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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Friends,

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! I hope you all are doing well, and that you all are getting geared up for this great time of year. I don't know about you, but Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. It's not just about the food and the football though (2 of my favorite things). It's a time to reflect on all of the things we are grateful for. I've been blessed with a beautiful family, great friends, and a roof over my head, just to name a few things. As always, please support our members and sponsors. Without them, we would not be nearly as successful as we are.

Well, we finally made it. Election day for the 2022 mid terms is on November 8th. GO VOTE. Support those who support our industry and your values. You can still make a last second effort to support the campaigns of those who help our industry by donating to the NUCA of Florida Advocacy Fund, or participate in the Bidding for Benjamins program; \$100 from every bid won to the advocacy fund. Go to the NUCA of Florida website for more detailed instructions. It's really easy.

We held our second installment of the Next Man Up program on Shoring, Dewatering, and Pipe Plug safety on October 13th. Thank you to our friends at United Rentals Trench Safety and Fluid Solutions for putting on a great program and allowing us to use their space for the class! Our annual Clay Shoot is on Nov. 8th. Ammo is included with your registration, and we will have a morning and afternoon shoot. If you are shooting the afternoon, make sure you go vote in the morning. If you are shooting in the morning, make sure you go vote in the afternoon! We will be holding our annual Top Golf event supporting Seamark Ranch on November 17th. This is our last event of the year and typically fills up quick, so make sure that you register quick! Hurricane Ian put a temporary hold on NUCA of Floridas Presidents cup. At the time of this writing, we still don't have a make up date, but be on the look out for information from Kathy and Kari. We'll get info to everyone as soon as we know when it will be.

Speaking of Hurricane Ian, we have members from NUCA of Southwest Florida and SUCA who are dealing with the devastation every day. If there is any way that you or your company can support the relief efforts in the areas affected by the storm, please do so.

Once again, thank you to all of our sponsors and members. We truly are blessed to have such a great group supporting NUCA of North Florida. If there is anything that I can do to help you or your business out, don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mike

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 1st

Executive Committee Meeting

November 8th

Sporting Clay Challenge
Jacksonville Target Sports

November 17th

Top Golf
Fundraiser for
Seamark Ranch

December 13th

Executive Committee Meeting
11:45 am

January 19th

BOD & Annual Meeting
St. Johns Golf & Country Club

February 9th & 10th

NUCA of Florida President's
Cup & Cornhole

February 24th

Jacksonville Icemen

April 18th

Golf Tournament
St. Johns Golf & Country Club

The Law and Your Business

The Law and Your Business – It's Election time **Tony Zebouni, Esq. NUCA NF General Counsel**

In the upcoming general election, November 8, there are 3 Florida constitutional amendments and numerous candidates for various State, District and local offices. You, your family, employees and neighbors are all encouraged to familiarize yourself with the issues and cast an informed vote. Attached is a brief summary of the proposed amendments and a list of the candidates that have been or are supported by NUCA Florida and NUCA North Florida.

Amendment 1: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution, effective January 1, 2023, to authorize the Legislature, by general law, to prohibit the consideration of any change or improvement made to real property used for residential purposes to improve the property's resistance to flood damage in determining the assessed value of such property for ad valorem taxation purposes.

What it means: It would exempt flood resistant improvements from contributing to increases in property assessment. Property owners won't be assessed higher taxes because of these improvements.

Amendment 2: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to abolish the Constitution Revision Commission, which meets at 20-year intervals and is scheduled to next convene in 2037, as a method of submitting proposed amendments or revisions to the State Constitution to electors of the state for approval. This amendment does not affect the ability to revise or amend the State Constitution through citizen initiative, constitutional convention, the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission, or legislative joint resolution.

What it means: It would eliminate the 37-member Constitutional Revision Committee and leave four ways to amend the Florida Constitution, Legislature, citizen-led initiative, constitutional convention and Budget Reform commission.

Amendment 3: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, by general law, to grant an additional homestead tax exemption for non-school levies of up to \$50,000 of the assessed value of homestead property owned by classroom teachers, law enforcement officers, correctional officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, child welfare services professionals, active-duty members of the United States Armed Forces, and Florida National Guard members. This amendment shall take effect January 1, 2023.

What it means: It would a tax break to critical front-line employees that tend to be lower income, though the loss of revenue will have to be made up for elsewhere.

Additionally, our organization supports the following candidates, some of which are not opposed in the general election: **In the House: Rep. Paul Renner D19, Rep. Wyman Duggan D12, Rep. Bobby Payne D20 Rep. Sam Garrison; D18; Kiyan Michael D16; and Jessica Baker D17. And for the Senate: Clay Yarborough D4, Sen. Jennifer Bradley D6, Sen. Travis Hutson D7 and Traci Davis D5.**

Please get to know, vote, and support our local representatives.



Next Man Up Highlights

In the past month, we have held two Next Man Up classes on pipe plug, trench shoring, and dewatering class. Each of these classes had a registration list of 30 students. Thank you to Marty Adams, TB Landmark, Valinda Krynicki, United Rentals Trench Safety, Ashton Milam, United Rentals Fluid Solutions and Karl Trott, Plug Technology. We are grateful to United Rentals Trench Safety for hosting this class as their new location.

The class addressed the proper uses of a pipe plugs and how to install and remove a pipe plug safely. Trench shoring covered all the options for trench shoring and how to install and remove them correctly, when and where to use which shoring option. (Trench boxes, Manhole Trench boxes, slide rails, small aluminum boxes, etc.) The dewatering portion of this class discussed cover sock installation and wellpoints. They discussed all the different pump options and how to make sure your pump is pumping correctly and the dos and don'ts when setting up a dewatering system. (Such as correct discharge hose placement, correct vacuum needed for the depth you are trying to dewater, etc.)

We will be offering the next class sometime this spring.



NUCA OF FLORIDA DELIVERS CHECKS TO CANDIDATES

On October 20th, Kari Hebrank, NUCA of Florida Lobbyist was in town to deliver campaign contributions to Rep. Clay Yarborough and Rep. Wyman Duggan. Neither of these candidates were able to attend our legislative night in September. NUCA of North Florida Legislative Chair Tony Zebouni was able to join us for the meeting with Clay Yarborough. Kari reviewed with Clay and Wyman what issues we would be interested in working on the next legislative session.

If you have an issue that you would like to bring to our attention, please let me or Tony Zebouni know.



Rep. Clay Yarborough, Kari Hebrank & Tony Zebouni



Kari Hebrank & Rep. Wyman Duggan



SAVE THE DATE!

**We are heading back
to see the Icemen
On
February 24th
At
7:00 pm**



EPA Releases \$1.3 Billion for Water Infrastructure Projects in 18 States

Infrastructure Act money continues to make its way to states, the EPA announced on Sept. 22. \$1.3 billion in Clean Water SRF will be used for drinking water and clean water projects, focusing on benefiting underserved communities. The funds are the first installment of \$44 billion the agency will be sending to states for water infrastructure projects over the next five years. Pennsylvania is looking at \$240 million, the highest funding level among the 18 states. NUCA's advocacy on last year's Infrastructure Act is beginning to deliver to our industry in a big way—with more to come.

Dig This! Podcast: Chapter Workforce Development Programs

This month's podcast discusses several workforce development programs underway in our Chapters. The utility construction industry has a recurring labor shortage that awaits new approaches and ideas, some of which contractors can do immediately. This episode discusses the next generation of employees to be involved in these NUCA-supported programs:

--Renee Nutter of the Nutter Family Foundation talks about Dozer Days and their 2023 program with several NUCA Chapters

--Workforce development coordinator Annette McRoy of NUCA of Nebraska discusses her chapter's focus on finding skilled employees for their members

Dig This! can be found at nuca.com/podcast or on all major podcast services.

Petticoat-Schmitt Awarded NUCA STAR's Top Platinum Level Award

NUCA is proud to announce that member Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contracting of Jacksonville, Florida, achieved the STAR Program's Platinum Level status. NUCA's new STAR (Safety, Training, Awareness and Recognition) Program provides a venue for every company in the utility construction industry to measure the effectiveness of their safety programs and recognize how these important company programs can be improved. NUCA's website (www.nuca.com/nucastar) contains detailed information on the program's guidelines, as well as the application process for NUCA members and non-members. For more information on your own company's participation in this new safety program, please contact NUCA's Mike Flowers at mike@nuca.com.

Do You Have Enough Leaders? NUCA's Essential Skills for Crew Leaders

NUCA's Essential Skills for Crew Leaders Training is a two-day, intensive course that trains your employees to be effective leaders and communicators so they can provide clear direction to your crew, and plan and schedule the crew's work to maximize safety, production, and profit. With all the necessary hiring coming up for new infrastructure projects, now is a great time to prepare by ensuring your veteran employees are ready to run your new crews. Find out more at nuca.com/crewleader, or contact NUCA's [Mike Flowers](mailto:mike@nuca.com) for more information at mike@nuca.com.

Trenchless Technology Manual Now Available For Your Project Plans & Client Education

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. 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. Buy a copy for your local planning engineer to alert them to the cost-savings this technology can deliver. 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

PPE – WORKER AWARENESS

PPE suitable for the worksite is not just a blanket “one size fits all” affair. There are specific guidelines for Personal Protective Equipment – PPE. We all recognize the standards that govern the classification of PPE. For instance, the safety vest is probably one of the most widely used of all PPE but its effectiveness depends on the application. Is it to be used at night? Is there a traffic situation? Do we know the difference between the various types? Quiz: What is a Type O vest and how is it used? What is a Type R vest and how is it used? What is a Type P vest and how is it used?

Answers:

Type O

This is a class I vest. It provides a minimum amount of reflective material and is primarily used in situations where there are non-complex backgrounds such as a warehouse environment.

Type R

This type of vest is classed as type II or type III and uses additional amounts of reflective materials that define the human form.

A class II vest is sleeveless and is suitable for roadway construction worker, municipalities, and utilities.

A class III vest offers reflectivity through a full range of motion and where the background is more complex. This vest is suitable for flaggers, DOT, night work, municipalities, or state work.

Type P

Type P can be either type II or type III and is conspicuous both day and night operations. Primary use is first responders and law enforcement personnel who work in environments exposed to traffic including temporary traffic control zones.

The right choice in proper PPE will depend on the application. Also, it's best to review ANSI 107-2015 visibility requirements to make sure you are compliant in the application being used.

Remember; vests come in various sizes and a good comfortable fit will help promote it being worn properly.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

The Hutson Companies

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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

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10th Annual Sporting Clay Challenge
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022
JACKSONVILLE CLAY TARGET SPORTS
12125 NEW BERLIN ROAD

HERE'S THE SCHEDULE

MORNING SHOOT		AFTERNOON SHOOT	
7:30 AM	Registration	11:00 AM	Registration
8:30 AM	Safety Briefing	11:30 AM	Lunch
9:00 AM	Shotgun Start	12:30 PM	Safety Briefing
11:30 AM	Lunch	1:00 PM	Shotgun Start



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

We thank all of our members for your support this year and wish you and your families the happiest of Thanksgiving celebrations!

LOCATE/SUNSHINE 811 MEETING HELD

We were pleased to offer a meeting to our members with representatives from Sunshine 811, USIC, and JEA location staff in late October. Thank you to Brad Martin, Sunshine 811 for organizing the event and to Mark Gibson and A.J. Johns, Inc. for hosting the meeting.

Attendees were given an opportunity to discuss issues that they are currently having with locates. We were please to have Warren DiNapoli, Manager of JEA Utility Locate Services on hand. Warren holds a seat on the Sunshine 811 Board of Directors. He mentioned that effective January 1, 2023 AT & T will be using Utiliquest for all of their locates. In an email follow-up after the meeting, Warren confirmed that Utiliquest will have a representative at the NUCANF Safety Diretor's Forum in January. Warren will also be present to answer any of your questions. Look for a meeting invite in late December.

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Mark Gibson, A.J. Johns and Warren DiNapoli, Manager, JEA Utility Locate Services.



Kristian King, USIC and Brad Martin, Sunshine 811



2022

Safety Directors Forum 811 One Call Meeting Damage Prevention Meeting

November 17–18
The Westin Downtown Denver
Denver, Colorado

*Sponsored by NUCA's 2022
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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

NUCA Members: \$295
Non-Members: \$395

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Westin Downtown Denver
1672 Lawrence Street
Denver, Colorado 80202

*Registration includes participation in the
Safety Directors Forum, and the 811 One Call /
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

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



TOPGOLF

TO BENEFIT SEAMARK RANCH

Thursday, November 17th, 6:00 pm

Fee includes three hours of golf play and a buffet dinner. Cost is \$100 per player. Space is limited to 48 players.

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