Ditchmen Online Magazine

March 2015

21103483

Issue 68

List of Members

NUCA of Florida, Inc. 113 E. College Ave., Suite 200 Tallahassee, Fla. 32301 (850) 727-0628 Rob Wilson **Executive Vice President**

Officers Lauren Atwell, President Chris Stewart, Vice President, Conference Tom Woodward, Treasurer Bruce Wendorf, Immediate Past President Scott Johnson, At Large Bill Lee, At Large Mike Woodall, At Large George E. Spofford, General Counsel

> <u>Directors</u> NUCA of North Florida Jon Woodall NUCA of Northwest Florida Lee Brown NUCA of Southwest Florida Bob Russell UCA of South Florida Brian Hunsicker Paul Knight Glen Tupler SUCA Tom Butler Larry Falls NUCA of Central Florida Billy Joe Brewer **Člav** Sorey Darren Campbell Sunshine 811 Representative Mark Sweet

NUCA of North Florida PO Box 16810 Jacksonville, Fla. 32245 (904) 296-1230 Kathy Blackman **Executive Director**

Officers Jon Woodall, President Elliot Jones, President Elect Marty Adams, Vice President I Tripp Brown, Vice President II Jennifer Setzer, Secretary/Treasurer Mike Woodall, Past President Tony Zebouni, General Counsel

Board	of Directors
auren Atwell	Ryan Pugh
lick Erickson	Jarod Wolford
Mike Gruber	
Billy Hood	Alt: Christopher
Mike Kivlin	Cantiello
Drew Lane	Alt: Robert Rowley
Ed Porter	Alt: Jamie Welu

NUCA of Northwest Florida PO Box 18472 Pensacola, Fla. 32523-8472

Trysha Scott **Executive Director** (850) 982-4014

Officers Jordan Lee, President Crayton Brogdon, Vice President Chris Dixon, Secretary/Treasurer

Directors
Ben Joyner
Bill Lee
Chad Tubbs
Rick Waters

Sh

Ju

NUCA of Southwest Florida **PO Box 62207** Fort Myers, Fla. 33906-2207 **Řhonda** Cason **Executive Director** (239) 939-1952

Officers Bob Russell, President Aaron Hunt Branch, Elect Mitchell Penner, Vice President Chris Stewart, Secretary Jerry Haas, Treasurer Jeff Boyd, Past President

Board of Directors Nate Hopkins Brett Eckenrode Frank Gibson Mike Sappah Bruce Wendorf Pres Bliss

Bob Keiling Doug Reese Jim Murphy Heath Draper Mike McDonnell David Scafidi

Suncoast Utility Contractors Association (SUCA) PO Box 21424 Tampa, Fla. 3362-2424 Theresa Mannix **Executive Director** (727) 600-7158

Officers Tom Butler, Chairman Penny Danielecki, Vice Chairman Tim Carmichael, Treasurer Kevin McLaughlin, Secretary David Wirth, P.E., Immediate Past Chairman

Board of Directors Charles Bass Justin Berglund Scott Huber Casey Pieczonka Scott Smith Scott Williams Bill Cammann

Kevin Chandler Hilary Flint Morgan Curt Hinson Wayne Jensen Darryl Kehoe Shawn Mason Wally Quigg

NUCA Central Florida, P.O. Box 10097 Cocoa, Fla. 32927

Karen Dewitt **Executive Director** (321) 632-7400

Officers Clay Sorey, President Billy Joe Brewer, Vice President Joe Weber, Jr., Treasurer Darren Campbell, Secretary Debra Mallard, Immediate Past President

Board of Directors Scott Edwards Greg McClelland Kim Fortier Andrew Porteus Josh Hetzel Pat Zaccaro Rodd Litchfield Craig Lynch David Smith **Rick Bolinger** Darren Campbell

Underground Contractors Association of South Florida 3730 Coconut Creek Parkway, Suite 101 Coconut Creek, Fla. 33066 Jennifer Mancini **Executive Director** Phone: (754) 800 7979 Fax: (954) 827-0215

> <u>Officers</u> Paul Knight, President Glen Tupler, Vice President Greg Wolf, Treasurer Eric Forman, Secretary

Board of Directors

Ed Foss Jerry Rodgers Daniel Young Frank Prieto Joe Antico Todd Bachman

Brian Hunsicker Bernie Vito Freddy Chesney Rex Nealis Ken Goldberf Kim Horn

NUCA

3925 Chain Bridge Road Suite 300 Fairfax, VA 22030

Officers Ronald T. Nunes, Chairman Florentino Gregorio, Past Chairman Bruce Wendorf, Vice Chairman Kara Habrock, Secretary Jeff Rumer, Treasurer Bill Hillman, Assistant Secretary & CEO Ryan Schmitt

Board of Directors

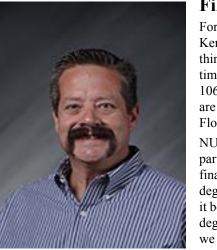
Kari Biernacki Dan Hernandez Fred Chesney Jason Clark **Bill Martinak** Mark Reisinger Kevin Cripps Kurt Youngs Rick Davis Yvonne Bland Mike Donatelli Roger B. Mohr Mark Fuglevand Helen Prince

Contents

Memorial Fishing Tournament	15
What's on Tap for the 2015 Legislative	
Session?	20
SUCA General Membership Dinner	23
NUCA of Central Florida Spring Golf	
Tournament	25
Meet David Wirth, P.E	27
SUCA 2015 Officers & Directors	28
Meet Mr. Wayne Jensen	29
SUCA Golf Tournament Flyer	30
NUCA of Southwest Florida News	34
Governor Rick Scott Appoints Four to	
Florida Building Commission	34
Industry Unhappy With Proposed Pipelir	ne
Mapping Data Requirements	35
Cruz Next House Democratic Leader	35
Did You Know?	35
Sunshine 811 2015 Safe Digging Month	35
Duval Town Hall Meeting	38
NUCA of Northwest Florida News	41
PAC Donation Form	43
We Need Cover Photos!	45
Scholarship Registration	45

Advertisers

President's Message



Filet, Caribbean Lobster, Creamed Spinach

Forgive the opening statement that was just to get your attention. I just finished reading Bruce Kershner's Pre-session legislative report, Man, am glad to be a member of NUCA of Florida, to think as a individual, as a project manager, as an executive, as a business owner, one would have time to effectively manage a construction company and support their family and keep up with 1066 bills that have been filed for the 2015 Legislative Session would be a daunting task. There are over a dozen bills that will directly affect the Utility and Excavation Industry and NUCA of Florida is working them to benefit you.

NUCA is a volunteer, non-profit association, and for NUCA to have our backs, we need your participation, phone calls, emails, letters, walking the halls (legislative days), involvement and financial support. I was given a book by a fellow ditch digger a few years back, "212 the extra degree", it's simple statement about a natural law...at 211 degrees water is hot, at 212 degrees, it boils. And with boiling water comes steam. And steam can power a locomotive. The one extra degree... makes all the difference. Turn your participation in NUCA of Florida up one degree; we have a lot to accomplish.

Professional golf tournaments are comprised of four rounds of 18 holes played over a four day period (72 holes total). There are four major tournaments each year- The U.S. Open, The British Open, The PGA Championship, and the Masters. The average margin of victory for the last 25 years in ALL tournaments combined was less than three strokes-less than a one-stroke difference per day. For the last five years the winner across all tournaments took home an average of 76% more in prize dollars than the second place finisher.

Seemingly small things can make a tremendous difference.

Sincerely,

Lauren C. Atwell



Register NUCA of Florida's 2015 Legislative Days

Success is Built **On Partnership**

We are your partner in building the success of your projects. From the earliest planning stages to the final accounting, we bring all of our know-how-as well as products, supplies and services—to your success story. Local HD Supply, WATERWORKS experts will help to speed the process and smooth the challenges as only a veteran of the business can do. More importantly, with our vast inventory and our reputation for creating success, we can deliver something very rare in this business: peace of mind.

> "So, let's begin building the foundation for your next success story this afternoon.... and you will sleep better tonight."

FLORIDA BRANCHES

Ft. Myers	239-334-1997
Ft. Pierce	772-466-5955
International	561-840-6855
Jacksonville	904-268-7007
Miami	786-573-3401
Miami Irrigation	305-468-1475
Ocala	352-351-8144
Oakland Park	954-772-7343
Orlando	407-291-1545

Pensacola	850-478-6372
Riviera Beach	561-848-4396
Sarasota	941-364-8909
Tallahassee	850-576-3617
Tampa	813-623-3343
Treatment Plant	813-621-1971
W. Palm Beach Irrigation	561-640-2941
Wildwood	352-748-7473

Local Knowledge Local Experience Local Service, Nationwide®





Proud Corporate Sponsor

www.hdswaterworks.com

24 Hour Emergency Service **Online Services**

NUCA Calendar of Events

March 24-26	NUCA 2015 Convention Ft. Lauderdale, FL
May 18-22	Washington Summit Washington DC
June 15-19	Train-the-Trainer Coppell, TX
September 27-29	Safety Trainers Forum Atlanta, GA

NUCA of Florida Calendar of Events

March 23	Board Meeting Hyatt Regency Pier 66, Fort Lauderdale, FL
March 24-26	NUCA National Annual Convention Hyatt Regency Pier 66, Fort Lauderdale, FL
April 7	Legislative Days Welcome Reception Tallahassee, FL
April 8	Legislative Days Tallahassee, FL
July 30 - August 1	NUCA of Florida Annual Conference Vinoy Renaissance - St Petersburg, FL

NUCA of South Florida Calendar of Events

March 9	Joint Dinner Meeting with AGC/ECA Sofitel Hotel, Miami - 6:00 PM
June 4-7	36th Annual UCA Dolphin Fishing Tournament Ocean Reef Club, Key Largo

NUCA of Southwest Florida Calendar of Events

April 17	Membership Fun Cruise
May 1	Scholarship Golf Tournament
July 2	Scholarship Awards Dinner & Membership Meeting
September 18-19	Annual Fishing Tournament
December 5	Holiday Party & Installation of 2016 Officers & Directors

NUCA of North Florida Calendar of Events

March 10	Executive Committee Meeting
March 19	Board & General Meeting
March 23	NUCA of Florida Board Meeting
March 24-26	NUCA Convention
April 7-8	NUCA of Florida Legislative Days
April 6	NUCANF Golf Tournament St. Johns Golf & Country Club
April 13	Golf Tournament
May 12	Executive Committee Meeting
May 14	NUCA of North Florida Board Meeting
	Jacksonville Suns Baseball
May 19-21	Washington Summit

NUCA of Central Florida Calendar of Events

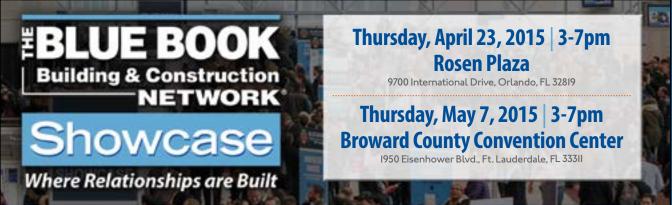
March 23	Board of Directors Meeting Volusia County
April 17	Spring Golf Tournament Duran Golf Club, Viera, FL
April 20	Board of Directors Meeting Dixie Crossroads Restaurant
May 18	Board of Directors Meeting Orlando
May 29	Auction & Barbecue Brevard Zoo, Melbourne
July 20	Board of Directors Meeting Dixie Crossroads Restaurant
August 14	Friends & Family Weekend Vero Beach Hotel & Spa
September 21	Board of Directors Meeting Volusia County
October 2	Fall Golf Tournament
November 16	Board of Directors/Planning Meeting Orlando
December 4	Christmas Party

SUCA Calendar of Events

March 5	Riverhouse Dinner Meeting
April 2	Westchase Golf Club Live Action
April 3	Westchase Golf Club Spring Scholarship Tournament
April 17	Ring Power, OSHA Alliance Signing Ceremony
May 14	Blue Martini Mixer
May 30	Super Queen Family Fishing Charter
June 4	Scholarship Night The Columbia
June 6	Confined Space Training
June 13	Beach Day The Getaway
July 17	Roundtable The Columbia
August 6	SUCA Showcase
September 18	Fish Fry Al Lopez Park
October 24	Clay Shoot Tampa Bay Sporting Clays
December 4	Holiday Installation Banquet Tampa Bay History Center

Business Card Ads Your card could be here! **Contact us** for more information.





The Best Way to Build Relationships...and Your Business.

Join us for our eleventh annual **Blue Book Network Showcase**, taking place in two Florida locations this Spring! The Blue Book Network Showcase is the best way to connect with the local construction community.

GCs/Owners/Architects/Facility & Property Managers!

Come meet and qualify local subcontractors and suppliers in person and make sure you meet the right people and get the most competitive bids for your next job.

- Hundreds of qualified companies, spanning all trades, including MWBE contractors
- Free Exhibit Space and Table

Subcontractors/Suppliers/Manufacturers!

There is no better way for you to put yourself in front of opportunity than attending this free networking event!

- Meet face-to-face with new and existing customers
- Market your company to decision-makers
- Learn about upcoming projects that require your trade
 or products

Visit thebluebook.com/showcase or call 800-431-2584 for more information or to register.



NUCA of Florida Annual Conference Registration Renaissance Vinoy St. Petersburg, Florida July 30- August 1, 2015

Name:	Phone:	
Company:		
Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
Registration:		
NUCA of Florida Member:		Non-Member:
Early-bird Registration- \$425	□ After June 1, 2015- \$450	□ Registration- \$450
Sponsorship:		
□ "Jackpot"- \$5,000 □ "Ful	ll House"- \$3,000	
□ "High Roller"- \$1,500 □ "Flu	ısh"- \$500	□ "Straight"\$250
Total: \$		
I will attend the following events:		
Thursday, July 30, 2015	Friday, July 31, 2015	Saturday, August 1, 2015
 Executive Committee Meeting PAC Meeting Cocktail Reception 	 Board Meeting Breakfast Board Members Only Construction Industry Forum Awards Lunch 	 Half-Day Fishing Excursion (\$10/person) Number of Attendees in your party Scholarship Winner Reception Casino Night & Dinner
I would like to donate to the raffle/silen	t auction:	Raffle Cash Contribution
If yes, list the item(s) here:		

PAYMENT INFORMATION

□ Mail Check payable to NUCA of Florida, along with this registration form to:

NUCA of Florida 113 East College Avenue, Suite 200 Tallahassee, Florida 32301

□ **Invoice** (sent via email)

Credit Card

Cancellations and requests for refunds must be sent via email to Sydney Phillips at sphillips@wilsonmgmt.com prior to June 30, 2015. Refunds will be subject to an administrative fee of \$50. No refunds will be issued after June 30, 2015.

*If you have special dietary restrictions or allergies, please contact Sydney at (850) 514-5183 or sphillips@wilsonmgmt.com.



Sponsor Benefits

\$5,000- "Jackpot"

- Company name appears on all flyers/registration forms
- Prominent logo display throughout conference events/brochure
- Profile of your firm included in the conference program (*deadlines apply)
- Sponsor ribbon added to name tags for all registered employee/guests of "Jackpot" Sponsors
- One reserved table at the Friday or Saturday night dinner
- 12 months of full-page advertisements in Ditchmen magazine
- Live company introduction at Saturday night dinner
- One full registration and one full spouse registration at the conference
- Booth at Contractor's Day
- Attendance at all breakout sessions during Contractor's Day
- Company name listed on the NUCA of Florida Website as a "Jackpot" Sponsor

\$3,000- "High Roller"

- Company name appears on all flyers/registration forms
- Company's logo on pull-up banner provided by NUCA of Florida
- Logo on sponsor signage throughout event
- Company logo displayed on "Sponsors Page" in the NUCA of Florida Ditchmen for 6 months after the conference
- Profile of your firm included in the conference program (*deadlines apply)
- Sponsor ribbon added to name tags for all registered employee/guests of 'High Roller' Sponsors
- One reserved table at the Friday or Saturday night dinners

\$1,500- "Full House"

- Sponsor signage at Friday and Saturday night dinners/events
- Company logo displayed on "Sponsors Page" in the NUCA of Florida Ditchmen for 6 months after the conference
- Included in conference brochure/program as "Full House" Sponsor

\$500- "Flush"

- Company logo displayed on "Sponsors Page" in the NUCA of Florida Ditchmen for 6 months after the conference
- Sponsor signage at conference and included in conference brochure as a "Nickel" Sponsor

\$100 to \$250- "Straight"

• Name displayed on Sponsor board at registration desk

	NUCA et Florida Annual Comference Nur 30 August 1 St. Petersburg. Florida
<u>Sponso</u>	r Registration Form
 "Jackpot" Sponsor- \$5,000 "High Roller" Sponsor- \$3,000 "Full House" Sponsor- \$1,500 	"Flush" Sponsor- \$500"Straight" Sponsor- \$250
Company Name:	
Email Address:	
Payment Method	
Name on Card Card Number	
Expiration Date	
CVC Code	Charle mail to
Billing Address	NUCA of Florida 113 East College Avenue Suite 200 Tallabassee, FL 32301
Same as above	



NUCA of Florida Construction Industry Forum Registration Form Friday, July 30, 2015

Name:	Phone:
Company:	_Fax:
Address:	Email:
City, State, Zip:	

I would like to register for a tabletop display at the Construction Industry Forum and attend the breakout sessions. Fees below include one 8' table with table cloth, two chairs, and a waste basket.

Construction Industry Forum Vendor- \$500.00

Reduced vendor fees for Conference Sponsors (please see sponsors registration form for sponsor levels):

□ "Jackpot" Sponsor- Complimentary

□ "Full House" Sponsor- \$200.00

□ "High Roller" Sponsor- \$300.00

Brief description of the products/services to be displayed:

Please register the following individuals to man the tabletop and attend the Construction Industry Forum:

Name:	Name:	

* Please note that all booth attendants must be registered as Conference Attendees.

Payment Information for Vendors Only:

□ Mail **Check** payable to NUCA of Florida, along with this registration form to:

NUCA of Florida/Registration, 113 E. College Avenue, Suite 200 Tallahassee, Florida 32301

□ **Invoice** (sent via email)

Credit Card

A Perspective on SB 562 by Senator Wilton Simpson, Chair of Senate Community Affairs

As history has so often shown, government programs, once created, can be very difficult to terminate, no matter how costly, ineffective, or duplicative they may be. The Development of Regional Impact (DRI) program, originally enacted as an interim growth management measure intended to be replaced by comprehensive planning and permitting programs, is one such program. The DRI program has tenaciously clung to life despite repeated attempts to eliminate it, never mind that those intended successor programs were enacted long ago. Since 1980, five blue ribbon commissions have examined Florida's growth management scheme and each commission issued an increasingly strong recommendation that the DRI program be scaled back, culminating in the Growth Management Study Commission's (2001) opinion that the program should be completely repealed and replaced. Let's examine the comprehensive planning program and the DRI program and see why.

Almost thirty years ago, the Florida Legislature passed the landmark Growth Management Act of 1985, which required every city and county to create a "blueprint" or comprehensive plan for growth. This plan maps out future roads, neighborhoods, parks, schools, commercial and industrial centers, and water and sewer facilities. New development must either conform to the existing comprehensive plan or seek an amendment to the plan. State law requires three public hearings to be held during the comprehensive plan amendment process (one before the local planning board and two before the city or county commission) and provides two opportunities for state agencies, regional planning councils, and neighboring local governments to review the proposed plan amendment and voice any concerns, including concerns about extra-jurisdictional impacts and impacts on significant regional resources or facilities.

The DRI program creates another layer of bureaucracy on top of the comprehensive planning program to look at the exact same issues. However, the DRI program is controlled by a regional planning council rather than the permitting local government, moves at a much slower pace, and only results in an advisory recommendation - a recommendation that the host local government has legal authority to completely ignore. The DRI program selects projects for this additional review by coupling very specific (and arbitrary) statutory and administrative thresholds with an ever-expanding list of statutory exemptions. For example, under current law 243 cities and eight large counties are exempted from the DRI process. Contrary to the conventional wisdom, the DRI program may actually worsen environmental problems. Developers, anxious to avoid bureaucratic red tape and costly delays, plan their projects to slide just under the statutory thresholds, leading to a proliferation of smaller, uncoordinated developments spread over a larger area, rather than one, dense development that would encourage internal vehicle trip capture. Furthermore, some of the project types targeted by the DRI program are exactly those projects best able to combat urban sprawl, including mixed-use, transit-oriented developments.

Defenders of the DRI program claim that it provides the only venue for neighboring jurisdictions to raise their concerns about extrajurisdictional impacts. But that is not true. As discussed above, the comprehensive plan amendment process provides opportunities for adjoining local governments, the regional planning council, and state agencies to raise their concerns to both the host local government and later to the state land planning agency. In addition, current law, outside and unaffected by the DRI statute, requires every local government to have adopted an Intergovernmental Coordination Element (ICE) into its comprehensive plan. Through their adopted ICE, local governments are required to consider the effects of development that they permit "upon the development of adjacent municipalities, the county, and adjacent counties." The ICE is required to provide procedures for identifying and implementing joint planning areas and provide for a dispute resolution process for bringing intergovernmental disputes to closure in a timely manner. Importantly, the ICE also mandates that local governments formalize interlocal agreements with each other. These agreements are designed to lay out how the local governments will mutually address the extra-jurisdictional impacts of development.

Finally, transferring the review of comprehensive plan amendments related to DRI-sized projects from the Expedited State Review Process to the State Coordinated Review Process provides for a more lengthy and thorough review period. It requires the state land planning agency to coordinate the various agency reviews and comments and to issue a formal written report to the host local government. This is the same process that other comprehensive plan amendments related to large scale developments (such as sector plans and rural land stewardship areas) are required to undergo, and provides a more appropriate level of review for DRI-sized projects.

In sum, my proposal promotes anti-sprawl development, maintains environmental safeguards, and eliminates duplicative bureaucratic reviews by eliminating the DRI program and transferring review of DRI-sized projects to the more comprehensive State Coordinated Review Process. Eliminating the DRI review process will avoid costly delays and remove regulatory barriers that discourage projects most likely to apply smart growth policies. Under current law, DRI-sized projects must first undergo the DRI review process, then the comprehensive plan amendment process, and finally the permitting process. Growth is going to occur in Florida, and the Legislature is committed to ensuring a system exists to promote growth in a rational and well-designed manner, which protects the environment. I hope the other members of the Legislature and the Governor support me in eliminating this unnecessary and burdensome program.



2015 NUCA FL/ Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Fishing Tournament

The 15th Annual Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Bass Fishing Tournament returned to Big Toho Marina Febru-

ary 19-22, 2015. A Captain's Meeting and dinner too place on Thursday to kickoff the tournament and review the rules. It was held at the Kissimmee Chamber of Commerce where anglers enjoyed Sonny's BBQ and good times with old friends.

On Friday the anglers kicked off the first day of fishing bright and early with temperatures hovering just below freezing. Teams trickled in to the marina for weigh-

in between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. As the last few teams brought in their five largest fish of the day, others relaxed in the warm sun and shared their adventures from the first day.

After the weights were tallied, the fishermen were shuttled to a local pub for darts, pool, wings, and beer.

Teams rose early for day two on the water. With slightly warmer temperatures, they set out to reel in more bass. As 3:00 p.m. drew near the teams rushed to the marina to meet the weigh-in deadline. The final fish were weighed and the top two teams for the guided category were separated by less than one ounce! The unguided teams were also pre-

sented trophies and the Big Fish winners were announced. Drawings for Door Prizes and the 50/50 Raffle followed the awards presentation and 34 anglers began their travels toward home rehearsing their tales about "the one that got away."





Guided Boats

First Place Team 9: Precision Pipe & Products Gilmer Nelson Bobby Wakefield Guide: Justen Moore <u>Second Place</u> Team 12: HD Supply Waterworks Don Webster Paul Hundley Guide: Joe Ventrello <u>Big Fish</u> Paul Hundley– 7.98 pounds



The anglers gather around the scoreboard on Day One.



Team 9 struggles against 27 pounds of live bass.

Unguided

First Place

Team 13: Dickerson Florida, Inc. Rick Forlifer John Pluswick Moe Madrigal Second Place

Team 10: U.S. Concrete Products Greg Wolf Curt Parcells Steve Parcells

> Big Fish Team 13– 4.94 pounds



2015 Fishing Tournament Sponsors

Platinum Sponsor Patronas Marble and Granite

> **Trophy Sponsor** Ferguson Waterworks

Weigh-In Sponsors HD Supply Waterworks • Linder Industrial Machinery U.S. Concrete Products Corp. • Utility Service Co.

Captain's Dinner Sponsors

The Friends & Family of Andy Johnson • Johnson-Davis, Inc.

Angler Dinner Sponsors

D.S. Eakins • Palmdale Oil

Major Sponsors

Burck Oil Company • Centerline Utilities • Community Asphalt Contech Engineered Solutions • Denise & Bob Hopler
Forsberg Construction • GrayRobinson • Hubbard Construction
J.W. Cheatham • Keefe, McCullough & Co. • Kelly Tractor
Liberty Mutual Surety • Madsen-Barr Corp.
Michael B. Schorah & Associates • Palm Beach Aggregates
Pathway Enterprises • Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors
Rinker Materials • Rockline Vac Systems
Rosso Site Development • Sullivan Brothers • Trio Development Corp.
UCA of South Florida • Wakefield Road Boring • Weekes & Callaway

General Sponsors

Belvedere Contracting • Bernie & Carla Vito • CROCS, LLC C & M Road Building • Efficiency Shoring & Supply Florida Coast Equipment • Flygt, a Xylem Brand Fortline Waterworks • H & R of Belle Glade, Inc. • Jeffery & Edit Dick John Woody, Inc. • Krause Industries • Murray Logan Construction NUCA of Central Florida • Precision Pipe & Products Rangeline Tapping Services • Ranger Construction Industries R & D Paving • Rio-Bak Corporation Tommy McCabe • Wes William/Aon

Fishing Tournament Weights

		•		<u> </u>	
Team		Day 1	Day 2	Total	
1	Steve Bails	16.64	5.80	22.44	
	Niki Bails				
	Cameron Wolf				
2	John Barr	8.16	17.92	26.08	
	Paty Barr				
3	Leonard Dennis	8.35	17.43	25.78	
	Tony Sabatino				
4	Scott Johnson	19.98	21.79	41.77	
	Bill Michalsky				
	John Morris				
5	Walter Pfaffenberger	15.18	14.85	30.03	
	Bernie Vito				
6	Brad Bamman	17.42	19.63	37.05	
	David Rauer				
7	Clark Cryer	11.32	24.06	35.38	
	Edric Martin/Joe Bagford				
	Bob Hopler				
8	John Fernandez	20.19	19.87	40.06	
	Chuck Cameron				
9	Gilmer Nelson	27.35	23.58	50.93	
	Bobby Wakefield				
11	Walt Gainer	13.31	7.37	20.68	
	Carl Gainer				
12	Don Webster	22.19	28.69	50.88	
	Paul Hundley				
Unguided					
10	Curt Parcells	6.24	14.14	20.38	
	BillParcells				
	Greg Wolf				
13	Rick Forlifer	13.82	16.59	30.41	
	John Pluswick				
	Moe Madrigal				
15	Nick Patronas	12.46	_	12.46	
	Chris Patronas				
	Alan Beveridge				



Niki Bails reeled in a Big Fish on day one with a bass totaling 6 pounds and 5 ounces!

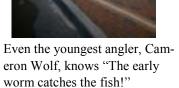


First Place– Guided: Precision Pipe & Products Bobby Wakefield & Gilmer Nelson











Anglers catch up before the Captain's Meeting begins.



Second Place– Guided: HD Supply Waterworks Don Webster & Paul Hundley



You should see the one that got away!



1st Place– Unguided **AND** Big Fish went to Team 13: Rick Forlifer (left), Moe Madrigal (right), and John Pluswick (not pictured).





Brothers and tournament veterans, Carl & Walt Gainer, chat with guide Justen Moore about the day's catch!



waits patiently for his team's two-day total.

Rick Forlifer

Tournament Chairman, Clark Cryer, shows off the day's catch with teammates Joe Bagford and Bob Hopler.

The anglers needed some sunshine after the freezing temperatures on the first day.



Team 6: Brad Bamman and David Rauer.





Paty Barr

collects her door prize—

a \$25 Bone-

fish Grill gift card.

Edric Martin and Clark Cryer with a couple of fish from day one.



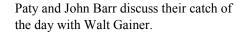


Generous sponsors were recognized throughout the weekend on banners, t-shirts, and in brochures.





Alan from Team 15 waits to see the scores on day one!



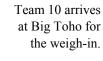


Curt Parcells recaps Team 10's first day on the water.





John Pluswick and Moe Madrigal show off their impressive catch.





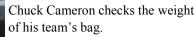
Steve and Niki Bails pause for a photo op.





Anglers gather as teams bring in their haul for the day.

Former Chairman, Scott Johnson, and his teammate, Bill Michalsky make their way to the weigh-in.





Walter Pfaffenberger gathers some of the anglers for a game of pool.



John Fernandez keeps warm while waiting for the other teams to weigh-in.





What's on Tap for the 2015 Legislative Session?

The Political Landscape

With the 2014 elections a distant memory, we now turn our attention to the 2015 Legislative Session. The political landscape in Tallahassee, for the most part, stayed unchanged with the elections. Governor Scott pulled out a victory over former Governor Crist, and all of the Cabinet posts remained the same with incumbents winning easily. The House Republicans picked up six new seats, giving them a super majority, while the Senate maintained status quo.

Senate President Andy Gardiner and House Speaker Steve Crisafulli, two central Florida legislators, will guide their respective chambers for the next two years. They will face several major issues during the 2015 Legislative Session including approval of the annual state budget, the only bill the legislature is required to pass each year.

Major Statewide Issues for Session

Major issues that will consume a huge amount of the legislature's time and attention include:

- Implementation of Amendment 1 The amendment, which directs 33 percent of the proceeds from a real-estate tax to land and water projects, is expected to provide \$757 million for the efforts during the fiscal year that starts July 1.
- **Medical Marijuana** The issue is whether to pass additional legislation in an attempt to head off another ballot initiative in 2016. Meanwhile, rules to implement last year's limited medical marijuana legislation remain controversial and have yet to be finalized.
- **Gaming** Time is running out for the Governor and Seminole Tribe of Florida to renegotiate the existing 5-year agreement that gave them exclusive rights to blackjack and other table games. In addition, the legislative debate continues as resort casinos look for state approval and the state's faltering horse tracks, dog tracks and jai-alai frontons seek approval of table games and a decrease in their 35-percent slot tax.

NUCA of Florida 2015 Legislative Issues

Construction Lien Law

No bills have been filed as yet and we are not expecting one to be filed. This is an issue that if brought forward, will most likely be by an amendment in the latter part of Session when deals are cut and emotions run high. Representative Richard Corcoran believes that lien rights of non-privity lienors should be ELIMINATED for all work on primary residential properties [homestead or intended homestead properties]. The construction industry functions on a credit-based system. Without it, every general, residential and building contractor would have to have the financial ability to finance all of their ongoing projects themselves. In short, without the current credit scheme which relies upon the construction lien law as an additional remedy if payment is not made, many contractors would simply be unable to compete and do business.

Implementation of Amendment 1

The amendment, which directs 33 percent of the proceeds from a real-estate tax to land and water projects, is expected to provide \$757 million for the efforts during the fiscal year that starts July 1 Some of the money from this initiative could go towards fixing the state's crumbling infrastructure. Several legislators, including House Speaker Steve Crisafulli, have gone on record supporting the use of the funding for this purpose. Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam recently said that a portion of Amendment 1 funds would be better spent on improving municipal water and waste-water systems in some areas. The House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee has posted on its webpage a summary list of 475 requested water projects from across the state.

Local Government Construction Preferences

HB 113 by Perry/SB 778 by Hays



This legislation prohibits local ordinances and regulations that give preference points to local contractors over other qualified Florida contractors if 20% or more of the funding comes from the state. It requires local government entities to disclose the percentage of state dollars funding the project in the bid documents.

Public-Private Partnerships/Accompanying Public Records Exemption

HB 63 and HB 65 by Steube/SB 824 and SB 826 by Evers

Florida adopted uniform requirements for "Public-Private Partnerships" in 2013. The statute defines and generally lists opportunities where a PPP is appropriate. These bills would further expand those requirements to the State University System and adopt many of the technical recommendations made by the PPP Study Commission. The accompanying public records bills create a public records exemption for the submission of an unsolicited proposal.

Public Records Requirements for State Contractors

HB 163 by Beshears/SB 224 by Simpson

Florida law subjects anyone contracting with a governmental entity to be subject to the public records law requirements. This was not a big problem until some South Florida law firms decided to make it their business to serve public records requests on contractors – basically a fishing expedition which causes a substantial hardship on the contractor to produce records. This legislation would put some reasonable requirements in this process requiring all contracts to identify the public records custodian for the governmental entity and then requiring all requests for public records to go through that custodian to the contractor and allowing the contractor a "reasonable period of time" to produce the necessary documentation.

Public Works - Workforce Requirements - Prohibition of Project Labor Agreements

HB 527 by Van Zant/SB 934 by Brandes

These bills prohibit governmental entities from requiring contractors to hire union labor in order to bid, be awarded a contract or perform a contract. This is another long fought issue that is always controversial.

Weekly Reports

Look for my weekly Legislative Reports "From the Halls of the Capitol" where I will keep track of issues important to NUCA of Florida members.





More buyers from more places. Better results when you sell.

A buyer from Saudi Arabia crosses the ocean—and buys seven machines. A contractor from Western Canada goes home with an excavator. An online buyer in Germany picks up three dozers.

See the full story from our Feb 2014 auction at rbauction.com/Orlando

Every February, Ritchie Bros. hosts the premier global auction in Orlando, attracting thousands of competing buyers from around the world, in person and online.

Join hundreds of other successful companies — and sell to the world.



If you plan to sell equipment or trucks in 2015, call 863.420.9919 today and sell to the world.

rbauction.com/Orlando



General Membership Dinner Meeting

Location: Riverhouse Reef & Grill

995 Riverside Drive

Palmetto, FL 34221

Date: Thursday, March 5th, 2015

Time: 6:00 pm Cocktails, 7:00 pm Dinner

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Topic:Future Infrastructure plans for utilitiesin Sarasota County.

RSVP by: February 27th, 2015

*Advanced Reservations required. No shows and late Cancellations will be billed.



Please join us for an exciting evening with a great speaker, Sarasota County Commissioner Alan Maio, District 4

Suncoast Utility Contractors Association P.O. Box 21424 Tampa, FL 33622 PH: 727-600-7158 tmannix@suca.org www.suca.org





PAC chair Tony Zebouni delivers NUCA FL PAC check to Rep. Fullwood.

Please join us for our NUCA of Central Florida's Spring Golf Tournament.



Florida's Exceptional Golf Experience

This year's event will be held on Friday, April 17th at the beautiful Duran Golf Club in Viera. This will be a great event at an exceptional golf course. The registration fee of \$95.00 includes: Driving range warm-up, greens fee, cart, lunch, door prizes, prizes for the longest drive & closest to the pin, hole-in-one prize, as well as awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners.

Sponsorship opportunities are available at a wide range of levels. Please call or email the NUCA of Central Florida office for more information.

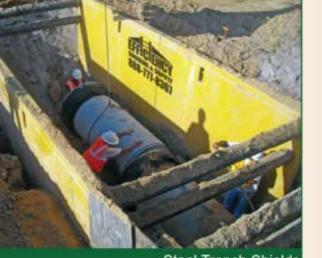
On February 21st employees of several companies successfully completed a Competent Person training class. All our members are encouraged to contact us for assistance with scheduling of training classes.

Membership Social

Our chapter is partnering with FTBA for a Membership Social on **Thursday, March 19, 2015** – from **5-7 pm** at *Miller's Ale House* in Winter Park. Members and guests are invited to relax and enjoy the evening with us! This is an excellent opportunity to network in a casual, fun atmosphere. **Please RSVP to reserve your space at this event.**

EFFICIENCY SHORING & SUPPL Factory-Direct Sales & Rentals





Steel Trench Shields

Slide Rail System













ORLANDO 11128 Boggy Creek Rd Orlando, FL 32824 Office: 407-854-9949 Fax: 407-854-9917



TAMPA 7532 Malta Lane Tampa, FL 33637 Office: 813-248-2495 Fax: 813-248-2489







www.efficiencyshoring.com





MEET DAVID WIRTH, P.E., DALLAS 1 CORPORATION

Tell me a little bit about yourself.

I grew up here in Tampa and outside of four and a half years in Gainesville (the fifth football season was with sheer determination that Zook could turn things around) and a couple in Ft. Myers, I've lived here all my life. When we're not working, my wife and I enjoy traveling and spending time with our two dogs.

What was your first job?

At 16, I started working at a Butcher shop a couple miles from my house. The majority of my duties revolved around cleaning, but from time to time, I was able help customers and, while the prime cuts were trusted to more experienced staff, I learned how to cut some of the less expensive meat. To this day, I can still debone an entire chicken and leave it in one piece. I learned three things from that experience. First and foremost, the meat saw is not a toy. Secondly, one can save a significant amount of money by buying whole cuts. But probably the most important aspect was a deep respect for those who earned a living with their hands and the value of a hard day's work.

What keeps you in Utility Contracting?

It's the people. I've worked on both the municipal and engineering side of utility construction and it's just not the same. I'm lucky to work with some of the best people in the industry. They're not just good at what they do, they're good people.

What excites you about the future of this industry?

As we rebound from a tumultuous economic period, most indicators are looking up. There is an influx of local development and backlogs are increasing across the board. The foreseeable future shows substantial promise.

What worries you?

Our political climate. There is a negative, problem focused, atmosphere that seems to have permeated our system. SUCA, NUCA of Florida, and NUCA National provide an outstanding educational vehicle and platform to make your voice heard in Washington, Tallahassee, and here at home. Our organization provides a fantastic opportunity to meet face to face with legislators and make your voice heard.

Now that you've completed your term as SUCA chair, what are you going to do with all that free time?

It's definitely been a busy couple of years, but I would not have traded it for anything. I'll always cherish the experiences I've had, the challenges we've overcome, and the relationships I've made. Going forward, I look to further utilize my engineering license by expanding Dallas 1's in house design-build capabilities and by offering freelance construction engineering services. I've recently started Construction Service Engineering, LLC to provide engineered MOT, Dewatering, HDD, and SWPPP plans to contractors throughout the state.



2015 Slate of Officers & Directors

Congratulations and a big thank you to our 2015 Board of Directors. We are very fortunate to have such a strong voice for our industry.

Executive Board

Chairman: Thomas Butler, Pepper Contracting Services Vice Chairman: Penny Danielecki, Technical Sales Corporation Treasurer: Tim Carmichael, Associated Construction Products Secretary: Kevin McLaughlin, Rowland Inc.

Immediate Past Chairman: David Wirth, P.E., Dallas 1 Construction

Contractor Directors

Charles Bass, Team Fishel Justin Berglund, David Nelson Construction Scott Huber, E.T. MacKenzie of Florida Casey Pieczonka, JTV, Incorporated Scott Smith, Pospiech Contracting Scott Williams, Ajax Paving Industries of Florida

Associate Directors

Bill Cammann, Lanier Upshaw Kevin Chandler, Efficiency Shoring & Supply Hilary Flint Morgan, McRae & Metcalf, P.A. Curt Hinson, HD Supply Waterworks Wayne Jensen, Stahl & Associates Insurance Darryl Kehoe, Ring Power Corp. Shawn Mason, Hayes Pipe Supply, Inc. Wally Quigg, Ferguson Waterworks, Inc.





How long have you lived in Florida

I was born in Winterhaven, Florida and grew up in St. Petersburg. College at the University of Florida took me away from Tampa Bay for a while as did the Marine Corps at the tail end of the Vietnam war. I was one of the lucky ones that never had to serve in Vietnam. I worked on radio systems for jet fighters for the Marine Corps mostly in Florida, Jacksonville.

What interest you about the Underground Utility Industry

I started my own small business right out of college doing heavy equipment operations but wanted big company experience so I decided that highway/heavy utility construction was the next step for that experience. I started out with CE Pierce then to Azzarelli Construction, Dallas 1, S&E Contractors and Overstreet Paving. I started serving SUCA when I was with Dallas 1 and S&E Contractors. I was also fortunate to have the opportunity to serve on the NUCA Board and made it to Treasurer in the progression to serving as President. A turn of events to become a "safety consultant" with FMI Corporation took me out of the industry but gave me the opportunity to serve many contractors across the country with their safety issues.

The safety consulting led me to a

MEET Mr. Wayne Jensen

powerline construction company named Red Simpson headquartered in Alexandria, LA. We did a major amount of underground construction so I remained in the industry. The powerline industry was amazing but the needs and challenges to preserve life were great. I was very fortunate to lead a team of people to take a company of some 2,000 employees from one of the worst safety records in the industry to one of the best in about 3 years. The owner and senior management team asked for vision as to how to protect the lives of their people and were willing to risk losing the business if that was what it took to stop the dying. I can't begin to tell you how it felt to work with a management team that would give away all they had accomplished in terms of monetary gains if it would save even one life. Like so many very successful businesses they thought that a dedication to working 100% safe instead of working as "safe as you can" would literally put them out of business. Of course, the dedication to working 100% safe-no matter the consequence was the ingredient to success in both safety AND profitability. We made the company so attractive that we got acquired by Pike Electric. I was fortunate in the acquisition to be kept on as the Director of Safety for the entire company over about 8,000 employees.

I learned in the underground utility industry first hand that it is possible to go millions of man-hours without loss time injuries in very treacherous businesses and remain profitable. I learned that there is nothing more magical than leading organizations to huge financial success



with nobody getting hurt.

What is your favorite book

Good to Great by Jim Collins. I bought copies of this book for everyone on the management and safety team at Red Simpson. Jim Collins shares great vision of how to take a Good business and make it Great. Vision is indeed the key to building on existing business success. I encourage everybody to build on the tenets found in this book

What are your hobbies

I love photography. I was particularly happy to see Theresa use my photography of the last fishing trip in her advertising for this year's fishing trip. I was more interested in the camera than the fish. I grew up as a fisherman with my Dad out of John's Pass in Madeira Beach. Every summer from the time I was 11 until I was 18 I was the "1st Mate" and only mate with my Dad. We spent 5 days at a time about a 100 miles offshore fishing. We carried out about 4000 lbs. of ice and usually brought back 5,000 pounds of snapper and grouper. We got 10 cents per pound for grouper and 25 cents per pound for snapper. I got paid a penny a pound for my services. \$50 was big money for me in that day. I have caught more fish than most people in 10 lifetimes.

I also like antique farm tractors and show them each year at "Pioneer Park Days" in Zolfo Springs in March. I have a 1905 5 hp Jumbo hit and miss engine that weighs about 400 pounds and a 1936 Model B John Deere tractor



2015 Sawyer Memorial Spring Scholarship Golf Tournament

HOSTED BY Westchase Golf Club 11602 Westchase Golf Drive Tampa, FL 33626

Friday – April 3rd, 2015 Tournament Thursday – April 2nd, 2015 Membership Dinner & Live Auction

Proceeds Benefit the Sawyer Memorial Scholarship Awards Program





2015 Sawyer Memorial Spring Scholarship Golf Tournament

Westchase Golf Club

11602 Westchase Golf Drive Tampa, FL 33626 Friday, April 3rd, 2015 7:00 a.m. Check in & Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

<u>\$40 Mulligan Team Ball (Optional):</u>

* Team ball can be used anywhere on fairway * Use it until you lose it or bring it back at end of tournament and submit in raffle to win a free round of golf!

\$100 Registration Fee Includes:

- * Golf Goodie Bag
- * Cart, Greens Fee and Range Balls
- * Bloody Marys & Draft Beer
- * Breakfast and BBQ Lunch Buffet

<u>\$20 Survival Pack (Optional):</u>

- * Prize Raffle Ticket
- * One Tee Off from Ladies' Tee
- * One Mulligan Good on Front 9
- * One Mulligan Good on Back 9

A portion of the proceeds of this tournament benefit SUCA's Scholarship Fund. SUCA's scholarship program has been in place since 1989 and has awarded over **<u>\$112,000</u>** to the children of SUCA members. It is through your participation in our annual golf tournament that SUCA is able to continue our scholarship program.

REGISTRATION FORM

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____ for the following:

Name of Golfer	Company Name	Optional Mulligan Ball and/or Survival Pack
0.0.7/1		

Non-Golfer Lunch Reservation	\$25.00 Per Person
1.	2.

Name of Person Completing Form Company Email or Phone #

RESERVATIONS FILLED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS NO-SHOWS AND LATE CANCELLATIONS WILL BE BILLED.

Please return this reservation form with credit card auth form or check made payable to: Suncoast Utility Contractors Association, P.O. Box 21424, Tampa, FL 33622



2015 Sawyer Memorial Spring Scholarship Golf Tournament

Westchase Golf Club 11602 Westchase Golf Drive Tampa, FL 33626

Tournament Date: Friday, April 3rd, 2015 Check In – 7:00 am Shot Gun Start 8:00 am ********* (2) Beverage Carts on the Course @ 8:30 am ******** Refreshments, Lunch, Prizes, Games, Great Giveaways Team Entry \$400.00 Player \$100.00

Scholarship Awards are based solely on the proceeds from our annual golf tournament. Scholarship Awards are available to all SUCA members/family. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

<u>2015 – Sponsorship Form</u> All Sponsors will be recognized at the Lunch and with Signage

Major Sponsor (1)\$2,000.00*Digital Advertisement on all Golf Cart Screens*Full Page Advertisement in SUCA Pipeline* Announcements made at the Live Auction Dinner & the BBQ Lunch

Beverage Sponsor (2) *Signage on Beverage Cart	\$300.00
Green Sponsor	\$100.00
Tee Sponsor	\$100.00
Closest to Pin (2)	\$100.00
Longest Drive (2)	\$100.00
Prize(s) Sponsor (4)	\$250.00

Sponsorship information is needed by March 20th, signs must be made in advance. All sponsors will be recognized throughout the tournament. Please select sponsorship type above.

Company Name:

(Please print clearly & as you would like it to appear on signage)

Suncoast Utility Contractors Association, P.O. Box 21424, Tampa, FL 33622

GRAY ROBINSON

GrayRobinson and NUCA of Florida

More Than 25 Years of Doing Business Together

GrayRobinson, a full-service corporate law firm with nearly 300 attorneys throughout 12 offices across Florida, provides legal services for underground utility contractors, material and equipment suppliers, and manufacturers. Our ties to NUCA of Florida date back more than 25 years and we are proud to serve as General Counsel to the NUCA of Florida. We understand the daily issues facing your business, and we offer breadth across a great many legal specialties, as well as depth and proficiency. Our attorneys are on the forefront of emerging legal issues and work expeditiously on behalf of our clients and respond quickly to their needs. We have invented a better brand of law firm that best serves our clients and our communities while counting creativity as a hallmark characteristic and

insisting on ingenuity and innovation. Our areas of practice include, among others:

- Construction
- OSHA
- Litigation
- Employment & Labor
- Business Planning/Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions
- Estate Planning/ Probate/ Wealth Transfer/Trusts
- Environmental
- Real Estate
- Land Use
- ERISA & Employee Benefits
- Eminent Domain/Condemnation

To learn more about how GrayRobinson can add value to your company, please contact:



George Spofford 401 East Jackson Street, Suite 2700, Tampa, FL 33602 george.spofford@gray-robinson.com • (813) 273-5000



Andy Mayts 401 East Jackson Street, Suite 2700, Tampa, FL 33602 andy.mayts@gray-robinson.com • (813) 273-5000

www.gray-robinson.com | 800.338.3381

Boca Raton Fort Lauderdale Gainesville Jacksonville Key West Lakeland

Melbourne Miami Naples Orlando Tampa Tallahassee

NUCA of Southwest Florida News

NUCA of Southwest Florida will be hosting a membership fun cruise Friday April 17th on the Big "M" Casino Fun Ship at Fort Myers Beach. Dinner, dancing and casino entertainment is included in the \$28.00 per person ticket. For additional information and reservations please contact the NUCA Southwest Florida office.

Join NUCA of Southwest Florida Friday – May 1st at Heritage Palms Golf & Country Club for our Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament. Lunch will be served from 11:00 am, shotgun start at 1:00 pm. Many prizes to be awarded including door prizes, putting contest, special game awards, etc. Obtain your team registration package at www.nucaswfl.com/golftournament.html or contact Pres Bliss, Golf Committee Chairman at 239-633-5229.

> Welcome New Members! Accountable Directional Drilling Advanced Drainage Systems American Boring & Trenching Caloosa Site Development Strickler Bros. Underground Tomahawk Construction Traffic Control Products of Florida

Governor Rick Scott Appoints Four to Florida Building Commission

CONTACT: GOVERNOR'S PRESS OFFICE

(850) 717-9282

media@eog.myflorida.com

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Today, Governor Rick Scott announced one appointment and three reappointments to the Florida Building Commission.

Richard Goff, 62, of Niceville, is the president of KG II Development. He fills a vacant seat and is appointed for a term beginning February 23, 2015, and ending January 21, 2019.

Oscar Calleja, 66, of Palmetto Bay, is the vice president of Engineered Air LLC. He is reappointed for a term beginning February 23, 2015, and ending February 3, 2019.

Frederick Schilling, 65, of Boca Raton, is the chief executive officer of Pipeline Plumbing. He is reappointed for a term beginning February 23, 2015, and ending January 31, 2019.

James Schock, 67, of St. Augustine, is the plans examiner for St. Johns County. He is reappointed for a term beginning February 23, 2015, and ending January 12, 2019.

The appointments are subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

Industry Unhappy With Proposed Pipeline Mapping Data Requirements

The interstate pipeline industry is pushing back hard against a proposal to require companies to submit much broader, more detailed pipeline location information.

Read the rest of the article.

Cruz Next House Democratic Leader

State Rep. Janet Cruz of Tampa was chosen Wednesday to become House Democratic leader after the 2016 elections. Cruz, who was the unanimous selection of her fellow Democratic lawmakers, will replace House Minority Leader Mark Pafford, D-West Palm Beach. Cruz, 58, was elected to the House in 2010 and is the top Democrat on the Appropriations Committee. Pafford started his two-year stint as minority leader in November. Cruz's selection means the Tampa Bay region will have the House leaders in both parties from 2016 to 2018. Rep. Richard Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, is slated to become House speaker after the 2016 elections, replacing Speaker Steve Crisafulli, R-Merritt Island.

Did You Know?

The U.S. Department of Commerce reported that exports from Florida reached \$58.6 billion last year, helping the U.S. set a record with \$2.35 trillion in goods and services exports, according to The Tampa Bay Times. Officials said the state's exports helped support about 275,000 jobs. Computer and electronic products led Florida's exports with \$14 billion, followed by transportation equipment with \$8.7 billion and chemicals with \$7.2 billion.

Sunshine 811 2015 Safe Digging Month

Learn more about Sunshine 811 Safe Digging Month. Learn More about Sunshine 811 Safety Day

35

IF YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS

YOU NEED TO KNOW WHO WE ARE

RENTALS

SALES

ENGINEERING

TRAINING

SERVICE



MIAMI

4601 Oakes Rd. Davie, FL 33314 Ph: 954-583-7172 5965 Rangeline Rd. Theodore, AL 36582 Ph: 251-443-7080

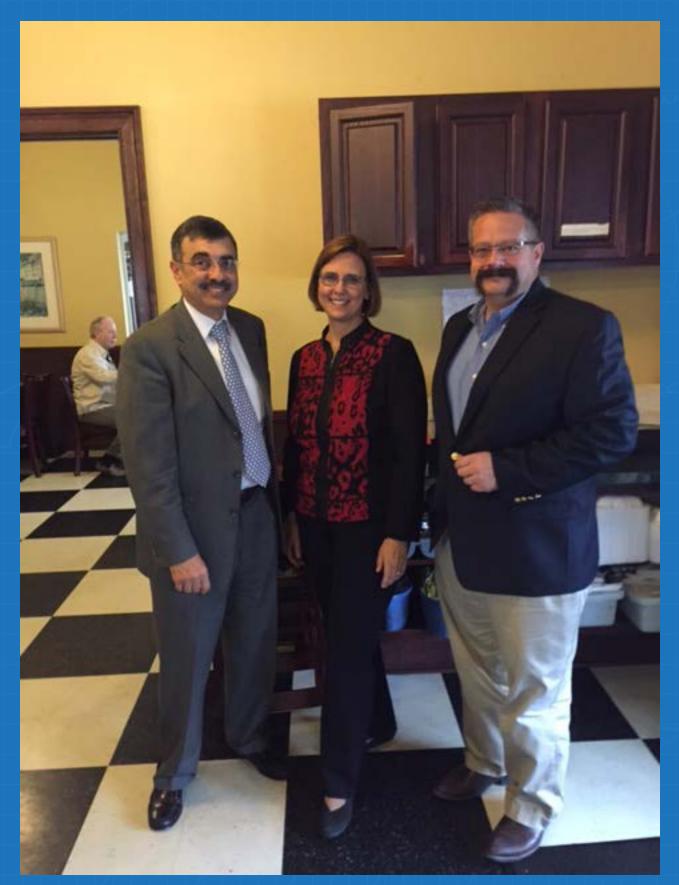
MOBILE

тамра

509 S. Falkenburg Rd. Tampa, FL 33619 Ph: 813-662-3723

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 888 234 9244 WITH A NATIONWIDE BRANCH NETWORK, WE'RE WHERE YOU NEED US TO BE

WWW.NTSAFETY.COM



NUCA FL PAC Chair Tony Zebouni and NUCA FL President Lauren Atwell meet with House District 17 candidate Cyndi Stevenson.

DUVAL TOWN HALL MEETING

On February 25th, members of NUCA of North Florida and the Jacksonville Bar Association meet with members of the Duval Legislative Delegation to discuss issues concerning our associations during the upcoming legislative session. We were please to have Rep. Lake Ray, Rep. Charles McBurney and Rep. Reggie Fullwood join us along with Legislative Assistant Richard Pra.

The issues we are in support of include Local Government Construction Preferences, Public-Private Partnerships/Accompanying Public Records Exemption, Public Records Requirement for State Contractors and Public Works-Workforce Requirements - Prohibition of Project Labor Agreements. We oppose the Construction Lien Law changes that Representative Richard Corcoran has been discussing although no bill has been filed yet. We are also concerned about the Implementation of Amendment 1 and funding for projects in our industry.





Take damage prevention to the next level with these 3 tools

Positive Response

No marks, no utilities? Not always. Utilities are required to use the Positive Response System, and you're required to check it before digging. Why? To verify if utilities are cleared, marked or not marked, and if you need to provide more information. Enter your ticket and contact numbers online or call (800) 852-8057.*

Safety Matters

Get your damage prevention questions answered in Safety Matters. It's Sunshine 811's one-hour online course. You get real life examples and relevant content to help you make good decisions before putting your shovel in the ground.*

Internet Ticket Entry

- ITE makes it easy to:
 - Create tickets online 24/7
 - Search and manage tickets
 - E-mail or print tickets

 Check positive response Plus, we now offer webinar training for new ITE users. Complete your application today!"

> For more details or to download an ITE application visit www.Sunshine811.com.



Safe digging is no accident. Always call 811 before you dig. Sunshine 811 raises awareness and educates Florida on preventing digging damages to underground utilities. The goal is to make Florida the safest place to dig through a series of five steps that begin with "Call 811 Before You Dig." Learn more at www.Sunshine811.com.

Mabey Inc. – A leader in engineered solutions and construction equipment rentals since 1989







- Trench Shoring Underground tanks and utilities, sewer systems, lift station construction, and more.
- Propping Vertical shoring from 45 - 490 kips.
- Bridging Primary and secondary roadways for emergency, temporary, permanent and pedestrian use.
- Temporary Roadways Mabey Mats help get your crew and equipment working on-site safely.
- Expertise

Professional Engineer (P.E.) Certification in 21 states; Custom engineered plans for routine or challenging jobs; Safe, effective, time-saving plans; On-site technical support.

See our case studies at mabey.com/cs







800-95-mabey

Showcase and Broadcast Your Company with Proview



ProView showcases your qualifications and gives buyers the answers they need to make a decision about you – in just a few clicks. *ProView* helps organize your company, project and marketing information in a standard format that GCs, Facility and Property Managers all rely on to qualify companies like yours every day.

The Blue Book Network broadcasts your **ProView** to the right decision-makers where they work 24/7. Powered by **BlueSearch technology**, your ProView will receive prime positioning at thebluebook.com and inside **BB-Bid**, the industry's leading project network. Plus, ProView has intelligent SEO built into every page – positioning your company in all the major search engines!

Get connected to the all-new *ProView* today at thebluebook.com/myproview or call 855-805-2560

BLUE BOOK Building & Construction

An Employee-Owned Enterprise 🛛 😭 in 🛗 www.thebluebook.com

NUCA of Northwest Florida News

NUCA of Northwest Florida hosted the Annual Officer Installation Meeting on February 13th at the Hilton on Pensacola Beach. We would like to take a moment to thank everyone who took part in making it such a success. We would also like to recognize Mrs. Regina Dixon who spoke on the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. It means a lot to be able to give back to our community. With each event we host we donate 10% to this foundation. You cannot possibly have an Annual Meeting without some Auction Items, and this year we had some great ones! We would like to congratulate our Auction Winners; Justin Hinote, Magee Mclaughlin, Carrie Cheney, Glenn Lieser, Shane Cheney, Drew Brown, Jason Mayhair, Charley Radford, Regina Dixon, Ben Joyner, Lee Brown, Ashley Lee and Gabe Jackson. We would also like to congratulate our 2015 Officers and Board Members:

Officers

President	Jordan Lee (Utility Service Company/Contr)	(2015-2016)
President-Elect	Ben Joyner (Pensacola Concrete/Contr)	(2015-2016)
Vice-President	Crayton Brodgon (Consolidated Pipe/Assoc)	(2014-2015)
Secretary/Treasurer	Chris Dixon (Coastal Machinery/Assoc)	(2015-2016)

Contractor Directors

Chad Tubbs	Gulf Equipment)	(2014-2015)
Paula Lieser	Pensacola Concrete	(2014-2015)
Shain Cheney	South Baldwin Plumbing/Cont	(2015-2016)
NT I		

Need one more contractor.

Associate Directors

Holland Pump	(2014-2015)
Ferguson Waterworks	(2014-2015)
Thompson Pump	(2015-2016)
HD Supply	(2015-2016)
	Ferguson Waterworks Thompson Pump

Affiliate Directors

Chuck Landers	Saltmarsh	(2014-2015)

Past Presidents

Gabe Jackson	Brown Construction/Cont	(2014-2015)	
Crayton Brogdon	Consolidated Pipe/Assoc	(2014-2015)	
Bill Lee	Utility Service/Cont	(2015-2016)	

Ex Officio

Brad Martin

Sunshine 811

(Term Started)

R. H. Moore & Associates Soil Stabilization & Erosion Control

GEOTEXTILES TURBIDITY BARRIERS GEOGRIDS - FLOC LOGS

In stock and available for immediate delivery

(800) 330-2333

Please contact one of our specialists to discuss your project applications or to receive one of our full line catalogs

www.rhmooreassociates.com



The Leader In Bypass Pumping And Wellpoint Dewatering For Over 40 Years

Experience Thompson Pump's Innovation with

- Rotary pumps for sock and wellpoint dewatering
- Sewer bypass and lift station backup pumps
- Hydraulic submersible pumps
- Silent Knight* units
- Rentals, sales, and service
- 8 Florida locations
- 24/7 service support

2 1 / 10 A 100



PAC Donation Form

Name			
Street			
			Zip
Phone Number			
Donation Amount			
\$100 \$2	50 🗌 \$500 🗌	\$1,000 🗌 Other	
Credit Card Information			
_			
-			
-			

You can donate online at http://nucaflorida.org/index.php/governmental-affairs/pac-donation/

or

mail a check to:

NUCA of Florida PAC 113 East College Avenue, Suite 200 Tallahassee, FL 32301

SAVE THE DATE!

NUCA of Florida's 2015 Annual Conference Renaissance Vinoy

St. Petersburg, Florida July 30 - August 1, 2015



Stay up-to-date on the conference theme, room block information, and registration details by checking the website and future Ditchmen issues!

If you are interested in joining the Conference Committee please contact Kari Hebrank at khebrank@wilsonmgmt.com or Sydney Phillips at sphillips@wilsonmgmt.com.

We Need Cover Photos!

Submit a Cover Image



Scholarship Registration

Register your high school senior by May 29th for a NUCA Foundation scholarship:

NUCA Foundation Scholarships

