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UUCF
2012 Convention
The Ritz-Carlton,
Orlando Grande Lakes
July 19-22, 2012
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The UUCF 2012 Convention theme is *Grande Slam at The Ritz* with a subtheme of *UUCF in a League of its Own*. The Convention Committee wants to keep you informed of all events, information and changes concerning this year's convention. Therefore, we will be holding a Baseball Trivia game prior to the convention. Somewhere hidden in various e-mails that you receive from the UUCF office, there will be a trivia question. You are encouraged to open each e-mail, read up on the convention and answer the trivia question. Keep your answers and bring them to the convention. We will draw two winners from the correct answers at the convention. The first name drawn will be awarded \$100.00, and the second name drawn will be awarded \$75.00. We will also be holding a separate drawing for those individuals who will not be able to attend the convention. The first name from the correct answers will be awarded \$50.00.

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UUCF 2012 Convention

UUCF will be holding its 2012 Convention at The Ritz–Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes in Orlando, Florida on July 19–22. This year's Convention Theme is *Grande Slam at The Ritz* with a subtheme of *UUCF in a League of its Own*.

UUCF has secured a room rate of \$159.00 per night. The Ritz–Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes does not have a resort fee; however, there is a charge of \$18.00 per day for self parking and \$24.00 per day for valet.

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If your company is interested in becoming a Platinum or Gold Sponsor, please contact the UUCF office at (407) 830-1880.

This year's Convention Chairperson is Paula Lieser with Pensacola Concrete Construction Company, Inc. Other members of the Convention Committee consist of: Lauren Atwell, Reynolds, Inc.; Kim Bryan, Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Inc.; Bill Davis, HD Supply Waterworks; Larry Falls, Associated Construction Products, Inc.; Chris Stewart, Xylem, Inc.; Kathy Blackman, NUCA of North Florida Executive Director; Sharon Fugatt, NUCA of Northwest Florida; and Misty McKendree, SUCA Executive Director.

This year, UUCF will be holding Roundtable discussion(s), a Wiffle ball Tournament and an optional event for spouses. The committee is working on holding "Contractor's Day" on Friday, and will have details available in the near future.

The Convention Committee will be holding a Baseball Trivia game prior to the convention. Somewhere hidden in various e-mails that you receive from the UUCF office, there will be a trivia question. You are encouraged to open each e-mail, read up on the convention and answer the trivia question. Keep your answers and bring them to the convention. We will draw two winners from the correct answers at the convention. The first name drawn will be awarded \$100.00, and the second name drawn will be awarded \$75.00. We will also be holding a separate drawing for those individuals who will not be able to attend the convention. The first name from the correct answers will be awarded \$50.00. Be sure to read your e-mails for the hidden trivia questions.

The Hotel Registration Form can be found on **Page 9** this issue of the *Ditchmen* or in the Members Only Section on the UUCF website at www.uucf.com. Watch your e-mails and future issues of the Ditchmen for additional information.

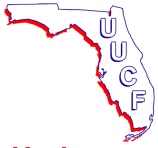
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**Watch future issues of the *Ditchmen*
for additional information.**

Contractor V License Renewal Reminder

UUCF would like to remind you that your Contractor V license from the State Fire Marshal's office is up for renewal on June 30, 2012. Current law requires Contractor V licenseholders to obtain 14 hours of continuing education with at least one hour in fire protection discipline.

Remember, there is reciprocity between the State Fire Marshal's office and Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB). Therefore, continuing education hours secured for your Contractor V license will apply to your underground utility and excavation contractor's license with the CILB and vice versa.

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The 2012 Legislative Session came to a close at midnight on Friday, March 9, 2012. The following is a summary of some of the bills that passed during the 2012 Legislative Session. Once the Governor has taken action on all of the bills, we will provide a full update to the membership.

Competitive Bid

The number one legislative priority for UUCF this session will have to wait another year. The bills were never heard by any of their committees of reference. The bills, **HB 825** by Representative Charles McBurney (R – Jacksonville) and **SB 1186** by Senator Alan Hays (R – Umatilla), would have amended Florida Statute 255.20 and removed one of the exceptions allowing local governments to self-perform if they hold a public hearing and determine it is in the public's best interest to

perform the project using its own employees.

Transportation Funding

After years of misguided raids on the State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF) to shore up General Revenue, **SB 1998**, Chapter 2012-128, Laws of Florida, changes the distribution of various motor vehicle taxes to add more money to the STTF. It is estimated that \$130 million will be added in 2012-2013, and the amount could grow to more than \$400 million annually.

Residential Construction Warranties

CS/HB 1013 by Artiles
Effective Date: If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2012.

Chapter Law: The bill was presented to Governor on Friday,

April 13, 2012.

This bill was a major priority for FHBA on behalf of its developer members and passed over the objections of both the Florida Bar and trial lawyers. It provides that a purchaser of a new home or a homeowners' association does not have a cause of action for damages based on an implied warranty of fitness and merchantability or habitability, relating to an offsite improvement for a new home. Under the bill, an "offsite improvement" includes a street, driveway, road, sidewalk, drainage, utilities or any other improvement or structure that does not immediately and directly support the fitness and merchantability or habitability of the home itself.

Regulation of Hoisting Equipment

CS/CS/HB 521 Enrolled by Artiles

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Effective Date: Upon becoming law

Chapter Law: *Chapter 2012-62, Laws of Florida*

These bills have been a multi-year effort of the Associated Builders & Contractors and Crane Council to create uniform state regulation of hoisting equipment used in construction, demolition and excavation work and to preempt a patchwork of local regulations. The legislation defines “hoisting equipment,” “mobile crane” and “tower crane;” requires applicant for building permit to submit certain information to local building official; requires radio communications between certain crane operators; requires certain preparations for hurricane or high-wind event; requires preparedness plan for certain cranes; requires that hoisting equipment be secured in specified manner; and provides penalties for violation of act by certain licensed contractors.

Miami-Dade Lake Belt Mitigation

CS/HB 377 Enrolled by Nunez

Effective Date: Upon becoming law

Chapter Law: *Chapter 2012-107, Laws of Florida*

Limestone operations in the Miami-Dade County Lake Belt are guided by the Lake Belt Mitigation Plan. Under the plan provided in current law, the Lake Belt limestone companies pay a special mitigation fee of 45 cents for each ton of limerock and sand sold. The proceeds of the mitigation fee must be used to conduct mitigation activities that are appropriate to offset the loss of the value and functions of wetlands as a result of mining activities and must be used in a manner consistent with the recommendations contained in the reports submitted to the Legislature by the Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Mitigation Plan Implementation Committee and adopted under s. 373.4149, F.S. The fee is collected

by the Department of Revenue and transferred to the South Florida Water Management District’s Lake Belt Mitigation Trust Fund.

The bill expands the authorized uses of the proceeds of the water treatment plant upgrade fee by allowing the proceeds of the fee to be used to pay for seepage mitigation projects, including groundwater and surface water management structures designed to improve wetland habitat and approved by the Lake Belt Mitigation Committee.

Beginning July 1, 2012, the proceeds of the water treatment plant upgrade fee will be deposited into the Lake Belt Mitigation Trust Fund to pay for seepage mitigation projects. The money will be transferred until \$20 million is placed in the trust fund or pathogen sampling demonstrates that the water in any quarry lake in the vicinity of the Northwest Wellfield would be classified as being in Bin 2 or higher.

Once either of these qualifications is triggered, the proceeds would again be transferred to a trust fund established by Miami-Dade County for the purpose of upgrading a water treatment plant that treats water coming from the Northwest Wellfield.

Electronic Filing of Construction Plans

CS/HB 387 Enrolled by Ahern

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Chapter Law: *Chapter 2012-58, Laws of Florida*

The bill provides that if a local building code administrator or building official provides for electronic filing, then construction plans, drawings, specifications, reports, final documents or documents prepared or issued by a licensee may be transmitted electronically to the building code administrator or building official

for approval and may be dated and electronically signed and sealed by the licensee in accordance with the “Electronic Signature Act of 1996.”

Department of Business & Professional Regulation – Streamlining

CS/HB 517 Enrolled by Grant

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Chapter Law: *Chapter 2012-61, Laws of Florida*

CS/HB 517 is a DBPR bill relating to multiple professions. Specific provisions which affect construction are:

- The bill waives the initial licensing fee, initial application fee and the initial unlicensed activity fee for military veterans who apply to the department for a license within 24 months of being honorably discharged from service.
- The bill reduces the continuing education hours required to reactivate an inactive license to only one renewal cycle of hours, instead of the hours required for each year the license was inactive, for the following professions: community association managers, home inspectors, providers of mold-related services, cosmetologists, architects, landscape architects, construction contractors and electrical and alarm system contractors.
- Conforms with exemptions for other utilities by removing a requirement for persons repairing, maintaining, removing or disposing of asbestos-containing pipe or conduit used for gas service to be licensed as an asbestos consultant or contractor;
- Expands exemptions regarding mold-related services to include landscape architects if they are not holding themselves out for hire to the public using names implying that they perform mold assessment services or stating or





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Reservations can be made by either the following:

- Call reservations at (888) 763-2960 (be sure to ask for the UUCF room block), or
- Go on-line to https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_gi_new&groupID=5753281.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the UUCF office at (407) 830-1880.





implying that they are licensed under Part XVI of Ch. 468, F.S.

Department of Business & Professional Regulation – Inactive Licenses

HB 693 Enrolled by Ingram

Effective date: If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Chapter Law: The bill was presented to Governor on Friday, April 20, 2012.

HB 693 by Ingram is a bill repealing various DBPR licensing provisions. Specific to construction, the bill repeals the requirement that professional licensees who change from inactive to active status during the renewal of their license must complete a licensure cycle on active status before they can return to inactive status.

Department of Business & Professional Regulation – Local Contractor Grandfathering

CS/CS/HB 887 Enrolled by Ingram

Effective Date: October 1, 2012

Chapter Law: Chapter 2012-72, Laws of Florida

This bill relates to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (department) and revises the following provisions which affect construction licensing processes:

- Waives the initial licensing fee, initial application fee and initial unlicensed activity fee for military veterans who apply to the department for a license within 24 months of being honorably discharged from service;
- Authorizes the department to approve continuing education providers and courses without a review by the appropriate board if the provider or course application does not require expert review or denial (this is an issue which had the unanimous support of the Construction Coalition);

- Authorizes the department, in lieu of a board, to approve applications for reinstatement of a void license if the department determines that the individual failed to comply due to illness or economic hardship;
- Authorizes the department to send the license renewal notice to the licensee's last known e-mail address if provided;
- Permits continuing education instructors to complete their continuing education through distance learning;
- Repeals the mandatory license requirement for glass and glazing contractors;
- Extends from November 1, 2005 to November 1, 2014 the period for registered contractors who are limited to practicing within the county or counties in which they are registered to qualify for statewide certification.

Growth Management – One Stop Permitting

HB 5501 Enrolled by Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee

Effective Date: If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2012.

Chapter Law: Chapter 2012-139, Laws of Florida

This bill provides for the following:

- Directs the Department of Revenue (DOR) to establish and implement a One-Stop Business Registration Portal, through an internet website, to provide individuals and businesses with a single point of entry for transacting business in the state.
- Provides that the One-Stop Business Registration Portal must provide businesses and individuals a single point-of-entry for:
 - Completing and submitting applications for various licenses, registrations or permits that are issued by state agencies or

departments to do business in the state.

- Filing of documents that must be submitted to state agencies or departments to transact business in the state.
- Remitting of payments for the various fees that must be paid to state agencies or departments to obtain licensure, registration or a permit.
- Authorizes the DOR to competitively procure and contract for services to develop and maintain the portal, and directs the Departments of Business and Professional Regulation, Economic Opportunity, Financial Services, Lottery, Management Services and State to cooperate with the DOR in the development and implementation of the portal.

Florida Building Code

CS/CS/SB 704 Enrolled by Bennett

Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided, these provisions take effect July 1, 2012.

Chapter Law: Chapter 2012-13, Laws of Florida

This bill amends a number of provisions related to building construction and inspection in Florida. The following are a few of the changes included in the bill:

- requires public bodies to open sealed bids for construction and repairs to public buildings at a public meeting;
- revises permitting measures, establishes title transfer procedures and provides for the applicability of rules governing on-site sewage treatment and disposal systems;
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- when denying a building permit, requires local enforcing agencies and local building code administrators and inspectors to provide denied applicants with the specific building codes or sections that were out-of-compliance;
- extends an expiration provision from the 2010 Florida Building Code to the 2013 Florida Building Code related to exposed mechanical equipment or appliances fastened to a roof or installed on the ground.

**Unemployment Compensation
CS/HB 7027** Enrolled by Business & Consumer Affairs

Effective Date: The issues relating to the employer contributions took effect upon becoming law, retroactive back to June 29, 2011.

Chapter Law: Chapter 2012-30, Laws of Florida

The bill is a large omnibus package relating to unemployment compensation which, among other things rebrands the state's unemployment compensation program as the "reemployment assistance program." Of particular interest to employers is the issue of Employer Contributions which were scheduled to rise dramatically early in 2012.

The bill provides tax relief to Florida employers through two changes. The bill lowers the wage base by \$500 from \$8,500 to \$8,000 for tax years 2012 through 2014. The bill also increases the recoupment period used in the calculation from

three years to five years until tax year 2018.

The bill also creates a work group to study the contribution tax calculation and provide recommendations for changes to the calculation that ensure the long-term solvency of the reemployment assistance program while promoting equitable, minimal tax burdens on Florida employers. The work group must report back to the Legislature with recommendations by December 31, 2012.

**Regulation of Secondhand Dealers and Metal Recyclers
CS/CS/HB 885** Enrolled by Ford

Effective Date: If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2012.

Chapter Law: The bill was presented to Governor on Friday, April 13, 2012.

Similar bills attempting to strengthen laws relating to secondary metal recyclers died in committees last year. This bill amends provisions found in part I and II of Ch. 538, F.S., which deals with secondhand dealers and secondary metals recyclers.

**Construction Liens & Bonds
CS/CS/HB 897** Enrolled by

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Effective Date: Effective dates of the bill were revised to insure issues relating to existing contracts were not impacted. This insures the constitutionality of the provisions. Except where specifically listed in the summary, provisions are effective on October 1, 2012.

Chapter Law: The bill was presented to Governor on Friday, April 20, 2012.

The bill increases the information that must be shared among parties involved in a construction project and increases the time periods within which construction liens may be recorded or claims against a payment bond may be made.

Additionally, the bill:

- Requires government entities to open sealed bids for public works projects at a public meeting.
- Establishes a uniform time period of five years to initiate an action to enforce a claim against a payment bond.
- Requires a contractor to supply a copy of the payment bond to the public entity contracting for public works project before commencing construction.
- Simplifies procedures for a lessor to prohibit the attachment of liens to a parcel of property as the result of an improvement to a leased premises by a tenant.
- Revises the methods by which notices and other documents relating to construction liens must be served.
- Authorizes a contractor to satisfy certain grandfathering provision for certification as a contractor by 2015.

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UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation Scholarship Application Available

The UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. (UUCF/ASJMSF) is pleased to announce that its scholarship application is now 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. The applicant must be a senior graduating from high school who will be enrolling in an accredited two- or four-year college or university for the year beginning in August or September 2012 or an individual who is currently attending an undergraduate two- or four-year accredited college

or university for the year beginning in August or September 2012. 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.) Any company or individual who sponsors the UUCF/ASJMSF Annual Bass Tournament in the year the scholarship is being distributed may also apply.

The UUCF/ASJMSF was established in memory of the son of a Past President of UUCF, Scott J. Johnson (Johnson-

Davis, Inc.). On December 28, 1999, Andrew "Andy" Scott Johnson was killed in an automobile accident. Andy was 19 years of age. He was an honor student and a 1998 graduate of Pope John Paul II High School. He was a sophomore at Vanderbilt University. He loved the outdoors, all kinds of sports, especially Lacrosse, music and sport fishing. Andy was especially dedicated and loyal to his many friends and family.

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Don't forget to notify the DBPR office of any address change. Section 489.124(2) gives sole responsibility to the licensee for notifying DBPR in writing of the licensee's current mailing address and phone number.

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 17. Do not criticize, condemn or complain.

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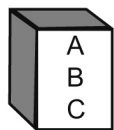
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April 23, 2012

Fort Myers
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST
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May 8, 2012

Pensacola
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May 9, 2012

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May 10, 2012

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April 27..... Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando
June 1..... Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando
July 19-22 Annual Convention,
The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes, Orlando
July 19..... Board of Director's Meeting,
The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes, Orlando
Sept./Oct. (TBA)..... President's Cup Golf Tournament
Nov. 2..... Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando

NUCA of North Florida

May 8 Executive Committee Meeting
May 17 Jacksonville Suns Baseball
June 12 Executive Committee Meeting
June 21 Safety Director' Forum
July 26 General Membership Meeting
Aug. 14 Executive Committee Meeting
Aug. 16 Bettering Your Business
Sept. 11 Executive Committee Meeting
Sept. 26 General Membership Meeting
Oct. 9 Executive Committee Meeting
Oct. (TBA) Fishing Tournament
Nov. 6 Executive Committee Meeting
Nov. 15 Election of Officers
Dec. 10 Executive Committee Meeting
Dec. (TBA) Holiday Party

NUCA of Northwest Florida

May 10 Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
May (TBA) After Hours Social, Pensacola
June 14 Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
June (TBA) Fishing Tournament, Pensacola Beach
July 12 Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
Aug. 9 Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
Aug. (TBA) Golf Tournament, Pensacola
Sept. 13 Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
Sept. (TBA)..... General Membership Meeting, Pensacola
Oct. 11 Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
Oct. (TBA) Annual Equipment Rodeo, Pensacola
Nov. 8 Membership Meeting, Pensacola

NUCA of Southwest Florida

May (TBA) Scholarship Golf Tournament
June 21 Scholarship Awards Night
July 19 General Membership Meeting
Aug. 16 General Membership Meeting
Sept. (TBA)..... Fishing Tournament
Oct. 25 Trade Show
Dec. (TBA)..... Christmas Party

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May 3 General Membership Meeting,
Hunter's Green Golf & Country Club

May 3 General Membership Meeting, Meeting,
June 7 General Membership Meeting
Apr. 5 General Membership Meeting
July 12 General Membership Meeting
Aug. 2 General Membership Meeting
Sept. 6 General Membership Meeting
Sept. 20 Fish Fry, Largo Central Park
Oct. 4 General Membership Meeting
Nov. 2 Clay Shoot, Tampa Bay Sporting Clays
Dec. 29 General Membership Meeting
Dec. 1 Banquet, Tampa Club

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Feb. 11-15 Convention,
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Oct. 2-6 Fall Board of Directors and Leadership
Meeting, El Conquistador in Las Croabas, Puerto Rico

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

Apr. 25-27 Spring Meeting
May 16 Committee Meetings, DeBary Call Center
May 17 Board of Director's Meeting,
DeBary Call Center
May 18 Golf Tournament,
Victoria Hills Country Club, DeLand
June 22 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary/Conference Call
July 11 Strategic Planning Meeting
July 12 Committee Meetings
July 13 Board of Director's Meeting
Oct. 16 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary/Conference Call
Nov. 15 Committee Meetings, DeBary Call Center
Nov. 16 Board of Director's Meeting,
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Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB) Meetings

May 9-11 Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront,
Daytona Beach
June 13-15 Four Seasons Palm Beach
Palm Beach
July 11-13 The Bohemian Celebration Hotel,
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Aug. 8-10 Casa Monica Hotel,
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33. Simplify your life – have more fun per hour.
34. Know that you are equal to everyone and everyone is equal to you.
35. Accept people for the way they are and the way they are not.
36. Forgive and love everyone.
37. Do what you feel is best, no matter what people think of you.
38. Catch people "doing it right" and praise them.
39. Save 10% of your net income.
40. Give something away daily – a postcard, letter, gift, smile, hug, compliment.
41. Collect pictures of what you want to be, do and have in life.
42. Eat mostly fresh fruits, vegetables, nuts and grains.
43. Avoid saying can't, hard or difficult. Say I can, it's easy, and it's simple.
44. Keep your home, desk, closets, car – clean, neat and organized.
45. Use a simple time-management system.
46. Listen to music that motivates you.
47. Spend more time with nature.
48. Act as if all your goals have already been achieved.
49. Take a winner to lunch.
50. Constantly escalate your goals.

Sincerely,

Bruce Wendorf
UUCF President

Sunshine 811 2012 Holiday Calendar

Memorial Day	05/28/12
Independence Day	07/04/12
Labor Day	09/03/12
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April 25
May 23
June 20
July 25
August 29
September 26
October 31
December 5

2013 FDOT Letting Date

January 30
February 27
March 27
April 24
May 22
June 19





Chapter News

NUCA of North Florida

A group from our chapter recently returned from the NUCA Convention in Fort Worth. It was probably one of the best NUCA conventions that I have attended. Keynote speakers were inspiring, events were fun-filled and great for networking and the education sessions were informative. Highlights included a private concert with Josh Kelley and of course breakfast with former first lady Laura Bush who graciously had her picture taken with many attendees. Next year's convention will be held in Phoenix, AZ in February.

Have you made your plans yet to attend NUCA's Washington Summit and Federal Issues Conference to be held May 8-10 at the Crown Plaza Old Town Alexandria Hotel? Members from our chapter plan to attend and hope to see many of our Florida friends in D.C.!

Did you know that Ryan Schmitt recently testified at a hearing of the House Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment? Focused on the ideas that could put the underground utility and excavation industry back to work and create scores of jobs in countless American industries. He reiterated the top priorities NUCA has promoted for many months in the halls of Congress – all of them created to effectively address the nation's overwhelming water infrastructure needs. These top priorities are: lifting the volume cap on private activity bonds (PABs), State Revolving Fund (SRF) reauthorization and loans and loan guarantees through a Water Infrastructure Financing Innovations Authority (WIFIA). WIFIA is expected to be introduced in the subcommittee soon and would authorize loans and loan guarantees to fund water projects, much like the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program works in the transportation arena. Ryan also encouraged the use of the state-controlled SRF program

to administer WIFIA resources, rather than cede that responsibility to the EPA. To view the hearing, go to the House Transportation and Infrastructure committee's website, click on "hearings" and scroll down to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment Hearing on "Review of Innovative Financing Approaches for Community Water Infrastructure Projects – Part II" or you can fast-forward to 48:12 of the video to view the beginning of Ryan's testimony.

Congratulations to all our friends at HD Supply Waterworks, NUCA's Associate of the Year. We were happy to be able to celebrate with some of members of the HD family at the Rawhide Western-themed Happy Hour and Texas Hold'Em Tournament.

We are headed to the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville on May 17 to see the Jacksonville Suns take on the Pensacola Blue Wahoos. Tickets are \$22.00 per person and include a box seat and all you can eat buffet. Contact the office at (904) 296-1230 if you are interested in attending.

NUCA of Northwest Florida

NUCA of Northwest Florida held a Sporting Clay Shoot Tournament on March 15, at Bushy Creek Sporting Clays in Perdido, Alabama. We had six teams participate in this 100 clay shoot event. Ferguson Waterworks Team (Brian Alberson, George Wainwright, Drew Brown and Lee Brown) won the tournament. Saltmarsh, Cleveland & Gunds team (Ron Jackson, Chuck Landers, Andrew Kent and Stephen Reyes) came in second. Special thanks goes to our Sponsors: Cowin Equipment Company was our score card sponsor, HD Supply Waterworks was a lunch sponsor and Joe Campus & Nick Bouzios with Liberty National was also a lunch sponsor.

The Board is in the process of working on our First Annual Inshore Fishing

Tournament to be held in June. More information will be available within the next month.

NUCA of Northwest Florida would like to say Thank You to Joe Cook for his many years of service to the industry. Joe has been a huge part of our local chapter from day one. He has supported the association and has fought many laws for the association. Joe's last day with Pensacola Concrete Construction Company, Inc. was March 31. He will then move on to farming full time. We wish him the best during his retirement and hope he has many prosperous crop years.

NUCA of Northwest Florida would like to thank our current 2012 Sponsors: Brown Construction Company, Ford Meter Box, Kelson Electric Company and Southeastern Pipe.

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Starting April 30, all businesses will

have to post an 11 x 17 inch poster at all worksites telling their employees about their rights to form a union. Failure to post the notice will be treated as an "unfair labor practice" and can subject the employer to a full-blown investigation. Please note: only agricultural employers are exempt from this new poster requirement.

If you have remote worksites that are separate from your main workplace, the NLRB wants you to post this notice at those locations as well. However, if you just send your employees to worksites that are owned and operated by a client or third-party, you are **not** responsible for posting the notice there.

If at least 20% of your employees do not speak English but all speak the same foreign language, employers must post the notice in that language as well. The poster is available in Spanish as well as many other languages from the NLRB's website at www.nlrb.gov.

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