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The NUCA of Florida/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. was established in memory of the son of two-time Past President of NUCA of Florida, Scott Johnson (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.

In less than three years since its formation, the foundation, through the generous gifts of family, friends and a concerned industry, has established a scholarship fund that will hopefully serve the association's membership to enable college bound students and forever memorialize a bright young man. Please consider taking this opportunity to continue funding the foundation by making a contribution today.

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NUCA of Florida/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation Schedules Fourteenth Annual Bass Fishing Tournament

The NUCA of Florida/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 NUCA of Florida/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, 2014 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 NUCA of Florida membership and were available on the NUCA of Florida website at www.uucf.com the end of November.

NUCA of Florida 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 NUCA of Florida membership and were available on the NUCA of Florida website at www.uucf.com the end of November.

Proceeds from this tournament benefit the NUCA of Florida/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.

COURT SUPPORTS LIMIT ON DEVELOPMENT REFERENDUMS

A South Florida appeals court Wednesday sided with the city of Boca Raton and a land owner in a dispute about whether a development order should go to a referendum. A three-judge panel of the 4th District Court of Appeal reversed a Palm Beach County circuit judge's ruling, pointing to a state law that "clearly expresses the Legislature's intent to bar referendum for development orders" unless exempted under certain circumstances. A group of Boca Raton residents in 2012 filed a petition seeking a citywide referendum about whether a development order on land owned by Archstone Palmetto Park LLC, should be repealed. The city went to court seeking a declaration that development orders were not subject to referendums.

IT'S YOUR MONEY TAX CUT BUDGET

Governor Rick Scott's FY 2014-2015 Recommended Budget Highlights

The Governor's total recommendation in the *It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget* Fiscal Year 2014-2015 is \$74.2 billion. The General Revenue portion is \$27.5 billion. General Revenue funds available for the FY 2014-15 budget year increased \$1.3 billion from the previous fiscal year, a 4.9 percent increase. This increase, mostly attributable to increased sales tax collection, is an indication that Florida's economy is improving.

The three main parts of the Governor's "It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget" are: 1) Creating Jobs for the Next Generation; 2) Investing in Education; and 3) Strengthening Florida Families.



Governor Scott's *It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget* continues to push for responsible measures, such as reducing taxes, cutting state debt, and building state reserves. Budget highlights include:

Returning Money to Taxpayers: Governor Scott's Budget proposes ongoing tax cuts of over \$560 million per year, providing savings to both Florida families and businesses alike. The Governor's Budget also funds two sales tax holidays for an additional \$82.5 million savings to Florida families in the upcoming fiscal year. Specifically, the budget includes the following provisions:

- **Reducing Motor Vehicle License Fees:** The Governor's Budget reduces the annual motor vehicle license renewal registration fees back to pre-2009 levels. This will result in an average annual savings of about \$25 for the typical car registered in Florida. Overall, this reduction returns in excess of \$400 million to Florida families.
- **Decreasing the Tax on Business Rents:** Florida is the only state that applies sales tax to commercial rents at an increased cost to businesses of about \$1.4 billion per year. Governor Scott's Budget begins the process of eliminating this tax by reducing it by one half of a percentage point, saving businesses more than \$104 million annually.
- **Cutting the Business Tax:** The Governor's Budget includes funding to exempt another 2,000 taxpayers from having to pay the business tax by increasing the corporate income tax exemption from \$50,000 to \$75,000. This will eliminate these taxes for more than 80 percent of Florida's businesses. This exemption was increased from \$5,000 to \$25,000 in 2011 and to \$50,000 in 2012. Eliminating this tax will ensure more small businesses can hire more workers, providing Florida families with jobs.
- **Lowering Business Filing Fees:** This budget lowers the corporate filing fee so that every form of business pays the same amount. It also reduces the penalties associated with late filings by taking into account the length of the time delay. The Governor proposes generating the recurring \$33.3 million necessary to pay for the reduced fees through cost savings across state government. Lowering these fees

and penalties will ensure businesses can hire more workers, providing Florida families with jobs.

- **Providing Sales Tax Holidays:** The Governor's Budget includes funding for a 10-day back-to-school sales tax holiday and a 15-day hurricane preparedness sales tax holiday. These two sales tax holidays will save Florida families an estimated \$82.5 million in the upcoming fiscal year, and are in addition to the ongoing tax cut savings detailed above.

Continues to Reduce State Debt: The Governor continues to push for responsible debt reduction measures that help our state's bond rating. One rating group, Fitch, recently revised its outlook from "negative" to "stable," proof that Governor Scott's policies are working. State direct debt outstanding, as of June 30, 2013, was \$24.6 billion, a \$1.6 billion decline from the prior fiscal year. This is the third consecutive year under the Governor's leadership that debt has decreased. Based on the current fiscal year's budget, the debt is expected to be lower again on June 30, 2014. This marks a break from the previous trend of consistent year-over-year increases in state debt dating back to 1994, which caused Florida's debt to more than triple between 1994 and 2010.

The Governor believes debt represents a tax burden on our children and grandchildren and this budget recommends \$170 million to pay off outstanding debt, saving \$44.6 million in interest payments over the next 10 years. He supports issuing new debt only for projects that benefit both current and future generations, focusing on projects that will include a return on taxpayer investment and will continue to position Florida as a leader in global trade and commerce. The Governor's Budget permits new debt exclusively for the expansion and support of Florida's transportation infrastructure system.

Building State Reserves: The Governor's Budget recommendation builds on the current year 2013-2014 General Revenue growth of \$1 billion (3.8 percent) and continued 2014-2015 Fiscal Year growth of \$1.3 billion (4.9 percent). Through a combination of improved economic conditions, operational efficiencies, and a continued shift toward "leaner government," the Governor's Budget recommendation is balanced, reserves funds, and pays back money that was borrowed from the Budget Stabilization Fund during the Great Recession. The following reserve balances are recommended by the Governor for FY 2014-2015:

- \$1.7 billion in General Revenue
- \$1.1 billion in the Budget Stabilization Fund
- \$600 million in the Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund
- \$1.7 billion for other trust funds
- Totaling to \$5.1 billion

Eliminating Government Waste: Since taking office, Governor Scott has been successful in eliminating government waste and creating efficiencies across state government. To continue this trend, the *It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget* recommendation includes a variety of cost savings that allow the state to redirect funding to assure Florida families have the most efficient services possible. **This budget reflects a savings of \$287**



million, of which \$78 million is a savings from the General Revenue Fund and \$209 million from Trust Funds. Because of Governor Scott's sound fiscal policies, such as requiring contract renegotiations, the state will save an additional \$175 million in costs avoided or services added.

- **Administrative and Operational Efficiencies:** The Governor recommends \$74.9 million in savings and the elimination of 1,233 positions, of which approximately 1,160 are currently vacant.
- **Contract Renegotiations Savings:** As a result of the Governor's continued efforts to hold state agencies responsible for reviewing all state contracts, an additional \$4.2 million in savings are incorporated in the FY 2014-2015 budget recommendation. This results in a total savings from contract renegotiations of \$24.6 million over the past three fiscal years.
- **Real Estate Optimization Savings:** The Governor remains committed to better utilize state-owned office space by reconfiguring offices to increase occupancy and renegotiating other office leases to reduce agency costs. In addition, the Governor's investment in evaluating the energy-consuming systems in several state-owned facilities resulted in improved energy efficiency and reduced costs. Because of these initiatives, an additional \$14.4 million in savings is included in the FY 2014-2015 budget recommendation, which brings the total savings in lease renegotiations, facilities pool consolidation, and energy and utility savings to more than \$21.2 million over the last three years.
- **Reduction in Debt Service Payment:** The Governor recommends a reduction of \$37.9 million due to reduced debt service obligations and State Board of Administration fees. These fees were associated with the issuance of bonds for public schools, Florida colleges, state universities and correctional facilities.
- **MyFloridaMarketPlace Fee Savings:** The Governor recommends reducing the MyFloridaMarketPlace purchasing transaction fee from one percent to 0.75 percent. This reduced fee is estimated to save businesses providing goods and services to the state approximately \$5 million annually.

Elimination of Earmarks: As part of the Governor's efforts to give money back to the taxpayers or redirect funding to provide more efficient services, the recurring funding was reviewed for earmarks and as a result the budget includes the elimination of \$21.9 million.

In addition to these cost savings, the overall budget reflects \$300.5 million in budget reductions. These are due to excess federal and state trust fund spending authority that is no longer needed.

Identifying Savings in Government Programs:

- **Bright Futures:** The Governor's Budget maintains the amount per student for scholarships and it fully funds the number of students eligible to receive Bright Futures Scholarships for FY 2014 – 2015. This budget includes an adjustment of \$49.4 million due to the projected decrease of eligible students.

- **KidCare Program:** The Governor's Budget includes an adjustment of \$24 million due to a projected caseload decrease and this budget fully funds services for all eligible children.
- **Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) Transitional Payments:** The Governor's Budget includes a savings of \$32.5 million to eliminate one-time payments to hospitals because they have completed the transition from a traditional payment methodology to a more streamlined and cost-effective payment system.

Supporting Public Servants & Giving Money Back to Families:

- **Rewarding State Employees:** As Florida's economic situation continues to improve, the Governor's Recommended Budget proposes rewarding state employees who are working hard to provide more opportunities for Florida families. The recommended budget provides \$167 million for discretionary variable compensation awards in the amount of \$5,000 for employees receiving an employee evaluation of outstanding and \$2,500 for employees receiving an employee evaluation of commendable. Agencies may not exceed the appropriation in making bonuses nor award a bonus to more than 35 percent of employees.
- **Safeguarding Futures:** The unfunded actuarial liability (UAL) of the Florida Retirement System (FRS) Defined Benefit Program amounted to \$21.6 billion on July 1, 2013. This is an increase of \$2.3 billion over the prior year valuation. Based on an actuarial liability of \$153.3 billion and an actuarial value of assets of \$131.7 billion, the program is 85.9 percent funded as of July 1, 2013. As of October 31, 2013, the market value of the plan's assets amounted to \$141.5 billion. The Governor's Budget proposal implements the recommendations of the independent actuary and proposes to fully fund both the costs and the UAL by providing an additional \$84 million. The *It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget* ensures the fund will be able to meet its long-term obligations. Florida's pension plan is on a sound actuarial basis and one of the best-managed plans in the country.
- **Equitable Treatment of All:** As part of the Governor's philosophy to promote equitable treatment of state employees, the budget includes a savings of \$25.8 million so that management will pay the same amount for health insurance coverage as career service employees. This would mean all employees would pay \$50 per month for individual coverage and \$180 per month for family coverage and will reduce the employer contribution.

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| BOD Membership Meeting January 16th, 4 PM Holiday Inn Airport - Gulf Coast | Holiday Inn Airport - Gulf Coast |
| BOD Membership Meeting February 19th, 4 PM Holiday Inn Airport - Gulf Coast | Fishing Tournament September 19 - 20 Tween Waters - Captiva |
| BOD Meeting March 20, 4 PM Holiday Inn Airport - Gulf Coast | BOD Meeting September 25 4PM Holiday Inn Airport - Gulf Coast |
| Trade Show - 2014 March 27, 3 PM Harborside Convention Center | BOD Membership Meeting October 16, 4 PM Holiday Inn Airport - Gulf Coast |
| BOD Membership Meeting April 17, 4 PM Holiday Inn Airport - Gulf Coast | Holiday Party & Installation of Officers 2015 December 6th Holiday Inn Airport - Gulf Coast |
| Golf Tournament May 9, 12:30 Old Corkscrew Plantation | Board of Directors Meeting March, May, August, September, November |
| BOD Meeting May 15, 4 PM Holiday Inn Airport - Gulf Coast | BOD & Membership Meeting January, February, April, June, July, October |
| BOD Membership Meeting June 19, 4 PM Holiday Inn Airport - Gulf Coast | <i>Special Events</i> |
| BOD Membership Meeting & Scholarship Awards June 16, 4 PM Holiday Inn Airport - Gulf Coast | Trade Show - March 27 Golf Tournament - May 9 |
| NUCA of Florida State Conference July 17 - 20 Orlando | Fishing Tournament September 19 - 20 |
| BOD Meeting August 14, 4 PM | Holiday Party - December 6 NUCA of Florida State Conference July 17 - 20 |

NUCA North Florida

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| February 11th Executive Committee Meeting 3:30 pm | April 1st Annual Golf Tournament St. Johns Golf & Country Club |
| Feb 25th to 27th Northeast Florida Construction Career Days | May 29th Jacksonville Suns |
| March 1st—3rd NUCA Convention Rio All Suites Hotel & Casino Las Vegas, NV | |
| March 20th NUCA Board Meeting 4:30 pm | |

NUCA South Florida

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| Committee Sign-up Reception February 12, 2014 English Tap & Beer Garden, Boca Raton |
| Miami Heat Game Night March 14, 2014 American Airlines Arena |
| Annual Dolphin Fishing Tournament June 5 - 8, 2014 Ocean Reef Club, Key Largo |



2014 Calendar Of Events

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| February 12 | NUCA Central Florida Board of Directors Meeting | |
| March 13 | NUCA Central Florida Board of Directors Meeting | |
| April 3 | NUCA Central Florida Board of Directors Meeting | |
| April 25 | NUCA Central Florida Spring Golf Tournament | Duran Golf Club Viera, FL |
| May 15 | NUCA Central Florida Board of Directors Meeting | |
| May 30 | NUCA Central Florida Auction & Barbecue | |
| June 19 | NUCA Central Florida Board of Directors Meeting | |
| July 24 | NUCA Central Florida Board of Directors Meeting | |
| August | NUCA Central Florida Friends & Family Weekend | Vero Beach Hotel & Spa |
| August 21 | NUCA Central Florida Board of Directors Meeting | |
| September 18 | NUCA Central Florida Board of Directors Meeting | |
| September 26 | NUCA Central Florida Fall Golf Tournament | |
| October 23 | NUCA Central Florida Board of Directors Meeting | |
| November 20 | NUCA Central Florida Board of Directors Meeting | |
| December 5 | NUCA Central Florida Christmas Party | |



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Workers' Compensation

HB 271 by Rep. Cummings/SB 444 by Sen. Galvano On Jan. 8, 2014, the House Insurance and Banking Subcommittee passed HB 271 by a unanimous vote. The bill would give companies receiving stop-work orders for not carrying enough workers' compensation insurance five more days before the order is issued, allow businesses to enter a payment plan for fines associated with the order, remove redundant reporting requirements and limit the review period for coverage gaps from three years to two years. The Senate version, **SB 444**, passed the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee on Jan. 14.

New Lt. Governor Appointed

On January 14, Governor Scott appointed Carlos Lopez-Cantera the new Lt. Governor, the first Hispanic in Florida's history to take the post. Lopez-Cantera, a Republican, previously served eight years in the Florida House and was elected the property appraiser for Miami-Dade County after he was term-limited from serving in the House of Representatives. Lopez-Cantera was a friend to the construction industry when he served in the House of Representatives.



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NUCA of North Florida News

NUCA of North Florida 2013 Officers and Directors were installed at our meeting on January 23rd at River City Brewing Company. NUCA former Chairman **Ryan Schmitt** was on hand to perform the installation as well as provide a NUCA update. **Bill Bocchino** of Layne Heavy Civil was installed as President.

2013 President **Mike Woodall** recognized the 2013 monthly sponsors for their support during the year. The following companies were presented with a certificate of appreciation as well as a plate for their sponsorship plaques: **A.J. Johns, Inc., Beard Equipment Company, Ellis & Associates, Efficiency Shoring & Supply, Layne Heavy Civil, Inc., Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, United Rentals Trench Safety and Standard Precast.**

Also recognized at this event were the 2013 Committee chairs. Each individual received a certificate of appreciation: Membership, **Kim Bryan**; Education, **Mike Gruber**; Fishing, **Ed Porter**; Golf, **Mike Woodall** and **Jon Woodall**; Scholarship, **Ted Turnbeaugh, Clay Shoot**, and **John Kirkland**; and Legislative, **Tony Zebouni**.

During our January meeting, the outgoing Presidents had several awards to present to individuals who made the greatest impact on the association during the previous year. This year, the Outstanding Board Member Award was presented to **Tony Zebouni**, Regan, Zebouni & Atwood, P.A. Tony has been a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for several years. He has also served as the Chairman of the Legislative Committee for a number of years. Tony is very dedicated to the success of our association. He keeps us updated on legislative issues, local politics, and has acted as an advisor for us with City of Jacksonville and JEA issues. Tony was recognized for his leadership and commitment to our industry.

The Outstanding Individual Contributor award was presented to **John Kirkland**, A.J. Johns, Inc. John has served as Chair of the Sporting Clay Challenge for the past two years. This new event has continued to grow each year in both participation and sponsorship under Johns' leadership.

Mike presented **Kim Bryan** with this year's President's Award. This award is presented annually to the person the President feels has been the biggest help during their term. Kim has been an Executive Committee Member and Board of Directors member for many years. This past year she also served as Secretary/Treasurer and Chair of the Membership Committee. Kim was recognized for these efforts as well as her overall contributions to the association.

The **NUCANF Annual Golf Tournament** has been set for Tuesday, April 1st at St. John's Golf & Country Club. **Jon Woodall** and **Mike Woodall**, John Woody, Inc., are this year's golf Chairmen. Sponsorships are available beginning at \$260 for tee/green sponsors to \$600 Vendor Showcases. Cost for players is \$125. Contact the office at (904) 296-1230 to register or for additional information.

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I sat down the other night to write my President's message while listening to the great orator give his final State of the Union address. I heard some great campaigning on how the state of the union is strong, but he gave the credit not to Washington but to the nation. Our work. Our effort. And essentially told Congress he's tired of being bottled up, bogged down, embattled. This year, it's executive action wherever he can push it. On jobs. On the minimum wage. On savings. On skills. But the issues are big and executive action only goes so far. The president has three years to go. Where are we headed?

Legislative issues are always on the forefront of the association and we are well equipped and informed by Bruce Kershner and the Legislative Committee Chaired by Mike Woodall.

Our association has been very passionate about local government's self-performing our work, workers comp regulations that affect insurance cost, licensing infringements, and favorable regulations to allow alternate funding for water infrastructure projects. Mike Woodall efforts representing NUCA of Florida on the 811 Board just recently stopped a bill that could have had a huge economic impact on us as Utility Contractors. Check out the latest legislative update on our website for more details.

NUCA of Florida's annual trip to Tallahassee is this March 24 and 25th, please plan on attending, we need to show up in force and let our lawmakers hear our side of the situations and how there laws affect the hard working people of the Utility Industry.

There are only a few days left, so please dig deep, sponsor or send a team to fish in the NUCA of Florida/ Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation annual fishing tournament, it's better than a 100% return going back to our children for college scholarships. How many donations, sponsorships, contributions can claim that. It's a great function, Scott John-

son works very hard so you have a good time and our children are the winners. The success of the foundation in the past has been mind boggling, so please keep the momentum going with your participation today. Speaking of municipalities self-performing work I recently heard a story about two guys working for a city in North West Florida. One would dig a ditch -- he would dig, dig, dig. The other would come behind him and fill in the ditch -- fill, fill, fill. These two men worked furiously; one digging the ditch, the other filling it up again. A puzzled member from NUCA of NW Florida (name left out to protect the guilty) was watching from the sidewalk and couldn't believe how hard these men were working, but couldn't understand what they were doing. Finally he had to ask them. He said to the ditch digger, "I appreciate how hard you work, but what are you doing? You dig a ditch and your partner comes behind you and fills it back in!" The ditch digger replied, "Oh yeah, must look funny, but the guy who lays pipe is sick today."

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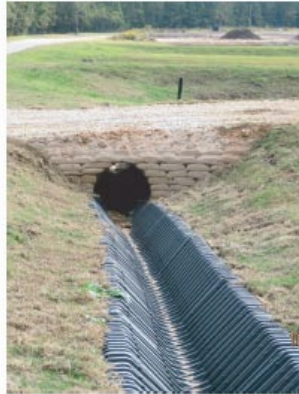
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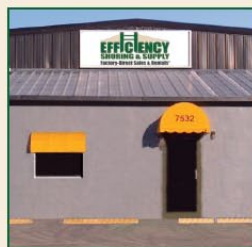


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NUCA CENTRAL FLORIDA REPORT

NUCA of Central Florida's annual ***"Dove Classic"*** was held on **Saturday, February 1st** at the Port Malabar Rifle & Pistol Club. This year's Sporting Clay Shoot was a big success – with perfect weather, an amazing shooter turnout and many generous sponsors.

Congratulations to our winners of the day . . . **First Place:** Greg Hart, Joni Bohne and Justin Hart. **Second Place:** Manny Rodriguez, Bebe Rodriguez and Lee Rodriguez. **Third Place:** Fred Chesney, Freddy Chesney and Mike Mills.

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Finally – our thanks to **Joe Weber, Jr.**, our 2014 Dove Classic Chairman and his committee for orchestrating another very successful event!!

NUCA of Central Florida's **Spring Golf Tournament** at the exceptional Duran Golf Club in Viera on **Friday, April 25th**. Registration and sponsorship information will be available soon, so mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

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DITCHMEN ARTICLE

NUCA of Northwest Florida would like to welcome our new Assistant Executive Director; Mrs. Trysha Scott. Most of you may remember Trysha from the UUCF Conference in 2012. Trysha graduated from Pensacola State College in May of 2013 with an Associate Degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management. She will be handling our events as well as training with Paula Lieser on financials, book keeping and other executive duties.

This year we will be hosting our Annual Officer Installation and Dinner Meeting on February 21st. We have booked a room at the Hilton on Pensacola Beach, Florida. Our members were thrilled to be able to stay on the gulf side at this lovely hotel.

Our Annual Sporting Clay Shoot will be held on Friday, March 14th at Santa Rosa Shooting Center in Pace, Florida. If you would like to help sponsor this event please contact Trysha Scott at (850) 982-4014.

We are enthusiastic about what this year might hold for our chapter.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2014

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| February 21 | Annual Meeting – Pensacola Beach |
| March 13 | Monthly Board Meeting at Franco's |
| March 14 | Annual Clay Shoot – Pace, Florida |
| April 10 | Monthly Board Meeting at Franco's |
| May 8 | Monthly Board Meeting at Franco's |
| May (TBA) | General Membership Meeting/Training |
| June 12 | Monthly Board Meeting at Franco's |
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