

THE FLOW

Upcoming Events

March 2nd –4th
**ASJMS Bass Fishing
Tournament**

March 10th
**Executive Committee
Zoom Call**

March 16th
**Guest Speaker
Rep. John Rutherford
Maggiano's
6:00 pm**

April 11th
Safety Director's Forum

April 18th
**Annual Golf Tournament
St. Johns Golf &
Country Club
Sponsorship Info on page 10**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

February came and went in the blink of an eye. We are already starting off with great momentum this year, and I hope all of you as just as excited about the future as I am.

Thank you to all our sponsors, for providing monthly support, event donations and many more. Without your overwhelming contributions, it would be hard to hold this chapter together.

We have a lot of exciting events upcoming. By the time you get this letter, the Jacksonville Icemen game will have turned out for a great event. The annual golf tournament at St Johns Golf & Country Club is fast approaching, and I believe we sold out tickets in record time. Still more room for sponsorships though!!

The legislative days in Tallahassee are coming next month, so reserve your hotel now and join our state friends, help lobby with your local leaders and help join the fight for our industry to stay on top. We have Representative Rutherford joining us at our next event in March at Maggiano's in the Town center. Be on the lookout for details, it will be an evening with a lot of insight to our economy from our local leaders.

Best Regards,

Tim

Tim Gaddis Jr.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2nd to 4th
ASJMSF Bass Tournament
Lake Okeechobee

March 13th
NUCA Annual Meeting
Las Vegas

March 16th
Meeting with Rep. Rutherford
Maggiano's
6:00 pm

April 4th & 5th
NUCA of Florida
Legislative Days
Tallahassee

April 11th
Safety Director's Forum
11:30 Am

April 18th
Golf Tournament
St. Johns Golf & Country Club

The Law and Your Business

The Law and Your Business – Jacksonville Municipal Elections Tony Zebouni, Esq. NUCA NF General Counsel

It's important to know the issues and candidates in all local, state, and federal elections. Issues involving Public Procurement and JEA policies often require consideration and involvement by the Jacksonville City Council. There are 19 City Council Members (14 District and 5 At large). The General election date including but not limited to Mayor and City Council is March 21, 2023 (Early voting March 6-19). If no candidate receives 50%+1 majority then the run-off will be held on May 16, 2023 (early voting May 1-14).

Information regarding the candidates is available on-line, and we should all respect the commitment of citizens to run for elected office. Congressman John Rutherford is our guest speaker at the membership meeting on March 16, and I've invited Council Members Michael Boylan (District 6 and Ron Salem At-Large 2) and candidates Chris Miller (At Large 5) and Joe Carlucci (District 5) to attend as my guests based on our personal relationship and my belief in their commitment and consideration of transparent government and infrastructure. In short, I already enjoy an open and friendly line of communication with these candidates. It is important that you know the candidates and make your own informed decision on how to vote.

There are also issues of interest and concern in Tallahassee and we're working with Kari to prevent potentially unfavorable amendment to Ch 255.20 F.S.

You are all invited and encouraged to attend the NUCA Legislative Days in Tallahassee on April 4-5, 2023. For more information, contact Kathy Blackman or Tony Zebouni.

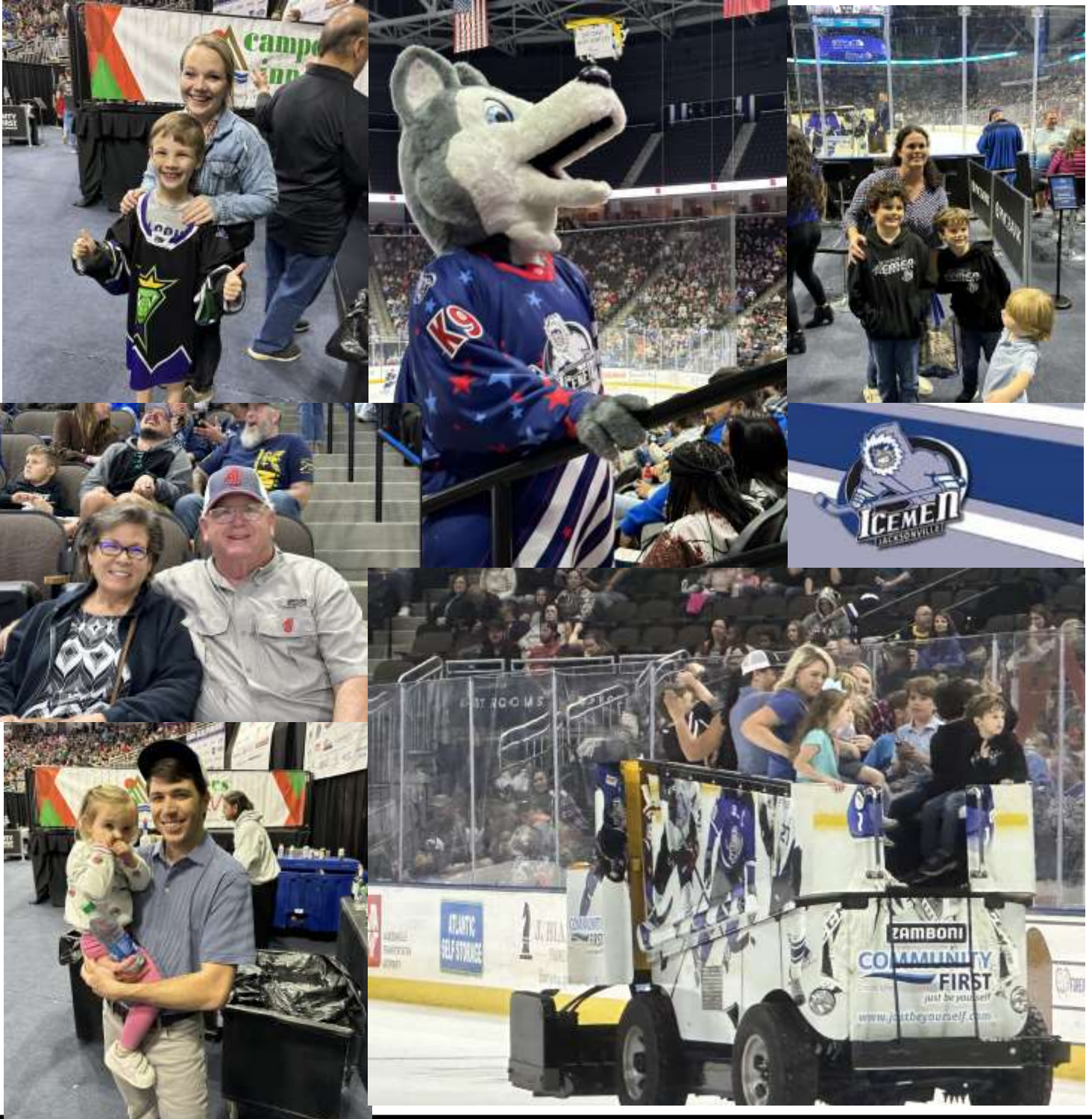


JACKSONVILLE ICEMEN HIGHLIGHTS

We had about 100 people registered to attend our event with the Jacksonville Icemen on Friday, February 24th. Some companies had 25 or more employees attend. It was military appreciate night so it was a great night to be attending the game.

We had a group of 10 or so individuals who were able to ride on the Fanboni between the first and second period. The kids were pumped to be able to get out on the ice for a ride.

The Icemen were playing the Atlanta Gladiators. The final score of the game was Gladiators 3 and Icemen 0.



NUCA OF FLORIDA CORNHOLE & PRESIDENT'S CUP HIGHLIGHTS

We had full day of meeting at Hammock Beach before heading outdoors for a reception and cornhole tournament at the beautiful Hammock Beach. It was great to see people from other chapters, many of whom we had not seen in person since our conference last July. Due to the hurricane, the President's cup was postponed from last fall until this month.

Guests were treated to some delicious food before participating in the Cornhole tournament. Thanks to Dobbs Equipment for once again donating the cornhole boards and sponsoring this event. Congratulations to this year's cornhole tournament winners from Ajax Paving Industries.

Friday morning kicked off with an early breakfast with cigars and 8:00 am shotgun start. Thank you to all the teams from North Florida who participated and to all the companies that sponsored this event. Plans are already underway for this fall for the President's Cup to be held in September or October at Innisbrook Golf Resort, Palm Harbor on the gulf coast.

Congratulations to the golf winners: 1st Place, Chance Leonard & Tommy Hyatt III, 2nd Place Gordon Spottswood & Clay Watterson. All proceeds from both events go towards our advocacy funds.



Pictured Left to right: Clay Watterson, Chance Leonard, Gordon Spottswood and Tommy Hyatt III.



OSHA Announces Enforcement Guidance Changes

OSHA announced that it has issued new enforcement guidance to make its penalties more effective towards employers who fail to comply with certain workplace safety and health regulations. OSHA administrators and directors now have the authority to cite cases with "high-gravity" serious violations of OSHA standards. These conditions include trenching, lockout/tagout, machine guarding, permit-required confined space, respiratory protection, falls, and for cases with other-than-serious violations specific to recordkeeping. The new guidance covers enforcement activity in construction and other industries, and becomes effective 60 days from Jan. 26, 2023. The current policy has been in place since 1990 and applies only to egregious willful citations.

Big Iron Auction: Support The NUCA Foundation & Get A Great Return

BigIron Auctions has partnered once again with the NUCA Foundation to host a [Focus Auction Fundraiser](#) on March 29, 2023. Get a great return on the sale of your unused equipment through NUCA National Partner BigIron Auctions. BigIron will create your listing, market your surplus equipment (listed and sold from your location), and collect buyer payments. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to the NUCA Foundation for Education & Research. But act fast: the deadline to list your equipment is February 24! Contact BigIron at 1-800-937-3558 or bigiron.com/selling to list your equipment.

Long-time NUCA member Chris Duinick had a terrific experience with our last BigIron Focus Auction: watch his personal testimonial at nuca.com/bigironauction (1:51).

NUCA Is Accepting 2023 Scholarship Applications

The NUCA Foundation for Education & Research is now accepting applications for our 2023 Scholarship Program. Four scholarships are available ranging from \$1,000 to \$8,000. Any high school senior whose parent or guardian is employed by a NUCA member company in good standing may apply. Student employees, including students who work part-time are eligible, as are dependents of NUCA Chapter Executive Directors. The deadline for applications is May 16, 2023. [Read more and submit at nuca.com/scholarships](https://nuca.com/scholarships).

NUCA Assurance: Construction-Focused Group Captive Business Insurance Only For NUCA Members

NUCA Assurance is a new member benefit, tailored to our association and our industry! NUCA Assurance is construction-focused group captive program owned by members and offers a host of insurance benefits to business owners. It is designed by insurance experts with construction backgrounds to deliver the claims control and risk-management to support smart business owners. This week and every week in February, we're sending all NUCA members more information on this new benefit and how NUCA Assurance compares to your existing business operations insurance. To learn more about this new member benefit, go to nucaassurance.com.

Construction Law Committee Webinar Posted On NUCA YouTube

NUCA's Construction Law Committee posted their first-ever [Construction Law webinar](#), held on Jan. 17, on NUCA National's YouTube channel. Watch and listen to our legal experts Tom Olson and Shawn Farrell discuss damages for mismarked utilities. (51:11) Learn more about our 2023 Construction Law webinar series at nuca.com/conlawwebinar. We are seeking topics for the May 23rd webinar, so please email your suggestions to NUCA's webinar producer at robert@nuca.com.

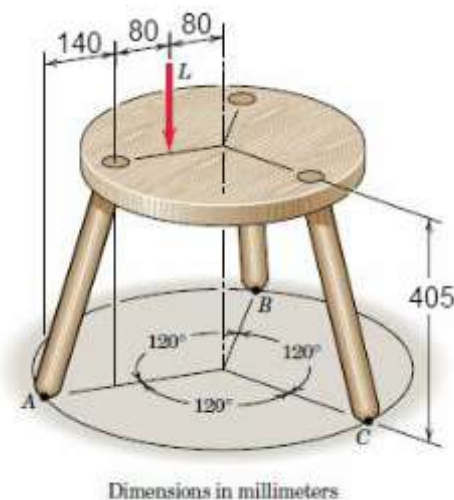
SAFETY NEWS

By Jeff Blomgren
Safety Director at Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors

How does a three-legged stool relate to safety?

There are dozens of analogies related to the three-legged stool illustration. The Engineering diagram here gives us an idea of what makes it work. Equal pressure on each leg to support the weight of the load above. That seems simple but there are factors that could create a problem in effectiveness. If any one of the dimensions of the legs change, balance is compromised. The principle is good. Build the stool following a plan that will insure a successfully balanced product. So, how does that relate to safety?

Any successful business must balance three main things to ensure success. Safety, Quality and Productivity in equal amounts. Safety comes first, followed by quality and then productivity. Without any one of those the likelihood of success is a matter of chance. If we believed that safety is a matter of chance and that things are going to happen anyway, it wouldn't be long until we would understand that not having safety first, is a matter of life and death. Think of a surgeon who performs bypass heart operations. Would you trust a surgeon that believes he's 90% effective? Would you fly on an airplane where the company says that they are 95% sure you won't crash? Granted, if we lived in a bubble and every chance of risk was completely removed, we would be entirely safe. However, we most likely would never be very productive since being productive involves an element of risk but, the level of prevention is equal to the level of importance. If productivity wasn't a factor, we soon would be out of money because there would not be a product to sell. If we didn't care about quality, no one would want our product and we would soon be out of business. So, if we are to expect to be able to successfully exist in the competitive world we live in, we must maintain a balance that ensures success. Safety Quality and Productivity, in equal amounts. Is the proper balance for business success.



LEGISLATIVE DAYS



Support our Advocacy efforts
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Platinum	\$2500
Gold	\$1500
Silver.....	\$1000
Bronze.....	\$500
Copper.....	\$250
Advocacy Champion	\$150

The 2023 legislative Session kicks off on March 7th. NUCA of Florida will be hosting their Legislative Days on April 3-5, 2023, at Hotel Duval. On April 4, following the Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meeting, NUCA of Florida government affairs team will provide a Legislative Briefing. Members will then be able to meet one-on-one with their state representatives and senators at the Capitol. In the evening, the group will gather with lawmakers for a cocktail reception. On April 5, a breakfast with key leadership and agency heads will be followed by "walking the halls" of the state Capitol. With all 160 legislative seats up for grabs, there will be plenty of new faces gracing the Capital City! Meet with key lawmakers in the House and Senate and hear from top agency officials. Industry- specific bills covering the lien law, construction practices, "Buy American," licensure, notice of commencement, and public works bid systems are all on the table.

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2023 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.

sold

\$800 Gold Vendor Showcase (limited 18)

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.

sold

\$500 Silver Vendor Showcase

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

sold

\$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.

sold

\$450 Beverage Cart Sponsor (Limit two)

Sponsorship includes signage at event

\$450 Dinner Sponsor (limit five)

Sponsorship includes signage at event

\$450 Lunch Sponsor (limit five)

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.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please join me in welcoming the following company who recently joined our association.

HB NEXT

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**It's A New Congress.
It's Time For New Ideas.**

May 15–17, 2023



Infrastructure must be on the agenda for the new 118th Congress.

NUCA's members are coming to Washington this spring to make it happen during the 2023 Washington Summit.

Our 2023 Advocacy Goals Include:

- **Private Activity Bonds (PAB):** Unlocking Private Finance for Infrastructure
- **Implementing the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act:** Five Years Of Funding
- **Workforce Development:** Finding Our New Employees / Immigration and H-2B Visa Reforms
- **Lead-Pipe Replacement:** Delivering The Right Resources To Finish The Job
- **Your Chapter's Government Affairs Agenda Items**

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At this year's Summit, meet in-person with your lawmakers. We'll provide fact sheets, advocacy training and timely lobbying updates. And we'll wrap it all up with our evening Congressional Reception. Lobby Day is May 17.

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Thank you for your participation and keeping your employees safe!