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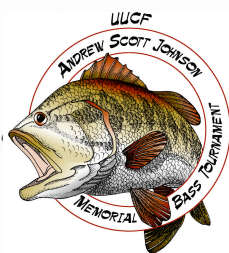
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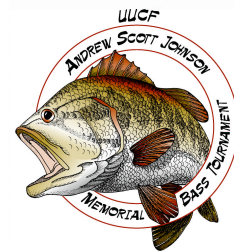
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UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation Schedules Fourteenth Annual Bass Fishing Tournament

The UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation will be holding its two-day Bass Fishing Tournament on Friday, February 21 – Saturday, February 22, 2014 on the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes on Lake Toho at the Big Toho Marina. This tournament has been organized to raise funds for the UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation. The Fishing Tournament Chairman Scott Johnson has already started making plans for this event.

There will be a mandatory Captain's Meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2013 at The Heritage Park Inn in Kissimmee. One representative from each team must be present at this meeting. The weigh-in for each day's tournament will be held at the Big Toho Marina. An Angler Dinner will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 21 at The Heritage Park Inn.

The tournament will be a two-day event. Five fish per boat, per team, per day. There is a minimum of two people on a team. No team can consist of more than three people. Paid professional guides cannot be considered as a team member. This will be a catch and release tournament and will be scored in accordance with the B.A.S.S. guidelines. However, the use of live bait is permitted! (After all, this is for FUN!) Professional guide services are available through the foundation.

The schedule for both days is as follows: Check in/Registration starting at 6:30 a.m.; Cast Off at 7:00 a.m. (or safe light); and Weigh-in starts at

2:00 p.m. There will be a registration fee for this event. The registration fee will include a T-Shirt, hat and raffle ticket. Hotel accommodations, meals, bait, boats and professional guides are not included in the registration fee.

Angler, Boat/Guide, Lunch, Shiners and Hotel Registration Forms were e-mailed to the UUCF membership and were available on the UUCF website at www.uucf.com the end of November.

UUCF is also accepting companies to be a part of the Major, General, Captain's Meeting Happy Hour, Captain's Meeting

Dinner, Angler Dinner Beverage, Angler Dinner, Grand Prize, Weigh-In and Trophy Sponsorship Programs. All sponsorship forms were e-mailed to the UUCF membership and were available on the UUCF website at www.uucf.com the end of November.

Proceeds from this tournament benefit the UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation scholarship program. Since its inception in 2000, the foundation is proud to have awarded \$245,500.00 in scholarships to individuals who are entering or enrolled in college.

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OSHA Update

OSHA Schedules Public Meeting on Proposed Rule to Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has scheduled a public meeting to allow interested parties to comment on the proposed rule to improve tracking of workplace injuries and illnesses. OSHA's proposed rule amends its current recordkeeping regulations to add requirements for the electronic submission of injury and illness information employers are already required to keep under existing standards, Part 1904.

The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday, January 9, 2014, at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C. See the Federal Register **notice** for more details.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit <http://www.osha.gov>.

Welcome to OSHA's Fall Prevention Campaign **FALLS ARE THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN**

CONSTRUCTION. In 2010, there were 264 fall fatalities (255 falls to lower level) out of 774 total fatalities in construction. These deaths are preventable.

Falls can be prevented and lives can be saved through three simple steps:

- **Plan**
- **Provide**
- **Train**

This is part of OSHA's nationwide outreach campaign to raise awareness among workers and employers about the hazards of falls from ladders, scaffolds and roofs. The educational resources page gives workers and employers information about falls and how to prevent them. There are also training tools for employers to use and posters to display at their worksites. Many of the new resources target vulnerable workers with limited English proficiency.

OSHA invites you to join in this effort by helping to reach workers and employers in your community with the resources you find in this

information. OSHA will continue to add information and tools to their website throughout the year.

OSHA has partnered with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) – Construction Sector on this nationwide outreach campaign to raise awareness among workers and employers about common fall hazards in construction, and how falls from ladders, scaffolds and roofs can be prevented and lives can be saved. Here's how:

PLAN ahead to get the job done safely

When working from heights, such as ladders, scaffolds, and roofs, employers must plan projects to ensure that the job is done safely. Begin by deciding how the job will be done, what tasks will be involved and what safety equipment may be needed to complete each task.

When estimating the cost of a job, employers should include safety equipment, and plan to have all the necessary equipment and tools available at the construction site. For example, in a roofing job, think about all of the different fall hazards,

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

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such as holes or skylights and leading edges, then plan and select fall protection suitable to that work, such as personal fall arrest systems (PFAS).

PROVIDE the right equipment

Workers who are six feet or more above lower levels are at risk for serious injury or death if they should fall. To protect these workers, employers must provide fall protection and the right equipment for the job, including the right kinds of ladders, scaffolds and safety gear.

Different ladders and scaffolds are appropriate for different jobs. Always provide workers with the kind they need to get the job done safely. For roof work, there are many ways to prevent falls. If workers use personal fall arrest systems (PFAS), provide a harness

for each worker who needs to tie off to the anchor. Make sure the PFAS fits, and regularly inspect all fall protection equipment to ensure it's still in good condition and safe to use.

TRAIN everyone to use the equipment safely

Falls can be prevented when workers understand proper set-up and safe use of equipment, so they need training on the specific equipment they will use to complete the job. Employers must **train workers** in hazard recognition and in the care and safe use ladders, scaffolds, fall protection systems and other equipment they'll be using on the job.

OSHA has provided **numerous materials and resources** that employers can use during toolbox talks to train workers on safe practices to avoid falls in construction. Falls from ladders,

scaffolds and roofs can be prevented and lives can be saved through three simple steps: Plan, Provide and Train.

NEW Ladder Safety Guidance

- Falling Off Ladders Can Kill: Use Them Safely – Booklet [1.3 MB **PDF*** | **EPUB*** | **MOBI***, 16 pages]
- Safe Use of Extension Ladders – Fact Sheet (English) [554 KB **PDF***, 3 pages]
- Safe Use of Job-made Wooden Ladders – Fact Sheet (English) [656 KB **PDF***, 2 pages]
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- Electronically published 12 issues of the monthly newsletter, the *Ditchmen*.
- Printed and distributed the Annual Construction Users Directory.
- Held its annual Tallahassee Summit.
- Published weekly From the Halls of the Capitol legislative reports during the Legislative Session.
- Kept its members up-to-date with e-mails pertaining to Legislative Updates and Alerts.
- Prepared its Annual Legislative Final Report.
- Maintained an active Lobbyist in Tallahassee.
- Monitored activities of the Florida Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB).
- Monitored Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).
- Member of The Construction Coalition.
- Worked with Sunshine 811 and have a representative on their Board of Directors.
- Member of Florida TaxWatch.
- Held Annual Conference at the Boca Raton Resort & Club in Palm Beach Gardens.
- Held Contractor's Day at Annual Conference.
- Held the Thirteenth Annual Bass Fishing Tournament for the UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation at Big Toho Marina in Kissimmee.
- Distributed \$24,000.00 in scholarships from the UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation.
- Presented the Annual Construction Performance Awards for the *Mitchell Ellington Award*, *Gary D. Sawyer Award* and *Andrew J. Mayts Award*.
- Participated in the CILB rule development of the Irrigation Contractor Specialty License to ensure scope of work did not infringe upon the underground utility and excavation contractor license.

Future UUCF Conference

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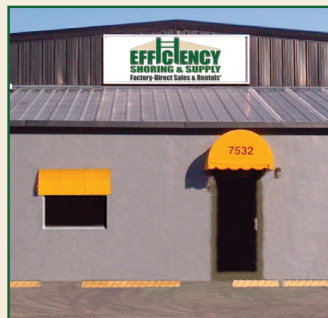


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Tony Zebouni served in the Office of General Counsel for the City of Jacksonville for eighteen years. Tony was the chief of construction and procurement law for the City

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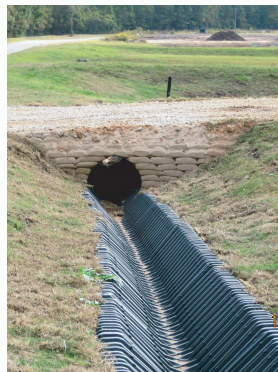
extends to matters involving real estate litigation, transportation and maritime law. Esther attended Florida Coastal School of Law where she graduated with honors in 2006.

Mark Pionessa was admitted to the Florida Bar in September, 2013. He is a Jacksonville native, where his family owned numerous construction companies. Mark uses his construction background and knowledge to assist clients in business litigation with a focus on construction claims.

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Here it is December, and time for
my next President's Message and
already the Christmas newsletters
are starting to arrive with tales of
heroism, sagas of success, accounts
of achievement, yarns of adventure,
legends of victory and narratives of
superlative performances.



And frankly,
we are
overwhelmed.
Well, whelmed
anyway.

And I
thought, hey,
I should do
that too. So,

this President's Message is our
first attempt ever at a Christmas
newsletter! We're pretty outstanding
in our own way, and we should be
able to catalog a list of Significant
Events to make for an interesting
Newsletter.

Now unfortunately, we did not
keep records along the way. No,

we just chugalugged along, merrily
unmindful of the fact that we should
be journalizing as we went.

So we're just going to have to try
to recreate our wonderful year from
memory. And you, of course, have
realized by now that when we say
"we" that Melanie, LT and Colt (my
family) had nothing whatsoever to
do with this.

Well, we started the year with what
we like to call "January." We had
a New Year's Day (can't talk about
New Year's Eve, because after all
that was a DIFFERENT year, and
would have been covered in last

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year's newsletter, had there been one).

We probably had a lot of fun on New Year's Day. We probably were still talking about Dick Clark.

In February, we celebrated Jack Benny's birthday, and had a Happy Valentine's Day. We also enjoyed the 500-mile Race (have to mention that because I lived in Daytona for a while). The look of amazement on George Spofford's wife's face as dozens of promo clad, beer drinkers moved their heads in circles for hours was priceless.

In March, it was windy. VERY

windy. No kites for us, though. Enough frustration with those things all through our childhood. But the wind did not hinder a group of avid fisherman from having a great weekend at the Annual Bass Fishing Tournament for the UUCF/ Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation. What a great foundation, Thank you Johnson Family!

April brought us a Fool's Day, and how appropriate for our Walk the Halls of the Capitol in Tallahassee.

May gave us flowers, you know, April showers, brings May flowers.

June was finally the end of the school year for a couple of us who weren't done in May. Everybody was

sad that the school year had come to an end (he says sarcastically).

July was the 4th, and my birthday. Never mind THAT. It was also a great annual conference in Boca Raton. Who Killed Buggy Malone? I hope all the pictures from that night have since been destroyed. Kim Bryan put on a successful conference with plenty of learning, networking and opportunity for fun. We are all so proud of Kim for winning an award for helping a group of pipe layers, along with Tom Woodward and Rick Erickson taking home well deserved honors. Life on the farm continued in August. The animals didn't break anything major, and I didn't build

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- Contractor Responsibilities
- Exemptions
- Insurance Coverage Requirements
- Enforcement Provisions

Workplace safety topics presented by OSHA (U.S. Dept. of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration) include:

- Direct and Indirect Costs
- Inspections
- Florida Fatalities

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

January 15, 2014

Miami
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
State of Florida Office Building
401 N.W. 2nd Avenue, North
Tower, Suite N-423
Miami, FL 33128

January 15, 2014

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

January 16, 2014

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

January 23, 2014

Fort Myers
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
State of Florida Office Building
2295 Victoria Avenue, Room 165A
Fort Myers, FL 33901

January 28, 2014


Jacksonville
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
City of Jacksonville
Building Department
214 North Hogan Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202

February 5, 2014

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workers' Compensation
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February 6, 2014

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February 11, 2014

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

February 18, 2014

Lantana
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Gold Coast Schools
6216 South Congress Avenue,
Classroom A
Lantana, FL 33462

February 25, 2014

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

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Calendar of Events

UUCF 2014

Feb. 7 Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando
Mar. (TBA)..... Board of Director's Meeting, Tallahassee
Mar. (TBA)..... Walk the Halls of the Capitol, Tallahassee
July 17 Board of Director's Meeting,
Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld, Orlando
July 17-20 Annual Conference,
Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld, Orlando
Nov. 7 Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando

NUCA of Northwest Florida 2014

Jan. 9 Board of Director's Meeting, Franco's
Feb. 13 Board of Director's Meeting, Franco's
Feb. 21 Annual Meeting, Pensacola
Mar. 13 Board of Director's Meeting, Franco's
Mar. 14 Annual Clay Shoot, Pace
Apr. 10 Board of Director's Meeting, Franco's
May 8 Board of Director's Meeting, Franco's
May (TBA) General Membership Meeting/Training
June 12 Board of Director's Meeting, Franco's
June 14 Fishing Tournament
July 10 Board of Director's Meeting, Franco's
Aug. 14 Board of Director's Meeting, Franco's
Sept. 11 Board of Director's Meeting, Franco's
Sept. (TBA) General Membership Meeting/Training
Oct. 9 Board of Director's Meeting, Franco's
Nov. 13 Board of Director's Meeting, Franco's

National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) 2014

Mar. 1-3 Convention, Las Vegas, NV
Rio Las Vegas, NV

Sunshine 811 Meetings 2014

Jan. 17 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary/Conference Call
Feb. 20 Committee Meetings, DeBary Call Center
Feb. 21 Board of Director's Meeting,
DeBary Call Center
Mar. 11-13 CGA Conference & Expo, Phoenix, AZ
Apr. 18 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary/Conference Call
May 21 Committee Meetings, DeBary Call Center
May 22 Annual and Board of Director's Meeting,
DeBary Call Center
May 23 Golf Tournament, TBA
June 20 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary/Conference Call
July 16 Strategic Planning Meeting, TBA
July 17 Committee Meetings, TBA
July 18 Board of Director's Meeting, TBA

Oct. 17 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary/Conference Call
Nov. 13 Committee Meetings, DeBary Call Center
Nov. 14 Board of Director's Meeting,
DeBary Call Center

Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB) Meetings 2014

Jan. 8-10 Embassy Suites Orlando – North,
Altamonte Springs
Feb. 12-14 Residence Inn Tallahassee,
Tallahassee
Mar. 12-14 TBA
Apr. 9-11 TBA
May 14-16 The Orlando Marriott Lake Mary,
Lake Mary
June 11-13 TBA
July 9-11 TBA
Aug. 13-15 DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando Downtown,
Orlando
Sept. 10-12 The Omphoy Ocean Resort,
Palm Beach
Oct. 8-10 TBA
Nov. 12-14 Embassy Suites Orlando – North,
Altamonte Springs

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March 5, 2014

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

March 6, 2014

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

March 18, 2014

Tallahassee
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Hartman Building
2012 Capital Circle S.E., Room 102
Tallahassee, FL 32399

March 21, 2014

Fort Lauderdale
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
1400 West Commercial Boulevard, Suite 135
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

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March 27, 2014

Orlando

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

State Office Building

Hurston Complex

400 West Robinson Street, South Tower, Conference

Room N-101

Orlando, FL 32801

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

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

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them anything to chew on. We used to have a neighbor who raised chickens, and they would sometimes stray into our yard. When our mutts chased these strays, I'd chastise the dogs, once with a shovel handle. Sometimes, however, the chickens would fly 150 feet across the yard, and then up over a chain link fence so they could get into the dog run. Recreational chasing is one thing, but defending home turf is another. So, under the theory any hen who'd fly into a dog run was not contributing to the gene pool, I'd clean up the scattered parts, apologize to the neighbors and just scowl at the dogs. So I snuck home with two water buffalo femurs from the butcher shop. I threw them in the dog run and told Melanie to come quick, because the dogs had eaten something again. For about 30 seconds, she believed me.

Already September, and it hits me that I haven't described many real accomplishments for this family to brag about. Let's see. Umm . . . Well Mike Woodard and Robin Leech hosted an elite group of hackers at the prestigious PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens. I sure hope they will allow me to join them next year.

October was Halloween. Cold and wet as usual. Nobody

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Sunshine 811 2013 Holiday Calendar

Christmas Eve 12/24/13

Christmas Day 12/25/13

2014 Holiday Calendar

New Year's Day 01/01/14

Martin Luther King Day 01/20/14

Memorial Day 05/26/14

Independence Day 07/04/14

Labor Day 09/01/14

Thanksgiving Day 11/27/14

Day after Thanksgiving Day 11/28/14

Christmas Eve 12/24/14

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February 26

March 26

April 30

May 21

June 18

July 30

August 27

September 24

October 29

December 3

2015 FDOT Letting Date

January 28

February 25

March 25

April 29

May 20

June 17





Chapter News

NUCA of North Florida

Our election of officers meeting was held on Thursday, November 21 at Maggiano's at the Town Center at 6:00 p.m. Our slate of **Officers** for 2014 will be: **President** – Bill Bocchino, Layne Heavy Civil. **President Elect** – Jon Woodall, John Woody, Inc. **Vice President I** – Elliot Jones, A. J. Johns, Inc. **Vice President II** – Tripp Brown, Godwin Pumps. **Secretary/Treasurer** – Kim Bryan, Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors. **Past President** – Mike Woodall, John Woody, Inc. **General Counsel** – Tony Zebouni, Regan, Zebouni & Atwood, P.A. Our 2014 **Directors** will be: Lauren Atwell, Layne Heavy Civil; William Hood III, J.B. Coxwell Contracting; Mike Kivlin, John Woody, Inc.; Joe Maguire, Coastal Utility Constructors; Brian Pate, Callaway Contracting, Inc.; Ed Porter, Barco Duval Engineering; Jennifer Setzer, United Service Connection; Wayne Atkinson,

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We had a wonderful time at our Holiday Party on board the Foxy Lady which was sponsored by John Woody, Inc. It was a beautiful night with calm seas for our two hour tour on the St. Johns River. A delicious Italian Buffet dinner of chicken Cacciatore, Eggplant Parmesan and Sausage and Peppers was served along with some delightful desserts. It was a nice casual event to kick off the holiday season. The drawing was also held for our Holiday raffle. Congratulations to Mike Woodall who won \$350 cash, Bill Bocchino who won \$50 in lottery

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call the NUCA of North Florida office at (904) 296-1230 for additional information.

Our annual golf tournament will be held on Monday, April 1 (no kidding) at St. Johns Golf & Country Club. Sponsorship and registration information will be available in January.

Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

NUCA of Southwest Florida

NUCA of Southwest Florida held their Christmas Party on Saturday December 7 at the Holiday Inn Airport in Fort Myers. Thanks to Cindy Sutherland and staff for the beautiful decorations, and Chef Murray provided us with a wonderful Holiday buffet! Our DJs, Tom & Carol of TCB Mobile Entertainment, provided the holiday lighting and great music for dinner, games and dancing throughout the evening. Our gracious members

and guests donated a sleigh full of toys for the Toys for Tots Marine Corps. Foundation for less fortunate boys and girls in our community.

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The NUCA Convention will be in conjunction with ConExpo/ConAgg in Las Vegas. The convention is March 1-3, and ConExpo begins March 4. Register for the convention and make your hotel reservations all through one site www.nucaconvention.com.

January 16 will be our first membership meeting and installation of officers and directors for 2014 at the Holiday Inn Airport in Fort Myers. You may R.S.V.P. to nucaswfl@gmail.com.

NUCA of Southwest Florida wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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came to OUR door that night. And for good reason.

November was Election Month, and we are smart enough not to discuss THAT topic.

And December . . . Well, here we are, aren't we?

Okay, so we didn't win a Pulitzer OR a Nobel this year. Very rare for us to go 0 for 2 like that.

Actually, the last thing I won was that yo-yo contest in 8th grade. (If you don't count that humiliating ugliest mustache trophy).

Next year we'll make an extra effort to do something newsworthy. Stay tuned. You're gonna love it.

Sincerely,

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