

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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2010 Annual Convention



Los Cabos' Famous Arch!

UCA members had a lovely 39th Annual Convention on a return visit to the Fiesta Americana Grand Resort in charming Cabo San Lucas, Mexico over the dates of January 24-29, 2010.

Looking from the pool or room, whales were visible throughout each day. Many attendees participated in local attractions such as deep sea fishing, swimming with dolphins, ziplining, whale watching tours, driving ATVs, snorkeling, shopping, and experiencing the nightlife at places such as El Squid Roe, Gigging Marlin, and Cabo Wabo.



Anthony Scully and crew land a 101" Marlin while deep-sea fishing.

After watching the final NFL playoff games, the members gathered for the welcome reception on the Fairway Terrace Sunday night. The scene was set with creative seating arrangements and a variety of local cuisine: sopes, taquitos, tostadas, quesadillas, tamales, pico de gallo, guacamole, pastries, and of course margaritas all around!

On Monday morning, members gathered to hear UCA's Legislative Affairs Director Scott Dworschak give an update on state and federal legislation. The Annual Convention Golf Outing took place on Monday afternoon on the stunning Cabo Del Sol Ocean Course.

Tuesday evening was the Associates' Fiesta Party, where staff and members donned traditional Mexican garb. The Whales Terrace by the beach was set with beautiful sarapes and a rainbow of napkins adorning the tables, colorful scarfs around the chairs, and live music to dance to performed by a local band. The meal had an additional last minute treat: freshly caught



Guests from MQ Sewer & Water Contractors, Inc. and Holiday Sewer and Water Construction Company, Inc. catch up at the President's Dinner.

tuna from the day's deep sea fishing excursion courtesy of Jeff Delia of National Concrete Pipe Co. and J.R. Gillogly of East Jordan Iron Works.

The second educational seminar was on Wednesday morning, where guests learned more about diesel emissions and regulations. The panel of speakers included Bill Bayne of Patten Industries, Inc., Steve Benck of West Side Tractor Sales, and Larry O'Neill of Patten Industries, Inc. Because of the topic's importance and influence on the industry, UCA is planning to host another seminar locally in the near future. An Associate and Contractor meeting was held following the seminar where members expressed their concerns and opinions on various topics regarding the association as well as the industry.



UCA's Legislative Affairs Director updates the attendees on the current happenings of the state and federal government.

The President's Dinner was held at the Cabo Del Sol Golf Club, where guests were greeted with margaritas, wines, beers, and a mariachi band during the sunset reception. After hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, everyone enjoyed a bountiful buffet with aesthetically impressive desserts. Concluding the dinner was a short entertainment set by Musical Trash. This year's Convention MVP was Brian Vander Molen from Steve Spiess Construction, Inc. for his idea of

serving the fresh tuna at the Associates' Party on Tuesday night.



Convention MVP Brian Vander Molen from Steve Spiess Construction, Inc. and Convention Chair Jeff Delia from National Concrete Pipe Co.

As always, UCA's Convention Committee worked around the clock planning all the activities described as well as collecting sponsorship. Each event was planned to maximize the members' ability to network and get to know each other on a more personal level. Thank you to the Convention Committee for all their effort planning this successful program.

UCA Convention Committee Members:

- Brian Bries, Weible & Cahill
- Jeff Delia, National Concrete Pipe Co. (Committee Chair)
- J.R. Gillogly, East Jordan Iron Works
- Ginger Ines, DS&P Insurance Services
- Brian Klimes, FOCIS Promotions
- Ed Knowles, Knowles Construction, Inc.
- Todd Larsen, Lee Jensen Sales Co., Inc.
- Britt Lienau, Elmhurst-Chicago Stone
- Vito Loisi, Wolf & Co., LLP
- Debby Piraino, PirTano Construction Co.
- Blair Pipkin, SES, Inc.
- John Scapin, Neslund & Associates, Inc. (UCA President)
- Stu Senska, Vermeer Midwest, Inc.

Please take a moment to review the list of attendees and sponsors on page 4-5. This strong support shows continued dedication to the association and the underground industry.

The 2011 convention will be held at the El Conquistador Resort and Spa in Puerto Rico. Please save the dates of January 23-28, 2011, and join us for UCA's Annual Convention!

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Editorial comments, articles and photographs are welcomed and encouraged. Please contact Amy Wicks, Events and Marketing Coordinator, for more information, (630) 467-1919 or awicks@uca.org.

President's Editorial

Dear members,

It is hard to believe that spring is just around the corner. You can't tell it from the weather but the Cubs and Sox are in spring training so it must be true. With spring comes the construction season although this year we might not be able to tell the difference as the funding for public and private work is marginal.

The importance of spring this year is the expiration of a number of labor agreements including the operators, laborers, plumbers, carpenters, masons and a number of other trades. This coupled with the economic recession from which we won't see recovery in the construction sector for another year or two, provides an opportunity to have meaningful negotiations. As contractors, we need to stick together and stay connected. Recently, I have attended a few meetings where for the first time in decades there is a consensus among contractors of all sizes, all types of work, and all trade associations to being committed to working together to negotiate a realistic contract rather than what happened in the past when we were flush with work and wouldn't take the time to stand firm and united.

To show our support and unity, it is imperative that we all assign our bargaining rights to UCA. This gives UCA/MARBA the legal authority and power it needs to negotiate these labor contracts. Contractors should have received a package of information on assigning your bargaining rights. These need to be submitted by March 15, 2010, so please do so now. Also, if you didn't assign your bargaining rights to UCA at the last negotiations, you also need to send letters to the union terminating your existing agreements as of May 31, 2010. If you have any questions, please contact UCA's Legislative Affairs Director Scott Dworschak or myself. There is hope!

UCA recently returned from our convention in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. The weather was warm especially compared to Chicago. There were beautiful (and challenging) golf courses, but the most enjoyable aspect was the camaraderie as usual. Thanks go to the entire UCA staff who did a great job of organizing the convention. Thanks also to the Convention Committee headed by Jeff Delia of National Concrete Pipe Co. for another great program. Most importantly, thanks to our sponsors who made the



John Scapin, UCA President
Neslund & Associates, Inc.

event even more enjoyable. A list of sponsors is in the Pipeline; please support them.

I hope to see everyone at the Membership Dinner and Trade Show on April 15th.

Here comes Spring! Go Cubs!

Sincerely,

John Scapin
Neslund & Associates, Inc.

April 15, 2010
Membership Dinner & Trade Show
Venuti's Banquets

SAVE THE DATE!

Welcome New UCA Members!

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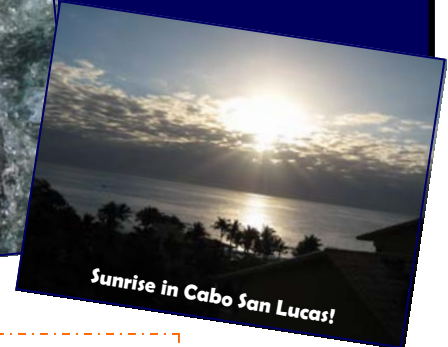
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Don't forget...

The companies listed in UCA's Directory are all UCA members and deserve your preference when looking for products and services.



Sea Lion in the Sea of Cortez!



Sunrise in Cabo San Lucas!

2010 Directory & Buyer's Guide

The 2010 Directory & Buyer's Guide is complete! All members should receive one copy near the end of March. If you need additional copies, please contact UCA staff at (630) 467-1919 or rscully@uca.org.

Thank you to all members who submitted their listing information in a timely manner. New members who joined after February 1, 2010, will be represented by a label which will be available in the next Pipeline edition.

Safety Angle

Silica Hazards

What is crystalline silica?

Crystalline silica is a basic component of soil, sand, granite, and many other minerals. Quartz is the most common form of crystalline silica. Cristobalite and tridymite are two other forms of crystalline silica. All three forms may become respirable size particles when workers chip, cut, drill, or grind objects that contain crystalline silica.

What are the hazards of crystalline silica?

Silica exposure remains a serious threat to nearly 2 million U.S. workers, including more than 100,000 workers in high risk jobs. The seriousness of the health hazards associated with silica exposure is demonstrated by the fatalities and disabling illnesses that continue to occur. Crystalline silica has been classified as a human lung carcinogen. Additionally, breathing crystalline silica dust can cause silicosis, which in severe cases can be disabling, or even fatal. The respirable silica dust enters the lungs and causes the formation of scar tissue, thus reducing the lungs' ability to take in oxygen. There is no cure for silicosis. Since silicosis affects lung function, it makes one

more susceptible to lung infections like tuberculosis. In addition, smoking causes lung damage and adds to the damage caused by breathing silica dust.

How is OSHA addressing exposure to crystalline silica?

OSHA has a renewed Emphasis Program (NEP) for Crystalline Silica exposure to identify, reduce, and eliminate health hazards associated with occupational exposures. OSHA has an established Permissible Exposure Limit, or PEL, which is the maximum amount of crystalline silica to which workers may be exposed during an 8-hour work shift (29 CFR 1926.55, 1910.1000). OSHA also requires hazard communication training for workers exposed to crystalline silica, and requires a respirator protection program until engineering controls are implemented. If respirators are used, each worker must complete a medical evaluation form to be reviewed by an approved doctor. Once the worker is approved to wear a respirator they must be properly trained, and fit tested on an annual basis. It is preferred that engineering methods, such as wet cutting methods be used to reduce possible exposure.

What can employers/employees do to protect against exposures to crystalline silica?

- Avoid using compressed air for cleaning surfaces.
- Use water sprays, wet methods for cutting, chipping, drilling, sawing, grinding, etc.
- Provide engineering or administrative controls, where feasible.
- Where necessary to reduce exposures below the PEL, use protective equipment or other protective measures.
- Use respirators approved for protection against silica. Dust masks are not approved.
- Do not alter the respirator. Do not wear a tight-fitting respirator with a beard or mustache that prevents a good seal between the respirator and the face.
- Wear disposable or washable work clothes and shower if facilities are available. Vacuum the dust from your clothes or change into clean clothing before leaving the work site.
- Participate in training, exposure monitoring, and health screening and surveillance

programs to monitor any adverse health effects caused by crystalline silica exposures.

- Be aware of the operations and job tasks creating crystalline silica exposures in your workplace environment and know how to protect yourself.
- Be aware of the health hazards related to exposures to crystalline silica. Smoking adds to the lung damage caused by silica exposures.
- Do not eat, drink, smoke, or apply cosmetics in areas where crystalline silica dust is present. Wash your hands and face outside of dusty areas before performing any of these activities.

Remember: If it's silica, it's not just dust.

For more information on silica hazards and other safety concerns, please contact UCA's Safety Consultant Dave Soderman at (630) 951-3244.

UCA Members Offer Safety Training

Assurance Agency will host a 10-hour OSHA Construction Training beginning on Wednesday, March 25th with the final session to follow on Wednesday, March 31st. The cost is \$99 per client or \$149 per non-client.

The OSHA 10-hour, two day training has become a necessary seminar for every foreman or superintendent working in the construction field. The seminar will provide an overview of key safety issues related to construction safety and OSHA compliance.

Topics include:

- Ladder Safety
- Electrical Safety
- Fire Protection

- Fall Protection
- Trenching Safety
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Crane Safety
- Scaffolding Safety
- Top OSHA Citations
- How to Handle an OSHA Inspection

For more information on this and other seminars offered by Assurance Agency, please visit: www.assuranceagency.com/seminars or call (847) 463-7239.

Looking to extend your safety program even further? In addition to 10 and 30 Hour OSHA classes, UCA's Safety Consultant Dave

Soderman of Safety Alliance Ltd. provides training/certification in the following areas:

- First Aid/CPR
- FLAGGER
- Competent Person Excavation
- Confined Space
- Utility Damage Prevention
- Workzone safety according to MUTCD
- Silica Hazard Awareness and Respirator Fit Testing

Classes can be performed in the privacy of your own office or at UCA's office in Itasca. For more information on these and other safety programs, please contact Dave Soderman at (630) 450-2440.



Safety Award Correction

UCA would like to correct its recent Pipeline article on the 2009 Safety Awards Program, and announce that **Aldridge Electric, Inc.** won the award for a newly created fifth category for companies who reported more than one million hours without injury. UCA will present their trophy at a future and appropriate event.

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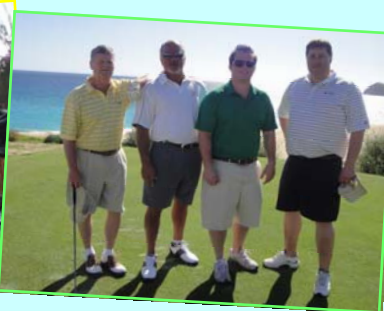
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2010 UCA CONVENTION
Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
Fiesta Americana Grand Resort
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January 24-29, 2010



Assign your Bargaining Rights by March 15th!

The Mid-America Regional Bargaining Association (MARBA), on behalf of its member associations, is about to commence collective bargaining negotiations with the Bricklayers, Carpenters, Cement Masons, Laborers, Operating Engineers and the Technical Engineers to agree on terms of new contracts to replace the agreements which expire with these unions on May 31, 2010. If you employ any of these trades, you are advised to assign your bargaining rights now so that you will be covered by the new agreements when they are negotiated.

Bargaining rights are your authority to negotiate a labor contract, and can be assigned to an employer association which negotiates on your behalf. In turn, UCA currently delegates your bargaining rights to MARBA. If you do not assign your bargaining rights, then the union will send your company a notice of modification/termination of your current agreement. If you have not become signatory to a new agreement by May 31st, then the Union is free to strike or picket all of your operations.

In the past, some contractors have sat on their bargaining rights and adopted a wait and see attitude. You

should understand that there are very real risks if you do not assign your bargaining rights now, prior to the start of negotiations. Why? The most important reason is that the union does not have to give you the terms of the MARBA agreement if you have not delegated your bargaining rights. The union is entirely within its rights either to refuse to offer you any agreement at all or to insist that you sign a different agreement that contains terms that can put your business at a competitive disadvantage. What are these terms? Here are a few examples:

- Unlimited liability for a subcontractor's failure to pay wages and fringe benefits on your jobs;
- Personal liability for corporate officers for debts of the corporation to employees and the fringe benefit funds;
- Expanded union jurisdictional claims which can conflict with other union agreements;
- Section 9(a) recognition which will require you to remain a union contractor for as long as you own and operate the business;
- Expanded prohibitions over subcontracting work.

How can a union make you agree to these clauses which are not a part of the MARBA agreements? It is very simple – they have you sign a so-called "short form" agreement which incorporates the terms of the MARBA agreement, plus the additional provisions described above. Many unions, already have such short form agreements prepared. Remember, if you are not a part of the group of contractors represented in the MARBA negotiations, the union does not have to offer the MARBA contract. The only way you can assure that the union will not force you to agree to these more onerous terms is to designate your bargaining rights for the trades you employ now, so that you become a part of the multi-employer group of contractors covered by the MARBA contract negotiations.

There is no legal obligation for a union to offer a new contract to individual contractors who are not a part of the multi-employer group represented by MARBA when the negotiations commence. If you did not have an agreement on June 1, 2007, the Union is not required to provide you with any craftsmen. This could effectively put you out of business and force you to operate on a non-union

basis.

MARBA has been successful in negotiating contracts that do not contain the punitive clauses described above. Will you be as successful in individual negotiations with the Union? Do you have the time, money and legal advice to negotiate on an individual basis?

The only way to assure that you will have a contract to replace the agreement which expires on May 31st is to assign your bargaining rights now. We strongly urge you to do so. MARBA's strength at the bargaining table and UCA will be enhanced if all Association members assign their bargaining rights. There are real risks to your business if you do not. Please contact Scott Dworschak at (630) 467-1919 or sdworschak@uca.org if you have any questions.

UCA is working with members and other associations to prepare for the 2010 contract negotiations. See the extensive list included in this issue of all the contracts expiring in Illinois this year!

Unfunded Liability Seminar

Drury Lane was the destination for over 225 union contractors, association staff and industry observers who came to the January 15, 2010, Trade Association Partnership (T.A.P) presentation of "Unfunded Liability: What Every Contractor Should Know." Led by attorney Mike Duffee (Ford & Harrison, LLP), the content explored the basics of unfunded pension liability and what it means to participating employers (union contractors signatory to collective bargaining agreements with labor organizations in the construction field). The event was coordinated jointly by an assortment of trade associations including PAMCANI, MARBA, RCEC, NECA, Concrete Contractors Assn., and more

with the goal of sharing resources and information to benefit the constituents of numerous and similar area organizations.

The straightforward three-hour presentation encouraged questions and comments from attendees, and offered a thorough and unblinking "reality check" for the union employers who are ultimately responsible for the viability of these union pension plans. Attorney Duffee provided a step-by-step explanation of how the union (defined benefit) retirement plans were developed, how they are managed, how their funding status is measured, what the ramifications of withdrawal are (and what circum-

stances affect signatory employers), and the changes that have come about as a result of the recently enacted "Pension Protection Act."

The well-received seminar proved to be educational yet also troubling to a number of contractors who previously were unaware of the complexities and challenges associated with pension plan liability. Plans are underway to possibly offer a follow up session to further explain the nuances of unfunded liability to contractors with a financial stake in such retirement programs.



(From L to R): UCA Board Member and PCA-Chicago President Jerry Roberts; PAMCANI Alliance President Barry Thomas; and former PCA President (and Local 501 JATC Chair) Craig Campeggia visit during the TAP event.



Attorney Mike Duffee led the seminar on "Unfunded Liability" at Drury Lane on January 15.

Chicago Construction Expo IV Postponed until November 2010

The 4th Annual Chicago Construction Expo is scheduled to take place on November 10-11, 2010, at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel & Convention Center in Schaumburg, IL.

The show will feature over 100,000 sq. ft. of exhibits for construction, public works and landscaping equipment on one floor with

no union requirements. Exhibitors will have easy access through three entrance ramps and loading dock doors where equipment can be loaded and unloaded hassle free.

At this year's event, UCA along with OSHA, LICA, and JULIE, Inc. will participate in continuing education presentations.

For more information on the Chicago Construction Expo IV please visit www.cegltd.com or call (800) 992-7116.

GCDPC 12th Annual Damage Prevention

UCA members have been invited by the Greater Chicago Damage Prevention Council to attend their 12th Annual Excavator Breakfast to be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Student Center East located at 750 South Halsted Street, 3rd Floor. You can pre-register for the breakfast at www.GCDPC.org.

Senator Bill Brady Meets with UCA Leaders

In January, Republican gubernatorial candidate, Bill Brady, took some time from his busy campaign schedule to attend a recent meeting of the UCA Legislative Committee which followed the UCA Board meeting. Along with committee

members, several UCA Board Directors attended this informative meeting.

Brady, who is currently a State Senator from Bloomington, spoke briefly about his campaign and

then participated in a lively discussion of issues of interest to the underground construction community. As a home developer, Brady is keenly aware of issues affecting our industry, and supports many of our concerns.



Senator Bill Brady meets with UCA Leaders.

UCA Sponsors APWA's National Conference for 2013

The American Public Works Association's (APWA) Chicago Metro Chapter met in UCA's offices on Wednesday, February 24th to plan for their upcoming 2013 national conference at McCormick Place.

On their planning committee are municipal managers from Libertyville, Algonquin, Schaumburg, Elk Grove Village, Vernon Hills, Grayslake, and representatives

from U.S. Pipe, Lux Advisors and CMT Engineering.

UCA's President John Scapin welcomed the committee and presented their Co-Chairs: John Heinz (Director of Public Works, Libertyville) and Larry Lux (Lux Advisors) with a \$2,000 check to kick-off the sponsorship effort for APWA's 2013 national conference in Chicago. UCA raised the money from attendance at Decem-

ber's Pipe-Bursting Live Demo & Seminar hosted by the Chicago-Land District Council of Laborers at their Carol Stream training facility.

Many UCA members are also APWA members and in the upcoming months we ask that you help us raise sponsorships for APWA.



UCA's President John Scapin (middle) presented APWA's Co-Chairs John Heinz (Director of Public Works, Libertyville) and Larry Lux (Lux Advisors) with sponsorship for APWA's national conference.

Save the Dates!

Utility Roundtable

Tuesday, March 23rd
JULIE, Inc. offices, Joliet, IL

Hot Topics Lunch & Learn

Thursday, March 25th
UCA offices, Itasca, IL

Statewide Utility Roundtable

Tuesday, March 30th
AMEREN Pioneer Park, Peoria, IL

Membership Dinner and Trade Show

Thursday, April 15th
Venuti's Banquets, Addison, IL

Annual Golf Outing

Thursday, June 17th
Cantigny Golf Club, Wheaton, IL

Annual Dinner Meeting

Thursday, September 23rd
Harry Caray's, Lombard, IL

Annual Holiday Party

Friday, November 19th
Eaglewood Resort & Spa, Itasca, IL

For more information on upcoming UCA events, please visit www.uca.org.

Event dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

2010 UCA Events

Another year of great networking events begins in April with the Annual Membership Dinner and Trade Show. This year's event will be held at Venuti's Banquets in Addison on Thursday, April 15, 2010 beginning at 5 p.m.

This year's trade show will emphasize utility damage prevention and training. UCA has invited numerous utility companies to exhibit at the event including ComEd, Nicor, AT&T, OSHA, and JULIE, Inc.

UCA and JULIE, Inc. host Utility Roundtable

In conjunction with our friends at JULIE, Inc., UCA is again co-sponsoring a Utility Open house on March 23, 2010 at JULIE, Inc.'s office in Joliet. Additional information is available on the enclosed flyer.

Representatives from ComEd, Nicor, and Comcast will be attending the open forum to discuss procedures for

Following the Trade Show, attendees are invited to enjoy dinner during the presentation of UCA's 2009 Associate and Contractor of the Year awards, 2010-2011 scholarships, and recognition of new members.

The 2010 Membership Dinner and Trade Show is chaired by Courtney Lang of Aerotek.

This truly is UCA's most anticipated event of the year!

handling damage claims among these various utilities.

The goal is to better understand procedures used by each utility and meet the individuals involved. We will also discuss ways to prepare your company when involved in a utility hit incident.

Hot Topics Lunch & Learn

Join UCA's Continuing Education Committee on March 25th at 11 a.m. for a 'Hot Topics' lunch and learn on the following topics:

- **Identity Theft**, presented by Pat Turner of Maurides Foley & Tabangay, LLC
- **Corporate Succession, Merger and Acquisition Considerations**, presented by Dan Reuben of Rabjohns Financial Group
- **Qualifying for Stimulus Package Projects**, presented by Dan Zarletti of Kenny Construction Company
- **Federal Acquisition Regulations**, presented by Greg Field of Willis HRH

The Events Committee continues to plan the 2010 program conscientiously around the current economic conditions. Each month the committee discusses ways to cut back on costs without taking away from the overall quality of the events. Over the past three years, event ticket prices have hardly increased. In fact, the ticket price for UCA's Holiday Party decreased in 2009! The committee deserves a round of applause for their proactive event planning approach.

This event is free to all UCA members, so don't miss the opportunity to be ready for the 2010 construction season!

Located closer to Peoria, IL? Attend the Statewide Utility Roundtable on Tuesday, March 30th, at the AMEREN Pioneer Park Service Center in Peoria.

For more information, please refer to the registration form included in this edition of the Pipeline.

March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Kazimierz Pulaski Day	2	3 Membership, 7 a.m. Convention, 11 a.m.	4 Construction Materials, 9 a.m.	5 IDOT Letting Date	6
7	8 Executive, 3 p.m. International Women's Day	9	10 Continuing Education, 8:30 a.m.	11	12	13
14 Daylight Saving Time Begins	15	16 Board, 8 a.m. Labor, 10:30 a.m.	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Scholarship, 7 a.m.	19	20
21	22	23 Utility Roundtable 1:30 p.m., Joliet, IL	24 Groundhog Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner	25 UCA Hot Topics Lunch & Learn UCA Office 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	26	27
28 Palm Sunday	29	30 Statewide Utility Roundtable 10:00 a.m., Peoria, IL First Day of Passover	31 OSPP, 10 a.m.			



April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 April Fool's Day	2 Good Friday	3
4 Easter	5	6	7 Safety, 8 a.m.	8 Events, 8 a.m.	9	10
11	12	13 Executive, 3 p.m.	14	15 Tax Day! UCA Membership Dinner & Trade Show Venuti's, Addison, IL	16	17
18	19	20 Board, 8 a.m.	21 Administrative Professionals Day	22 Construction Materials, 9 a.m. Earth Day	23 IDOT Letting Day	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Arbor Day	

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SAVE THE DATE - Thursday, June 25th 30th Annual Golf Outing, Cantigny Golf Club, Wheaton, IL