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# UUCF President's Cup Golf Tournament Scheduled

Come and enjoy three wonderful days and two nights at the Orange County National Golf Center and Lodge in Winter Garden, Florida on October 21-23. You will enjoy three fun-filled days of golfing on three different 18 hole courses. Participants will have the opportunity to play on the Panther Lake Golf Course on Friday and Saturday and Crooked Cat Golf 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. A portion of the proceeds from this year's tournament will benefit the UUCF Legal Defense Fund.

**Panther Lake Golf Course** – Panther Lake is everything you could want in a golf course. Playing over rolling meadows, through native pines, around and over wetlands, lakes, and up and down elevation changes of up to 60 feet, it is first and foremost a visual delight, reminding you that natural beauty is one of the main reasons you play golf and a major factor in deciding which course to play.

Panther Lake offers some of the best examples of natural beauty that Orlando area golf courses have to offer. One of the highlights is that there is no development on or around the course – a Florida golf course with no homes! You will likely encounter many native species of birds and wildlife during your round, which will be enjoyed in the most tranquil of settings.

Every hole on Panther Lake is unique and requires something different from your shot making repertoire. This is another feature that makes this Central Florida golf course so special; when you finish your round you will likely be able to recall each hole very vividly as they are all very different in

appearance as well as appealing in design to the eye.

The variety in design is evident in the way no two holes play alike. There are no boring holes at Panther Lake, and each is as distinct and memorable as the last. The only characteristic the holes share is that each shot demands good thinking and precise execution.

Off the tee, you will face gently sloping fairways guarded by strategically placed fairway bunkers, trees and water hazards that frame the holes and provide a clear line of play. From the fairway, you will hit many approaches into well-guarded elevated greens, which are large and have plenty of contours, so two-putting isn't automatic.

Simply put, good shots will be rewarded and bad shots penalized, the hallmark of great courses

everywhere. If you're looking for a bit more golf course, the tour tees provide as stern a test as you'll find anywhere, with intimidating carries and risk-reward approaches that can lead to birdies or bogeys. From the three forward tees, you'll face shorter carries, softer angles and wider landing areas, making Panther Lake more friendly but no less memorable.



When you play #10, look at the shot from 150 yards to the green. That is the spot where Tiger Woods was told to "Get more forgiving irons, the Nike Pro-Combos" by his talking headcover, Frank, during the very popular commercial. Will you be able to hit the elevated green from there with your irons?

**Crooked Cat Golf Course** – Like Panther Lake, Crooked Cat features significant elevation changes, rolling fairways and large, contoured greens. But with fewer trees, wider

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landing areas, native heather and mounding framing the fairways, Crooked Cat presents golfers more of a links-style look. It may well be the most naturally beautiful Orlando Florida golf course.

The course's open feel encourages golfers to grip it and rip it off the tee, and there is certainly more room for error and multiple options for playing a hole—both off the tee and into the greens. Crooked Cat is not a connect-the-dots course; feel free to go outside the lines like a kindergartener's finger painting. But beware: As with links-style courses, there is an element of chance, and a wayward shot can end up in one of many seemingly randomly placed grass bunkers. Gamblers and scramblers will do well.

So will shot makers. Crooked Cat is more exposed and the routing twists and turns, so the wind comes at you from ever-changing directions and is a real factor. Players who appreciate the challenge of working the ball—up, down, left, right—to counteract or ride the wind will get a chance to showcase their mastery and get the most out of the course.

The back nine of Crooked Cat may be the best nine on the property and is the favorite of many low handicap golfers due to its length and challenge. Even if you don't have ball shaping down to an art or the deft touch to escape like Houdini from any peril in your way, Crooked Cat is incredibly fun to play. And because of the unique design you'll never get tired of challenging this course because you

will never play any hole the same way twice. No other Orlando Florida golf course offers this much versatility, challenge, and fun.

The entry fee for the three-day tournament is only \$485.00 per player. The entry fee includes three rounds of golf for the tournament, two nights' accommodation, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, barbecue cook out dinner on 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 ball in the circle contest; **Saturday:** three mulligans, two throws, putting contest, ball in the circle contest and Hole in One Contest; and **Sunday:** three mulligans, two throws, putting contest and ball in the circle contest. If the above items were purchased separately, it would cost \$185.00. However, for golfers who purchase the Survival Kit prior to the first day of the tournament, the cost is only \$175.00. Golfers may also participate in the optional skins game on Sunday at a cost of \$50.00 per team.

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

holding a putting contest each day.

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

UUCF is now accepting sponsorships for the President's Cup Golf Tournament. The following is a list of the various sponsorship programs:

- **Hospitality Suite Exclusive Sponsor** at \$1,000.00 (one slot only available). Sponsor will be recognized on signage located in the Hospitality Suite throughout the tournament. Hospitality Suite sponsor will also be permitted to display their company's promotional items in the Hospitality Suite throughout the tournament.
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- **Putting Contest Sponsor** at \$100.00 each (unlimited slots available). (All sponsors will be recognized on signage located at the Putting Contest each day throughout the tournament.)

For the UUCF President's Cup Golf Tournament Registration or Sponsorship forms, please see pages 9 and 10 in this issue of the *Ditchmen* or visit the UUCF website at [www.uucf.com](http://www.uucf.com). If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the UUCF office at (407) 830-1880.

Hope to see you all at the UUCF President's Cup Golf Tournament on October 21-23 at Orange County National Golf Center in Winter Garden.



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# Only the Best Survived Key West at the UUCF Annual Convention

July 21-24, 2011 at the Casa Marina Resort in Key West was the site of this year's Underground Utility Contractors of Florida (UUCF) Convention. To borrow a line from Jimmy Buffett, "the weather is here" certainly describes the great weather that greeted the UUCF convention attendees in Key West. This year's UUCF convention had everything you could ask for and more. There was a round table discussion on issues affecting your business, social networking, "corn hole" tournament and a "Survivor" theme night where our "tribes" participated in games requiring unique skills. While no one was voted off the island, there was fierce competition between the tribes. Kudos to Flo Woodall and her Convention Committee for putting together a very memorable convention at the beautiful and historical Casa Marina Resort. In

addition to all the planned events, we celebrated the birthday of David Vekasi with David Nelson Construction Co. on Saturday night. For the first time ever, attendees witnessed the marriage proposal of Mike Beukema to his girlfriend Amy Mullins on Saturday night. Congratulations to Mike and Amy.

Saturday night's "Survivor" games proved to be quite entertaining. Convention attendees were split in to tribes at the start of the event. Tribes chose unique names and were given identifying colors which were used as the tribe flags, armbands or headbands. During the course of the games, members of the tribe competed as tribes or individually in contests called challenges. Challenges consisted of games of endurance, agility, teamwork and dexterity.

We are grateful for the overwhelming

support of our sponsors and the enthusiastic participation of our members and guests in this year's convention.

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

Throughout this article, we will recognize all of our great sponsors. A special thanks to our **Platinum Sponsors: CNA; Nortrax; and**

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UUCF would also like to take this opportunity to thank the **Gold Sponsors**. They are: **Glenn Rasmussen Fogarty & Hooker, P.A.**; **Linder Industrial Machinery Company**; **Pensacola Concrete Construction Co., Inc.**; and **Utility Service Company, Inc.** and **Honorary Gold Sponsor: Ring Power Corporation**.

Finally, this grand convention would not have been possible without the hard work of this year's Convention Committee: Flo Woodall, Chairperson; Lauren Atwell; Larry Falls; Paula Lieser; Chris Stewart; and Tim Wise. We also would like to thank the Chapter Executive Directors and UUCF Staff for their hard work: Kathy Blackman; Sharon Fugatt; Misty McKendree; and UUCF staff Bruce Kershner, Julie Kershner and Tresa Crocker. Each one is to be commended for the many hours worked, creativity and team work. We couldn't have done it without them.

Special thanks to **Glenn Rasmussen Fogarty & Hooker, P.A.** for sponsoring the Hospitality Room on Friday, July 22; and **Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.**; **Glenn Rasmussen Fogarty & Hooker, P.A.**; and **Valenti, Trobec & Woody, Inc.** for Co-sponsoring the Hospitality Room on Saturday, July 23, 2011. The Hospitality Room gave the attendees a place to relax, socialize, bid on the Silent Auction items, purchase tickets for the Chinese Raffle and decorate Margarita Glasses.

Thursday, July 21, marked the start of the convention with the UUCF Executive Committee and Board of Director's Meetings. Many issues were discussed.

Thursday evening, the Welcome Cocktail Reception, **Co-sponsored in part by John Woody, Inc.**, was held. During the Welcome Cocktail Reception, Flo Woodall welcomed everybody to the 2011 Convention.

Prior to the events being planned for

the day, attendees arrived at the breakfast on Friday morning. During the breakfast, Bruce Kershner installed the UUCF 2011/2012 Officers and Directors. UUCF is proud to have the following Officers for 2011/2012: **President** – Bruce Wendorf, Forsberg Construction, Inc.; **President Elect** – Kirk Richmond, Armadillo Underground; **Vice President Convention** – Paula Lieser, Pensacola Concrete Construction Co., Inc.; **Treasurer** – Lauren Atwell, Reynolds, Inc.; **Immediate Past President** – Bill Lee, Utility Service Company.

The following is a list of the 2011/2012 Directors: **NUCA of North Florida**: Ryan Schmitt, Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Inc.; and Mike Woodall, John Woody, Inc. **NUCA of Northwest Florida**: Bill Davis, HD Supply Waterworks. **NUCA of Southwest Florida**: Chris Stewart, ITT Water & Wastewater, LLC; and Tim Wise, Gulf Coast Underground, Inc. **SUCA**: Larry Falls, Associated Construction Products, Inc.; Tom Butler, Ripa & Associates; Tom Woodward, David Nelson Construction Co.; and Alternate David Runyan, Florida Gas & Electric Corp. **District 3**: Scott Johnson, Johnson-Davis, Inc. (Ex Officio). **SSOCOF Representative**: Mark Sweet.

After breakfast, attendees had their choice of going to the Round Table Discussion or staying in the same room for The Ultimate Fashion Show. Convention Chairperson Flo Woodall enlisted five of the attendees to be models for the show. The Fashion Show lasted approximately one hour and consisted of clothes that were travel, cruise and casual related separates and sets.

Others attended the Round Table Discussion. The three-hour Round Table discussion intended to share best management practices. This group discussed issues such as Florida's one-call legislation, FDOT pipe inspection issues, changes to our state procurement laws and Tier 4 emissions standards.

One topic NUCA President Ryan Schmitt found very informative was:

"What are you doing differently in your business that has helped you survive this recession?" According to Ryan, "I found this discussion alone worth the value of my convention registration."

On Friday afternoon, the first ever Cornhole Tournament was held. Cornhole is similar to horseshoes except you use wooden boxes called cornhole platforms and corn bags instead of horseshoes and metal stakes. Contestants take turns pitching their corn bags at the cornhole platform until a contestant reaches the score of 21 points. Congratulations to Eny Sanchez with Nortrax and Chris Berry (wife of Bruce Berry with HD Supply Waterworks) for winning the Cornhole Tournament. When Eny and Chris arrived at the tournament, neither had a team mate. They were paired up at the tournament. Special thanks to Mike and Jon Woodall for coordinating this event and making the Cornhole tournament platform and Flo Woodall for making the corn bags.

Friday evening began with the Dinner Party Reception, **sponsored in part by Ring Power Corporation**.

The Friday Dinner Party, **sponsored in part by HD Supply Waterworks and Utility Service Company, Inc.**, was a business affair.

Bill Lee presented the 2011 UUCF Construction Performance Awards for the *Mitch Ellington*, Gary D. Sawyer and Andrew J. Mayts Awards. The winners were: **Mitch Ellington Award** – Linda Shutt of David Nelson Construction Co. Gary **D. Sawyer Award** – Ken Wachman of MWI Pump Rentals. **Andrew J. Mayts Award** – Mike Woodall of John Woody, Inc. Please see details of the Performance Awards recipients on Page 12 in this issue of the *Ditchmen*.

Ryan Schmitt, NUCA President, addressed the members with issues that NUCA is working on.

Bruce Kershner, UUCF Executive

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**Underground Utility Contractors of Florida  
Proudly Presents The  
Annual President's Cup  
Two-Man, Three-Day Golf Tournament  
October 21-23, 2011  
Orange County National Golf Center and Lodge  
Winter Garden, Florida**



Come and enjoy three wonderful days and two nights at the Orange County National Golf Center and Lodge in Winter Garden, Florida on October 21-23, 2011. You will enjoy three fun-filled days of golfing on two different 18 hole courses. Friday and Saturday is on the Panther Lake Golf Course and Sunday is on the Crooked Cat Golf 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. Each day's tournament is a shotgun start.

The entry fee for the three-day tournament is only \$485.00 per player. The entry fee includes three rounds of golf for the tournament, two nights' accommodations, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning, dinner on Saturday evening, 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. There will be great prizes (first and second place each day), optional purchase of 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. A HOSPITALITY SUITE will be available for your enjoyment and a location to turn in your score cards each day.

**The tournament is open to the first 60 teams.** So, hurry and mail your entry fee of \$485.00 per player along with this registration form to the UUCF office. Please make sure you write in your handicap and smoking preference as well as your partners. All handicaps will be checked. Sleeping accommodations consist of two people per a one bedroom suite (two double beds). Dress code for men is collared shirts and shorts or slacks. Cut-offs, jogging shorts, swimwear, jeans or T-Shirts/Tank tops are not allowed. Soft spikes are required on all courses.

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Company \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Enclosed please find a check for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) at \$485.00 each for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the cost of the golf package.
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- Enclosed please find a check for \_\_\_\_\_ team(s) at a cost of \$50.00 for the Optional Skins game on Sunday.
- Please send an invoice for \_\_\_\_\_ team(s) at a cost of \$50.00 for the Optional Skins game on Sunday.

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Please complete and return this registration form along with payment to the UUCF office **no later than September 14, 2011**. Please make checks payable to UUCF and mail to: 231 West Bay Avenue, Longwood, FL 32750-4125. Cancellations after September 14, 2011 and no shows will not be eligible to receive a refund. Registrations will be taken after September 14, 2011 if space is available. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact the UUCF office at (407) 830-1880 or FAX at (407) 260-1582.



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The UUCF President's Cup Golf Tournament will be held at the Orange County National Golf Center and Lodge in Winter Garden, Florida on October 21-23, 2011. UUCF has set up different sponsorship categories in which your company can participate. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The following sponsorships are available: Hospitality Suite at \$1,000.00 for exclusive sponsorship or two sponsors at \$500.00 each; Beverage Cart Sponsors at \$350.00 each (unlimited sponsorship slots available); Tournament Sponsors at \$200.00 each (unlimited slots available); Cigar Sponsors at \$200.00 each (unlimited sponsorship slots available); Putting Contest Sponsors at \$100.00 each (unlimited sponsorship slots available); Mulligan Sponsors at \$100.00 each (unlimited sponsorship slots available). A portion of the proceeds from this tournament will benefit the UUCF Legal Defense Fund.

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Bill Lee presented the 2011 UUCF Construction Performance Awards for

the *Mitch Ellington*, *Gary D. Sawyer* and *Andrew J. Mayts Awards* on Friday, July 22 at the UUCF 2011 Convention.

The recipient of the **Mitch Ellington Award** was Linda D. Shutt. Linda has worked with David Nelson Construction Co. for 29 years and is well known and respected within the industry. Linda has also been very active in the local chapter for 22 years heading up committees, activities and encouraging others to do the same. Linda has been complimented by one who said that she is a GREAT ASSOCIATION AMBASSADOR who leads by her strong steady example and encourages others to participate and be active in the Association's plans and activities. Not only is Linda active with her local chapter but is active on the state and

national level going to Tallahassee Legislative Meetings and the NUCA Summits and meetings in Washington, DC.

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Vice President, announced the recipient of the UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship. The \$6,000 scholarship to an individual currently enrolled in high school was presented to **Maxx Joseph Moore**. Maxx is the son of Kathi Moore, who is employed by Rinker Materials, Concrete Pipe Division in Fort Myers, FL, and John Moore. Please see details of Maxx Moore and other recipients of Meritorious Scholarships from the UUCF/ASJMSF on Page 16 in this issue of the *Ditchmen*.

On Saturday, attendees either took in the sites of Key West or relaxed by the pool.

Saturday evening began with the Theme Party Reception, **sponsored in part by Suncoast Utility Contractors Association.**

The Saturday Theme Party Dinner, **sponsored in part by HD Supply**

**Waterworks; and ITT Water & Wastewater, LLC,** was a fun-filled affair.

Prior to the dinner starting, each table was asked to name their tribe. After dinner, the games began. Individuals earned points for the following games: Cornhole Tournament, Marshmallow Toss,

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Just a reminder that the Registered Contractor licenses from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) are up for renewal on August 31, 2011. 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.

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## President's Message



I would like to start my presidency off by first thanking UUCF's Immediate Past President Bill Lee of Utility

Service Company in Gulf Breeze, Florida. Bill is a gracious and humble leader, and I am proud to carry on his legacy as President of UUCF for the next two years. Great job Bill, and I look forward to your continued leadership and friendship at UUCF.

July 21-24 marked UUCF's 31st year and our annual convention. This year, the convention was at the Casa Marina in Key West. While the convention program was very good, the attendance was not what is expected at the state convention. I understand that the economic conditions we are all facing now have required us to reevaluate our spending decisions, and that is prudent business. But I also understand



words, conventions are only for those that are on the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee; the "insiders." That is a myth that I will set out to disprove as I travel around to the chapters and will try to do so now. Conventions are for the benefit of the entire membership. If you pay UUCF dues, you need to come to **your** conventions. If you have not been attending the state conventions, you are passing up on a benefit you already pay for. Membership has its

that many UUCF members think that conventions are only for the representatives from each chapter. In other

privileges. The state conventions provide opportunities to learn about all facets of the industry, they provide conduits of information from member to member and provide network opportunities with vendors and contractors that cannot be found anywhere else.

I invite all UUCF members to the state convention in Orlando in July 2012. All you need to do to come is register. All you need to do to miss it is provide me with a doctor's note.

I look forward to meeting the extended UUCF family in my travels with my first stop being the *2011 SUCA Showcase & Municipality Appreciation Day* August 25 in Tampa. I'm sure it'll be HUGE!

Sincerely,  
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# UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation 2011 Scholarship Winners Announced

**D**uring the Underground Utility Contractors of Florida (UUCF) 2011 Annual Convention at the Casa Marina Resort in Key West, Florida, the UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. announced the 2011 recipient of a \$6,000.00 scholarship to an individual who graduated from high school in 2011, recipient of a \$6,000.00 scholarship to an individual who is currently enrolled in college and its Meritorious Award winners of a \$3,000.00 scholarship.

Prior to 2011, the UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. has awarded \$177,500.00 in scholarships. In addition to the \$12,000.00

scholarships, the trustees elected to distribute an additional \$9,000.00 in Meritorious Scholarships for a total distribution of \$21,000.00. As of this year, we have awarded a total of \$198,500.00 in scholarships since the inception in 2000.

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

**The following was the recipient of the \$6,000.00 one time High School Scholarship:**

The UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. is proud to announce the 2011 recipient of the \$6,000.00 scholarship to an individual who graduated from high school in 2011, Maxx Joseph Moore. Maxx is the son of Kathryn Moore who is employed by Rinker Materials, Concrete Pipe Division and John Moore. Maxx graduated from Bishop Verot High School in 2011 with a 3.8 grade point average. Maxx has been accepted into Florida State

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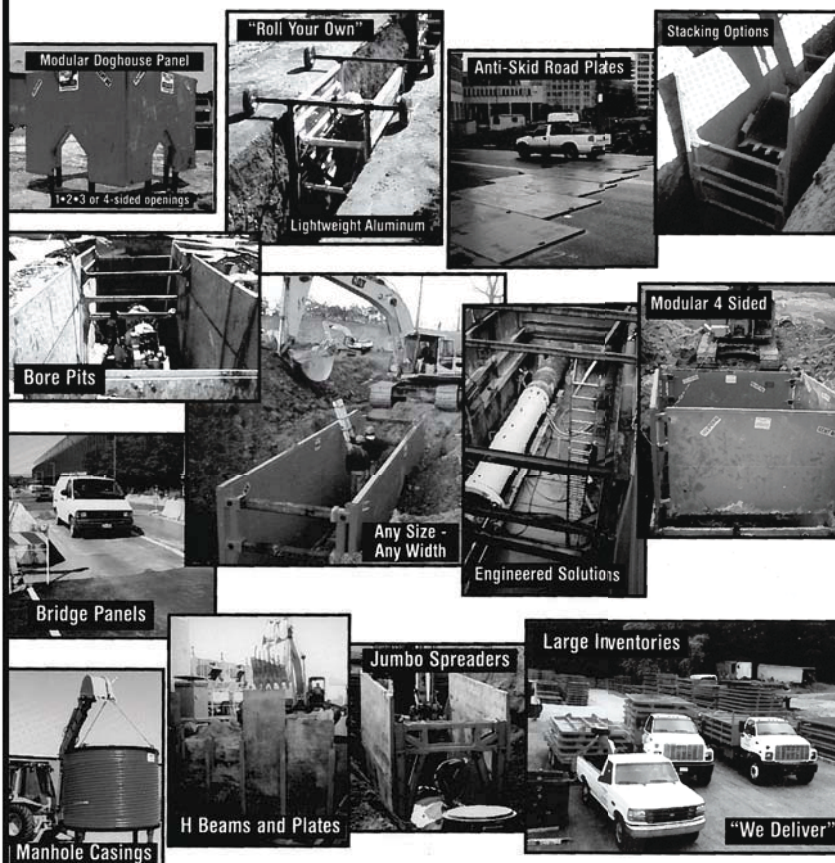
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WEB Based class

## **September 15, 2011**

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## **October 13, 2011**

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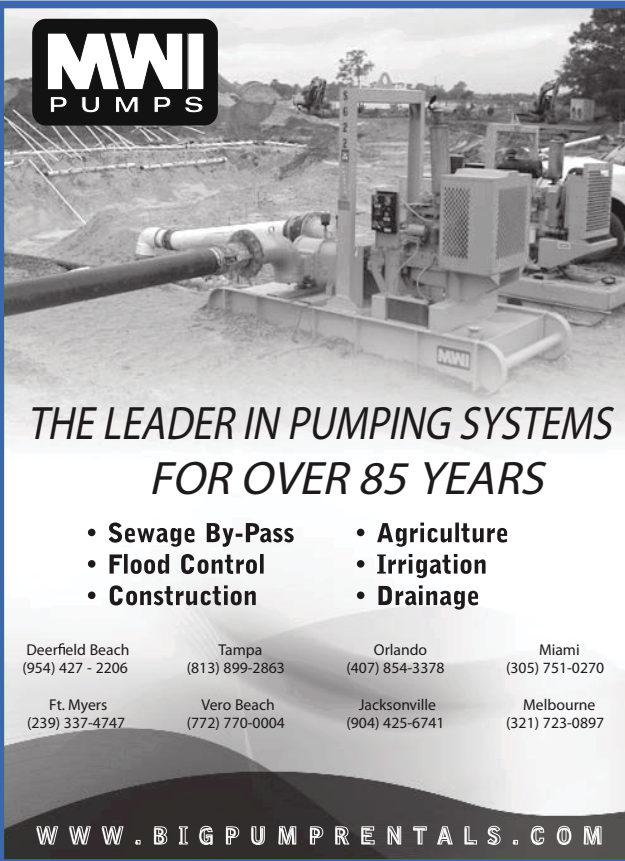
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## **December 15, 2011**

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# Calendar of Events

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## UUCF

- Oct. 21-23 ..... President's Cup Golf Tournament,  
Orange County National Golf Center & Lodge,  
Winter Garden  
Nov. 4 ..... Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando

## NUCA of North Florida

- Sept. 13 ..... Executive Committee Meeting  
Sept. 22 ..... Board of Director's & General  
Membership Meeting Meetings  
Oct. 21-23 ..... Fishing Tournament,  
Sister's Creek Marina/City of Jacksonville  
Oct. 11 ..... Executive Committee Meeting  
Nov. 8 ..... Executive Committee Meeting  
Nov. 17 ..... Board of Director's & Election of  
Officers Meetings  
Dec. 13 ..... Executive Committee Meeting

## NUCA of Northwest Florida

- Sept. 8 ..... Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola  
Sept. (TBA) ..... Fishing Tournament, Pensacola  
Oct. 13 ..... Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola  
November (TBA) ..... Annual Meeting, Pensacola

## NUCA of Southwest Florida

- Sept. 16-18) ..... Fishing Tournament  
Oct. 20 ..... General Membership Meeting,  
Holiday Inn, Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers  
Nov. (TBA) ..... Board of Director's Meeting  
Dec. (TBA) ..... Christmas Party

## SUCA

- Sept. 15 ..... Fish Fry, Largo Central Park, Largo  
Oct. 6 ..... Annual Meeting & Elections,  
Rusty Pelican, Tampa  
Oct. 21 ..... Clay Shoot,  
Tampa Bay Sporting Clays, Land O'Lakes  
Nov. 3 ..... Membership Meeting & Installation of  
2012 Officers & Directors  
Dec. 3 ..... Year End Banquet,  
Tampa Club, Tampa

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

- 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

- Sept. 14-16 ..... The Plaza Resort & Spa, Dayton Beach  
Oct. 12-14 ..... Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention  
Center, Kissimmee, FL  
Nov. 9-11 ..... Hampton Inn & Suites Amelia Island,  
Fernandina Beach, FL

Pencil Flip, Nut Stacker, Life Preserver, Three Legged Race and Dice Game. In the end, there was a three way tie between the Nortrax tribe (Dave and Bonnie Walsh; Eny Sanchez and Debby Quirantes Sanchez; Linda Shutt; and Kathy Blackman); No Clue tribe (Wayne Agamie, Jr., Wayne Agamie, Sr., Emma Agamie, Julio Revilla and Alejandro Revilla); and Randy & The Worms (Randy Lee, Jordan Lee, Meredith Johnson, Clark Cryer and Greg and Tara Marsh). The tie breaker was the Pencil Flip. The winner of the tie breaker was Randy Lee, and the team Randy & The Worms were the "Survivor" winning team. Congratulations.

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Pictures of the convention can be found at [www.uucf.com](http://www.uucf.com).

Mark your calendar now for next year's Convention which will be held in July at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes in Orlando, Florida. The 2012 Convention Chairperson is Paula Lieser with Pensacola Concrete Construction Company, Inc. Hope to see you all next year.

## (UUCF Present 2011 Construction Performance Awards Continued From Page 12)

Chairman's Award – 2002, 2007 and 2009; and  
Member of SUCA's Prestigious Underground Award.

UUCF is proud to present this year's **Mitch Ellington Award** to **Linda D. Shutt**.

The recipient of the **Gary D. Sawyer Award** was Kenneth G. Wachman . Ken was General Manager and Director of Safety for Larkin Contracting from 2002 until they closed in 2009. Ken is now the Branch Manager





for MWI Pump Rentals in Tampa.

Ken has worked in our industry more than 16 years and has served in many capacities on the local and state levels always taking a leadership position. Ken has served six years on the board for the local chapter and has been a board member of UUCF for most of the six years. Ken takes responsibilities and challenges seriously and leads through example and the passion necessary for the tasks he is associated with. Over the past year, he has strengthened the association with the addition of new members, local activities and the motivation necessary to keep members involved and active.

Ken has made the following contributions: Chapter Office: Chairman of the Executive Board, Secretary of the Executive Board, Contractor Director of the Executive Board and UUCF Board Member.

Chapter Committees: Chairman Safety Training & Education – 3 years; Chairman Membership – 5 years; Chairman Executive Board – 2 years; Chairman PAC – 2 years; Chairman Government Affairs – 2 years; Committee Member – 64 committees; Chapter Awards: SUCA Underground Club for Membership – 2004; SUCA Contractor the Year Award – 2005, 2007, 2009; SUCA Chairman's Award – 2008; Special Recognition Membership Award – 2006, 2007; Affiliations: American Society of Safety Engineers; Member National Safety Council; Member Pasco Builders Association; Member Tampa Bay Builders Association; Completed over 20 Certified Training Courses; Shriners; Big Brothers & Big Sisters; Meals on Wheels; and Ye Notorious Krewe of the Peg-Leg Pirate.

UUCF is proud to present this year's Gary D. Sward Award to Kenneth G. Wachman.

The recipient of the Andrew J. Mayts Award Mike Woodall who is President of John Woody, Inc. Mike has been active on the UUCF Board of Directors since 1996. He has become very active by serving on the UUCF Executive Committee from 1997 to present; serving as President from 1999 to 2001; serving as President Elect from 1998 to 1999; serving as Vice President from 2003 to present; serving as Secretary from 1997 to 1998; and serving as Immediate Past President from 2001 to 2003. Since 2006 to the present, he has served as Chairman of the UUCF President's Cup Golf Tournament.

Mike Woodall has served as the underground utility and excavation contractor representative on the Sunshine State One Call of Florida, Inc. Board since 2007. He recently was elected to another two-year term in May 2011.

Mike Woodall was recipient of the Mitch Ellington Award in 2007 and Andrew J. Mayts Award.

UUCF is proud to present this year's Andrew J. Mayts Award to Mike Woodall.

Congratulations to all the recipients, and we truly appreciate your hard work and dedication.

## **Sunshine State One Call of Florida, Inc. 2011 Holiday Calendar**

Labor Day .....	09/05/11
Thanksgiving Day .....	11/24/11
Day after Thanksgiving Day .....	11/25/11
Christmas Eve .....	12/23/11
Christmas Day .....	12/26/11

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### **2011 FDOT Letting Date**

September 28  
October 26  
December 7

### **2012 FDOT Letting Date**

January 25  
February 29  
March 28  
April 25  
May 23  
June 20





## Chapter News

### NUCA of North Florida

We just returned from the UUCF Convention in Key West. Flo Woodall, Convention Chair, did an amazing job as always. Although attendance was light, everyone had a great time. New this year was the first annual Corn Hole Tournament. It was a big hit among our attendees as was the Round Table Discussion. Plans are underway for next year's convention in Orlando. We hope you will be able to join us then.

Our reload raffle concluded this month. Congratulations to John Kirkland, A. J. Johns, Inc., for selling the most Reload Raffle tickets. John sold a total of 33 tickets earning him a free ticket for the raffle. Lauren Atwell, Reynolds Inc., was also a strong contender with a total of 21 tickets. Donnie Wynn, Florida Roads, came in third with 16 tickets. The winning ticket was drawn at a BBQ hosted by Reynolds, Inc. on Thursday, July 28. The winner was Raymond Schmitt, father of Ryan Schmitt, Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors. Thank you to everyone who participated.

NUCA recently announced the winners of the 2011 scholarships. The *William & Shirley Burgett Scholarship* was awarded to Brooke E. Woodall. Funding for this one-time award of \$2,000 is made possible by NUCA member William Burgett and his wife Shirley. Brooke is the daughter of Flo and Michael Woodall, John Woody, Inc. NUCA also awarded two other scholarships: The *D.A. Foster Memorial Award* to Kelsey Moore of Exeter, Nebraska, and a \$4,000 scholarship to Chelsea J. Olson of Pewaukee, Wisconsin. The Foundation's Scholarship Committee considered applicants' scholastic standing, ACT and/or SAT scores, extracurricular activities, community service, career goals, work experience and essay on the question, "Should corporate federal tax rates be left unchanged, increased or reduced if our national policy goals are to shrink the federal deficit, spur economic growth, promote innovation and make American companies more

competitive internationally?" Congratulations Brooke!

Great plans are underway for our Annual Fishing Tournament. Sponsorship levels begin at \$125 and continue to \$1,500. This is a great event to bring your customers, business associates, employees, family and friends. Contact Kathy at (904) 296-1230 to get a registration form or to sign up as a sponsor.

We recently welcomed two new members, Owen & Associates and Hands on Staffing. Owen & Associates is an employee benefits consulting firm, and Hands on Staffing provides temporary staffing, payroll services and workman's comp insurance. We look forward to having them as active members of our association.

### NUCA of Northwest Florida

NUCA of Northwest Florida held its First Annual Equipment Rodeo on July 30 at the Escambia County Equestrian Center. We had a good turnout although the weather was hot.

We had three stations set up for the individual and team competitions. From picking up three basketballs and placing them in a bucket, to placing a tennis ball into a piece of pipe and moving it onto a cone, to picking up a rope with two tennis balls attached and placing them into a block. We also had a Zero Turn Barrel Racing for the ladies and men to compete in. We did not leave out the kids. We had a "Little Digger" area set up for the kids to dig for hidden coins.

Congratulations to our winners. The individual winners were: **First Place** - Mike Simmons with Brown Construction. **Second Place** - Terry Gay with Southern Utility Company. **Third Place** - Robert Davis with Utility Service Company. The team competition winners were: **First Place** - Southern Utility Company, and **Second Place** - Utility Service Company (Team #1). The **Men's Zero Turn Winner** was: Chuck Nelson with Utility Service Company, and the **Ladies Zero Turn Winner**

was: Diane Cheney with SBP, Inc.

The winner of our 75/25 raffle was Ronnie Smith who took home \$5,625.00.

Special thanks goes out to our sponsors who made this event possible. **"Excavator" Sponsor** - Brown Construction, Coastal Construction Products, Coastal Machinery, Gulf Coast Traffic Engineers, HD Supply, Molton, Allen & Williams, Pensacola Concrete, Rubber & Specialties and Utility Service Company. **"Backhoe" Sponsor** - Beard Equipment, Cowin Equipment, Emmanuel, Sheppard & Condon, Ken Horne & Associates, Pump & Process, RSC Rental, Sunshine State One Call of Florida, Thompson Tractor and Tractor & Equipment. **"Small Equipment" Sponsor** - W D Rogers Company.

Thanks also goes out to our many volunteers that worked hard to make this happen.

### NUCA of Southwest Florida

I am proud to announce that NUCA of Southwest Florida has been awarding scholarships to members and their families since 1991 and has given away over \$93,000 to deserving students. Each year scholarship amounts are based on proceeds from our annual scholarship golf tournament which is held in the spring.

All through the years and even during these difficult economic times for all of us, it is very heartwarming to see the extremely generous support of our members year after year for the golf tournament.

The first place 2011 Scholarship Award recipient is Maxx Moore. Maxx is the son of Kathi and John Moore with Rinker, Concrete Pipe Division. Maxx attended Bishop Verot High School and will start at FSU this fall.

The next Scholarship Award recipient is Jacquelyn Neal. Jacquelyn is the daughter of L.D.





and Lynne Neal with Mitchell & Stark Construction. Jacquelyn is in her fourth year at the University of Florida .

The next Scholarship Award recipient is Daniel Stewart. Daniel is the son of Chris and Susan Stewart. Daniel is a Junior at The University of Florida.

Thank you to everyone who supported our 2011 Scholarship Golf Tournament and congratulations to our scholarship winners.

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Whatever you Wish? We are excited about our upcoming 2011 Annual Fishing tournament which will be held at Tween Waters Inn, Captiva Island. We rate this "The Best Place To Be the weekend of September 16-18. Registration and sponsorship forms have been sent out and are also available on our website at [www.swfuca.com](http://www.swfuca.com).

If you are planning to attend the 2011 Fishing Tournament please get in your registration and calcutta forms in to the NUCA of Southwest Florida office. If you are only attending one of the evening events under the tent (Friday or Saturday), the cost is \$50 for guests. Every effort is made to keep our costs down and to make this tournament a fun family event. So, remember to register all anglers, guests and junior anglers. Children 16 and under are free, but must be registered. We also are looking for sponsors. If you need more information, please contact the NUCA of Southwest Florida office or our fishing tournament chairman Bob Russell at Guymann Construction. Don't miss this event.

It's time for some football! Football Mania Time! It fun to play, and also helps our chapter with this great fundraiser. The tickets have arrived and are being sold by members. If you would like to buy tickets or maybe get a few to sell, contact Mike McDonnell, Oldcastle Precast, Inc., for more information. ([michaelb.mcdonnell@oldcastleprecast.com](mailto:michaelb.mcdonnell@oldcastleprecast.com)). Thank you.

Congratulations to our chapter for winning the 2010 *Special Events*

*Service Award* for our 2010 Trade Show. NUCA of Southwest Florida also won in this category last year for our 2009 Scholarship Golf Tournament. Our chapter was presented with this award during the Washington Summit at the National Awards Luncheon on May 10. Thank you to every member of NUCA of Southwest Florida and especially our Trade Show Chairman David Scafidi with Mitchell & Stark Building and Construction. NUCA of Southwest Florida was also presented with the *NUCA/PAC Teamwork Award* and *NUCA/PAC Grassroots Award* at the same luncheon.

Our next Membership Dinner Meeting will be held Thursday, August 18 at the Holiday Inn, Gulf Coast Town Center in Fort Myers. We will be meeting at our new earlier time starting at 5:45 p.m. for cocktail hour and 6:45 p.m. for a Sicilian Buffet dinner. We welcome you to attend as we will have an open discussion regarding FDOT Pipe Installation specifications.

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### **(UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation 2011 Scholarship Winners Announced Continued from Page 16)**

University where his intended course of study is Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Law and his intended career plan is CSR Attorney or DA.

Maxx graduated Cum Laude and was on the National Honor Society, three years of Spanish Honors, Best for environmental Science and four years of Mathematics Honors.

Maxx was Vice President of the Freshman Class, President of the Fishing Club, was named MVP of the Freshman football, was Soccer State Champion, part of the B.A.S.I.C. Leader of Freshman Retreat and part of SGA and Mission Club.

Maxx played football for four years, was captain of the MV baseball team for two years, placed soccer for four years and participated in track and field for two years. He was MVP of special teams for three years in a row, MVP Freshman football,

regional champs soccer, state championship soccer and freshman football captain.

As part of community service, Maxx took a mission trip to New Orleans alongside Habitat for Humanities and built houses for seven days for underprivileged families. He also took a school sponsored trip to Panama where he worked with local tribes.

The UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. would like to congratulate Maxx for his hard work and wish him luck in his future endeavors.

### **The following was the recipient of the \$6,000.00 one time College Scholarship:**

#### **Jacquelyn Elizabeth Neal**

graduated from Fort Myers High School in 2008. Jacquelyn is the daughter of L.D. and Lynne Neal with Mitchell & Stark Construction Co., Inc. in Naples, FL. Jacquelyn has been attending the University of Florida where her intended course of study is biological engineering, biomechanics and statistics (minor). Her intended career plans are a Biostatistician or Food Process Engineer. Her declared major is in Agriculture and Biological Engineering.

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

### **The following were recipients of a \$3,000.00 one time Meritorious Scholarship:**

#### **Benjamin William Burgess**

graduated from South Iredell High School in 2001. Benjamin is currently employed by A. J. Johns, Inc. in Jacksonville, FL. Benjamin was a recipient of a 2009 Meritorious Scholarship. He is attending the University of Florida where is intended course of study and his declared major is a mater's degree in business administration. His intended career plans are to be a land deveopment contractor.

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# Summary of FDOT Pipe Advisory Group (PAG) Meeting and Specification Topics Part I of II

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On August 10, 2011, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Pipe Advisory Group (PAG) met to discuss storm pipe issues. Below is part one of a partial list of topics discussed at the PAG meeting. These topics of joint performance and pipe structural design tables represent issues that direct impact contractors. This article is a two part series. Part two of this article will be published in the next issue of the *Ditchmen*.

## Joint Performance

FDOT Drainage Office is concerned that storm pipe infiltration is inundating stormwater pond bleed-off weirs. FDOT ponds are designed to revert to a certain elevation. As a pond fills, the water elevation exceeds the bleed-off pipe and water drains out of the pond. FDOT is concerned that the flow rate of storm pipe infiltration will inundate the bleed-off flows and perhaps put the pond in a continual state of bleed-off. At this time, the concerns appear to be speculative and there seems to be minimal evidence that this is occurring in the field.

The State Drainage Engineer stated that the Department is willing to accept some infiltration through the lock seams of corrugated metal pipe, but that, to the contrary they do not want any joint infiltration. To the some, this seems to be a tacit approval of some reasonable, allowable leakage. The concrete pipe industry would concur that the

industry should consider adopting a reasonable infiltration allowance.

FDOT suggested that to prevent joint infiltration the Department is considering increasing the in-plant hydrostatic pressure test from 5 psi (current requirement) to 10.8 psi. The consensus from producers and non-FDOT at the meeting was that changing the in-plant joint test is not likely to result in different results in the field.

It appears that FDOT is the only state that desires “zero leakage.” Even typical sanitary sewers specify a measurable, numeric leakage tolerance, such as 200 gallons per inch diameter per mile of pipe per day. If the FDOT were to allow a 200 inch-gallon tolerance (rather than zero), then the allowable infiltration into a 250-ft run of 24 inch pipe would be 0.0004 cfs (4 ten thousandths of a cubic foot per second).

FDOT and some producers discussed the possibility of field infiltration tests in conjunction with the pipe inspections, and they suggested that contractors may welcome such a test if paid for by the Department. A field infiltration test (not an air test) would essentially plug the pipe and monitor any elevation change over a specific time period.

Rinker suggested that any further discussion of field tests or raising the joint test requirement should include comments from the underground

utility contractors. Further discussion also warrants input from consultant engineers. In order to reach a reasonable infiltration policy, pond hydraulic engineering facts and design parameters should be discussed. FDOT indicated that they would seek the input from contractors, most notably FTBA. At this point, it is not clear as to which direction the Department will proceed on this matter.

## FDOT Index 205 Pipe Design Tables

FDOT is revising the installation design tables for concrete, plastic, and metal pipe to reflect a new design standard (i.e., LRFD). The FDOT is coordinating with each respective pipe industry before they release the tables for general industry review. However, FDOT welcomes comments from engineers and contractors.

FDOT has nearly completed the concrete pipe design table but is verifying the installation properties of 100% compaction of A-2-4 and A-4 soils. Generally, it appears that FDOT believes that their Standard Specifications Section 125 concrete pipe installation specifications result in a “Type 1” standard AASHTO installation, which is a very high quality installation. Incidentally, Type 1 AASHTO installations allow 90% to 95% compaction of some soils. However, FDOT Construction and

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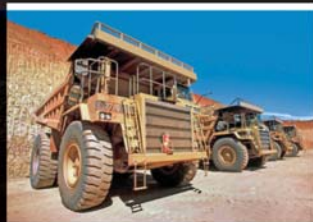


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**(UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson  
Memorial Scholarship  
Foundation 2011 Scholarship  
Winners Announced  
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**Garrett James Mastronardi** graduated from Palm Harbor University High School in 2011. Garrett is the son of James and Deborah Mastronardi, who is employed by Willis of Florida in Tampa, FL. Garrett will be attending the University of Florida where his intended course of study is public relations and his intended career plans is International Business.

**Austin Taylor Wynn** graduated from Trinity Christian Academy in Jacksonville, FL in 2009. Austin is the son of Donald Wynn, who is employed by Florida Roads Contracting, Inc. in Jacksonville, FL, and Sandy Wynn. Austin was a recipient of a 2009 and 2010 Meritorious Scholarship. Austin is attending the Mars Hill College in North Carolina where his intended course of study is in business (with emphasis on accounting). His intended career plans are to open his own engineering firm.

The UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. would like to congratulate Benjamin, Garrett and Austin and the best of luck to all of you at college and on your future career plans!

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

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

The foundation has established a scholarship fund that will hopefully

serve the association's membership, provide help to individuals attending college and memorialize a bright young man.

**(Summary of FDOT Pipe  
Advisory Group (PAG) Meeting  
and Specification Topics  
Part I of II  
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Drainage Offices have indicated that they are very satisfied with the historical performance of requiring 100% compaction for concrete pipe and that the design table will be consistent with the installation requirements.

The development of the thermoplastic design tables is more complicated given the proprietary corrugation profiles and variability of installation/geotechnical parameters. The FDOT is challenged to simplify the thermoplastic pipe design table(s) while at the same time taking into account that different HDPE and PVC pipe producers have different proprietary corrugation profiles, and some producers have not submitted their proprietary designs for review as of yet. Additionally, the thermoplastic pipe design tables will take into account the presence of groundwater which has a significant effect on the pipe's ability to withstand buckling and structurally perform, in addition to buoyancy.

Some areas of the state have minimal groundwater, however, other areas such as Orlando, South Florida, and Southwest Florida have groundwater at or near to the finished grade elevation.

Given the complex nature of the exercise, FDOT does not expect to have the tables completed until close to the end of 2011. We believe it is very important on contractors' behalf that all of the Index 205 tables (rigid or flexible pipe) should list the design parameters and assumptions so that contractors can make informed decisions about whether acceptable pipe performance can be achieved given the site geotechnical conditions and any potentially conflicting installation specifications. This is important for FDOT projects, but perhaps more important for municipal and private projects that reference FDOT standards. If a design was not done properly to verify structural performance of the soil-pipe envelope, then why should the contractor be held liable in the event of unacceptable performance?

It should be noted that most discussion focused on maximum burial depth rather than minimum depth under roadway. It appears that there may be no planned changes at this time for minimum burial depths from the current Index 205 for either rigid or flexible pipe materials.

**In Memory Of  
Nowell L. Wood, Sr.  
June 30, 1948 – August 13, 2011**

Nowell Lee Wood, Senior, 63, passed away on August 13 in Jacksonville, Florida. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Ellen, his daughters Jenny and Allison, his son Lee and daughter-in-law Patrice, grandchildren Kaitlin, Bryson and Madelyn, sister Martha-Jane Norris, brother Tom Wood and sister-in-law Carol.

Nowell was the Safety Director at A. J. Johns, Inc. for nine years following his many years of service with Florida Asphalt. Nowell was known for his love of family, great friends, sense of humor, and his passion for Goodfella's barbeque. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Daniel foundation by going to [www.danielkids.org](http://www.danielkids.org).

***Our thoughts and prayers are  
with the Wood family and friends.***





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