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Two-Man, Three-Day Golf Tournament
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Saddlebrook Resort Tampa
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Come and enjoy three wonderful days and two nights at Saddlebrook Resort Tampa in Wesley Chapel, Florida on September 28-30, 2012. You will enjoy three fun-filled days of golfing on two different 18 hole courses. Friday and Sunday is on the Saddlebrook Course and Saturday is on the Palmer 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 \$495.00 per player for a deluxe room or \$520.00 for a one bedroom suite. The entry fee includes three rounds of golf for the tournament, two nights' accommodations, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning, dinner on Friday and 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 \$495.00 or \$520.00 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 deluxe room and/or one bedroom suite (two double beds). Dress code 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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- Enclosed please find a check for ____ person(s) at \$495.00 each or \$520.00 each for a total of \$_____ to cover the cost of the golf package.
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- Please send an invoice for ____ team(s) at a cost of \$50.00 for the Optional Skins game on Sunday.

Name of person completing registration form: _____
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Please complete and return this registration form along with payment to the UUCF office **no later than Monday, September 10, 2012**. Please make checks payable to UUCF and mail to: 231 West Bay Avenue, Longwood, FL 32750-4125. Cancellations after Monday, September 10, 2012 and no shows will not be eligible to receive a refund. Registrations will be taken after Monday, September 10, 2012 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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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.



Each of the Saddlebrook golf courses was designed by golf legend Arnold Palmer, incorporating wilderness areas full of cypress, pines, palms, and wildlife with rolling fairways and well-maintained greens. His namesake course features Tif-Eagle greens, and open, undulating well-guarded greens accented with many lakes, streams and ponds. The Saddlebrook course, with Tif-Dwarf greens, is much tighter and flatter, with narrow tree-lined fairways and water on most holes. Thanks to the convenient design, the first tees of

both courses and the 10th tee of the Saddlebrook course are located at the center of the resort, adjacent to meeting and guest rooms, resort recreation, restaurants, and shops.



The entry fee for the three-day tournament is only \$495.00 per player for the deluxe guest room (based on Double Occupancy) or \$520.00 per player for the one bedroom suite (based on Double

Occupancy). **The deadline to register has been extended to Friday, September 14, 2012.**

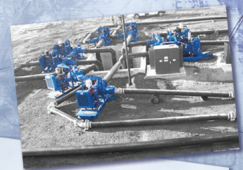
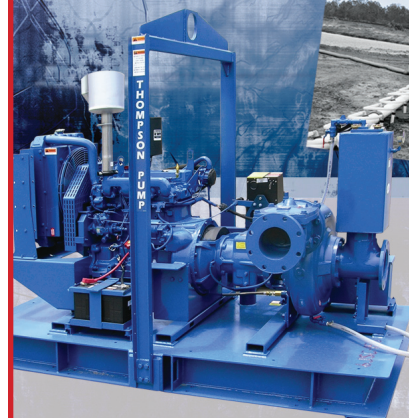
The entry fee includes three rounds of golf for the tournament, two nights' accommodation, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, dinner on Friday and Saturday, one free mulligan for each day (option to purchase additional mulligans will be available), skins game on Friday and Saturday and beverages on the course during tournament play. A Hospitality Suite will be available for your enjoyment.

The deluxe guest room offers a single spacious bedroom, elegantly decorated and appointed with two double beds, a desk with two chairs, sitting areas, marble bathroom, private balcony or patio, and all

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of Saddlebrook's luxury amenities. The one bedroom suite features a spacious bedroom with a living room and separate dining area. This also includes a fully equipped kitchen with serving bar. The master bedroom is lavishly appointed with two queen beds, a separate dressing area and marble bathroom. Private patio or balcony has living room and bedroom access.

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 and ball in the circle contest.

Sunday – Three mulligans, two throws, putting contest and ball in the circle contest.

If the above items were purchased separately, it would cost \$170.00. However, for golfers who purchase the Survival Kit prior to the first day of the tournament, the cost is only \$160.00. 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.

OR

- **Hospitality Suite Sponsors** at \$500.00 (two slots available). Two sponsors will be recognized on signage located in the Hospitality Suite throughout the tournament. Hospitality Suite sponsors will also be permitted to display their company's promotional items in the

Hospitality Suite throughout the tournament.

- **Beverage Cart Sponsors** at \$350.00 each (unlimited slots available). All sponsors will be recognized on signage on the beverage cart during tournament play.
- **Tournament Sponsors** at \$200.00 each (unlimited slots available). All sponsors will be recognized on signage located in the Hospitality Suite throughout the tournament.
- **Cigar Sponsors** at \$200.00 each (unlimited slots available). Attendees of the tournament will each received a cigar on Saturday during play at the tournament. Must secure at least two sponsors. If two sponsors are not secured, those who sponsored will be moved to a Tournament Sponsor. All sponsors will be recognized on signage located at a hole on the course on Saturday where the cigars will be distributed to the golfers.
- **Mulligan Sponsor** at \$100.00 each (unlimited slots available). All sponsors will be recognized on signage located at registration

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UUCF 2013 Convention

**July 25–28, 2013
Boca Raton Resort & Club
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Mark your calendar now for the UUCF 2013 Annual Convention which will be held on July 25–28 at the Boca Raton Resort & Club in Boca Raton, FL.

The UUCF 2013 Convention Chairperson is Kim Bryan with Petticoat–Schmitt Civil Contractors, Inc. in Jacksonville, FL.

Watch for information on the 2013 Convention in future issues of the Ditchmen.

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each day throughout the tournament.

- **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 form can be found on **Page 2** in this issue of the *Ditchmen* or visit the UUCF website at 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 September 28–30 at Saddlebrook Resort Tampa in Wesley Chapel.



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UUCF 2012 Convention

July 19–22, 2012 at The Ritz–Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes in Orlando was the site of this year’s Underground Utility Contractors of Florida (UUCF) Convention. The weather was great, and the hotel was beautiful. This year’s UUCF Convention had everything you could ask for and more. There was our first ever Contractor’s Day which featured round table discussions on issues affecting your business and a vendor table top. There was also social networking, Wiffle Ball Tournament, Premier Jewelry and Thirty One Party and games for the theme night where our “teams” participated in games requiring unique skills. There was fierce competition between the teams. Kudos to Paula Lieser and her Convention Committee for putting together a very memorable convention at the beautiful Ritz–Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes.

Saturday night’s games proved to be quite entertaining. Convention attendees were split in to teams (based on the they were assigned to) at the start of the event. Teams were then given the opportunity to choose unique names for their team. During the course of the games, members of the team competed as teams or individually in 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, Nortrax and Sunshine 811**, whose early commitment helped make this year’s convention a success.

UUCF would also like to take this opportunity to thank the **Gold Sponsors**. They are: **Glenn Rasmussen, P.A.; HD Supply Waterworks; Linder Industrial**

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“When, If Ever, Is It Too Late To Bring A Demand For Arbitration?”

(Part 2 of 2)

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Last month’s article addressed some of the differences between arbitration and litigation and specifically: the fact that arbitrations are not bound by the same statutory deadlines for filing lawsuits; and, the fact that parties to an arbitration agreement are free to specify a deadline by which arbitration claims must be filed. We closed with the observation that because of these two distinctions, there can be uncertainty regarding when an arbitrable claim expires, but there is also an opportunity for strategic draftsmanship. This month’s installment addresses how to limit the uncertainty and how a contractor might consider modifying a subcontract to limit the contractor’s exposure to subcontractor claims.

To reduce the uncertainty, a draftsman of a contract that includes an arbitration clause, might also include language along these lines,

A demand for arbitration shall be made within a reasonable time after the claim, dispute, or other matter in question has arisen. In no event shall the demand for arbitration be made after the date when institution of legal or equitable proceedings based on such claim, dispute, or other matter in question would be barred by the applicable statutes of limitations.

By using language like that, the parties have agreed by contract that an arbitration claim cannot be brought any later than the deadlines specified in the Florida statutes.

Alternatively, it may be preferable to specify a shorter deadline to file a demand for arbitration than that which would be applicable for a litigated claim. See *Pilitz v Bluegreen Corporation*, 2011 WL 3359641 *6 (M.D. Fla. 2011) (“Arbitration clauses limiting the applicable statute of limitations are repeatedly upheld by Florida courts.”); *Sanders v. Comcast Holdings, LLC*, 2008 WL 150479 (M.D. Fla. 2008) (1 year contractual limitation to bring arbitration enforced rather than 4 year statutory limitation period). A contractor may want to specify in its subcontracts that all claims are to be decided via arbitration and that any demand for arbitration must be filed within one year (maybe even less). That way, the contractor can obtain closure within 1 year, rather than waiting the 4 years allowed if the claim is to be decided via litigation or if the contract utilized the text provided above. In addition, by specifying that all claims will be decided by arbitration and that any arbitration must be made within 1 year, the contractor might escape liability entirely if an inattentive or uninformed subcontractor incorrectly believes that it has the “normal” 4 years to pursue its claim as allowed by Section 95.11(3).

If the parties have specified arbitration but failed to specify what limitation periods apply, then it is up to the arbitrator to decide whether the arbitration demand was seasonably filed or is time barred. See *O’Keefe Architects, Inc. v. CED Constr. Partners, Ltd.*, 944 So.2d 181 (Fla. 2006); See also *Page v. Industrial Services, Inc.*, 2003 WL 21701140 (Mich. App.) (timeliness of a plaintiff’s claim is a question to be decided by the arbitrator); *Public Health Trust of Dade County v. M.R. Harrison Const. Corp.*, 415 So.2d 756 (Fla. 3d DCA 1982) (whether arbitration demand is timely within meaning of contract provision is for the arbitrator); *NCR Corporation v. CBS Liquor Control, Inc.*, 874 F. Supp. 168, 173 (S.D. Ohio 1993) (absent an express limitation period, arbitration claim must be brought within a reasonable time); *Broom v. Morgan Stanley DW Inc.*, 236 P. 3d 182 (Wash. S. Ct. 2010) (parties did not explicitly state in their agreement that statutory limitation applied and arbitrator that applied statutory limitation period did so in error).

When the parties have not specified what limitation period applies to their arbitrable claims, the arbitrator is to make the decision regarding whether the demand was made timely. The courts do not provide much guidance regarding whether a claim is timely or not, and an arbitrator asked to determine whether a claim is time-barred





might be tempted to simply apply the same deadlines contained in the statutes as being “reasonable” under the logic that “if it’s good enough for the Legislature, then it’s good enough for me”. However, based on the Washington Supreme Court’s decision in *Broom*, an arbitrator seeking to utilize the same limitations period as set forth in the statutes may want to explain that he/she is not blindly applying the statutory specified limitation period, but has determined independently that the same amount of time is “reasonable” under the circumstances.

There is no consensus regarding whether arbitration or litigation is “better”, as each has its benefits and detriments. Having the ability to specify your own limitation period to bring an arbitration claim is just another factor to consider when deciding whether to agree to arbitration, rather than litigation. Hopefully, this two-part article has provided the reader with additional information to be considered when deciding whether to include an arbitration clause in a contract.

The reader also now has a sure-fire pick up line to use at the next Bennigan’s Happy Hour. Try this, “Hey, foxy momma. When, if ever, is it too late to bring a demand for arbitration?” Let me know how that works out for you.

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Machinery Company; Pensacola Concrete Construction Company, Inc.; Professional Shoring & Supply; 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: Paula Lieser, Chairperson; Lauren Atwell; Kim Bryan, Bill Davis; Larry Falls; and Chris Stewart. We also would like to thank the Chapter Executive Directors and UUCF staff for their hard work: Kathy Blackman; Sharon Fugatt; and 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 **Valenti, Trobec & Woody, Inc.** for Co-sponsoring the Hospitality Room on Thursday, July 19; and **Glenn Rasmussen, P.A.** for Co-sponsoring the Hospitality Room on Saturday, July 21, 2012. The Hospitality Room gave the attendees a place to relax, socialize, bid on the Silent Auction items, purchase tickets for the Chinese Raffle and the 3 – 0 in the Ninth Inning drawing.

Thursday, July 19, 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 was held. During the Welcome Cocktail Reception, Paula Lieser welcomed everybody to the 2012 Convention.

First thing Friday morning, attendees had their choice of going to the Round Table Discussion or attending the Optional Event.

At the Optional Event, attendees were presented with a show from Premier Jewelry and samples of Thirty One items with a chance to purchase the items.

Others attended Contractor’s Day which was co-sponsored by **Forsberg Construction, Inc. and Utility Service Company, Inc.** The day was full of roundtable discussions, presentations and guest speakers geared specifically for contractors. Vendors also set up displays and were on hand to discuss their latest products and promotions, as well as reinforce relationships with our members.

Sunshine 811 provided information about their new “Safety Matters” program available for free on-line (www.Sunshine811.com). “The program’s six chapters offer detailed information on locate tickets, an intense review of the tolerance zone, white lining and some common-sense safety recommendations to make the call-before-you-dig process go smoothly. This program is recommended for professional excavators, locators and employees or contractors of companies/utilities that own underground facilities. Sunshine 811 is currently attempting to qualify the program with the CILB so that state certified contractors can earn continuing education by taking the course. It’s an easy course that you can introduce to the person in your office responsible for calling in tickets, with your foremen, superintendents or operators.

We were also fortunate to have several representatives from FDOT attend and invited open discussion on many areas of interest for the group. Many found this incredibly

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informative and was also nice to meet the people behind the names we hear and see so often. FDOT representatives included: David Sadler, Director, Office of Construction, and Thomas Bane, State Utilities Engineer, Utilities Section, Office of Design. He is responsible for developing the rules for utility accommodation, policies and procedures. Also in attendance were Larry Ritchie, Environmental Specialist, concentrating in pipe inspection/rehab and construction related environmental issues, and Stephanie Maxwell, Specialty Engineer, State Construction office. Her main responsibilities are ADA issues, crash cushions, guardrail, ITS, lighting, MOT, pavement marking, Rumble Strips, signalization, signing and utilities.

The discussion began with introduction of some of the new specs coming out, particularly on TV/Laser Profiling of storm pipe. The floor was basically open to any discussion topic after that. Contractors and representatives discussed pay items, utility work, compaction/densities and the use of alternate storm pipe types, to name a few. The session was so successful, it actually ran over the allotted time well into the afternoon. It was certainly a privilege to have so many top officials at our convention engaging with our members on a wide array of topics.

Everyone felt that this session alone was worth the whole convention. In the past, FTBA has enjoyed a close working relationship with FDOT, while 'utility work' tended to take a backseat. UUCF is forging a new relationship with FDOT, and this was certainly a very successful first step! There has already been discussion about next year's FDOT presentation!

UUCF thanks the following companies for being a Vendor at Contractor's Day during the UUCF 2012 Convention: **Florida Concrete Pipe Institute; GrayRobinson, P.A.; HD Supply Waterworks; Nortrax, Inc.; Professional Shoring & Supply; Sunshine 811; Thompson Pump & Manufacturing Co., Inc.; Underground Imaging Technologies, LLC; URETEK; and Xylem, Inc.**

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

The Friday Dinner Party, **co-sponsored in part by Glenn Rasmussen, P.A.; Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Inc.; and Utility Service Company, Inc.**, was a business affair.

Bruce Wendorf presented the 2012 UUCF Construction Performance Awards for the *Mitch Ellington, Gary D. Sawyer and Andrew J. Mayts Awards*. The winners were: **Mitch Ellington Award** – Flo Woodall of John Woody, Inc. **Gary D. Sawyer Award** – Wayne Jensen of Safety for Stahl & Associates. **Andrew J. Mayts Award** – Paula Lieser of Pensacola Concrete Construction Company, Inc. Please see details of the Performance Awards recipients on **Page 12** in this issue of the *Ditchmen*.

After the awards presentation, Bruce Kershner installed the UUCF 2012/2013 Officers and Directors. UUCF is proud to have the following Officers for 2012/2013: **President** – Bruce Wendorf, Forsberg Construction, Inc.; **President Elect** – Lauren Atwell, Reynolds, Inc.; **Vice President Convention** – Kim Bryan, Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Inc.; **Treasurer** – Tom Woodward, David Nelson

Construction Co.; **Secretary** – Paula Lieser, Pensacola Concrete Construction Co., Inc.; **Immediate Past President** – Bill Lee, Utility Service Company.

The following is a list of the 2012/2013 Directors: **NUCA of North Florida:** Ryan Schmitt, Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Inc.; and Alternate Mike Woodall, John Woody, Inc. **NUCA of Northwest Florida:** Lee Brown, Brown Construction of Northwest Florida; and Alternate Bill Davis, HD Supply Waterworks. **NUCA of Southwest Florida:** Scott Horn, Kelly Tractor Company; Chris Stewart, Xylem, Inc.; and Tim Wise, Gulf Coast Underground, Inc. **SUCA:** Tom Butler, Ripa & Associates; Larry Falls, Associated Construction Products, Inc.; and Alternate David Runyan, Florida Gas & Electric Corp. **District 3:** Scott Johnson, Johnson-Davis, Inc. (Ex Officio). **Sunshine 811 Representative:** Mark Sweet.

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

Bruce Kershner, UUCF Executive 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 **Lauren "L. T." Atwell**. L. T. is the son of Lauren Atwell who is employed by Layne Heavy Civil, Inc. and Melanie Atwell. Please see details of L. T. and other recipients of Meritorious Scholarships from the UUCF/ASJMSF on **Page 16** in this issue of the *Ditchmen*.

On Saturday afternoon, attendees played in the first ever Wiffle Ball Tournament which was sponsored

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Each year, UUCF presents its Construction Performance Awards at the Annual Convention. Each chapter submits the name of a contractor and associate member. The *Mitch Ellington* and *Gary D. Sawyer Awards* honor outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions (on the local level and continue on to the state level) to the industry and/or association. These contributions can be in any area that results in benefits, progress, achievement or recognition for our association or industry and must have local and/or state impact. The *Andrew J. Mayts Award* is presented annually to a UUCF board member who has

made a significant contribution, on the state level, to the industry and/or association. The recipient is selected by the current UUCF president.

Bruce Wendorf presented the 2012 UUCF Construction Performance Awards for the *Mitch Ellington*, *Gary D. Sawyer* and *Andrew J. Mayts Awards* on Friday, July 20 at the UUCF 2012 Convention.

The recipient of the **Mitch Ellington Award** was Flo Woodall. Flo has been working at John Woody, Inc. full time for the past five years. She is the Office Manager, head of Accounts Payables and oversees payroll. Flo

represents the company at meetings as necessary, helps occasionally with estimating take offs and travels to look at work out of state (i.e., Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi).

Flo Woodall has been an active member of the NUCA of North Florida chapter since 1989 when John Woody, Inc. was a charter member. She has consistently attended and actively participated in NUCA of North Florida and UUCF Board Meetings, conventions and other events. She served on the UUCF Convention Committee from 1999 to 2011 and was Convention Chairperson in 2011, 2010 and 2006.

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Chapter Committees include: NUCA of North Florida Director from 2009–present; NUCA of North Florida Holiday Committee from 1993–present and chairperson in 2007 and 2012.

Flo attends every monthly board meeting and rarely misses a NUCA of North Florida General Membership Meeting or event. Flo has been one of the chapter's most active volunteers at events for years. She is usually the first to volunteer often bringing other family members to help. She has worked volunteering at the Golf and Fishing Tournaments as well as other special events.

UUCF is proud to present this year's **Mitch Ellington Award** to **Flo Woodall**.

The recipient of the **Gary D. Sawyer Award** was Wayne Jensen. He has been the Director of Safety for Stahl & Associates since 2007.

Wayne has been involved in SUCA

since 1988. During his involvement, Wayne has served the positions of Vice Chairman, Secretary, Contractor Director and Associate Director. Wayne currently holds the position of Associate Director working to support the efforts of all contractors in the industry.

Wayne has made the following contributions: **Chapter Office:** Vice Chairman – 2 years; Secretary – 3 years; Contractor Director – 3 years; Associate Director – 1 year; **Chapter Committees:** Hillsborough County Citizens Participation Committee – 1 year; Chairman – MBE/WBE Committee – 1 year; and on the committee for seven years; Membership Review Committee – 1 year; Long Range Planning Committee – 3 years; Nominating Committee – 1 year; Chairman Safety Committee – 1 year; Excavation Task Force Liaison – 2 years; PAC Committee – 1 year; Chair Membership Committee – 1 year; Safety Training & Education Committee – 1 year; **Chapter**

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UUCF is proud to present this year's **Gary D. Sward Award** to **Wayne Jensen**.

The recipient of the **Andrew J. Mayts Award** was Paula Lieser. Paula is President of Pensacola Concrete Construction Company, Inc. Paula has been active on the UUCF Board of Directors since 2007. She has become very active by serving on the UUCF Convention Committee from 2007; and serving as Vice President Convention in this current term of 2011/2012.

UUCF is proud to present this year's **Andrew J. Mayts Award** to **Paula Lieser**.

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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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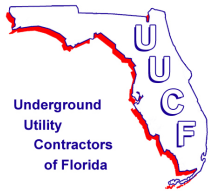
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President's Message



If you have ever wondered why you belong to UUCF and NUCA, let me introduce you to some associations that will make you ask yourself, "Why do they need an association?"



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2. The Association for Gravestone Studies.
3. Association for Renaissance Martial Arts.
4. Association for Positive Behavior Support.
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During the Underground Utility Contractors of Florida (UUCF) 2012 Annual Convention at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes in Orlando, Florida, the UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. announced the 2012 recipient of a \$6,000 scholarship to an individual who graduated from high school in 2012, recipient of a \$6,000 scholarship to an individual who is currently enrolled in college and its Meritorious Award winners of various scholarships.

Prior to 2012, the UUCF/Andrew

Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. has awarded \$198,500 in scholarships. In addition to the \$12,000 scholarships, the trustees elected to distribute an additional \$11,000 in Meritorious Scholarships for a total distribution of \$23,000. As of this year, we have awarded a total of \$221,500 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 one time High School Scholarship:

The UUCF/ASJMSF is proud to announce the 2012 recipient of the \$6,000 scholarship to an individual who graduated from high school in 2012, **Lauren "L. T." Atwell**. L. T. is the

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September 12, 2012

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workers' Compensation
WEB Based class

September 13, 2012

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
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September 20, 2012

Tallahassee
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST
Southwood Complex, Betty Easley
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4075 Esplanade Way, Room 178
Tallahassee, FL 32399

October 17, 2012

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
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October 18, 2012

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workplace Safety
WEB Based class

November 14, 2012

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
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Calendar of Events

UUCF 2012

- Sept. 28–30 President’s Cup Golf Tournament,
Saddlebrook Resort Tampa, Wesley Chapel
- Nov. 2.....Board of Director’s Meeting, Orlando

2013

- July 25Board of Director’s Meeting,
Boca Raton Resort & Club, Boca Raton
- July 25–28Annual Convention,
Boca Raton Resort & Club, Boca Raton

NUCA of North Florida

- Sept. 11Executive Committee Meeting
- Sept. 26 General Membership Meeting
- Oct. 9Executive Committee Meeting
- Oct. 13Fishing Tournament,
Sister’s Creek Marina
- Nov. 6.....Executive Committee Meeting
- Nov. 15..... Election of Officers
- Dec. 10.....Executive Committee Meeting
- Dec. (TBA)..... Holiday Party

NUCA of Northwest Florida

- Sept. 13 Board of Director’s Meeting, Pensacola
- Sept. 29 Equipment Rodeo, Pensacola
- Oct. 11 Board of Director’s & General,
Membership Meeting, Pensacola
- Nov. 8..... Board of Director’s Meeting, Pensacola
- Nov. 10.....Annual Meeting/Installation of Officers,
Pensacola

NUCA of Southwest Florida

- Sept. 14–16Fishing Tournament,
Tween Waters Inn, Captiva Island
- Oct. 25 Trade Show,
Harborside Event Center, Downtown Fort Myers
- Dec. 1.....Christmas Party,
Holiday Inn Gulf Coast Town Center

SUCA

- Sept. 6 General Membership Meeting
- Sept. 20 Fish Fry, Largo Central Park, Largo
- Oct. 4Annual Membership Meeting & Elections
- Nov. 1 General Membership Meeting
& Installation of 2012 Officers & Directors
- Nov. 10..... Clay Shoot, Tampa Bay Sporting Clays,
Land O’ Lakes
- Dec. 1..... Holiday Banquet, Tampa Club, Tampa

National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) 2013

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

Sunshine 811 Meetings

- Oct. 16Executive 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

- Aug. 8–10 Casa Monica Hotel,
St. Augustine
- Sept. 12–14 The Biltmore Hotel,
Coral Gables
- Oct. 10–12..... Embassy Suites Orlando–North,
Altamonte Springs
- Nov. 14–16 Embassy Suites Tampa/USF,
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in part by the **Suncoast Utility Contractors Association**. The weather was hot, but UUCF kept the beverages flowing.

Saturday evening began with the Theme Party Reception. The Saturday Theme Party Dinner, **sponsored in part by Glenn Rasmussen, P.A.; Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Inc.; Utility Service Company, Inc.; and Xylem, Inc.**, was a fun-filled affair.

Prior to the dinner starting, each table was asked to name their team. After dinner, the games began. Individuals earned points for the following games: Tea Party, Tilt-a-Cup, Am I a Walrus, String Ball, Ball Toss, Junk in the Truck, Twister and Baseball Bingo. The winning table consisted of: Linda Shutt, Tom Woodward, Rosemarie Woodward, Kathi Moore, John Moore, Maxx Moore, Chris Stewart and Susan Stewart.

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Pictures of the convention can be found at www.uucf.com.

Mark your calendar now for next year's Convention which will be held on July 25-28 at the Boca Raton Resort & Club in Boca Raton, Florida. The 2013 Convention Chairperson is Kim Bryan with Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Constructors, Inc. Hope to see you all next year.

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Labor Day	09/03/12
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Day after Thanksgiving Day	11/23/12
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January 30
February 27
March 27
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May 22
June 19





Chapter News

NUCA of North Florida

We are excited to announce we will be holding our First Annual Sporting Clay Challenge on Thursday, September 13. The cost is \$500 for a team of four. Sponsorships are also available. Please contact the NUCA of North Florida office if you are interested in participating.

On August 2, Layne Heavy Civil hosted our membership meeting with a Low Country Boil for our Scholarship Night. The 2012 Mike Allen Scholarship was presented to L. T. Atwell, son of Lauren & Melanie Atwell. L. T. is a 2012 graduate of Trinity Christian Academy and will be attending Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado this fall. He plans to be a petroleum engineer working in the energy industry. L. T. was dual enrolled for the past two years at Florida State College at Jacksonville while attending high school. We wish L. T. much success as he heads to Colorado to begin his college work.

Have you purchased your ticket yet for our Decision 2012 Raffle? Would you like the chance to win your choice of a trip for two to Jekyll Island, a Browning X Bold Rifle, \$1,000 cash or a selection of other great prizes? Tickets are just \$50, and you do not need to be a member to participate. Only 100 tickets will be sold. Just fill out the ticket on our website at www.nucanf.com and send with your payment to the NUCA of North Florida office. The raffle will be held as soon as all tickets have been sold. Would you like to win a free ticket? The member who sells the most tickets will receive a free raffle ticket. Make sure your name is on all the tickets you sell.

We will be holding our annual fishing tournament on Saturday, October 13 at Sister's Creek Marina.

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.

Quality Culvert recently announced that the company officially began operating as County Materials Corporation as of July 1, 2012. There is no change in ownership, everything will remain as it currently is, and they will simply be operating under a new name. MSC Waterworks, Inc. also has a new name. They are now Fortiline Waterworks. Their new Regional Manager is Keith Young. His e-mail address is keith.young@fortiline.com.

NUCA has announced a Membership Benefits Guide. NUCA has gathered all information regarding member benefits and put it into a single resource for members called the Member Benefits Guide. The new guide's sections include: Welcome to NUCA, Publications, Professional Networking, Education, Safety Services, Member Discounts, Awards and Promotion. Go to www.nuca.com or contact Jessica at NUCA to download a copy.

We just returned from the UUCF 2012 Convention. Congratulations to Paula Lieser on a job well done. We were excited that Flo Woodall received the *Mitch Ellington Award*. Flo has been a very dedicated member of our association for many years. Mike Woodall was a previous winner of the *Mitch Ellington Award* so Mike and Flo are the only couple in UUCF history to both receive the award!

NUCA of Northwest Florida

NUCA of Northwest Florida has scheduled October 27 to hold our 2nd Annual Equipment Rodeo.

It will be held at the Escambia County Equestrian Center. There will be individual, ladies and team competitions. We have plenty of slots available for sponsorships, so please contact our office for more information. A refreshment tent will be provided by Saltmarsh, Cleveland & Gund, CPA.

Plans are also in the works for our Annual Meeting & Officer Installation to be held on November 10 at the Museum of Commerce in Pensacola. More information for both events will be available next month.

NUCA of Northwest Florida would like to say welcome to Daniels Commercial Insurance, our newest member.

NUCA of Northwest Florida is in the process of setting up a Facebook page. Please visit us at <http://www.facebook.com/nucanwflorida>.

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

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are afraid of what your friends and family will think. The point is this ... we all belong to an association of one sort or another because we want to connect with people that share the same interests, values, goals, objectives, concerns and passions. If you're still not sure why you belong to UUCF and NUCA, you can join the North American Tiddlywinks Association. I hear they are looking for members.

Sincerely,
Bruce Wendorf
UUCF President





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son of Lauren Atwell who is employed by Layne Heavy Civil, Inc. and Melanie Atwell. L. T. graduated from Trinity Christian Academy in 2012 with a 3.89 grade point average. L. T. has been accepted into Colorado School of Mines where his intended course of study is Petroleum Engineering and his intended career plan is to be a petroleum engineer working in the energy industry.

L. T. was on the President's List — all A's — in 2008, Dean's List — all A's and B's in 2009, received the American Citizenship Award in 2010 and 2011, received Florida Bright Future Medallion Scholarship in 2012, received Highest Average – Algebra II in 2011, received highest Average in English I in 2009, received highest Average in Economics in 2009, received highest Average in Earth Science in 2008, received highest Average in Biology in 2010, was on National Honor Society in 2010–2012, was

recognized as Outstanding Academic Excellence in 2009 and received the President's Education Award in 2012.

L. T. participated in the Science Club in 2010–2012 and was President in 2012 and Varsity Golf in 2012.

As part of community service, L. T. did 22 hours of community service with Tomoka Christian Church Vacation Bible School and 150 hours of community service with the Trinity Christina Academy as an office aide.

The UUCF/ASJMSF would like to congratulate L. T. for his hard work and wish him luck in his future endeavors.

The following was the recipient of the \$6,000 one time College Scholarship:

Maxx Joseph Moore graduated from Bishop Verot High School in 2011. Maxx is the son of Kathryn Moore who is employed by Rinker Materials, Concrete Pipe Division and John Moore. Maxx has been attending the Florida State University where his intended course of study and declared

major are criminal justice. His intended career plan is law school.

Maxx was the UUCF/ASJMSF High School Scholarship recipient in 2011.

The UUCF/ASJMSF would like to congratulate Maxx for his hard work and wish him luck in his future endeavors.

The following were recipients of a \$2,000 one time Meritorious Scholarship:

Nicholas Ryan Cannon graduated from Lake Brantley High School in 2012. Nicholas is the son of Mike Cannon of Layne Heavy Civil, Inc. and Mary Cannon. He will be attending the University of South Carolina–Columbia where his intended course of study is in international business. His intended career plans are to work for a top ranked financial firm.

Sarah Maureen Cannon graduated from Lake Brantley High School in 2009. Sarah is the daughter of Mike Cannon of Layne Heavy Civil, Inc.

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and Mary Cannon. She is attending Vanderbilt University where her intended course of study is computer science and music. Her intended career plans are to be a software engineer, and her declared major is computer science.

Sarah was recipient of a UUCF/ASJMSF Meritorious Scholarship Award in 2010 and High School Scholarship recipient in 2009.

John E. Hopps graduated from Gateway High School in 2012. He is the son of Michael Hopps and Jennifer Hopps who is employed by The Garney Companies. He plans on attending the University of Central Florida where his intended course of study is pre-medical. His intended career plan is to be an Oncologist.

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 is attending the University

of Florida where his intended course of study is to receive a Bachelor of Science in Applied Physiology and Kiniesiology. His intended career plan is in the medical field, and his declared major is in Applied Physiology and Kiniesiology.

Garrett was recipient of a UUCF/ASJMSF Meritorious Scholarship Award in 2011.

Daniel Charles Stewart graduated from Fort Myers High School in 2009. Daniel is the son of Chris Stewart who is employed by Xylem, Inc. and Susan Stewart. He is attending the University of Florida where his intended course of study and decloare major is in mechanical engineering with a minor in biomedical. His intended career plans are to explore the mechanics of biomedicine and help those who are dealing with biomedical issues as a result of illness or injury.

The following was a recipient of a \$1,000 one time Meritorious Scholarship:

Danielle Louise Wolf graduated from Park Vista in 2007. Danielle is the daughter of Greg Wolf who is employed by U.S. Concrete Products Corp. and Dawn Wolf. Her intended

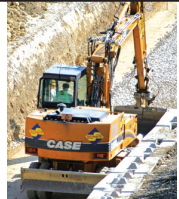
course of study is the police academy. Her intended career path is to become a law enforcement officer, and she already has her bachelors in criminal justice.

The UUCF/ASJMSF would like to congratulate Nicholas, Sarah, John, Garrett, Daniel and Danielle and the best of luck to all of you at college and on your future career plans!

How the UUCF/ASJMSF Was Formed

The UUCF/ASJMSF 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.



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