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- Safety Awards
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32nd Annual Golf Outing



Despite the morning thunderstorms on Thursday, June 9th, 210 golfers joined UCA for the 32nd

Annual Golf Outing held at Cantigny Golf Club in Wheaton, IL.

With a shotgun start at 1 p.m., the attendees enjoyed a light lunch before hitting the 27-hole course. Congratulations to the following foursomes for having the lowest scores of the day.

1st Place Team Winners

Frank Zebell, Tonyan Bros., Inc.
Terry Becker, BSB Development
Brian Humphrey, BSB Development
Guest of Tonyan Bros., Inc.

2nd Place Team Winners

Stu Senska, Vermeer Midwest
Kip Hildebrand, Nicor
Roy Chapman, Nicor
Paul Adam, Nicor

Congratulations to the on-course contest winners:

Closest to the Pin

Paul Williams, Mackie Consultants
(Woodside #3)

Tom Alberto, J&T Services
(Hillside #5)

Bob Mroz, Ziebell Water Service Products
(Lakeside #4)

Marc Frame, Guest of UCA Member
(Lakeside #8)

John Coleman, Hoeffler Butler
(Woodside #8)

Stu Senska, Vermeer Midwest
(Hillside #8)

Longest Drive

Matt Roland, Guest of UCA
(Woodside #2)

Mike Schilke, Central Blacktop
(Lakeside #2)

Paul Bychowski, Lake County Grading
(Hillside #2)

Throughout dinner, many raffle prizes were given away including golf clubs, shirts, bags, balls, and gift certificates. The lucky PAC fundraiser 50%/50% raffle winner was David Barnett from Glenbrook Excavating and Concrete.

UCA's Annual Golf Outing continues to be a great success because of the loyal attendees and sponsors. Special thanks to United Rentals Trench Safety for participating as Interactive Hole Sponsors. For more photographs from the outing, please turn to pages 6 and 7 or visit www.uca.org.

The Events Committee wants to hear your feedback! Please visit www.uca.org to access the official 2011 Annual Golf Outing survey. Your input will impact the direction of the 2012 outing.

For more information on upcoming events, please visit www.uca.org or contact Amy Wicks at awicks@uca.org.



UCA Announces 41st Convention Location

The 2012 convention will be held at the Fiesta Americana Grand in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico from Sunday, January 22nd - Friday, January 27th. This is UCA's third trip to Los Cabos and the Fiesta Americana Grand.

Cabo San Lucas is one of Mexico's most beautiful and exclusive destinations surrounded by both the Pacific Ocean and Sea of Cortez proving to be a great destination for networking. Members can enjoy each others company while scuba diving, kayaking, sport fishing, and golfing. The average

high temperature in January is 79° F which will feel great during Chicago's winter months.

Accommodations at the Fiesta Americana are serene with a private beach and five onsite pools perfect for relaxing. UCA's 2012 negotiated rate is \$220 per night (plus nominal fees and taxes) - \$5 less than the 2010 rate and \$40 less than the 2011 rate!

Are you interested in making a presentation at one of the continuing education

breakfasts? UCA's Convention Committee is looking for volunteers. For more information, please contact Amy Wicks at awicks@uca.org.

Registration will be available in July.



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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 Friends,

The news from Springfield this week is troublesome especially during a year facing a fragile economic recovery. Contractors tell me they are concerned about future jobs but my response is to **get involved**. Working together is not only good therapy but an excellent source of finding jobs and building joint ventures. Start by reading the Pipeline and visiting UCA's Website. Read the bi-weekly email updates. Call your UCA staff when you have questions; they want to help and keep you informed. After getting your feet wet, you can jump in and join a committee.

Another way to **get involved** is to meet other members at seminars. I recently attended the Associates Committee's LinkedIn Seminar which was sponsored by DS&P Insurance. Not only did I meet more members, I learned how to build my business network and make contacts with industry professionals. Another example was the Construction Materials Committee Sewer Rehab Seminar and Live Demonstration earlier this year at the Chicago Laborers District Council in Chicago. Over 80 municipal managers, consulting engineers, and UCA members came together to learn new techniques for eliminating sewer infiltration and inflow.

Last month UCA's Legislative Affairs Director Scott Dworschak took myself and Board Member Dale Olthoff from Olthoff, Inc. to Washington, D.C. where we teamed up with other associations from around the country to meet legislators and discuss various

pressing issues such as funding for clean water. This trip shows legislators that we care and need their help especially for more job funding. Just another example of how you can **get involved** and learn more about your industry while doing it.

The most rewarding example of **getting involved** was UCA's 32nd Annual Golf Outing at Cantigny in Wheaton, IL on June 9th. Brian Klimes of FOCIS Promotions and Becky Talarico of Utility Concrete Products worked together with UCA staff to make sure this event was a success. UCA is honored that so many members attended and sponsored this event (despite the morning rain); it shows you care about UCA and the industry.

The future looks great for **getting involved** too. We are working with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) and JULIE, Inc. to present a series of 4-hour seminars on Documentation as a Damage Prevention Tool. We are also searching for business owners to meet underground contractors to discuss ways to improve infrastructure on manufacturing, refinery, or pipelining sites. UCA members are also working with OSHA to create a Trench Safety Seminar and Live Demo.

Let me take this opportunity to thank Past President John Scapin from Neslund & Associates, Inc. for volunteering his time to attend APWA's Fox Valley Luncheon on June 14th to present UCA's \$2,000 sponsorship check for their 2013 National Conference being held at McCormick Place. It



Elizabeth Perino, UCA President
Perdel Contracting Corp.

shows what this organization can do when we are determined and arrange top notch seminars reaching out to a diverse group of professionals.

I've touched on just a few examples on how you can **get involved**. It's a great way to give back to the industry and continue to grow your business contacts. For more ways on how to **get involved**, please contact myself or UCA staff.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Perino, UCA President
Perdel Contracting Corp.

Save the Date - UCA's Annual Dinner Meeting Thursday, September 15th

Venuti's Ristorante & Banquets, Itasca, IL

Honoring Women of the Industry with Special Presentation by
Loretta Rosenmayer, CEO of INTREN, Inc.

UCA's Events Committee and Task Force needs your help!

If you have photos of women working on jobsites, please submit to awicks@uca.org for display at the event.

Safety Angle

UCA 2010 Safety Awards Luncheon & Award Ceremony

On May 18th, over thirty of UCA's most dedicated and safety conscientious contractor firms participated in the 5th Annual Safety Awards luncheon held at the Chicagoland Construction Safety Council's (CCSC) facilities in Hillside and sponsored by Bunker Hill.

To keep consistent with the safety theme, attendees toured CCSC's state of the art training facilities. Bunker Hill's Senior Vice President Tim Conlon spoke to attendees about various best practices in safety and how to get employees to buy into the safety mentality. Conlon also displayed the Bunker Hill Litigation Containment System specifically available to members who want to take responsibility for risk management. UCA thanks both CCSC and Bunker Hill for their commitment to UCA's safety program by being apart of the 2010 Safety Awards.

Watch future Pipelines for information on the 2011 Safety Awards and consider applying. Start now in setting and keeping the best safety practices and standards possible for you and your employees.

Congratulations to the following companies who were the recipients of the 2010 Safety Award in various categories:

#1, (0-50,000 Hours):

Winner: L.J. Keefe Co.

Honorable Mention:

Stark & Son Trenching, Inc.

#2, (50,000-75,000 Hours):

Winner: Sheridan Plumbing

#3, (75,000-150,000 Hours):

Winner: G.A. Rich & Sons, Inc.

Honorable Mention:

Bell Land Improvement, Inc.

#4, (150,000-400,000 Hours):

Winner: John Burns Construction

Honorable Mention:

IHC Construction Companies, LLC

#5, (400,000-750,000 Hours):

Winner: Divane Brothers Electric

Honorable Mention:

Ryan Incorporated Central

#6, (750,000+ Hours):

Winner: Aldridge Electric

Honorable Mention:

Kenny Construction Company

Neslund & Associates and Glenbrook Excavating Concrete were also honored for their dedication to safety in 2010.



Aldridge Electric, Inc.



Stark & Son Trenching



Divane Bros. Electric



Ryan Incorporated Central



John Burns Construction



IHC Construction



Bell Land Improvement



L.J. Keefe Co.



Kenny Construction

Toolbox Talks - Call Before You Dig

Calling the appropriate one-call center and locating utilities before digging are vital safety steps on any underground construction project. Even if it's not your job to make the call, there are basic concepts that everyone should understand. Once the call is made, utility locators will physically mark the estimated location of underground utilities that may be in the path of trenches you intend to dig, holes you intend to bore, or other dirt you intend to move.

- Call the local one-call center at least 48 hours before digging, drilling, or boring, unless otherwise specified in state law.
- Provide the one-call center with the location of the site. Be specific and tell them the street, crossing streets, and

which side(s) of street you will be working on.

- Mark the route and/or area you intend to dig, drill, or bore with white paint, white flags, or white stakes, or meet with the utility locator so he/she knows where you intend to work.
- Know the locator's color-coded markings for your state. They could be in the form of paint marks, flags, stakes or any combination.
- Observe a tolerance zone, which is comprised of the width of the lines or bank of utility lines plus 18 inches on either side. Never dig with machinery inside the tolerance zone.
- Hand dig on either side of the locator's markings until the utility is visually located.

- Use only hand digging or non-invasive digging methods within the tolerance zone established by your state.
- Call the one-call center and request that the utility lines be re-marked if marks are washed away, or flags or stakes are removed.
- Report mismarked utilities to the one-call center or utility owner.

Protect yourself and your fellow workers, as well as the public, environment, and vital utilities by calling before you dig!

Visit www.uca.org for free, downloadable Toolbox Talks.



INTREN crew with JULIE's Call 811 Before You Dig banner.

2011 Scholarship Winners Awarded

At UCA's June Board of Directors meeting, the 2011 Scholarship winners were recognized for their achievements. Each recipient is in pursuit of higher education and training related to the underground construction industry.

Congratulations to the following individuals:

Walt Dander
John Dwyer
Ron Halicke
Andrew Hoerr
Timothy Scapin

The 2012 Scholarship information will be posted at www.uca.org in the upcoming months.



Andrew Hoerr accepts scholarship with his father UCA Board Member Max Hoerr (Hoerr Construction) and UCA President Elizabeth Perino (Perdel Contracting Corp.).



John Dwyer accepts scholarship with UCA Board Member Larry Keefe (L.J. Keefe Co.).



Timothy Scapin accepts scholarship with his father UCA's Past President John Scapin (Neslund & Associates, Inc.) and UCA President Elizabeth Perino (Perdel Contracting Corp.).

Spring Spider Group - Hard Rock Concrete Cutters & MWRD

On May 18th, the Associates Committee welcomed Jim Dvoratchek of Hard Rock Concrete Cutters as well as Commissioner Frank Avila and Richard Martinez of Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) to their second Spider Group of the year. Both organizations talked about their involvement in the construction industry and opened up the discussion for questions and answers by the attendees.

Hard Rock Concrete Cutters,

Inc. has been a member of UCA since 1989 shortly after their doors opened in 1987. Their services include slab sawing, wall sawing, wire sawing, green sawing, core drilling, equipment sales, joint sealing, grinding and grooving, removal/repour of concrete, etc. Jim is the current President of the Concrete Sawing & Drilling Association and participates in a number of other industry-related organizations. He shared a number of best practice documents that showcased his involvement and knowledge in the industry. For

more information on Hard Rock Concrete Cutters, Inc., please visit: www.hardrockconcretecutters.com.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) covered a range of topics including the general logistics of the facilities, proactive tips on water pollution prevention, procurement procedures, steps to comply with the Affirmative Action Program to be included on the MWRD vendor list, and upcoming job opportunities. For more information on the MWRD, please visit: www.mwrdd.org.

Upcoming Opportunities

In **August** the Associates committee will tour one of the MWRD facilities. If you are interested in participating, please contact Amy Wicks at awicks@uca.org.

The next Spider Group will be held on **October 6th** at 5 p.m. at UCA's office. If you are interested in becoming a featured member, please contact Amy Wicks at awicks@uca.org.

Are you LinkedIn?

On May 12th UCA's Associates Committee hosted over twenty members at DS&P Insurance Services, Inc. in Palatine for an introductory seminar on LinkedIn. The seminar information was provided by Steven Fretzin of Sales Results.

If you aren't active in social networking like Facebook, Twitter, or LinkedIn, you are in the minority. Currently there are more than 590 million Facebook users, 175 million Twitter users, and LinkedIn is used by more than 100 million business professionals all over the world.

Fretzin suggested using LinkedIn to discover inside connections that can help get you in the door as well as reconnect with

old friends, classmates and colleagues. Attendees learned how to complete their profiles and develop networks to optimize their LinkedIn experience.

A Few Tips:

- Upload a professional picture to your profile.
- Create a solid headline with keywords. *Experienced Project Manager in Underground Construction Industry.*
- Display how you prefer to be contacted: *through LinkedIn, by e-mail, or over the phone.*
- Let others know what you want to be contacted about: *reference requests, consulting offers, career opportunities, etc.*

- Tell your professional story, don't recreate your resume.
- Don't include contact information you're not comfortable having others see.
- Keep the content of your profile professional.
- Begin connecting with others by searching for individual names, company names, email address, etc.
- Look for three degrees of separation connections and get introduced. *Dave and Amy are both connected to Scott. Amy wants to meet Dave so she asks Scott to make the introduction via LinkedIn.*

The Associates Committee plans to host a Social Networking

seminar once a year. The next seminar will be planned for February 2012. If you are interested in hosting a LinkedIn seminar for your employees or would like more information on the seminar, please contact Amy Wicks at awicks@uca.org.

Already using LinkedIn?

Join UCA's group for discussion opportunities and event reminders.



Legislative Update

UCA Urges Federal Officials to Support Infrastructure

For the past several years, UCA members have joined with other construction related associations in travelling to Washington in support of adequate funding for infrastructure improvements. This year, UCA President Elizabeth Perino and UCA Board Member Dale Olthoff joined UCA Legislative Affairs Director Scott Dworschak

in a two day whirlwind tour of our Members of Congress in their District of Columbia offices.

During this trip we met with Senator Kirk, Representatives Biggert, Dold, Davis, Walsh or their staff. In addition to promoting surface transportation funding, we also coordinate with our fellow

water and sewer contractors from associations across the country through our membership in the Clean Water Construction Coalition (CWCC).

While we were in DC, fellow UCA member Dennis Kruepke spoke at the nationwide "Rally for Roads" held on the National Mall in front

of the U.S. Capital building. The rally featured hundreds of construction industry workers turning out to urge Congress to make a new highway bill a priority. Dennis currently serves as the Associated Equipment Dealer's Association's Chairman. His full speech is posted on our website, in the Legislative Section.

Illinois Roundup

This year's legislative session wrapped up on time and passed a budget relatively in line with revenue projections. As most of you followed in our email updates, Illinois' Capital Plan survived a funding authorization scare and all projects will continue uninterrupted this construction season. The Capital Plan not only supports road projects, but is the primary funding source for the State's matching portion to the Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund. Our Legislators have yet to deal with the billions in unpaid bills from previous budgets, but it appears they have curbed their impulse to pass wildly unbalanced financial plans as in years past.

Almost as important as passing a balanced budget, the Illinois General Assembly began to heed the call of businesses across the State crying out for a fairer and less onerous workers compensation program. Several large corporations have even threatened to relocate to other states citing Illinois' recent corporate/income tax increase and the high costs of doing business here.

After months of discussions between business groups, labor representatives, the medical community, and trial lawyers, a workers compensation "reform" bill was passed late in the session. The new program will reduce medical fee payments, eliminate lifetime differential payments, and strengthen utilization review. Unfortunately, our efforts at including "causation" as a major factor were not in-

cluded. Additionally, a collectively bargained pilot program for two unions designated by the Illinois Department of Labor was included in the final draft. We have strong hopes that this provision will allow our State's first collectively bargained workers compensation program to start and provide hard data that it is an improvement for both business and injured workers. A full analysis of the bill (and some associated info) is available on UCA's website in the Legislative section.

We are also in support on Commonwealth Edison's "Smart Grid" plan, which will upgrade and renovate electricity transmission services and provide much needed projects for many UCA members. The Bill (SB 1652) has passed both chambers, however, Governor Quinn is threatening to veto the bill once it reaches his desk. Whether or not he decides to veto all or part of this bill, expect a strong move by ComEd in the fall session to override his actions.

We again helped defeat an effort to expand prevailing wages to more drivers delivering materials or products to individual work-sites. This appears to be an annual battle as this type of legislation has surfaced several years in a row now.

The General Assembly also passed a massive gaming bill which would allow the City of Chicago to operate a land based casino, as well as allow for more casinos across the

State. Racetracks, and O'Hare and Midway airports, would be allowed to install slot machines. Governor Quinn has expressed concern with this bill, declaring he thinks it might be too large an expansion of gambling opportunities across the State. However, many communities, including the City of Chicago, have expressed strong interest in hosting a new casino for the revenue and jobs it may bring.

If you have questions about any legislation, please feel free to contact at sdworschak@uca.org, or 630-467-1919.



UCA President Elizabeth Perino and UCA Board Member Dale Olthoff meet with Congressman Bob Gibbs (center), Chairman of the House Water Resources Committee.

32ND ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Thursday, June 9th, Cantigny Golf Club, Wheaton, IL



Hole Sponsors—\$200
Aldridge Electric, Inc.
American Cast Iron Pipe Co.
Bluff City Materials, Inc.
Bunker Hill
Dohn & Maher Associates
DS&P Insurance Services, Inc.
East Jordan Iron Works
Elmhurst-Chicago Stone
Engineering Enterprises, Inc.
FOCIS Promotions & Incentives
Glenbrook Excavating and Concrete
Hanson Material Service
IHC Construction Companies, LLC
Jay Dee Contractors
JULIE, Inc.
Kenny Construction Company
Lafarge Aggregates
Leyden Electric, Inc.
Mackie Consultants, LLC
Mersino Dewatering, Inc.
Neenah Foundry
Patten Construction Products
Rabjohns Financial Group
Roland Machinery Company
SmithAmundsen
Stark Excavating, Inc.
Thelen Materials, LLC
Travelers Insurance
U.S. Pipe & Foundry Co.
Utility Concrete Products, LLC
Vermeer Midwest, Inc.
Welch Bros., Inc.
West Side Tractor Sales
Ziebell Water Service Products

Lunch—\$300
ATM Aggregate Logistics, Inc.
OSCO Oil
Sawyer Falduto Asset Management, LLC
Stark and Son Inc.
Vulcan Construction Materials
Dinner—\$400
L.J. Keefe Co.
Vulcan Construction Materials
Beverage Tickets—\$500
HD Supply Waterworks
Joseph J. Henderson & Son, inc.
Interactive Hole—\$600
United Rentals Trench Safety

GOLFERS

- Kenny Construction Company
- Kieft Bros.
- L.J. Keefe Co.
- Lafarge Aggregates
- Lee Jensen Sales
- Mackie Consultants, LLC
- Maurides Foley & Tabangay
- McCann Industries, Inc.
- Mersino Dewatering, Inc.
- Mid American Water
- Midwest Mole, Inc.
- Montemayor Construction
- MQ Construction
- Nash Brothers Construction Co., Inc.
- National Concrete Pipe Co.
- Neenah Foundry
- Neslund & Associates, Inc.
- Nicor Gas
- OSCO Oil
- Pan-Oceanic Engineering Co., Inc.
- Patten Construction Products
- Perdel Contracting Corp.
- Prairie Materials
- Procision Boring
- Reliable Contracting
- Roland Machinery Company
- SES, Inc.
- SmithAmundsen
- StormTrap, LLC
- Thelen Materials, LLC
- Tonyan Bros., Inc.
- Trafic Service, Inc.
- Truck King Hauling Contractors, Inc.
- Tyler Union
- U.S. Pipe & Foundry Co.
- Underground Pipe & Valve
- Utility Concrete Products, LLC
- Vermeer Midwest
- Vulcan Construction Materials
- Water Products
- Weible & Cahill
- Welch Bros., Inc.
- West Side Tractor Sales
- Ziebell Water Service Products

GOLFERS

- Airy's, Inc.
- Aldridge Electric, Inc.
- American Cast Iron Pipe Co.
- Archon Construction Co.
- Assurance Agency
- ATM Aggregate Logistics, Inc.
- BakerCorp
- Barone Contracting
- Berger Excavating Contractors
- Bluff City Materials, Inc.
- Bolder Contractors, Inc.
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- Cabo Construction Corp.
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- Clow Water Systems Company
- Curran Contracting Co.
- DiMeo Brothers Inc.s
- Dohn & Maher Associates
- East Jordan Iron Works
- Elmhurst-Chicago Stone
- FOCIS Promotions
- Glenbrook Excavating and Concrete
- Griffin Pipe Products Company
- Hanson Material Service
- HD Supply Waterworks
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- Holiday Sewer & Water
- IHC Construction Companies, LLC
- J&T Services
- Joseph J. Henderson & Son, Inc.
- John Neri Construction Co., Inc.



ANNUAL GOLFING



July 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Executive, 3 p.m.	13	14 Events, 8 a.m.	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Convention, 8 a.m.	22	23
24	25	26 Board, 8 a.m.	27	28 Membership, 7 a.m.	29	30
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	1 Associates, 8 a.m.	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Executive, 3 p.m.	10 Safety, 8 a.m. Constr. Mat., 9 a.m.	11 Statewide, 11 a.m.	12	13
14	15	16 Board, 8 a.m. Utility, 10 a.m.	17	18 Events, 8 a.m.	19	20
21	22	23	24 Convention, 8 a.m. OSPP, 10 a.m.	25 Associates Committee Spider Group, 5 p.m.	26	27
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