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8	9	10 8 a.m. Executive 9 a.m. Legislative Mtg.	11	12 10 a.m. Statewide Safety Mtg.	13	14 Valentine's Day
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **2015 Annual Convention**
- **CWCC Report**
- **2014 Holiday Party**

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2015 Convention: Kauai, Hawaii

Over 130 UCA members will be attending UCA's 2015 Annual Convention in Kauai, Hawaii at The Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort & Spa over the dates of January 18-23, 2015. The weather forecast is predicting a warm welcome for UCA Members, promising a week of 80 degrees and sunshine!

This year's convention presentations include:

- Alan Dadian (CARE Plus, LLC), Jay Behnke (S.T.A.T.E. Testing) & Illinois State Senator, Martin Sandoval (Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee) who will be addressing upcoming work in Illinois.
- Tier 4 Equipment Panel: Larry O'Neill & Aaron Jarvis (Patten Industries), Tom Stern (West Side Tractor Sales), Stu Senska (Vermeer Midwest) & John McGovern (OSCO Oil).
- Greg Field (Willis) will be giving a risk management presentation.
- O'Brien Mills (Aldridge Electric) will be giving an OSHA Update.

All presentations will be exceptionally informative & members will walk away with a lot of beneficial information.

Other highlights will include a beautiful cocktail reception, a luau where guests can learn to hula dance, and be ready to party the night away following the President's Dinner at Kujio's Night Club!

Thank you to those are participating in the convention as attendees, sponsors, speakers, etc. This event would not be possible without your support.

For a list of attendees and sponsors, please turn to page 3.

2015 Convention Committee

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2015 Spring Showcase

Join UCA on Tuesday, April 14th, for the Annual Underground Spring Showcase at Venuti's Ristorante & Banquets in Addison.

This year's Showcase has something for everyone:

- Meet with professionals from **all** walks of the industry including aggregates, banking, bonding, investments, law, construction supplies, subcontractors, etc.
- See the **latest** in technology with project and equipment displays and demonstrations.
- Invite your superintendents, estimators, and project managers!

There is no dress code so stop by after work or from a jobsite. Food and beverage service will be offered throughout the event.

All registered attendees qualify to win a prize!

Educational Seminar: 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Showcase: 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Networking Dinner: 6:30– 9:00 p.m.

For more information, please visit the Events Section of www.uca.org.

Tuesday, April 14th, be sure the save the date!

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

President's Editorial

Mike Stark, UCA President
Stark & Son Trenching, Inc.

Happy New Year to All!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the UCA members for your dedication and hard work. As a result, UCA's membership has continued to grow throughout our area and the state.

2014 proved to be a very rewarding year for all who became involved in our Association. I am happy to say that we will surpass our membership and financial levels from those prior to the recession. UCA is thriving! Thank you to our staff and committees for your dedication and hard work as well.

2014 also proved to be a good year for our industry. With continued hard work and determination, we are optimistic that 2015 will bring the same or better. Communications between UCA, Transportation for Illinois Coalition (TFIC), Illinois Construction Industry Committee (ICIC) and the Clean Water Construction Coalition (CWCC) have been positive. I urge everyone to continue to support them as they work to improve our infrastructure. These improvements will create jobs within our industry. Please take a few minutes to read the following encouraging news from the CWCC (see insert).

May 2015 bring you all good health, happiness and prosperity! I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Hawaii!

Sincerely,

Michael Stark
President, UCA
Stark and Son Trenching, Inc.

UCA Scholarship Available Soon!

The Underground Contractors Association (UCA) is offering three scholarships of up to $2,000 each for the 2015-2016 academic year for college and trade school bound students. Visit www.uca.org in early 2015 to apply!

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Subsurface Underground Construction

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S.T.A.T.E. Testing, LLC

Founded in 1999 by owner Jay Behnke, S.T.A.T.E. Testing, LLC has grown to become the premier materials engineering firm in Illinois. With the addition of our Wisconsin-based sister firm, Behnke Materials Engineering (BME), we are well situated serve the Midwest with rapid response to the region's materials testing and engineering needs. Our staff of highly certified and trained technicians and engineers are ready to provide superior service and excellent value.

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We look forward to participating in UCA as members. The association's focus on safety and risk management fit well with our corporate and personal values. We have a wide range of experience, from materials testing, development of sustainable practices, and forensic investigation that we look forward to bringing to our fellow members.

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Tier 4 Equipment Seminar

On November 19th UCA hosted a Tier 4 Equipment Panel at the Laborer's Training & Apprentice Fund in Carol Stream. Thank you to Dohn & Maher Associates for sponsoring breakfast as well as our participants: Patten Industries, West Side Tractor Sales, Vermeer Midwest, Roland Machinery, OSCO Oil, McCann Industries & Wells Fargo Equipment Finance.

Safety/ Risk Management/ Utility Committee Meetings

The Safety, Risk Management and Utility Committee meeting on December 2nd was well attended once again. Over 35 Contractor and Associate members gathered at the Westin Hotel, Itasca to learn from industry experts and network.

Safety topics discussed (see PowerPoint's posted to the website):

- Cold Weather Safety (presented by Dean Faille, Henkel's & McCoy).
- Overview of Trenching and Shoring (presented by Dan Williamson NTS)

Risk Management: "Contract Claims" (presented by John Sliwicki, Aldridge Electric)

Utility – Damage Prevention: Highlights provided by Dave Van Wy, JULIE and Frank Bedtke, GCDPC / City of Chicago.

Meetings in Itasca
Next meeting: Wednesday, February 25th, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.
Additional 2015 meeting dates are 4/22, 6/24, 8/26, 10/28 & 12/16.

Meetings in East Peoria
Next meeting: Thursday, February 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
2015 meeting dates are 4/9, 6/18, 8/13, 10/8 & 12/10 (times to be determined).

Be sure to mark your calendars to attend and improve your safety and profitability.