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October 6th & 7th
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I hope 2022 continues to treat you and your businesses well. As always, thank you to our monthly sponsors! Without you, this great organization would not exist.

The “dog days of summer” are officially here! August brings the heat for sure, but it also brings the beginning of football season. College games start at the end of the month and we’ll be getting pre season NFL games through out the month. Hopefully our home town Jags will pick up a few more wins this year than they did last. August also officially kicks off elections season. That’s right, the primary elections are on August 23rd. Make sure you support and vote for candidates that support NUCA and your businesses well beings. One way to support those people (other than your vote) would be to contribute to the NUCA Pac and NUCA of Florida’s Advocacy Fund. We strive to support the political leaders that share our beliefs and help keep the construction industry going.

On July 14th, we held our Annual Scholarship Night at Maggianos. Congratulations to this years winners, Bryce Williams and Annalee Clay! Also on scholarship night, Rory Diamond of K9s For Warriors and the Jacksonville City Council was our guest speaker. Though I did not do him any justice for his introduction, he gave a very entertaining and educational presentation. The NUCA of Florida Annual Conference has come and gone. We had another great event at the Opal Grand in Delray Beach. If you didn’t get to make it this year, next years event will be around the same time so make it a point to be there next year! Last, but not least, our NUCA of North Florida Annual Fishing Tournament will be held on August 27th. We always have room for participants in this event, and always welcome sponsorships too! Come on out and help me celebrate my birthday by catching a boat load of fish!

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 9th

Executive Committee Meeting

August 27th

**Fishing Tournament
St. Augustine**

September 13th

Executive Committee Meeting

September 22nd

**Board of Directors Meeting
Legislative Night
Aloft**

October 6th & 7th

**NUCA of Florida
President's Cup Golf &
Board of Directors Meeting**

November 8th

**Sporting Clay Challenge
Jacksonville Target Sports**

November 17th

**Top Golf
Fundraiser for Seamark Ranch**

The Law and Your Business

The Law and Your Business – Elections 2022 *Tony Zebouni, NUCANF Legislative Chair*

It's Election Time. The Primary Election is August 23 (early voting August 13-20) and the General election is November 8 (early voting October 29 to November 5). It is important that you know the candidates and issues and be an informed voter. Your vote counts.

I am providing a partial summary of the main races that impact our area: U.S Senator, 1 Republican Candidate, 4 Democratic Candidates and 7 other party/no party; United States House of Representatives District 4: 3 Republican Candidates, 1 other party candidate; District 5 **John Rutherford** and 3 Republican Candidates; Governor: 1 Republican Candidates, 4 Democratic Candidates and 1 other/no party Candidate; State Senator District 4: **Clay Yarborough** and 1 Democratic Candidate; District 5 **Traci Davis**, 1 Republican Candidate, 2 Democratic Candidates and 1 no party; State Senator District 7 **Travis Hutson**; Florida House of Representatives: District 11 **Sam Garrison** and 1 Democratic Candidate; District 13: **Angie Dixon** and 1 Democratic Candidate and 1 no party Candidate; District 14: 4 Democratic Candidates and 1 no-party candidate; District 16: Former Don Davis NUCANF award winner **Lake Ray III, P.E.**, 2 Republican Candidates 2 no-party Candidates; District 19: **Paul Renner** and 1 Democratic Candidate.

There are many races, and all are important. Had I attempted to name all the candidates in this article, I would have exceeded my allotted space, and by not naming a candidate it was not intended to diminish or disparage any person. The highlighted candidates are those with a proven track record with NUCANF and have proven to be a friend of NUCANF. There are candidates from both major political parties listed, and you are encouraged to do your own research and be an informed voter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Kari Hebrank.



TRENCH SAFETY STAND DOWN HIGHLIGHTS

We hosted a terrific kick-off event on June 16th at United Rentals Trench Safety where we had several safety vendors present. Guest enjoyed a catered lunch for 4 Rivers Smokehouse. We also had members of Jacksonville Fire Rescue on hand. There explained what to do in the event of a trench collapse. We will be working closely with JFRD on a joint training exercise. We will keep you posted as these plans come together.

We had some photos on display to remind everyone one that there are many victims involved in a trench accident, co-workers, family, and friends just to name a few.

During Trench Safety Stand Down Week, we had a number of member participate in a variety of ways from brining in all the crews for lunch and a presentation, guest speakers from OSHA, and videos of actual trench collapses.

The sixth annual Trench Safety Stand Down (TSSD) held last month delivered to thousands of our industry's employees what NUCA sought: an increased attention to safety around jobsite excavations. So far, NUCA has TSSD 2022 reports from 292 companies, instructing 18,488 employees at 1,480 jobsites. We know more NUCA members took the time out of their busy workdays and conducted their stand down to keep their employees safe.



NUCANF AT WORK

NUCA of North Florida has been hard at work for you. Over the past few months, members of the Executive Committee sat down with the City of Jacksonville and had a discussion about burn permits and what criteria is being used to issue or not issue clearances for burning on a particular day. Since those conversations took place, NUCA of North Florida members have seen a marked increase in the number of days being allowed to burn versus the previous months.

Also beginning in the month of June, NUCA of North Florida joined a coalition with ABC, NFBS, Electrical Contractors of Florida, First Coast Apartment Association, NAIOP, and the Northeast Florida Association of Realtors. A letter was drafted explaining the various problems that each organization has experienced with permitting within the city of Jacksonville. The coalition sat down with Bill Killingsworth, Josh Gideon, and Terrence Freeman (President of the Jacksonville City Council) and opened up new lines of communication within the city that were not there previously. The city will have a roll out of new software in the fall to help with speed and efficiency, the building department will communicate frequent/recurring errors or omissions that cause permitting delays, and the city is also working on re-staffing/reassigning employees to help increase efficiency.

These are the most recent examples of NUCA of North Florida trying to make our industry better. We can't do it without your help though. If you have an issue, please bring it forward. We can't help if we don't know what's going on. We will continue to fight for all of our members, in the hopes of bettering our industry.





Your Completed Trench Safety Stand Down Reports Are Needed

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NUCA's Dig This! Podcast: Safety Programs To Improve Your Own Program

Our latest Dig This! podcast is posted and live for your listening enjoyment. This month's podcast segments cover NUCA's safety programs and the safety of your employees:

- Bob Samanas, of Fehlinger Construction, PA discusses the company's award-winning safety program
- Mike Flowers, NUCA safety director for the new NUCA STAR program and what it can do for your utility construction company

You can find our podcasts at nuca.com/podcast or on all major podcast services. Follow us for more episodes in the coming months.

NUCA-STAR Company Safety Program Introduced

Safety is the utility construction industry's first priority. It is also the top priority of the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA). To help our members reach that goal, NUCA is introducing this month the NUCA Safety, Training, Awareness and Recognition (NUCA STAR) Program. The NUCA STAR Program was developed by the association's Safety Committee to help evaluate, update, and recognize a member company's safety program and practices. NUCA members who volunteer to participate should see lower incident rates and accidents on their jobsites and in their company facilities. We'll be releasing more details about this new program in the weeks ahead. More at nuca.com/nucastar.

NUCA's Train-the-Trainer: A New Look, A New Course, Aug. 23-26

NUCA's Safety, Education & Training Dept. is pleased to announce that the venerable NUCA Train-the-Trainer (TTT) course has a fresh new look and a new focus. The updated Train-the-Trainer course emphasizes building instructors and teaching them the concepts of being an effective instructor while focusing on teaching the core NUCA Competent Person and NUCA Confined Space Courses. The 2022 TTT course will be offered in Coppell, Texas, on Aug. 23-26. If you would like to attend this course, be a NUCA Certified Instructor, or refresh your skills and training, please contact NUCA's training director Mike Flowers at mike@nuca.com.

New Trenchless Technology Manual Now Available

Trenchless technology continues to expand at a very rapid rate, as more contractors recognize the efficiency and cost-savings that can be recognized in its usage. To help more of its members understand trenchless tech, the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) released this spring its updated "Trenchless Construction and New Installation Methods" manual. The 148-page, full-color illustrated manual carefully addresses and explains the most common trenchless installation methods. This manual was written by construction industry experts, describing both the contractors' and manufacturers' perspective with the goal to educate and guide others in choosing the best subsurface method to completing a project. The new manual is available exclusively from NUCA, and can be ordered online for US\$99.95 plus shipping. More here: nuca.com/trenchlessmanual

SAFETY NEWS

By Jeff Blomgren
Safety Director at Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors

Summer Safety

Summer is a great time of year. More vacations take place during summer than any other time of year. It's a wonderful time for enjoying family time. Living in Florida gives us an even better chance of finding ways to take advantage of one of the best states for water sports, fishing, family fun and making memories. However, along with all those outdoor activities, there are some safety concerns when interacting with our natural world.

Poisonous Plants: There are some common plants that are poisonous in our state. Poison ivy, Poison oak, and Poison Sumac are the most common. There are others and it would be a good idea to be able to recognize them.

Snakes: There are six very poisonous snakes in Florida. The Coral Snake, the Eastern Copperhead, Florida Cottonmouth, the Pigmy Rattlesnake, the Timber Rattlesnake, and the Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake. There are many other common snakes we might see in our gardens and yards and many of them are beneficial and harmless. It's important to educate children that almost all snakes will bite if mishandled.

Creepy Crawlies: You wouldn't think of a Monarch Butterfly as poisonous, but it's on the list, along with Black Widow spiders, Brown Recluse Spiders, Fire Ants, Centipedes, Scorpions, Wasps, Yellow Jackets and Hornets, Deer Flies and Mosquitoes. Obviously, there are more so it's a good idea to be able to identify the most common. Repellents and recognition of personal sensitivity to these insects might save a life.

We live in a wonderful area. Almost an endless summer, filled with great things to do. We can get the most enjoyment out of these things by being aware of the conditions that might compromise our fun. No one wants to live in a bubble. That's not what life is all about but it's wise to recognize that there are some hazards involved. After all, don't we deal with hazards as an occupation? We are hoping you are having a wonderful and safe summer.



SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT HIGHLIGHTS

One of our members favorite nights of the year is when we get to recognize our scholarship winners. On July 14th, we hosted an event at the Maggiano's at the St. Johns Town Center. We kicked off the night with some networking time over beverages and appetizers.

Annalee Clay, the winner of this year's J. Richard Baker Scholarship. Bryce Williams, the winner of the Mike Allen scholarship was unable to attend but his parents Michelle and Shane received his check on his behalf. Get to know our scholarship winners in separate article in this edition.

We are pleased to have Rory Diamond, CEO of K9s for Warriors and member of Jacksonville City Council as our guest speaker. Determined to end veteran suicide, K9s For Warriors provides highly-trained Service Dogs to military veterans suffering from PTSD, traumatic brain injury and/or military sexual trauma. With the majority of dogs coming from high-kill rescue shelters, this innovative program allows the K9/Warrior team to build an unwavering bond that facilitates their collective healing and recovery. Currently, there is a 4 year waiting list for a veteran to get a service dog. To learn more or to make a donation, please visit their website at k9sforwarriors.org. NUCA presented Rory with a donation of \$500.

Lauren Atwell, Chairman of NUCA national also provided us with an update of things happening with our national association. Please see the NUCA news on page 7 for additional information.





NUCA★STAR

SAFETY TRAINING AWARENESS RECOGNITION

All NUCA members want to send its workers home safely every night. By participating in the NUCA STAR program you can reach those safety goals and raise the bar on safety best practices in the utility construction industry over time.

The STAR Program has been developed as a tool to aid NUCA members in evaluating, updating, and recognizing their safety program and practices. Companies who volunteer to participate in the evaluation process should see lower incident rates and accidents across the board.

KEY EVALUATION AREAS

Leadership + Culture + Procedures + Records & Database Management

For more information contact:

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Cast-off: 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Back to Dock: 2:30 p.m.
B.Y.O.B. (Bring Your Own Boat)

Cost per Angler: \$125 Includes Meal & Beverages (after Weigh-in)

*Each Angler will also receive a Commemorative T-shirt & Door Prize Entry ticket at weigh-in

Kid's 13 & under fish for free with an adult registration

PRIZE STRUCTURE: First, Second and third place prizes will be awarded for the heaviest legal fish in each of the following categories: Kingfish, spotted sea trout, redfish, flounder and all other species. There will also be a prize for the redfish with the most spots on one side, a prize for the woman weighing in the heaviest legal fish and a kid's prize (13 & under) for the heaviest legal fish.

SPONSORSHIP IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE TOURNAMENT'S SUCCESS! If you are interested in being a TOURNAMENT SPONSOR, please check off one of the levels of participation.

- ☐ \$125 Single Angler with Meal/Drink Complimentary T-shirts .
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- ☐ \$350 TWO (2) Anglers with Meal/Drink & Company Logo on T-shirt, Complimentary T-shirts.*
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(See Sponsorship form for details as to what is included with your sponsorship)

Company Name: _____ Your Name: _____
Phone: _____

Reservations for Fishing Tournament need to be made by Friday, 8/6. List all those who will be fishing or attending:

#1 _____ #2 _____
#3 _____ #4 _____

Kid's 13 & Under (no charge)

Name: _____ Age: _____ Kid's Shirt Size: _____
Name: _____ Age: _____ Kid's Shirt Size: _____

Send your Entry/Payment to: NUCANF, PO BOX 16810, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32245 or email to nucanf@gmail.com

2022 NUCANF Fishing Tournament Sponsorship Opportunities

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\$1,000 Raffle Sponsor (Limit one)

Your company name will be prominently displayed on a sign at the event; your company logo will appear on the T-shirt and you 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. A complimentary full page ad will also appear in the October or November 2022 Flow Newsletter.

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\$500 Grand Prize Sponsor (limited to one spot)

Your company name will be prominently displayed on a sign at the event; your company logo will appear on the T-shirt and you 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. A complimentary 1/2 page ad will also appear in the October or November 2022 Flow Newsletter. You may also have a vendor display at the awards dinner.

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2022 NUCANF FISHING RAFFLE
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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 21st at the Fishing Tournament. You do not need to be present to win.

Prizes:

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9Ft Flexlite Hose - BPH Free - Drink Water Safe
Donated by MWI Pumps
Value: \$395

of Tickets_____

(Name)

(Company Name)

(Phone)

1st Choice of Prize: ___ **Gift Card** ___ **Fire-Pit** ___ **Rinse Off Kit**

2nd Choice of Prize: ___ **Gift Card** ___ **Fire-Pit** ___ **Rinse Off Kit**

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

Visa/MC/AX: _____ Exp Date: _____ V-Code: _____

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*Registration includes participation in the
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Damage Prevention meeting.*



ONE CONFERENCE FOR ALL

NUCA's Safety Directors Forum offers the unique opportunity for safety management to network with other utility construction safety managers from across the country. Safety experts will present open-forum discussions on the most important and relevant safety information members sought by industry professionals.

Speakers for this year's event include:

- Dr. Katie Welfare — Construction Safety Research Alliance (CSRA)
- John Olachea — Compliance Assistance Specialist (OSHA)
- Sharon Lipinski — CEO, Habit Mastery Consulting
- Perry Silvey — Safety Manager with BT Construction, Inc.
- Trenching and Excavation Safety Taskforce (TEST) Representative

The 811 One Call/Damage Prevention Meeting will again focus on damage prevention best practices.

For the most up-to-date list of industry speakers, session topics, discussion forums, and event registration, please visit:

www.NUCA.com/sdf

WILLIAMS AWARDED MIKE ALLEN SCHOLARSHIP

The Mike Allen Scholarship is given to a high school student, High School graduate, Undergraduate College Student or Graduate Student who is the daughter or son of a NUCANF member company employee or a member company employee and is enrolled or will be enrolling full or part time in an academic institution of higher education this summer/fall. The enrollment may be in any curriculum for any number of years. This may be a four-year college or a community college anywhere in the United States. The Mike Allen Scholarship is a \$1,000 one-time award.

Selection is based on the general worthiness of the application. The NUCANF Scholarship Committee will consider, scholastic standing, extracurricular activities, career goals, past employment, essay and thoroughness of the completed application. Special consideration will be given for those pursuing degrees in construction related fields.

This year's recipient of the Mike Allen Award is Bryce Williams, son of Shane Williams, Sunbelt Rentals and Michelle Williams. Bryce attends the Emerson College majoring in Global Film Art. Bryce is also a member of the Undergraduate Research Scholars Program. This program is a year-round program with 9 months of academics based in Paris and summers spent in Boston or the Netherlands. Bryce is a singer, songwriter and guitarist. He added Stanton College Prep High school where he was active in the Drama Program, Swim Team, yearbook, and student government. Bryce wrote in his essay this year that he hopes to gain funding in the next 10 years to write scripts and make short films focusing on telling the story of disabled people; specifically amputees and cancer survivors, like himself in a much more real sense than Hollywood has done in the past. Unfortunately, Bryce was unable to be with us but his parents, . Shane & Michelle, were on hand to accept a check on his behalf.



CLAY AWARDED J.RICHARD BAKER SCHOLARSHIP

The J. Richard Baker Sr. Scholarship. This award is given to a high school student or high school graduate who is the daughter or son of a NUCANF member company employee and will be enrolling full or part time in an academic institution of higher education, beginning this summer/fall. The enrollment may be in any curriculum for any number of years. This may be a four-year college or a community college anywhere in the United States. The J. Richard Baker Scholarship is a \$2,000 one-time award.

Selection is based on the general worthiness of the application. The NUCANF Scholarship Committee considers scholastic standing, ACT and/or SAT scores, extracurricular activities, career goals, past employment, essay and thoroughness of the completed application.

This year's recipient of the J. Richard Baker Sr. Award is Annalee Clay, daughter of Tim Clay, Phillips and Jordan and Jennifer Clay. Annalee recently graduated from Clay High School where she had a class standing of 17 out of 407 with a GPA of 4.5. Caroline's academic honors include: National Honor Society member and Clay County Fair Scholarship winner. While at Clay High, Annalee was Senior Class Secretary, Swim Team Co-Captain, Future Business leaders of America State Team, student Council Member, and 4 year member of the Clay High swim team and Spartan Aquatic Swim Club. She did Cross Country and Track and Field for two years. Annalee is very active in her community participating on the Hibernia Baptist New York Missions Tea, OPAA Park Clean-ups, 5k for K9's volunteer, Green Cove Springs decorating and clean ups, Football Team Manager and Clay County Fair Volunteer.

Annalee will be attending The University of South Florida in Tampa where she will be majoring in Nursing.



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