great networking opportunity and a way to see new products and displays of the most up to date lines and products available for our industry. With approximately 500 people exhibiting and attending, this show was a huge success! We had many contractors, associates, municipalities and engineers in attendance. Load in for the exhibitors went smoothly with all 58 booth spaces filled. All of the exhibitors provided interesting and fun displays, and we appreciate all of the door prizes provided by the exhibitors and given away to the attendees. The shrimp provided by Southwest Florida UCA members and all the food and beverages was a big hit as was the grand prizes which consisted of a 32" Sony Bravia Flat Screen TV, a wireless DVD player and a Kodak Sport Play Video Camera. Our Trade Show Committee Chairman David Scafidi did a great job as always with announcements and giveaways. For many months in advance, Sharon works many hours and the Trade Show Chairman & Committee (David Scafidi, Mark McFalls, Kathi Moore, Mike McDonnell) work hard securing booths. Kathi also works tirelessly with Sharon until the end with all the final touches. A few comments received back from exhibitors and attendees of the show:

- *"Many thanks. I still say you all have the most FUN trade show in Florida with the best community coming together for it. This year was our favorite yet. I think you should do one every year! You can count on us filling 2 booths again for sure."*
- *"I'm always willing to spend the \$ on this show because you always deliver on the attendance."*
- *"This Trade Show was one of the*

better ones I can remember you guys putting on in the last few years. A lot of good contacts."

Thanks also goes to the following who helped with check in: Kathi Moore, Lori Gulden, Cynthia Russell, Virginia Haas and Maxx Moore.

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Our next big event is the 2010 Scholarship Golf Tournament which will be held on Saturday, May 15 at Crown Colony Golf and Country Club. Golf Tournament Chairman Pres Bliss has been chairing this event for over 18 years and proceeds have provided many Southwest Florida UCA members and their family members with scholarships for many years. The dedication of the golf committee also is the reason for the tournaments' success. The committee consists of Shawn Mason, Mark Nottingham, Gary Shaw and Heath Draper. Of course, this tournament would not be possible without the amazing continued support of our sponsors and players. The tournament provides refreshments, lunch, great giveaways and prizes. Check in starts at 7:15 a.m. in the clubhouse. Shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. If you have not signed up for this fun and worthwhile event, contact the Southwest Florida UCA office for more information. Forms are also

available on the Southwest Florida UCA website at www.swfuca.com. Scholarship information will be available at the end of May and Scholarships will be awarded at the July Membership Dinner Meeting.

Southwest Florida UCA has some very active committees this year. The Membership Committee is working together to contact potential new members and reconnect with previous members to make them aware that it is more important than ever to be a member, to be active and to have a voice through membership. Southwest Florida UCA President Frank Gibson has done a great job in making our monthly membership dinner meetings interesting and informative, and we have had some great speakers so far this year. If you haven't been to a meeting lately, we invite you to come to the next meeting which is Thursday, May 20. Our POINT Committee is involved in local political issues and is working on relationships with local politicians. If you interested in being involved on any Southwest Florida UCA committee, please contact the Southwest Florida UCA office.

SUCA

SUCA's May 6 Membership Meeting will be held at the Rusty Pelican, 2425 North Rocky Point Drive in Tampa. Registration and cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m. Dinner will include a House Salad, Chicken Jack Daniels, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Fresh Vegetables, Warm Rolls and Butter and Carrot Cake. The cost is \$32.00 per person. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Bob Henriquez with Citizens for Lower Taxes and a Stronger Economy, Inc. Mr. Henriquez will speak to our membership regarding the dangers of Amendment 4 (previously known as Hometown Democracy). During these difficult economic times, the last thing we need is an amendment that will cost jobs, hurt taxpayers and





make it more expensive to live in Florida. You will not want to miss this meeting! Advance reservations are required by phone, fax or e-mail. Reservations must be received by the SUCA office no later than noon on Monday, May 3, 2010. No shows and late cancellations will be billed as SUCA pays for all dinners guaranteed. For directions to the Rusty Pelican, call (813) 281-1943.

If you are an employee of a SUCA member company and have a high school senior heading to college this fall, your child/dependent is eligible to apply for SUCA's \$4,000 Scholarship. SUCA members may acquire a scholarship application by contacting the SUCA office at (813) 355-4879. Fully completed applications must be received at the SUCA office on or before May 15, 2010 to be considered. Presentation of the scholarship awards will take place Thursday, July 8 at Scholarship Night at the Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City. Scholarship Committee Chairperson Linda Shutt of David Nelson Construction Co. notes that the only funding source for the program is our annual golf tournament. We are grateful to our members for their support of this event.

SUCA's Sawyer Memorial Spring Scholarship Golf Tournament will take place on Friday, May 14 at The Eagles Golf Club in Odessa. 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, barbeque dinner, awards and contest prizes. If you are not golfing and wish to join us for dinner and the awards ceremony, the cost is \$25.00 per person. Don't wait too long to register as we can only take the first 144 players registered. Sponsorships are also available and appreciated. We are grateful to the following companies who have already pledged their sponsorships:

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On May 17-19, SUCA members will travel to Washington, DC to the NUCA Washington Summit and to visit our lawmakers on Capitol Hill. This year, your participation has never been more important. The issues we are working on can put the underground utility construction industry back to work, put two burdensome tax issues to rest and ensure a fair environment in labor relations. 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 summit, please contact the SUCA office for more information.

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

The UCA of North Florida office has a new mailing address: P. O. Box 16810, Jacksonville, FL 32245. Our e-mail address has also changed to ucanf1@gmail.com. The phone and Fax numbers remain unchanged. Please update your records.

This month, we are heading to the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville to see the Jacksonville Suns take on the Mississippi Braves. Attendees will enjoy a one hour "All You Can Eat" buffet of hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn and soft drinks and a reserved seat for the game. Go Suns!

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our annual Golf Tournament & Vendor Showcase to be held on Tuesday, May 25 at Deerwood Country Club. The following companies have agreed to participate in our Vendor Showcase: Administrators Advisory Group, Inc.; Duval Asphalt Products; Earthwave Technologies, Inc.; Greene-Hazel & Associates, Inc.; Industrial Tractor Company; MD Towing; Mabey Bridge & Shore, Inc.; Myers-Seth Pumps, Inc.; Paul Murray Oil; Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers, Inc.; Service Painting; and Vermeer Southeast. We are pleased to have these companies as sponsors of our tournament: All Pro Asphalt, Inc.; The Blue Book; Bob's Barricades, Inc.; Cecil W. Powell & Company; Commercial Florida Realty; Curb Systems; Ellis & Associates, Inc.; FCC Equipment Financing; Ferguson Waterworks, Inc.; HD Supply Waterworks; Hrustic Brothers, Inc.; J.B. Coxwell Contracting, Inc.; Jax Utilities Construction; Seamark Ranch; Linder Industrial Machinery Co.; Mainline Supply Company; Nextran;

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Scholarship applications are now available for the Mike Allen Scholarship. This scholarship is for any high school senior, high school graduate, Undergraduate College Student or Graduate Student who is the daughter or son of a UCA of North Florida member company employee, and will be enrolling full or part time in an academic institution of higher education, beginning in September. The enrollment may be in any curriculum for any number of years. This may be a four-year college or a community college anywhere in the United States. The Mike Allen Scholarship is a \$1,000 one-time award. Special consideration will be given for those pursuing degrees in construction related field.

The application deadline is Monday, June 14. The UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation scholarship application is also available. This scholarship pays out two \$6,000 awards. Any seniors in high school or any student pursuing an undergraduate degree are eligible. Previous recipients may reapply. This scholarship is available to all UCA of North Florida member firms. Please contact the UUCF office at (407) 830-1880 to get an application or for additional information. Application deadline is Monday, June 14.

We are working to put together a Candidate's Forum for sometime this summer prior to the August Primary. Look for more information next month.

We hope to see everyone at NUCA's Washington Summit on May 17-19 in Washington, D.C. at the Hyatt Regency Washington Capital Hill.

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Beach would soon spread to every Florida town.

Moreover, under Amendment 4, residents most impacted by local planning decisions will lose influence in a process that inherently favors deep-pocketed special interests. This measure would turn the growth management debate into a political spectacle. Neighborhoods would lose representation in the public planning process, as communities across town make decisions about schools, hospitals, jails, and landfills in your backyard.

Worse still, Amendment 4 will introduce new delays into the planning process. This measure is so extreme that it does not even contain exceptions for vital community projects like hospitals, schools, police stations or fire trucks. Consequently, even important and uncontroversial community projects will likely experience paralyzing delays.

As Florida attempts to recover from this devastating recession, the last thing we need is Amendment 4, a proposal that would empower special interest lawyers to raid taxpayer's pockets in order to finance special interest lawsuits. This November, VOTE NO on Amendment 4!

Florida NFIB Officially Joins "Vote NO on 4" Campaign

Small business group launches web message to members, press.

The National Federation of Independent Business/Florida recently announced its opposition to Amendment 4, a proposed amendment to Florida's constitution that would require taxpayer-funded referenda for any change to a local government comprehensive plan.

NFIB/FL Executive Director Bill Herrle issued a video message to members that can be viewed at http://florida2010.org/videos2.php?vidid=0_1gfxqz8b.

"Supporting Amendment 4 is like putting a torpedo in the Titanic just for good measure," Herrle said. "Growing Florida's small businesses is imperative for the full and swift economic recovery of our state. As Floridians work together to facilitate

job creation and economic growth, the last thing we need is Amendment 4, a proposal which will raise taxes, kill jobs, and hurt working families."

NFIB/FL joins a coalition of more than 260 business, civic, labor and environmental organizations throughout the state which actively oppose Amendment 4.

"The Florida NFIB will be a leading voice in opposition to Amendment 4," said Ryan Houck, executive director of Citizens for Lower Taxes and a Stronger Economy (The "Vote No on 4" campaign). "The coalition to defeat this anti-jobs amendment grows daily. We're working closely with the members of that coalition — like NFIB — to take our message directly to the voters."

Citizens for Lower Taxes and a Stronger Economy (The "Vote No on 4" campaign) leads opposition to Amendment 4, coordinating a grassroots network of more than 30 campaign chairs and over 1300 volunteers. The campaign's statewide board of directors includes National League of Cities past president, Clarence Anthony, Florida Chamber of Commerce president, Mark Wilson, and Florida AFL-CIO executive committee member, Frank Ortis. To date, more than 260 organizations have opposed Amendment 4; more join the fight every day. For more information, please visit www.florida2010.org.





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