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Underground Utility Contractors of Florida, Inc.

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## UUCF Annual Conference

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## UUCF President's Cup Golf Tournament

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details)*





Underground Utility Contractors of Florida  
is proud to welcome back the  
Annual President's Cup Golf Tournament  
on September 27–29, 2013  
PGA National Resort & Spa  
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida



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After taking a year off, UUCF is pleased to announce that it will be holding its President's Cup Golf Tournament at PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida on September 27–29, 2013.

This year, UUCF will be offering individuals a choice in the location of their sleeping accommodations in either the Resort or Cottage Quads. The Resort rooms will feature two double beds. The Cottage Quads feature two bedrooms (each with two double beds), two complete baths, a large living room, flat-screen television, a fully-equipped kitchen, washer and dryer and an outdoor terrace. **Register on or before to May 31, 2013, and you'll receive a \$50.00 per person discount. We'll even wait until June 1, 2013 to send you an invoice.** The registration fees are as follows:

<u>Room Type</u>	<u>Registration received in UUCF office on or before May 31, 2013</u>	<u>Registration received in UUCF office on or after June 1, 2013</u>
Resort Room <i>(based on per person and double occupancy)</i>	\$598.40	\$648.40
Cottage Quads <i>(based on per person and quad occupancy)</i>	\$560.40	\$610.40

**Hurry. The deadline  
has been extended  
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As with past years, there will be different sponsorship opportunities in which your company can participate. Sponsorship categories cost from as little as \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

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# UUCF 2013 Conference

UUCF will be holding its 2013 Conference at the Boca Raton Resort & Club in Boca Raton, Florida on July 25–28. This year's Conference Theme is *UUCF Gang . . . Bulldozing Boca.*

This year's Conference Committee has secured a run of the house guest room rate of \$180.00 per night, single/double occupancy, for a Cloister Deluxe guest room, \$210.00 per night, single/double occupancy, for a Tower Estate View guest room and \$230.00 per night, single/double occupancy, for a Yacht Club guest room.

For your convenience, the Hotel Registration Form can be found on **Page 9** in this issue of the *Ditchmen* or in the Members Only Section on the UUCF website at [www.uucf.com](http://www.uucf.com). Watch your e-mails and future issues of the *Ditchmen* for additional information.

Situated on 356 acres in fabled South Florida, Boca Raton Resort & Club, A Waldorf Astoria Resort, carefully combines a fresh look and modern amenities, while embracing the purpose and design of the original vision of renowned architect Addison Mizner. This eclectic, private village offers the best of all worlds: a renowned spa, championship golf and tennis, expansive beach and luxury marina – all just steps from your door. Exquisite accommodations within this captivating hotel are presented within five distinct settings ranging from the ultra-luxe Beach Club to the sleek, contemporary Boca Bungalows. With deep roots in the past, this completely unique hotel is truly a destination for the future.

The UUCF office is currently accepting sponsors for the 2013 Platinum, Gold and Silver Sponsorship Programs.

UUCF would like to thank the following companies for committing to be a

Platinum Sponsor for this year's conference: **GrayRobinson, P.A.** and **Sunshine 811**. UUCF would like to thank the following companies for committing to be a Gold Sponsor for this year's conference: **Beard Equipment Co.; Efficiency Shoring & Supply; HD Supply Waterworks; Linder Industrial Machinery Company; Nortrax, Inc.; Ring Power Corporation;** and **Utility Service Company, Inc.** UUCF would like to thank the following companies for committing to be a Gold Sponsor for this year's conference: **Forsberg Construction, Inc.; LGM Contracting Inc/Merucci Equipment Company; Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Inc. (2 slots); Suncoast Utility Contractors Association; Utility Service Company, Inc.; Valenti, Trobec & Woody, Inc.; and Xylem, Inc.**

UUCF is still accepting Platinum

Sponsors for the 2013 Conference. To become a Platinum Sponsor, the cost is \$3,000.00. Platinum Sponsors are entitled to the following benefits:

- Platinum Sponsor company name will appear alphabetically on all flyers and registration forms regarding the conference.
- A handsome banner with your company's logo will be displayed at all major functions during the conference.
- Each Platinum Sponsor will have an exhibit board to display information pertaining to their company in the registration room during the conference.
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UUCF is still accepting Gold Sponsors for the 2013 Conference. To become a Gold Sponsor, the cost is \$1,500.00. Gold Sponsors are entitled to the following benefits:

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- Your company name listed with other Gold Sponsors in our conference program which will be given to all attendees.
- Choice of six months of a full page advertisement or one year of a half page advertisement in *Ditchmen* magazine.
- Discount on one table top display at Contractor’s Day on Friday, July 26.
- First option on returning as a

Gold Sponsor for the 2014 Conference.

UUCF is still accepting Silver Sponsors for the 2013 Conference. To become a Silver Sponsor, the cost is \$500.00 per slot. As a Silver Sponsor, you may buy as many slots and choose which events you would like to sponsor or co-sponsor. Silver Sponsors are entitled to the following benefits:

- Choice of two months of a full page advertisement or four months of a half page advertisement in *Ditchmen* magazine.
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- Your company name will be listed with other Silver Sponsors in our conference brochure which will be given to all attendees.
- Discount on one table top display at Contractor’s Day on Friday, July 26.
- First option on returning as a Silver Sponsor for the 2014 Conference.

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

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

This year, UUCF will be holding Contractor’s Day on Friday, July 26. Additional details will be available in the near future.

The UUCF Conference Committee is holding a Roaring Raffle which will benefit the UUCF general fund. UUCF will announce the winner of the raffle at the UUCF 2013 Conference on Saturday, July 27; however, you need not be present to win. The individual who wins the Roaring Raffle will have a chance to select from one of the three following prizes 1) iPad with Retina display plus Wi-Fi with 64GB (valued at \$850.00), Pandora Bracelet (valued at \$850.00) OR \$1,000.00 in Cash. For additional information on the Roaring Raffle and the form, please see **Page 27** in this issue of the *Ditchmen*.

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## **UUCF 2013 Conference**

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

## **FDOT Will Launch A New Website In Early May!**

The FDOT website is currently being redesigned by internal department staff. The new site will be dramatically simplified and achieve greater consistency in the way information is presented.

The following document will provide an overview of the new features: ***FDOT Website Redesign Overview.***



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# UUCF Schedules President's Cup Golf Tournament

Come and enjoy three wonderful days and two nights at PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida on September 27–29. You will enjoy three fun-filled days of golfing on three different 18 hole courses. Participants will have the opportunity to play on the Squire Course on Friday, Champion Course on Saturday and Palmer 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.

**Squire Course** – Named after the immortal Gene Sarazen, the first golfer ever to win the professional Grand Slam, “the thinking man’s course” is the ultimate test of accuracy and precision. Designed by Tom and George Fazio, the Squire is the shortest and most exacting of the courses at PGA National. Accuracy with fairway woods and long irons is tested on many tees, and the new smaller “Emerald Bermuda” greens demand precise approach shots. Several doglegs provide a risk/reward opportunity for any longer hitter as well. The Squire is surrounded by natural areas teeming with vegetation and wildlife – the 5th hole even runs along part of a wilderness preserve, which borders the west side of the PGA

National community.

*Last renovated: Fall 2012 (new turf, rebuilt bunkers, expanded tee and green complexes).*

**Champion Course** – Originally designed by Tom and George Fazio for major tournament play, the Champion course at PGA National Resort & Spa was redesigned by Jack Nicklaus in 1990 and now hosts the Honda Classic each spring on the PGA TOUR. Although the Champion has generous landing areas and spacious and accepting TifEagle greens, golfers are presented with course management challenges throughout the round. This South Florida golf resort course has five sets of tees to make the

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course more playable for golfers of all levels. A must-play on any avid golfer's list, the Champion features the Bear Trap, which spans three demanding holes designed by Jack Nicklaus

*Last renovated: Fall 2012 (new turf, rebuilt bunkers, expanded tee and green complexes).*

**Palmer Course** – Named after its designer, Arnold Palmer, this course is one of the more forgiving at PGA National from tee to fairway, known as a risk/reward game. The open fairways and larger "Champion Bermuda" greens can be quite accommodating and invite players to take a chance if they dare – as golfers are not overly penalized for missing the fairway or primary rough on most holes here. There is a considerable amount of undulation through the fairway, presenting the opportunity for uneven lies and creative shot-making. The Palmer has a great series of finishing holes, with the 18th being one of the most scenic par 5s on the property.

This year, UUCF will be offering individuals a choice in the location of their sleeping accommodations in either the Resort or Cottage Quads. The Resort rooms feature two double beds. The Cottage Quads feature two rooms each with double beds on each side of a living room, dining room and kitchen. **Register prior to June 1, 2013, you'll received a \$50.00 per person discount, and we won't send you an invoice until June 1, 2013.** The cost is as follows:

### **Registration received in UUCF Office on or before May 31, 2013**

Resort Room – \$598.40  
(per person based on double occupancy)  
Cottage Quads – \$560.40  
(per person based on quad

occupancy)

### **Registration received in UUCF office on or after June 1, 2013**

Resort Room – \$648.40  
(per person based on double occupancy)  
Cottage Quads – \$610.40  
(per person based on quad occupancy)

Also, two man teams that register now for the golf tournament can delay payment until after June 1, 2013.

The entry fee includes three rounds of golf for the tournament, two nights' accommodation, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, two \$30.00 vouchers good for dinner on Saturday and Sunday night, 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 and ball in the circle 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 \$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) or four people (two bedrooms, two double beds) per Cottage Quad.

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

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Rooms and room rates are based on availability. The above rates do not include 11% sales tax (subject to change), resort fee of \$18.00 or Valet Parking fee of \$25.00 per day. **Please note that there is no self-parking available at the Boca Raton Resort & Club.** An additional charge of \$30.00 per day will apply for each additional adult or two (up to four adults per room). Children age fifteen (15) and under must stay free in the same room with parents.

This form is invalid unless received on or before 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2013. In some cases, the room block sells out before the scheduled cutoff date. Therefore, we encourage you to make reservations as early as possible.

**This form is invalid unless received on or before Saturday, June 22, 2013**

All rooms are subject to applicable taxes. Group rates and availability for arrivals three days prior and departures three days after above group dates are on a space available basis only. Group rates may not be combined with any other special offer, package or discount. A credit card or cash for one (1) night's deposit is due with each reservation at the time the reservation is made. Your credit card will be billed for one (1) night's room charge upon booking. Cancellation notice of at least 3 days prior to the arrival is required for a refund. Upon your arrival, your deposit is applied to the last confirmed night of the reservation. In the event of your early departure, the deposit is non refundable unless the Resort is notified at or before the time of check in. No shows will result in forfeiture of the deposit and cancellation of the room. Rooms will be held under the UUCF room block until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2013. After this time, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis at prevailing hotel rates. Should you require airport transfer, please contact Boca Transportation (561) 447-3378 or (561) 447-3086.

**HOTEL RESERVATION FORM (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION)**

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# Sunshine 811

## No Bull Rodeo Challenge

There's no bull about it! Enter Sunshine 811's No Bull Rodeo Challenge, and you could be one of eight selected to represent Florida at the July 25–27, 2013, International Locate Rodeo in Athens, GA plus a \$300 cash prize and up to \$1,000 in travel costs.

**Deadline:** June 3, 2013

### What is the No Bull Rodeo Challenge?

It's a rodeo without a bull, but does require a little writing to answer the question: "Explain why your performance represents excellence in locating and damage prevention and why you would best represent Florida's locating community at the International Locate Rodeo?"

### Who can enter?

Underground utility/facility locators in Florida. You must be employed by a Sunshine 811 member or one of its locate contractors, or an owner/employee of a private locating company that is an associate member of Sunshine 811. Entrants must meet the following top performers criteria:

- Damages – Zero at fault damages for 90 days preceding the date you enter the No Bull Rodeo Challenge. A liable damage is defined as a damage due to an error or omission by the locate technician. Note: This to be determined by the individual company and/or utility owner operator.
- Safety – Zero safety violations for 90 days preceding the date you enter the No Bull Rodeo Challenge. Each company should use discretion in this area

### How will winners be determined?



After receiving a competitor's entry AND his/her supervisor's form prior to the due date, Sunshine 811 forms a selection committee. Entries are given to the committee with all identifying information omitted. Note: Competitors and their supervisors should be specific when answering the essay question.

### What are the divisions?

Two winners will be selected from each of the following divisions: power, gas, water, telecommunications.

### What do the winners receive?

Each No Bull Rodeo Challenge winner receives:

- \$300 cash prize
- Plaque and team shirt
- A chance to win more during the International Locate Rodeo (ILR)
- Up to \$1,000 in travel costs to the ILR, reimbursable per Sunshine 811's Travel Policy

### What is the International Locate Rodeo (ILR)?

The ILR is the premiere event for

utility locate technicians and serves as the cornerstone to promote high quality and achievable industry standards. In its tenth year, the ILR is scheduled for July 25–27, 2013 at University of Georgia campus.

### How do I enter?

Entry involves two steps.

1. An authorized company representative nominates one or more locators by completing the **Supervisor's Entry Form** for each competitor.
2. The competitor completes the **Competitor Entry Form**.

**Note:** All No Bull Rodeo Challenge winners travel to and participate in events associated with the International Locate Rodeo at their own risk and must release Sunshine 811 of any liability due to participation in that event. Winners will be required to sign a liability release.

If you have any questions about the process or the application, please contact **Brad Martin** or (850) 508-4519.





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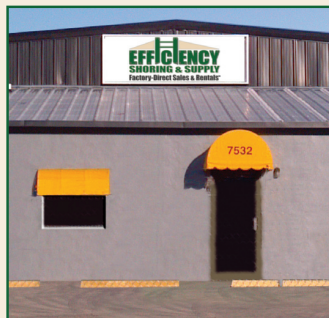


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# UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation Scholarship Application Available

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 2013 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 2013. 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

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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, 2013. Current law requires licenseholders to obtain 14 hours of continuing education with at least one hour in workplace safety, one hour in workers' compensation, one hour in business practices, one hour in the advance building code module, one hour in laws and rules (Chapter 489) and one hour in wind mitigation (this requirement only affects general, residential, building, roofing and glass and glazing contractors).

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

Failure to notify the department of a change of address shall constitute a violation of this section. In addition, if your address changes and you do not notify the department, you may not receive important mailings from the department such as your renewal notice.

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"IS IT IN THE BID?"

As the year draws closer to an end and the

full implementation of Obamacare becomes an inevitable reality in 2014, now is the time you must start considering what you will do as an employer. Many of us build projects that last several months. In some cases, our projects last well over a year. The problem contractors will face this year is how to bid projects that start in 2013 but finish in 2014. Current labor rates and overhead include the cost of health care premiums paid by the employer in 2013. However, those premiums will not be applicable after your health



care renewal in 2014. Therefore, the job you bid in 2013 that carries over into 2014 will not have all the additional costs the 2014

health care renewal will impose. Contractors bidding jobs in October, November and December of this year must anticipate what their 2014 health care costs will be. They must then incorporate those costs in their 2013 bids so those costs can be recovered in 2014. It is a reality businesses will have to face but it is imperative that the true costs of health care be included in the cost of

doing business.

I suggest that you meet with your insurance agent as soon as possible and start a dialogue regarding the potential increased health insurance premiums coming in 2014. They will be able to provide you with a health care insurance calculator that can approximate your premiums in 2014 so you can include those costs in your bids in 2013 and before it's too late.

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For the UUCF President's Cup Golf Tournament Registration or Sponsorship forms, please see **Page 2** in this issue of the *Ditchmen* or visit the UUCF website at [www.uucf.com/PCGolf/golf\\_tournament.asp](http://www.uucf.com/PCGolf/golf_tournament.asp). 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 27-29 at PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens.

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

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact the UUCF/ASJMSF office at (407) 830-1880. If you would like to request a scholarship application, please [click here](#).

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- Contractor Responsibilities
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- Insurance Coverage Requirements
- Enforcement Provisions

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- Direct and Indirect Costs
- Inspections
- Florida Fatalities

The following is a list of class dates and times for future sessions:

## **May 7, 2013**

Pensacola  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
Division of Workers' Compensation  
610 East Burgess Road  
Pensacola, FL 32504

## **May 8, 2013**

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

## **May 9, 2013**

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

## **May 14, 2013**

Tampa  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
State Office Building  
1313 North Tampa Street, Suite 605  
Tampa, FL 33603

## **May 16, 2013**

Lantana  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
Gold Coast Schools  
6216 South Congress Avenue  
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## **June 4, 2013**

Orlando  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
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## **June 11, 2013**


Tallahassee  
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## **July 10, 2013**

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

## UUCF

June 7 ..... Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando  
July 25 ..... Board of Director's Meeting,  
Boca Raton Resort & Club, Boca Raton  
July 25-28 ..... Annual Conference,  
Boca Raton Resort & Club, Boca Raton  
Sept. 27-29 ..... President's Cup Golf Tournament,  
PGA National Resort & Spa, Palm Beach Gardens  
Nov. 1 ..... Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando

## NUCA of North Florida

May 14 ..... Executive Committee Meeting  
May 23 ..... Jacksonville Suns Baseball  
June 11 ..... Executive Committee Meeting  
July 9 ..... Executive Committee Meeting  
July 18 ..... General Membership Meeting  
Aug. 13 ..... Executive Committee Meeting  
Sept. 10 ..... Executive Committee Meeting  
Sept. 19 ..... General Membership Meeting  
Sept. (TBA) ..... Clay Shoot, WW Sporting Clay  
Oct. 8 ..... Executive Committee Meeting  
Oct. (TBA) ..... Fishing Tournament  
Nov. 5 ..... Executive Committee Meeting  
Nov. 21 ..... Election of Officers  
Dec. 10 ..... Executive Committee Meeting  
Dec. (TBA) ..... Holiday Party

## NUCA of Northwest Florida 2013

May (TBA) ..... General Membership Meeting  
June 15 ..... In Shore Fishing Tournament,  
Paradise Bar, Pensacola Beach  
Aug. (TBA) ..... General Membership Meeting  
Oct. 12 ..... Equipment Rodeo, Equestrian Center

## 2014

Feb. (TBA) ..... Annual Meeting, Museum of Commerce

## NUCA of Southwest Florida

May 4 ..... Golf Tournament  
May 16 ..... Board of Director's Meeting  
June 20 ..... Board of Directors/General Membership  
Meetings/Scholarship Awards  
July 18 ..... Board of Director's Meeting  
Aug. 15 ..... Board of Directors/General Membership Meetings  
Sept. 20-21 ..... Fishing Tournament  
Sept. 26 ..... Board of Director's Meeting  
Oct. 17 ..... Board of Directors/General Membership Meetings  
Nov. 21 ..... Board of Director's Meeting  
Dec. 7 ..... Holiday Party & Installation of Officers

## National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA)

May 7-9 ..... Washington Summit,  
Crowne Plaza Old Town Alexandria, VA, Capitol Hill  
Oct. 2-4 ..... Fall Board of Directors and Leadership  
Meeting, El Conquistador in Las Croabas, Puerto Rico

## Sunshine 811 Meetings

May 22 ..... Committee Meetings, Call Center, DeBary  
May 23 ..... Annual Membership/Board Meeting,  
Call Center, DeBary  
May 24 ..... Sunshine 811 Golf Tournament,  
DeBary Golf & Country Club, DeBary  
June 21 ..... Executive Committee Meeting, Conference Call  
July 17-19 ..... Strategic Planning, Committee Meetings  
and Board Meeting, TBA  
Oct. 18 ..... Executive Committee Meeting, Conference Call  
Nov. 14-15 ..... Committee & Board of Director's Meetings,  
Call Center, DeBary

## Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB) Meetings

May 8-10 ..... Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront  
June 12-14 ..... Embassy Suites - Fort Lauderdale  
July 10-12 ..... TBA  
Aug. 14-16 ..... The Ritz-Carlton Sarasota  
Sept. 11-13 ..... TBA  
Oct. 9-11 ..... TBA  
Nov. 13-15 ..... TBA

## (Division of Workers' Compensation Offers Free Classes

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### August 7, 2013

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

### August 8, 2013

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

The Division of Workers' Compensation is an authorized provider (Provider Number: 0004354) for continuing education purposes through the CILB. Course Number: 0010118 - one hour satisfies the workers' compensation requirement and Course Number: 0010630 - one hour satisfies the workplace safety requirement.

The form is available on the Division's website at [www.myfloridacfo.com/WC](http://www.myfloridacfo.com/WC). For additional information, e-mail [bocseminars@MyFloridaCFO.com](mailto:bocseminars@MyFloridaCFO.com), or call (813) 221-6518.





# NUCA Now Accepting Scholarship Applications

The NUCA Scholarship Application is now available. The following scholarships are anticipated to be awarded at the following values in 2013.

- D.A. Foster Memorial Scholarship  
\$8,000 award (\$2,000/year over four years)
- William & Shirley Burgett Scholarship  
\$2,000 one-time award
- NUCA \$4,000 Scholarship  
\$4,000 award (\$1,000/year over four years)
- NUCA \$1,000 Scholarship  
\$1,000 award (\$500/year over two years for those enrolling in two-year programs)

Any high school senior whose parent or legal guardian is employed by a NUCA member company in good standing at the time of the application deadline may apply. Student employees, including part-time employees, are also eligible, as are dependents of NUCA Chapter Executive Directors. The applicant must be graduating from high school in 2013 and enrolling full time in an accredited two- or four-year college or university for their freshman year beginning in the fall of 2013.

**Complete application forms and all required supporting documentation must be received in the NUCA office no later than 6:00 p.m. eastern time, Friday, May 24, 2013.** Supporting documentation may be sent separately. Incomplete and improper applications will not be considered. Please address to: NUCA Foundation Scholarship Committee, 3925 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22030. Emails and faxes will not be accepted. NUCA staff will endeavor to advise applicants of incomplete applications only if, in staff's judgment, the incomplete information can be reasonably expected to be resolved and missing information received before the deadline.

Applications will be judged and winners announced by Friday, June 28, 2013, and notified by letter shortly after. If you have questions regarding the application and review process, please contact NUCA at (703) 358-9300.

The **scholarship application** describes the scholarships, criteria and deadline.

## Sunshine 811 Holiday Calendar

Memorial Day .....	05/27/13
Independence Day .....	07/04/13
Labor Day .....	09/02/13
Thanksgiving Day .....	11/28/13
Day after Thanksgiving Day .....	11/29/13
Christmas Eve .....	12/24/13
Christmas Day .....	12/25/13

Sunshine 811's business hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Please keep the above dates in mind when calling for locates two business days prior. The law now requires two full business days prior to digging.**



### 2013 FDOT Letting Date

May 22	June 19
July 31	August 28
September 25	October 30
December 4	

### 2014 FDOT Letting Date

January 29	February 26
March 26	April 30
May 21	June 18







# Chapter News

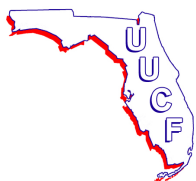
## NUCA of North Florida

We had a beautiful day for our golf tournament on Monday, March 18 at St. Johns Golf & Country Club. This was our first year at St. Johns and everyone seemed to have a great day. The course was in great shape, the beer was flowing and the sun was shining. Golfers enjoyed a hot sandwich buffet before a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. New this year too was our Putting Contest which took place before the tournament. For a \$5 fee, golfers were given an opportunity to make the finals and putt for \$1,000 cash. Unfortunately, no one won the big bucks but Jimmy Bannon, John Woody, Inc., was the winner of the contest. He received a Nike golf bag, \$1,000 cash and a plaque. Immediately following the golf tournament,

an awards ceremony was held. Congratulations to the following winners: **Low Net** – Layne Heavy Civil. **Low Gross** – United Service Connection. Thank you to all of our wonderful Sponsors: **Vendor Showcase Sponsors:** Advanced Drainage Systems, All Pro Asphalt, Beard Equipment Company, Cecil W. Powell & Company, Custom Fab, Duval Asphalt Products, Ferguson Waterworks, Fortiline Waterworks, Sunbelt Rentals, Inc. and United Rental Trench Safety. **Event Sponsors:** Godwin Pumps, HD Supply Waterworks, J. B. Coxwell Contracting, Linder Industrial Machinery Co., M.D. Towing, Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Sigma, Standard Precast Corporation and U.S. Pipe. **Tee/Green Sponsors:** A.

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We are heading to the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville on Thursday, May 23 to see the Jacksonville Suns take on the Birmingham Barons. Join us for a



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To place an advertisement in the Ditchmen, please contact the UUCF office at the following:

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BBQ dinner which includes chicken, ribs, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw and soft drinks. The cost is \$25 per person. Call the NUCA of North Florida office at (904) 296-1230 to RSVP.

Applications are now available for our two scholarships: the *J. Richard Baker Sr. Scholarship* and the *Mike Allen Scholarship*. The *J. Richard Baker Scholarship* is a \$2,000 one-time award to a high school student or high school graduate who is the daughter or son of a NUCA of North Florida member company employee and will be enrolling full or part time in an academic institution of higher education, beginning this summer/fall. The *Mike Allen Scholarship* is a \$1,000 one-time award for a high school Sr., High School graduate, Undergraduate College Student or Graduate Student who is the daughter or son of a NUCA of North Florida member company employee, who is enrolled or will be enrolling full or part time

in an academic institution of higher education, beginning this summer/fall. Deadline to return scholarship applications is June 1.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend NUCA's Washington Summit May 7-9. Don't miss NUCA's popular two-day event in the nation's Capitol! Day One is the Federal Issues Conference, National Awards Luncheon and Legislative Briefing. Day Two is all about visiting your elected officials. Get your own state delegation together and come! Two days of solid value and a great experience. It's democracy in action! NUCA member's price is \$245 (\$150 off non-member price)! Spouses and non-industry guests come for just \$195!

#### **NUCA of Northwest Florida**

Our Annual Sport Clay Shoot was held on Friday, March 15 at Santa Rosa Shooting Center in Pace, Florida. We had 55 shooters at this event with great weather

and a great time. First Place Team was Consolidated Pipe Shooters Crayton Brogdon, Branden Vaughn, Pete Dimario and Wesley Shirah. Second Place Team was Ferguson Waterworks Shooters Lain Cheney, Mike Brinkley, Shain Cheney and Ben Joyner. High Score Winner was Heath Hardy with a score of 86. We had a tie for Low Score Winner, which went to Hugh Dobbs and Brian Reed, with a score of 24. Thanks to our Sponsors of this event: Cowin Equipment Company, HD Supply Waterworks, Hanson Pipe & Precast, Utility Service Company, Pensacola Concrete Construction Company, Inc., Thompson CAT Rental Store, Thompson Pump & Mfg. Co., Inc. and Kubota/Coastal Machinery Company.

We will be holding a Confined Space Training class on April 30 at the Quality Inn on Pensacola Boulevard. If you are interested in attending this training, please call our office for a registration form.



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We are in the process of planning our Fishing Tournament for June 15. It will be held at the Paradise Bar and Grill on Pensacola Beach. More information will be going out within the next couple of weeks.

### **SUCA**

SUCA was very well represented in Tallahassee earlier this month taking our industry message to lawmakers. UUCF's board meeting was held on April 1 in Tallahassee and included a legislative briefing for those who would be visiting the Capitol the next day.

SUCA Chairman David Wirth of Dallas 1 Construction & Development, Jeff Nelson of David Nelson Construction Co., Larry Falls of Associated Construction Products, Inc., Bruce Akers, Wally Quigg, Doug Koenig, Logan Roberts and Adam Taylor, all of Ferguson Waterworks, Inc., and SUCA Executive Director Misty McKendree met with Senator Jack Latvala and freshman Senator Wilton Simpson over breakfast prior to visiting the offices of nine other Senators and Representatives from the SUCA membership area.

These visits are important to the industry and our legislators. This is how they know what is important to their constituents. If you have never made the trip to Tallahassee, you should consider it for next year.

If you are a current SUCA member and have a son or daughter who is a senior in high school this year, planning to attend college in the fall, they are eligible to apply for the 2013 SUCA Scholarship Awards. Applications were e-mailed to all SUCA member firms on March 15. SUCA's first place award is a \$6,000 scholarship, payable in four installments of \$1,500 per year. The second place award is a \$2,000 scholarship payable in four installments of \$500 per year. Completed applications must be mailed to the SUCA office by the May 15

deadline. Winners will be notified by June 15 and the Scholarship Awards will be presented at the July membership meeting, which doubles as Scholarship Night.

SUCA participated in Sunshine 811's Locator Roundtable – "Let's Talk Locating" on April 11 at the FDOT District 7 Auditorium in Tampa. SUCA Chairman David Wirth served on the panel as a Contractor representative. Brief opening statements from each stakeholder group were followed by open discussion. The roundtable was moderated by Brian Dean with Sunshine 811.

The 2013 NUCA Washington Summit is scheduled for May 7-9 at the Crowne Plaza Old Town Alexandria in Alexandria, VA. SUCA Chairman David Wirth and Executive Director Misty McKendree will represent SUCA in our nation's capitol. Congress needs direction, and you can help advance our solutions. The more NUCA members that show up to the Summit, the more clout we have! If you would like to attend, please register for the Summit and book your accommodations at your earliest convenience as Spring is a very busy time of year in the national Capitol area. To secure the discounted NUCA group room rate of \$195 at the Crowne Plaza Old Town Alexandria, call (866) 732-4555 and give the group code of 'NUCA'. For more information, call Misty at (813) 355-4879 or the NUCA office directly at (703) 358-9300.

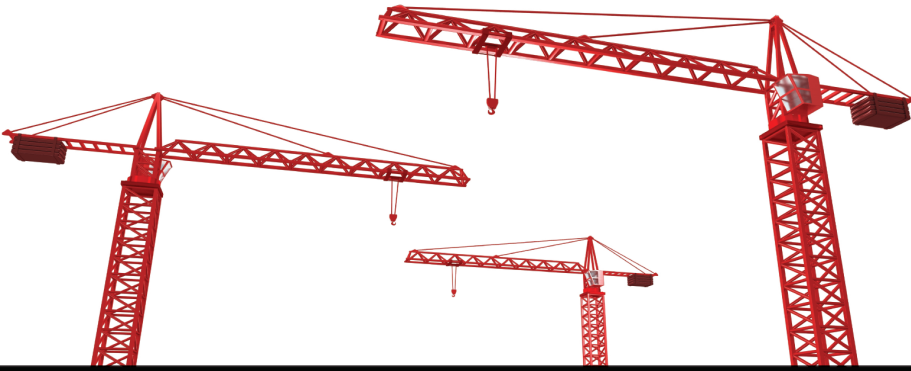
Please make your reservation to join us on Friday, April 19 for SUCA's Quarterly Contractor Roundtable Luncheon. The luncheon will be held at the Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.. Cost is \$25.00 per person and includes lunch. The primary focus of this meeting will be to further discuss the status of the

City of St. Pete's proposed local hiring ordinance, SUCA's upcoming DIRECTDrive and a possible new SUCA affiliate membership category. We also will touch on revisions to the Hillsborough County Technical Manual and issues with municipalities misinterpreting contractor licensing. In addition to our open forum discussion, Underground Utility Contractors of Florida (UUCF) President Bruce Wendorf will be in attendance to update our members on what our state association is doing with your membership dollars. We hope that you will be available to attend this important meeting. Please e-mail or call with your reservation(s) by noon on Wednesday, April 17.

As an organization, we want to help our membership face and solve issues that impact us. In order to do so, we need your support, and we need your input. Please let us know what issues affect your business the most.

SUCA Golf Committee Chairman Scott Williams of Ajax Paving has announced SUCA's Sawyer Memorial Spring Scholarship Golf Tournament will take place on Friday, May 3 at the Quail Hollow Golf Club in Wesley Chapel with a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. The cost to play remains \$90.00 per person and includes a nice tee prize for all players at check-in, cart, greens fee, range balls, mulligans, beverages on the course, continental breakfast, barbecue lunch, awards and contest prizes. Survival packs will also be available to purchase for \$20.00 each. With the purchase of a survival pack, your name will be entered into a drawing to win four lower box seat tickets and a parking pass to the June 13 Tampa Bay Rays vs. Kansas City Royals baseball game! Thank you to Team Fishel for their kind donation of the game tickets! If you are not a golfer but wish to join us for dinner and the awards ceremony, the cost is \$25.00 per person.





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The SUCA Scholarship Program, funded solely by SUCA's annual golf tournament, was established in 1989. To date, SUCA has awarded over \$98,000.00 in scholarships to the children of SUCA members.

SUCA's Family Fun Chartered Fishing Trip will be held on Saturday, June 1 out of Clearwater Beach. Fishing Committee Chairman Tim Carmichael of Associated Construction Products, Inc. said that SUCA has reserved the Super Queen for this family-friendly chartered fishing trip. The boat will leave the Clearwater Marina at 9:00 a.m. and return at approximately 3:00 p.m.. Cost is \$20 per person and includes ¾ day chartered fishing trip, rod rental, bait, license and tax. Food and drinks are available for purchase on the boat or members may bring their own coolers. Boat capacity is 150, so get your reservations in now . . . the 2011 Chartered Fishing Trip sold out! Sponsorships are still available and

appreciated. Please contact Misty McKendree at (813) 355-4879 if you are interested in sponsorship opportunities or to register anglers. Thank you to the following member companies who have already pledged their sponsorship of the 2013 fishing trip: **Platinum Sponsor** – M.E. Wilson Company. **Gold Sponsors** – Associated Construction Products, Inc., David Nelson Construction Co., Efficiency Shoring & Supply and RIPA & Associates. **Silver Sponsors** – Acme Barricades, Advanced Drainage Systems, All South Underground, LLC, Diversified Construction Safety, E.T. MacKenzie of Florida, Leftcoast Surveyors, Inc., Liberty Mutual Surety, MWI Pump Rental – Tampa, R. H. Moore & Associates, Safety Training & Consulting, Stuart Angelo & Co., CPA's and Wallace Welch & Willingham.

Longtime SUCA members Pete Thomson, Jim Bradley and Bryan MacPherson all passed away in the first quarter of 2013.

Peter A. Thomson, 65, of Odessa, Florida passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 19, 2013. Pete was born October 13, 1947 in Mt. Carmel, the son of Roy "Tommy" and Priscilla (Adams) Thomson. He married Annette "Nettie" Wojdula on May 13, 1989. Pete is survived by his wife 'Nettie', two sons, Steven (Tracy) Thomson of West Salem, IL, Scott (Tracy) Thomson of Alpharetta, GA, and daughter, Amy Thomson of Asheville, NC. Pete graduated from Mt. Carmel High School in 1965. He graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1972 with a degree in Accounting and Finance and obtained the CPA designation. Pete worked in the insurance industry for more than 30 years. At his passing, Pete was Director of Construction Services Division for Lykes Insurance. Pete

was an avid sailor and was a licensed Captain. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made in Pete's memory to one of the following organizations: Keystone United Methodist Church, Disabled American Veterans or the American Cancer Society.

SUCA member James A. Bradley, founder of Keystone Excavators, Inc., passed away on Tuesday, March 5, 2013. Funeral services for Jim were held on Friday, March 8 at Curlew Hills Memory Gardens in Palm Harbor. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Jim's memory to the American Diabetes Association.

Waterworks industry icon Bryan MacPherson passed away on Monday, March 26, 2013 from heart related complications. He was 46 years old. Bryan is survived by his wife, Lisa; parents Kenneth and Lora; in-laws, Bill and Diana Green; brother, Steve; nieces, Brittany (Mike), Ellie (Gene), Tori (Cecil) and Megan; dogs Macy & Gracie; and cats, Henley and Harley. Bryan was a loving husband, son, brother, uncle and friend who will be missed by many. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, April 6 at the Kings Ave Baptist Church in Brandon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions should be made to the American Heart Association.

SUCA extends our deepest and heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Pete, Jim and Bryan during this difficult time of loss.

SUCA's Website Committee has been working feverishly with NorthStar Marketing to create a new and improved SUCA website. The big reveal will happen in the next few months. The new SUCA website will be an easily navigated, helpful and informative resource to our members and potential members.







## UUCF ROARING RAFFLE



The UUCF Conference Committee is holding a Roaring Raffle to benefit the UUCF general fund. UUCF will announce the winner of the raffle at the UUCF 2013 Conference on Saturday, July 27; however, you need not be present to win.

The following is a list of rules:

- UUCF will only be selling 199 tickets at \$25.00 per ticket.
- The individual who sells the most tickets will receive ticket number 200.
- A minimum of 40 tickets need to be sold in order for UUCF to hold the raffle.
- Individuals may charge their tickets to a credit card (MasterCard, Visa or American Express); however, there will be a 5% processing fee added to the total.

Tickets will be sold through the UUCF office between Wednesday, May 1, 2013 through Friday, July 19, 2013, and ticket sales will resume at the conference starting Thursday, July 25, 2013 through Saturday, July 27, 2013 or until all 199 tickets have been sold.

The individual who wins the Roaring Raffle will have a chance to select from one of the three following prizes:

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	OR	
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Please complete form and return to the UUCF office via e-mail to [julie@uucf.com](mailto:julie@uucf.com), fax to (407) 260-1582 or mail to 231 West Bay Avenue, Longwood, FL 32750-4125. Please retain a copy of this form for your records.

A 5% processing fee will be added to the total for tickets paid with a credit card. A minimum of 40 tickets must be sold.

The deadline to submit ticket orders via e-mail is Friday, July 19. If mailed, form must be received in UUCF office no later than July 19, 2013. Individuals attending conference may purchase tickets July 25-27.





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