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While we're on legislation, we're working on a few pieces. One in particular will help to level the playing field on owner performance. How many times have you seen a municipality self-perform a project and justify it by saying they did it cheaper than any contractor could have. They had fifteen people out there, equipment and material. Had you done it, there would have been five people and would have been done by a licensed contractor. We're working on leveling the playing field by making them report on their labor and equipment rental since now that's what they don't count so it makes them look cheaper.

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In the mean time, be getting ready to shake some hands and talk in Tallahassee! I can't wait to see you all there!

Thank y'all as always!

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Governor DeSantis opens meeting

INSIDE PEAK: DEREGATHON

On Thursday, January 31st, Governor Ron DeSantis and DBPR Secretary Halsey Beshears hosted the highly touted "Deregathon" at Valencia College in Orlando. In his opening remarks, the Governor stated, "We're working hard to reduce barriers to opportunity for the people of Florida. Florida needs a licensure system that protects consumers but doesn't put up roadblocks for people to succeed." The Governor went on to point out some licensed professions that he saw a need for reduction in licensing requirements or he openly wondered why some professions were licensed at all. Luckily, ours was not in his crosshairs.

During the meeting, members of the all the various professional licensing boards were invited to participate in board roundtable discussions. While the Valencia College gym may not have been the most conducive place for such meetings, the pressure placed on the boards by the Governor yielded interesting ideas. As the largest state licensing board, the Construction Industry Licensing Board's (CILB) table was well attended and received lots of attention from citizen attendees. The CILB presented several possibilities during their final presentation. They were:

- Revise Application to remove unnecessary questions
- Reduce the Size of the Licensing Board
- Work on license reciprocity with other states
- Work to refine all contractor application requirements to reduce experience requirements while maintaining financial requirements
- Reduce costs of exam prep by eliminating some of the required textbooks for the licensing exam. Provide online resources or reduce required books
- Allow BCN graduates to apply for Division 1 licensure without passing the certified examination. Determine additional degrees that could qualify this exemption for all license types.
- Allow Division 2 to subcontract out work as long as they supervise contractors: Eliminate Swimming Pool subcontractor specialty licensure.

None of the suggestions made at the meeting are binding. Many will take much research to determine if they are a right fit for Florida. At the very least, this meeting showed that our new Governor and DBPR Secretary are focused on job accessibility, putting Floridians in positions to have professional careers and helping reduce the red tape for current Florida professions. We will keep you posted should any new information or ideas evolve.

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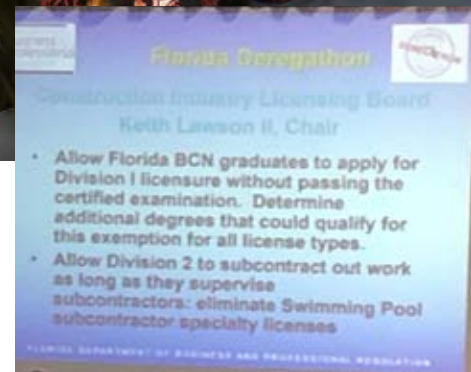
DBPR Secretary Beshears talks "de-reg" to kick off meeting



View of all the various Boards getting down to business.



DBPR Secretary Beshears



CILB recommendations

MEET KEVIN J. THIBAUT

New FDOT Secretary



Kevin J. Thibault is the new Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation.

1. BRIEFLY TELL US ABOUT YOUR PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND.

I started my professional career as a civil engineer in 1985 soon after completing my studies at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, working for a small engineering firm in Rhode Island providing engineering plans for the transportation agencies in the Northeast. In 1988, I relocated to Central Florida, and continued working in the private sector until I joined FDOT in 1993 working for Florida's Turnpike. Over my 34 years of experience I have spent approximately

half of that timeframe in the private sector, and the rest with FDOT. In each case, I have enjoyed the challenges that the various roles gave me, especially being a major part of developing transportation solutions for the people and visitors of Florida.

2. WHAT INSPIRED YOU ACCEPT THIS AGENCY LEADERSHIP POSITION?

The vision that Governor DeSantis has for this state, and especially delivering meaningful transportation projects, were the biggest motivations. Also, coming back to work with the talented staff here at FDOT, and continuing to keep this agency as the best DOT in the country, were major inspirations as well!

3. WHAT IS YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND?

I graduated from the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. I also completed a number of leadership programs, including the AASHTO Leadership Institute in 1999.

4. WHAT ARE YOU CURRENTLY READING?

I just finished reading a story about the short gubernatorial term of Florida Governor Dan McCarty. Next on my list is the book 'Dare to Lead'.

5. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?

Back to the Future

6. WHAT IS YOUR BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY?

My management philosophy is empowering the staff to make them successful – while at the same time setting clear expectations and performing some level of 'Management by Walking Around'. Clearly in this

role – it probably needs to be more 'Management by Getting Around'!

7. WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES OR INTERESTS OUTSIDE OF WORK?

I like to follow various sports, including baseball and basketball.

8. IF YOU COULD HAVE DINNER WITH ANYONE, LIVING OR DECEASED, WHO WOULD IT BE AND WHY?

I regret that I once had the opportunity to have dinner with former Florida Governor Reubin Askew and couldn't make the schedule work. For close to 10 years, I was fortunate to lecture his classes on transportation and he was also a great mentor/counselor to all that came in contact with him.

9. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK?

I have quite a few favorites – and depends on the type of subject matter (fiction, leadership, etc.).

I have read quite a few books by John Maxwell for leadership inspiration, and I also enjoyed the books by Vince Flynn.

10. WHAT IS THE FIRST CONCERT YOU ATTENDED?

Looking back I think it was Sir Elton John.

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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR NUCA OF FLORIDA

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BIDS: HB 167 BY REP. ANDRADE/SB 806 BY SEN. PERRY

The top priority for NUCA FL, HB 167 by Rep. Andrade passed it first committee unanimously! On February 20th, Rep. Alex Andrade (R-Pensacola) presented NUCA of Florida's local government bidding bill which creates transparency in the bidding process and levels the playing field for private sector contractors. NUCA of Florida's lobbyists Kari Hebrank and Scott Jenkins lobbied the committee, gaining unanimous support for HB 167 which sailed thru the H. Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee. HB 167 moves next to Business & Professions Subcommittee. The Senate companion, SB 806 by Sen. Keith Perry (R-Gainesville) is awaiting its first hearing.

IMPACT FEES: HB 207 BY REP. DONALDS/SB 144 BY SEN. GRUTERS

A repeat from last Session, this legislation specifies that local governments may not collect impact fees prior to building permit issuance (some were collecting at platting) and codifies case law with respect to the dual rational nexus test and utilizing impact fees for existing debt service. Rep. Donalds (R-Naples) did an excellent job fielding a bevy of questions from members and HB 207 passed unanimously thru H. Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Feb. 20. HB 207 moves to Commerce Committee next and the companion, SB 144 by Sen. Gruters (R-Sarasota) will be heard in S. Community Affairs first.

UNDERGROUND FACILITIES DAMAGE PREVENTION SUNSHINE 811 LEGISLATION: HB 263 BY REP. PAYNE/SB 848 BY SEN. BROXSON

Recently, this Sunshine 811 legislation was revised to apply only to damages to pipelines/hazardous materials, rather than address pre-incident occurrences. Other revisions:

- Creates 9-member review panel under the Attorney General's Office of Legal Affairs.
- The sunshine 811 Board nominates 3 people for each of the 8 industry seats and the AG appoints the members of the panel from those nominees. The AG can appoint whomever she wants in the 9th (member of the public) seat. (NUCA of Florida believes that the Association should have a member represented on the panel.)
- The panel's enforcement is limited to damages to gas/hazardous material lines.
- Extends time to mark facilities from current 2 to 3 days. (NUCA of Florida would like a 2-year sunset provision added to this section.)
- Keeps the language relating to damage/removal of permanent markers.

PERMIT FEE TRANSPARENCY: HB 127 BY WILLIAMSON/SB 142 BY PERRY

These bills are a carry-over from the 2018 Session whereby the House bill died on the Senate Calendar the final days of Regular Session. HB 127 and its companion seek to create transparency by local governments with respect to permit fees. HB 127 has passed two House committees and the Senate bill was approved by Senate Community Affairs and is awaiting action in S. Innovation, Industry and Technology.

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WORKFORCE FUNDING: HB 775 BY REP. LEEK/SB 1118 BY SEN. HUTSON

This legislation takes the next step in a three-year effort to develop a consolidated voice and mechanism for recruiting, training, and retaining our construction workforce. This will be accomplished by dedication .25 percent of a portion of building permit surcharge fees [section 468.631(1), Florida Statutes] to be sent to the University of Florida M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management to accomplish the following:

- Coordinate with state agency/institutional partners, including Florida Department of Education, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Florida Department of Corrections & CareerSource Florida
- Coordinate with the Construction Work Force Consortium (CWFC)
- Research construction education issues
- Advocate for construction career path at the K-12 school levels

- Maintain the Florida "Build Your Future" website
- Underwrite construction careers job fairs
- Sponsor K-12 after school activities that focus on construction careers

ROAD CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS: HB 905 BY REP. ANDRADE/SB1044 BY SEN. ALBRITTON

This legislation includes a provision supported by NUCA of Florida that would define "certified for use" for aggregates and materials utilized in road construction approved by the Florida Department of Transportation through its certification program and would prevent local governments from adopting standards or specifications that are contrary to the Florida Department of Transportation standards and specifications that are contrary to the Florida Department of Transportation standards and specifications for permissible use of aggregates and material that have been certified for use.

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LOCAL MINIMUM WAGE LAWSUIT LOSES TRACTION AT SUPREME COURT LEVEL

Recently, Governor DeSantis appointed former appellate judges Barbara Lagoa and Robert Luck and former U.S. Department of Education General Counsel Carlos Muniz following the retirements in January of longtime justices Barbara Pariente, R. Fred Lewis and Peggy Quince. The three former justices, who left the court because of a mandatory retirement age, had frequently joined Justice Jorge Labarga to form a majority that thwarted the Republican-led Legislature and former Gov. Rick Scott. On February 4, the new, more conservative justices refused to consider an appeal in a Miami Beach minimum-wage lawsuit that a former liberal-leaning majority of the court had scheduled to hear next month. This decision to refuse to hear the appeal is a "win" for the construction and business community as we strongly believe only the state should set the minimum wage, which is tied to the Consumer Price Index in Florida, thus allowing for growth. Interestingly, for the past several years, NUCA of Florida has joined with other business groups to thwart legislative attempts to allow local wage ordinances. We believe minimum wage levels should be preempted to the state, not 67 counties and more than 467 municipalities.

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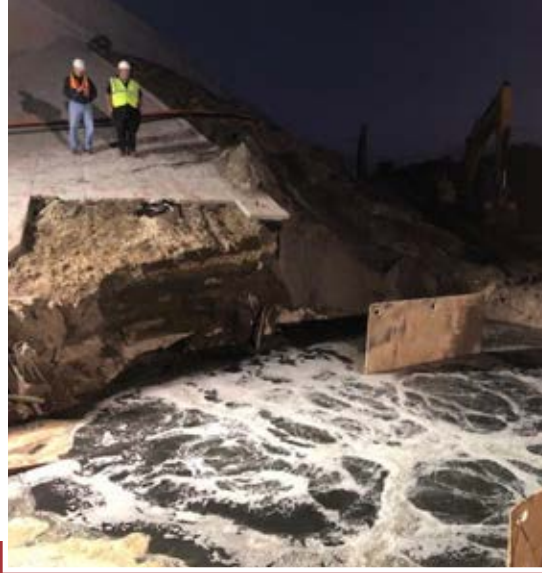
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Fred Tingberg, Lanzo's recently appointed COO, was asked to provide informational resources so that a growing environmental concern could be first isolated then mitigated. Fred knew people at Miami Dade and others who might be called upon in the heat of the moment to provide emergency equipment and expertise which might be consequential in minimizing the issue at hand.

With an emergency firm already under contract; information is all that Fred expected Lanzo would be providing until a second call came in asking for a turnkey operation by Lanzo.

Not only were substantial flows of untreated wastewater being expelled into the canal system, but the precarious location of the accident within the shoulder of I-95 meant that things could escalate.

The next three days were a round the clock effort to isolate the offending cylinder pipe. It was thought that flows could be reduced to the point of allowing a point repair, which turned out to be untrue given the only three (3) hour window where flows could be drawn

down to a manageable rate. The next step was to call in a full line stop of a 42" force main along with a fusion weld HDPE bypass in order to circumvent the section of pipe which could then be dewatered and replaced.

Lanzo crews worked feverishly around the clock to make material delivery, not labor and equipment be the control parameters.

Meanwhile Vactor trucks continuously pumped solids and sewerage materials out of the canals being infiltrated. This continued for the entire duration of the emergency repair and then for over a week while canal water was monitored for contamination levels.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 2, 2019

ASJMSF BASS TOURNAMENT

Pier 2 | Okeechobee, FL

MARCH 25-26, 2019

LEGISLATIVE DAYS

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MARCH 18, 2019

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Seminole

APRIL 12, 2019

SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT

Grand Cypress, Orlando

APRIL 15, 2019

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Brevard County

MAY 13, 2019

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Brevard County

JUNE 14, 2019

AUCTION & BARBECUE

Brevard Zoo, Melbourne

2019 “Dove Classic” - Our Sporting Clay Shoot continues to be a great success! With a sold-out registration, and our generous sponsors, our 26th Annual “Dove Classic” was an event to remember.

Thank you to our PREMIER EVENT SPONSORS:



Many thanks to everyone who participated in this event, and Congratulations to our winners!!



First Place:

**Maggie Bohne, Karl Bohne,
Greg Hart, Brian Hart
V. A. Paving, Inc.**



Second Place:

**Kory Youtzy, Chase Platt, Carson Platt,
Ron Campbell
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Third Place:

**Rep, Daryl, Justin & Rex
CDM Trucking**

2019 Sporting Clay Shoot

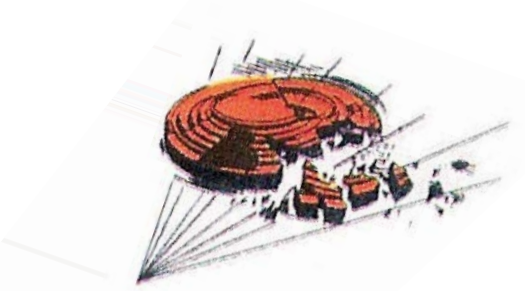
Our event couldn't be a success without the generosity of the following sponsors:

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A huge ***THANK YOU*** to ***Johnny Bass*** for cooking an amazing lunch again this year. The best barbecue in the world!!

Finally, ***THANK YOU*** to our event Chairman, ***Joe Weber, Jr.***, for putting so much time and work into making this event so successful, and a great day for everyone.



One North Jacaranda St.
Orlando, FL 32836
Grand Cypress Golf

Friday, April 12, 2019
Cost: \$125 per player

Registration begins at 7:00
am – Tee Off at 8:00 am

Fee Includes:

- 🏌️ Driving Range from 7:00 am to 7:45 am
- 🏌️ 18-holes of Golf
- 🏌️ Cart Fee
- 🏌️ Club cleaning after play
- 🏌️ Greens Fee & Cart
- 🏌️ Lunch
- 🏌️ Prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places.
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- 🏌️ Door Prizes

Add a

POWER PACK

for \$25.00

2 Drink Tickets
Putting Contest
2 Mulligans
1 Ladies Tee Drive

Join us for our 2019 Spring Golf Tournament.



This year's tournament is will be held on **Friday, April 12th** at the beautiful Grand Cypress in Orlando.

Whether you're a beginner or a pro, you will enjoy a day of exceptional golf with your friends and colleagues on this beautiful course.

Immediately following golf, lunch will be served along with trophies, prizes & door prizes.

2019 Spring Golf Tournament - Registration

Company: _____

Player Names:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

All singles, doubles or triples will be paired by the Golf Committee.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$_____ @ \$125.00 per player.

Please include _____ Power Packs for \$25.00 each

Total Amount of Payment: \$ _____

Charge my Visa/Mastercard: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____ CVV: _____

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Email Address: _____

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Annual Spring Golf Tournament

On Friday, April 12, 2019, NUCA will hold its Spring Golf Tournament at the Grand Cypress in Orlando. Please consider sponsoring this event, a portion of which funds our J. Mitchell Ellington Scholarships.

Platinum Sponsors:



Beverage Cart Sponsor (*Limit of 4*) \$500.00

- Recognition by signage on Beverage Cart
- Recognition by signage at check-in & lunch
- Hole sponsor sign on the course
- Listing on website & Ditchmen magazine

Gold Sponsor \$ 500.00

- Customized Pin Flag with Company Logo*
- Recognition by signage at check-in & lunch
- Hole sponsor sign on the course
- Listing on website & Ditchmen magazine
- Gold Sponsors also have the opportunity to showcase your company's products or services on the course. Table and chairs will be provided, you bring the flair.

Silver Sponsor \$ 350.00

- Recognition by signage, check-in & lunch
- Hole sponsor sign on the course
- Listing on website & Ditchmen magazine

Bronze Sponsor..... \$ 500.00

- Hole sponsor sign on the course
- Listing on website & Ditchmen magazine

Raffle Prizes and Welcome Bag Goodies!!

Donations of items such as golf umbrellas, golf balls, hats, etc., will be used as raffle prizes. Swag items are a great addition to welcome bags distributed to all players. Please let us know what you intend to bring so that we can recognize you as a Raffle Sponsor.

* Gold Sponsors must provide a high quality logo for printing of customized flags.
Please mail/email/fax this form with payment to the office ***no later than April 2, 2019***

Company name for sponsor sign: _____

Authorized by: _____

_____ Email Address

Enclosed is my sponsorship check in the amount of \$ _____ or, you may pay by credit card:

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Card No. _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVV: _____

Billing Zip Code: _____ Signature: _____

For more information on levels of sponsorship, or if you plan to participate in the Golf Tournament, please contact the NUCA office – or email NUCACentralFlorida@bellsouth.net

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FEBRUARY 28, 2019
NEXT MAN UP TRAINING CLASS

MARCH 12, 2019
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 2, 2019
NUCANF GOLF TOURNAMENT

APRIL 9, 2019
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 16, 2019
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Night at Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville

JULY 11, 2019
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Scholarship Night

AUGUST 2019
FISHING TOURNAMENT

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS GROUP

Providing our customers with the tools to work smarter - not harder - since 2002.

Environmental Products Group, Inc. (EPG) serves municipalities and contractors for their street, sewer, public work, and utility equipment needs. Ask our Vice President, Chris Haase, however, and he will tell you that we are, first and foremost a family based and minded business that is dedicated to our customers and our customers' needs. "Witnessing the success of our customers is a great joy," says Chris. "We value the professional and personal relationships that we have developed over more than sixteen years in business."

Current President, Jeff Haase, and Jim Schwaller, now retired, started EPG in January of 2002 in Maitland, Florida through an opportunity from Federal Signal, which owns Elgin Sweeper and Vactor Manufacturing. Due to our success in Florida, we have been able to expand into a number of other branches and territories, including Pompano Beach, Florida in 2002, Atlanta, Georgia in 2010, and the Caribbean in 2016. Most recently, in 2017, we opened our newest branch in Memphis, Tennessee which serves Western Tennessee and Arkansas and has been a great success story for our business and our employees.

Throughout all of our locations, EPG is the choice supplier for Elgin Street Sweepers, Vactor Sewer Cleaners, TRUVAC by Vactor Hydro Excavation Equipment, and Envirosight Pipeline Inspection Cameras, among a number of other great brands. We are proud to also have over \$1,000,000 worth of parts, tools, and accessories on our shelves for street sweepers, sewer cleaners, sewer camera units, and other related equipment.



Our factory trained technicians provide service for all of the brands we represent, and then some. We also have

mobile units to provide service at your location by one of our factory trained service technicians.

One of the best services we provide our customers is our Turn Key Maintenance program. This special offering provides bumper to bumper guaranteed maintenance packages for our customers. We have a growing fleet of trucks we take care of in Florida and Georgia, and are currently looking for new contracts in our Western Tennessee and Arkansas territory. The program removes the maintenance hurdles for our customers and puts the maintenance burden and expense on us.



Whether you come to one of our three dealerships, or are serviced by one of our mobile trucks, we pride ourselves on taking care of you the first time.

While we believe that every machine we sell will bring our customers satisfaction and success, we also understand that some jobs require short term solutions, and sometimes that means buying a new piece of equipment is not always the most affordable option for those we serve. EP Rents, a division of Environmental Products Group, specializes in Vactor Sewer Cleaner and Hydro Excavation rentals, Elgin Sweeper rentals, and Envirosight Inspection rentals.

Maintaining clean streets and sewer lines is essential to the health and cleanliness of the communities we serve, and we take pride in providing the parts, tools, and equipment that help keep our streets and water clean and safe. If you are in need of any of our equipment, or you have questions and would like to learn more about the services we provide, visit our website at www.myEPG.com or give us a call at **855.552.EPG2**.

NUCA of North Florida, Inc.
Cordially invites you to attend the

Annual NUCANF Spring Golf Tournament

St. Johns Golf & Country Club
205 St. Johns Golf Drive (Off 210 West)
Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019
11:30 a.m. "Shotgun" Start

\$150 Per Person includes 18 Holes of Golf, Greens Fee & Cart, Boxed Lunch, Beer and water at stops on the course, Team Handicap, Format (4-Man Captains Choice), Prize Holes and Door Prizes. Award Ceremony will be held in the Dining Room immediately following the end of play. **Price after March 8th, \$700 per team.**

Non-member Cost: \$800/team, \$900 after March 8th

Please fill out the entry below & mail (OR FAX) with payment to NUCANF by Friday, March 22nd.

Name	Company
Phone	Fax

Golfer: _____
Golfer: _____
Golfer: _____
Golfer: _____

Payment: _____ Check (NUCANF) _____ Bill my account _____ Charge credit card*

Visa/MC/AX: _____ Exp Date: _____

V-Code: _____ Zip Code for Credit Card billing address: _____

(The V-Code is the last three digits in the signature strip on the back of the credit card (Visa/Mastercard) or the digits on the front on the card for American Express.

Name on card: _____

*A 5% processing fee will be added to all credit card charges.

Dress Code for Golf Course & Driving Range: Slacks or Bermuda shorts and collared golf shirt for men. No jeans, cutoffs, t-shirts or tennis attire.

Mail or Email this form to: NUCANF, PO Box 16810, Jax, FL 32245,
Ph: 296-1230 Email: nucanf@gmail.com

2019 NUCANF Golf Tournament Sponsorship Opportunities

For all sponsorships, your company will be acknowledged at the awards dinner the evening of the tournament and your company will be recognized in the NUCANF newsletter, The Flow, and the state association publication, The Ditchmen.

\$700 Gold Vendor Showcase

Your showcase includes Domestic beer (or several other options) at your hole, plus a 6 foot table and two chairs and a tee/green sponsorship. You will need to provide anything else that you need. Your company name will be prominently displayed on a sign at the hole. Also available are a bloody Mary Station, Jell-O-Shot Station, Cigar Station, or Hot Dog Station, or Arnold Palmer's Station. First come, first serve based on availability. Holes will be assigned in the order received. **The following holes have already been are currently available:**

2,6,7,11,15

Hole Request Preference: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____

\$500 Silver Vendor Showcase

Same as Gold Vendor Showcase but no beer will be provided.

\$450 Trophy Sponsor (limit one)

Sponsorship includes signage at event.

_\$450 Registration Sponsor (Limit one)

Sponsorship includes signage at event.

\$450 Longest Drive/Closest to the Pin Sponsor (limit four)

Sponsorship includes signage at the hole.

\$450 Beverage Cart Sponsor (Limit two)

Sponsorship includes signage at event

\$450 Dinner Sponsor (Limit four)

Sponsorship includes signage at event

\$450 Lunch Sponsor (Limit four)

Sponsorship includes signage at event. Your company will be acknowledged at the awards dinner that evening and your company will be recognized in the NUCANF newsletter, The Flow, and the state association publication, The Ditchmen.

\$300 Green Sponsor (unlimited)

Sponsorship includes signage on the tee or green. Your company will be acknowledged at the awards dinner that evening and your company will be recognized in the NUCANF newsletter, The Flow, and the state association publication, The Ditchmen.

Payment: _____ Check ☒ Enclosed ☐ Please invoice me for total amount

Charge my credit card:* _____ For total amount _____ For monthly installments(Feb & Mar)

*(Please complete Credit Card Authorization form. A 5% processing fee will be added.)

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MARCH 7, 2019

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Our business is only as good as our partners. That's why Fortiline is careful to offer the finest products available. With an eye for detail and our own fleet of delivery vehicles, we pledge to get our customers the underground utility products they need to effectively finish the job on time. For a full list of the products we offer, visit us at www.fortiline.com.





Come Meet Your Contractors

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5:30pm to 7:30pm

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NUCA represents more than 1,600 members nationwide and is affiliated with 40 state and local chapters. NUCA maintains a wide range of **member benefits** including scholarships, education and safety training, and services designed specifically for the utility contractors.

Feel free to forward this invite!

Please RSVP by Monday, March 4th to: ucasf@gmail.com



NUCA of South Florida & Construction Angels invites you to
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Texas Hold'em Tournament

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

6pm - 10pm at the Palm Beach Kennel Club
2nd Floor Poker Room

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Texas Hold' em • No Limit • Top 10% of Finishers Paid

Check-in & dinner at 6pm - Tournament Starts at 7pm Sharp!

**\$90 earlybird/\$115 Late registration includes \$50 Buy-In, Dinner,
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On behalf of the Construction Angels charity, we are opening up a new scholarship program for eligible students in 2019 with a portion of proceeds that were raised at our 7th Annual 'Scholarship' Golf Tournament held in September 2018.

We are opening our enrollment to select Construction Associations within the state of Florida whose parents are currently paid members of the following associations who help CA raise funds within our construction industry to benefit 'one of our own'.

”

- Kathy Macaluso
Executive Director Florida
Construction Angels



We are excited to announce that NUCA of South Florida Members are eligible to apply for scholarships from the Construction Angels Charity. We have supported this amazing charity over the years and we are honored to be able to offer this to our members.

Visit [Construction Angels Scholarship Program](#) online for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 1, 2019.

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MARCH 14-16, 2019
NUCA NATIONAL 2019
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MARCH 21, 2019
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MARCH 25, 2019
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MAY 3, 2019
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