

# THE FLOW

AUGUST 2018

## Upcoming Events

August 16th

**Young Professionals**

**Top Golf**

**6:00 pm**

August 21st

**Lunch & Learn**

**Legal Issues**

**11:30 am—1:00 pm**

**Petticoat-Schmitt Civil**

**Contractors**

August 25th

**Fishing Tournament**

**Northeast Florida**

**Marlin Assoc.**

**St. Augustine**

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I hope everyone is doing well! Thank you to all our monthly sponsors for your continued support. Without you, this organization would not be as great as it is today.

We've had a busy month. In late June, members of the executive committee met with Aaron Zahn and Mellissa Dykes, CEO and COO respectively, of JEA. We presented a few items that many of our members were having problems with in their daily dealings with JEA. Our concerns were met with understanding and genuine sympathy. There has been some communication since the meeting and it appears that our concerns are being addressed. This is a great example of what our members can do when we work together on common issues!

NUCA of Florida held its annual conference July 12<sup>th</sup> – the 15<sup>th</sup> at the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo. We met with our counterparts from NUCA National, and the Political Committee approved \$22,000 worth of campaign contributions to candidates from around the state. Lastly, on July 19<sup>th</sup>, NUCA of North Florida held its annual Scholarship Awards Dinner at Maggianos. We awarded scholarships to 2 very impressive young men, and honored our belated friend Ted Turnbeaugh.

Who's ready to go fishing?! Our annual Fishing Tournament will be held on August 25<sup>th</sup> at the North East Florida Marlin Association in St. Augustine. Don't delay any longer! Sign up now! We will be holding another Young Professionals Meet & Greet on August 16<sup>th</sup> at Top Golf at 6 P.M. Come on out and help us grow this event! On September 21<sup>st</sup>, NUCA of Florida will hold its annual President's Cup Golf Tournament at The Villas of Grand Cypress in Orlando. There are plenty of sponsorship and playing opportunities available, so sign up now!

As always, please continue to support our members and associates. If there is anything I can do to help you out, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,



Mike Kivlin

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

August 14th

**Executive Committee**

**3:30 pm**

August 16th

**Young Professionals**

**Top Golf**

**6:00 pm**

August 21st

**Lunch & Learn**

**Legal Issues**

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August 25th

**Fishing Tournament**

**St. Augustine**

Sept. 21st

**NUCA of Florida**

**President's Cup**

**Golf Tournament**

# The Law and Your Business

## August Elections

Anthony (Tony) Zebouni, NUCA North Florida

The election season is upon us. It is important that all citizens eligible to vote register to vote. Registration is only the first step in the process. Once you have registered to vote you should learn about the candidates and issues, and of course you should vote. In July the NUCA Florida PAC met and voted to endorse a slate of over two dozen candidates, of both political parties, and contributed nearly \$25,000 for the candidates that have a proven track record on issues important to our industry. The vetting process depends on the recommendations of Kari at Wilson and Associates and the local NUCA chapter where the candidate resides and serves.

In addition to the elections related to the Florida Senate and House of Representatives, in Duval County there are several races in which the candidates have supported our organization or have reached out and attended a meeting to introduce themselves to our membership. Your vote should be a thoughtful and personal decision and this article is only intended to be informational. In many of the contested races there may be more than one candidate that is an outstanding candidate in her/his own right.

Former Representative **Charles McBurney** is a candidate for Circuit Court Judge for the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. Charles has attended numerous NUCA Meetings, always made himself available to meet with the membership in Jacksonville and Tallahassee, sponsored legislation at the request of NUCA, and was the recipient of the second Don Davis Award by NUCA for outstanding public servant.

Former Representative **Lake Ray, III** is a candidate for Duval County Tax Collector. Lake most recently attended our Scholarship Award meeting and has met with the NUCA membership numerous times during his eight years in the Florida House of Representatives and supported legislation that was important to NUCA. Lake was the third recipient of the Don Davis Award. The Don Davis Award has only been awarded three times in the past ten years and the only other recipient of the award is former speaker of the House Will Weatherford.

Joseph Hogan attended a NUCA function and expressed support for NUCA initiatives and is a candidate for District 15 House of Representatives.

In Group 3 County Court Judge, **Michael Bateh** and in Group 8 **Kimberly Sadler** have attended NUCA meetings.

There are other contested elections including School Board and Soil and Water Board for your consideration. In November a general election will be held and information on those races will be addressed in months to come. Early voting begins on August 13. Please familiarize yourself with the candidates and the issues and vote.

Save the Date

Top Golf Benefit  
For Seamark Ranch  
December 6th

**EARLY VOTING BEGINS ON AUGUST 13TH**  
**PRIMARY ELECTION: AUGUST 28TH**

*Every*  
**VOTE**  
*Counts!*



## PACE WINS 2018 J. RICHARD BAKER SCHOLARSHIP

This year our association is pleased to present the J. Richard Baker Scholarship to Raymond Allen Pace, Jr.. Raymond is the son of Raymond Pace, J.B. Coxwell Contracting, Inc. and Karen Pace. He will be attending University of Florida this fall where he is planning on studying chemical engineering potentially focusing on alternative energy. Raymond graduated from West Nassau County High School with a class standing of 1 of 225 and a GPA of 4.901, ACT score of 35 and SAT score of 1540. He was on the school football and weightlifting teams and was active in First Baptist Church Callahan Youth band, lighting and Sound and the youth group with over 300 services hours over the past four years. Raymond was a member of Beta Club, National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, and Science Club.

The J. Richard Baker, Sr. NUCANF Scholarship Award was established in 1993 in honor of the late J. Richard Baker, Sr. Dick Baker was the President of Florida Asphalt and a charter member of NUCA of North Florida (formerly the Utility Contractors Association of North Florida). He served in several capacities as a member, Board of Director and Officer within the association. His professional and financial help was instrumental in establishing our chapter as a prominent member in the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA).



## LAUGHLIN WINS MIKE ALLEN SCHOLARSHIP

Our association is pleased to present the Mike Allen Scholarship to Nicholas B. Laughlin. Nicholas is the son of Charles Laughlin, A.J. Johns, Inc. and Hadda Laughlin. He is attending the University of Florida where he is studying Engineering. Nicholas graduated from Fleming Island High School with a class standing of 48 of 57 and a GPA of 4.536, ACT score of 28 and SAT score of 1420. His extra-curricular school activities included National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America. Nicholas' community service included Camp Counselor for Cub Scout summer camp, St. Johns River Clean-up, Moosehaven Easter Egg Hunt, BASCA Fun Run and Paterson Elementary School Fair and Paterson Elementary School Talent Show. He worked at Vystar Credit Union through an internship Program at Fleming Island High School and also worked as a cashier at Winn-Dixie. Nicholas has already started classes at the University of Florida and was unable to join us. His father, Charles will accept on his behalf.

The Mike Allen Scholarship was established in 2007 in honor of Mike Allen and the significant contributions he has made to our industry. Mike was one of the founding members of our association and later went on to serve as Chapter President. He was also active with the Underground Utility Contractors Association of Florida and the National Utility Contractors Association.





### **HAVE YOU VISITED NUCA'S NEWLY REVISED WEBSITE YET?**

NUCA has recently revised their website. You will need to get a new password. Please follow these steps. 1) Visit [www.nuca.com](http://www.nuca.com) and click the "log-in" button at the top of the page. 2) In the member Login window, Enter your email address. and click the "forgot your password" link. 3) You will get an email from NUCA with a temporary password. Enter temporary password and you will be prompted to enter a new password. Any issues please email [nuca@nuca.com](mailto:nuca@nuca.com).

### **MORE THAN 20,200 PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN THE 2018 TSSD**

Even with completion forms still arriving, we are excited to announce that we have nearly doubled last year's participation. Many thanks go to NAXSA members who participated and held pro bono training sessions for workers. Those who took part continue to emphasize the importance of worker safety in the trenches. If you haven't sent in your completion form, please do so now: [safety@nuca.com](mailto:safety@nuca.com). Forms can be downloaded from [www.nuca.com/tssd](http://www.nuca.com/tssd). Every company that submits a completion form will receive a certificate and stickers for all workers who participated. Please be patient. Due to the large number of participants, it could take a few weeks to receive your materials.



## **Save the Date**

**NUCA's Annual Convention  
March 14-16, 2019**

**Naples Grande Resort  
Naples, FL**



## SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT HIGHLIGHTS

We had a good crowd for our scholarship night on July 19th at Maggiano's. After the welcome reception, Tim Clay, Scholarship Chair, presented the checks to this year's winners. We were pleased to have Mark Tumeo Dean, College of Computing, Engineering and Construction as our guest speaker. Also on hand were Dr. Mag Malek, the Chair of the Construction Management Department and Marc Kaiser, Director of Development for college of Computing, Engineering and Construction. Dean Tumeo discussed how we can work with UNF. They are always looking for guest speakers for their classes. If you are interested, please let Kathy know.

Lake Ray, Candidate for Duval County Tax Collector also attended the meeting. Ashton Milam, our fishing committee chair encouraged everyone to participate in our Fishing Tournament coming up on August 25th.




2018 Scholarship Night



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# SAFETY NEWS

By Jeff Blomgren

## GAME DAY

We are fortunate to have a variety of sports teams here in Jacksonville. Many companies use the stadiums and local teams as a company activity for employees and families and the stadium is most always willing to provide extras for the enjoyment of attendees. As with anything, there are hazards to consider and some precautions that we might want to take. It's a good idea to go on line and look at the do's and don'ts. All stadiums have rules to follow. Look at the floor plan for the seating in the stadium and parking areas to be see if you might be able to park nearest the gate where your seats are. Find the location where the closest restrooms and first aid services are located and be sure you know where the exits are. Crowds can be unpredictable. Know where security is and use the customer services when necessary. There are often family friendly sections that are available.

Do an effective job briefing with the family. Make sure you stay together and be sure that small children are always accompanied by an adult. Take a selfie of the group. If you get separated, security services can use the photo to find the missing member of the party. Be aware of the weather. Storms can disrupt the fun and send fans scrambling for cover. Many stadiums will not allow umbrellas so if the weather doesn't cooperate some rain gear might be advisable. Sun screen and protective clothing should be a consideration. It's always easier to wear more and take off what's not needed than to not have what you need when you need it. If you must take medication or carry items into the stadium, remember that you may have to have clear containers to carry those items.

Game day can be a fun experience for everyone if we remember the simple precautions we need to take to be sure everyone has a good time.



## NUCA OF FLORIDA CONFERENCE A BIG HIT

A great time was had by all who attended the NUCA of Florida Conference at Ocean Reef Resort in Key Largo.

The conference kicked off on Thursday with a Board of Directors meeting, some committee meeting and a Networking Reception which included Tabletop Exhibitor displays.

Friday was our education day which began with a breakfast buffet and time to mingle with the exhibitors. The first presentation was on Drones and Underground Utility Construction presented by Wesley Alexander from TMI Solutions, LLC. The next speaker was Dr. Mildred Coyne, Executive Director for Workforce Education and Economic Development and she discussed Construction Industry Workforce 2020 & Beyond, There was a presentation on NUCA Advantage Benefits Program with Steve Vogt and Billy Berrios which discussed Health Insurance and Corporate Wellness Programs. After lunch, State Representative Holly Raschein discussed how her district, the Keys, was recovering from last year's hurricane. Bill Hillman, CEO of NUCA national and Mark Fugelvand, current NUCA chair provided updates on NUCA national. The rest of the day was open to enjoy the rest.

Saturday was a great day for networking with a hospitality area on Buccaneer Island which included kayaks, paddleboards, Hobie catamarans, cornhole, beach volley ball and more. Special thanks to Dobbs Equipment for sponsoring this event. A reception was held Saturday evening and the Andrew Scott Johnson scholarship was presented. Dinner followed with a presentation of the Performance awards, President's award and Swearing in of officer ceremony. Raffle baskets and silent auction winners were announced.

Next year's conference will be held July 18 to 20th at Wyndham Clearwater Beach. Please plan to join us!





# NUCA OF FLORIDA CONFERENCE PHOTOS



## **TED TURNBEAUGH HONORED WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

On July 19th at our scholarship night, we honored Ted Turnbeaugh who gave so much to our industry. Ted passed away on March 14<sup>th</sup> after a long illness. Up until his death, Ted was our scholarship committee chairman, a job he loved and took very seriously. He even selected the essay question for this year's scholarship application. For many years, Ted also served on our Board of Directors and was also our golf committee chairman for several years, Trade Show Committee and just about everywhere else he was needed. One of Ted's biggest contributions was to our state association. He established sponsorship levels for our annual state convention and was Chairman of the Convention a number of times. In 2006, we had our convention in Ponte Vedra. The theme was Kentucky Derby. Ted went all out with his master plan. He built tickets windows, a corral, and stick horses and more. The conference committee helped but Ted was the creative genius. He even dressed up as a Kentucky Colonel, think of spokesperson for KFC. Ted was the 2002 Gary D. Sawyer award winner for the state of Florida. This award is presented annually to the associate member who has made a significant contribution on the state or local level. Ted was a giant in the industry and was known for his knowledge of the industry and his customer service. He will be greatly missed by our association and by all who knew him in the industry. We were pleased to have Ted's wife Rene, Son Teddy and Daughter-in-law Carla to accept the award.



Ted's Wife, Son and Daughter-in-law along with his co-workers from Fortiline Waterworks.



**2018 FISHING RAFFLE**

**TICKETS: \$10 EACH OR 3/\$20**

**To Purchase tickets, complete bottom of this form and mail with payment to: NUCANF, PO Box 16810, Jacksonville, FL 32245. Drawing will be held on August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Fishing Tournament. You do not need to be present to win.**

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