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Greetings!

Welcome to the 43rd Anniversary of the NUCA of Florida Annual Conference! We are thrilled you decided to join us to network with underground utility contractors and industry professionals in such a vibrant setting in Sarasota, Florida. We hope you truly enjoy the conference and take time to reconnect with colleagues and industry friends. Be sure to wear your name badge and wrist band to the meetings, receptions and events as it serves as your “admittance ticket.” Also, attire for the conference is resort casual, with the exception of Saturday night’s party where the theme is “Putting on the Ritz” so pull out your fancy clothes, cocktail attire is encouraged (but not mandatory if that’s not your style).

Planning our Annual Conference requires a team effort and NUCA of Florida is fortunate to have a host of dedicated volunteers. We are grateful to our steadfast Conference Committee for their time and talent devoted to make this year’s event a success.



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CONFERENCE AGENDA

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023

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| 10:00 am-5:30 pm | Staff Office Open
<i>Ballroom Office</i> |
| 10:00 am-5:30 pm | Registration Desk Open
<i>Prefunction 1 & 2</i> |
| 10:30 am-12:30 pm | Executive Committee Meeting (Lunch served)
<i>Belle Haven</i> |
| 12:00 pm-4:30 pm | Exhibitor Tabletop Display Set-Up
<i>Plaza 2</i> |
| 12:30 pm-1:15 pm | Chapter Executive Directors Meeting
<i>John Ringling Boardroom</i> |
| 1:30 pm-2:30 pm | Advocacy Meeting
<i>St. Armands Junior Ballroom</i> |
| 2:30 pm-3:15 pm | President's Cup Golf Committee Meeting
<i>St. Armands Junior Ballroom</i> |
| 3:15 pm-3:30 pm | Networking Break |
| 3:30 pm-5:30 pm | Board of Directors' Meeting
<i>St. Armands Junior Ballroom</i> |
| 4:30 pm-7:00 pm | Exhibit Hall Open
<i>Plaza 2</i> |
| 4:30 pm-7:00 pm | Silent Auction/Basket Raffle
<i>Prefunction 1 & 2</i> |
| 5:30 pm-7:00 pm | Welcome & Networking Reception
<i>Plaza 2</i> |
| 7:00 pm | Dinner on Your Own |
| 7:00 pm | Young Professionals Social
<i>TBD</i> |

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FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2023

- 8:00 am -1:00 pm **Registration Desk Open**
Prefunction 1 & 2
- 8:00 am -12:00pm **Exhibit Hall Open**
Plaza 2
- 8:00 am -8:55 am **Plated Breakfast with Exhibitors**
Plaza 1 & 2
- 9:00 am-9:50 am **Inside Scoop on OSHA Enforcement Protocols:**
Learn the Background, Know Your Rights &
Compliance Tips to Limit Your Liability
By Alan McMillan, McMillan & Associates
Plaza 1 & 2
- 9:50 am-10:05 am **Break with Exhibitors**
Plaza 1 & 2
- 10:05 am-10:55 am **Mental Health Awareness & Suicide
Prevention in the Construction Industry**
By Vince Hafeli, President, Ajax
Plaza 1 & 2
- 10:55 am-11:10 am **Break with Exhibitors**
Plaza 1 & 2
- 11:10 am-11:55 am **2023 Legislative Update:** New laws affecting Public
Construction, Lien Law, Immigration,
Local Licensing & more...
By Kari Hebrank, Carlton Fields
Plaza 1 & 2
- 12:00 pm-1:00 pm **Awards Luncheon**
Officers & Board of Directors Swearing-In Ceremony
Performance Awards
Joe Antico Community Service Award
Plaza 2
- 1:00 pm- 4:30 pm **Beach/Pool/Golf/Recreation Time**
- 4:30 pm-6:00 pm **Happy Hour with Exhibitors**
Kids Scavenger Hunt
Silent Auction/Basket Raffle
- 6:00 pm Dinner on Your Own

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SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023

- 9:00 am-5:00 pm **Networking Poolside or Beachfront/Shopping Excursions/Ringling Museum/Recreation**
- 6:00 pm-9:15 pm **Raffle Basket and Silent Auction Open**
Plaza 2
- 6:00 pm-7:00 pm **Cocktail Reception**
Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation Presentation
Prefunction 1 & 2
- 7:00 pm-10:00 pm **“Putting on the Ritz” Dinner & Entertainment**
Wear your most elegant, “ritzy” outfit—cocktail attire encouraged. We’ll have a Disc Jockey, dance floor and a photo booth to capture the moments.
Plaza 1
- 9:15 pm **Raffle Basket and Silent Auction Close**
Plaza 2
- 9:30 pm **Raffle Basket and Silent Auction Winners Announced**
Plaza 2

SAVE THE DATE

2023 President’s Cup Event

October 12-13, 2023

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BE SURE TO JOIN IN THE FUN!

Be sure to wear your name badge to all events.

Fun Pool & Beach Items for Kids

Thursday, July 21/ 10 a.m.-5:00 p.m. /Pre-function 1 & 2

Stop by the Registration Desk Thursday to get your kid's beach bucket, "hurricane" balls, crayons, beach balls, bubbles or Frisbees (older kids) for beach and pool time fun. And, don't forget about the Kid's Scavenger Hunt on Friday afternoon in the Exhibit Area.

Exhibit Hall, Silent Auction & Basket Raffle Open

Thursday, July 20/4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. / Plaza 2

Check out the latest state-of-the art products and services to help your business offered by our expert industry Exhibitors. Bid on Silent Auction and Basket Raffle items to help support our Advocacy efforts.

Welcome & Networking Reception

Thursday, July 20/5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m./Plaza 2

The Welcome and Networking Reception is for all attendees and will be held in the Exhibit Hall area, Plaza 2. Guests are encouraged to visit with the exhibitors, sponsors and industry colleagues from around the state while enjoying a cold brew, a refreshing cocktail and "Soul of the South" appetizers.

Plated Breakfast with Exhibitors

Friday, July 21/ 8:00 a.m. - 8:55 a.m./Plaza 1 & 2

Enjoy a full gourmet breakfast and make time to visit with our top-notch exhibitors. Take advantage of additional opportunities to chat with the exhibitors during the breaks in the Construction Industry Day Forum.

Construction Industry Day Forum

Friday, July 21/ 9:00 a. m. - 12:00 p.m. / Plaza 1 & 2

You don't want to miss the great line-up of educational sessions. Get the inside scoop on OSHA enforcement protocols from a former OSHA "insider," **Alan McMillan, former Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor**. Learn the background to the regulations, know your rights and discover compliance tips to limit your liability. Acquire tools to identify mental health issues and help prevent suicide in the construction industry from **Vince Hafeli, President of Ajax**, as he relays real-world insight into an issue no one wants to talk about. Lastly, Kari Hebrank, NUCA of

Florida's lobbyist, will present the 2023 Legislative Issues that directly impact your day-to-day operations, including immigration reform, lien law, public construction, local licensing and much more.

Awards Luncheon

Friday, July 21/12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m./Plaza 1 & 2

Join us for the changing of the guards with the swearing-in ceremony for the Officers and Board of Directors. We will also present the NUCA of Florida Performance Awards to the most outstanding contractor, associate member and Board member and reveal the President's Award choice. Lastly, we will honorably award the Joe Antico Community Service Award to an individual and a company that exhibit extraordinary dedication to their community through local activism, outreach and selfless dedication to community service.

Happy Hour with Exhibitors/Scavenger Hunt for Kids

Friday, July 21/4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m./Plaza 2

Brush off the sand and head into the cool air-conditioning for our Happy Hour. Visit with the Exhibitors and you may just walk away with a \$250 cash prize in our drawing. You'll also have time to bid on Silent Auction items or try your luck with the Basket Raffle options. Gather your young "hard hats" and let them join in our Exhibit Hall Scavenger Hunt for a chance to win a cool prize!

Distinguished Scholarship Award Reception

Saturday, July 22/6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m./Pre-function 1 & 2

One of the highlights of the NUCA of Florida Annual Conference happens at the Distinguished Scholarship Award Reception Saturday evening where we award very generous checks to deserving students. Join us as we recognize those that contributed to the success of the Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Bass Tournament along with the stellar high school and college students whom benefit from the tournament's proceeds.

"Putting on the Ritz" Dinner Party

Saturday, July 22/7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. /Plaza 1 & 2

Our Conference culminates into a fun-filled evening Saturday night where members can mix and mingle in a truly relaxed atmosphere and enjoy a scrumptious gourmet dinner. Come dressed up in your very best cocktail attire as we gleefully "Put on the Ritz." We'll have a Disc Jockey to stir up those dance moves, a dance floor and a photo backdrop to capture the memories. The Silent Auction and Basket Raffle items will be available for final bidding wars.



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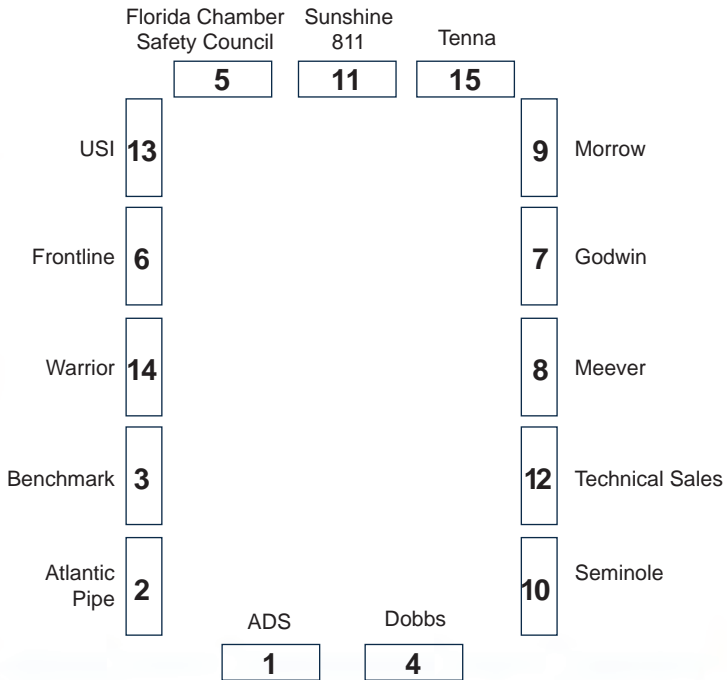
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Vince Hafeli has 38 years of experience in the construction industry, with a diverse industry background holding positions as Vice President of Asphalt Plants and Materials for Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, Quality Control Manager for Ajax and various Geotechnical Engineering and Materials Testing firms, and an Assistant District Geotechnical Project Manager for the Florida Department of Transportation. Currently, he serves as the President of Ajax.

He is an international speaker, author, and advocate for mental health and suicide awareness in the workplace. Using his 38 years of industry experience, lived suicidal experience, and doctoral research, Hafeli is on a mission to educate and revolutionize how mental health and suicide are addressed in the construction industry. He emphasizes that in an industry that constantly discusses safety, it should be okay in the workplace to say, “I am not okay today.”



Alan McMillan served as the President and CEO of the National Safety Council (2001-2008) and prior to becoming President, served for six years as the Executive Vice President and COO. He has more than 45 years of government and private sector safety, health and environmental experience, including service with the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) and the Employment Standards Administration (ESA).

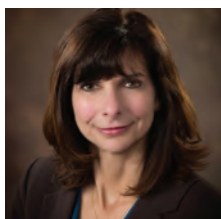
McMillan’s career began in the Federal Government in 1966 at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. He joined the U.S. Department of Labor in 1970 in Atlanta as the Regional Human Resources Director, followed by the Regional Administrator for OSHA in both the Chicago and Atlanta Regions. In 1987, he was named Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for MSHA. In 1988 he was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary and Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for the ESA. McMillan served as Deputy Assistant Secretary and Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA (1989-1992) where he was responsible for policy, planning and the day-to-day OSHA operations including safety and health standards, voluntary compliance and directing OSHA’s nationwide enforcement responsibilities. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush awarded him the Presidential Award for Distinguished Executive Service, the Federal Government’s highest award for Senior Executives.

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In October 1992, McMillan joined the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, where he led the organization's safety, health, and occupational medicine activities. He later assumed the position of Deputy Associate Director of the Laboratory's Environmental, Safety, Health and Quality programs.

He has served on the Boards of Directors for the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, the US/Mexico Chamber of Commerce, the Chicago Yacht Club and the Pensacola Yacht Club. He has also served on the Consumers Advisory Council of Underwriters Laboratory, the Board of Advisers to the Center for Business and Public Policy at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, the Advisory Council to the Secretary of Energy for Environment, Safety and Health, and was appointed by the Secretary of Labor to the National Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health. He served as Co-Chair of the Management delegation to the United States/European Union Biannual safety and health negotiations.

Since retirement, he has served as President of the Star Lake Homeowners Association, Commodore of the Pensacola Yacht Club, Rear Commodore of the Gulf Yachting Association and member of the Board of Directors of WSRE public television. He is a Trustee and current President for the 501c(3) Satori Foundation. He has served as Chair of both the Safety at Sea and the Risk Management committees for the United States Sailing Association. He has also chaired the Offshore Council of the Gulf Yachting Association. He served for three years on the Mass Transit Advisory Committee and was Vice Chair on the Restore Act Advisory Committee to the Escambia County Board of Commissioners.



Kari Hebrank represents a wide range of clients before the Florida Legislature and the Executive Branch with a focus on construction, public works, regulatory licensing and permitting, housing, title insurance, building materials, building codes, sustainability, mitigation, energy, energy financing, mining, infrastructure and utilities issues. Her legislative and regulatory affairs duties include bill analysis, bill drafting, testimony preparation, strategy development and strategic communication, policy and agency rule monitoring, lobbying, grassroots advocacy, campaign and elections counsel and coalition building.

With more than 25 years of legislative and regulatory experience, Kari focuses on building consensus and finding solutions to regulatory challenges

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her clients face. She has passed multiple laws relating to building codes, fire codes, code development, construction practices, impact fees, utilities, licensing, permitting, public works procurement, product approval and building products. Kari was instrumental in the passage of revising Florida's public works procurement statutes and bills relating to construction defects, inclusionary zoning and impact fees aimed to address affordable housing concerns. She has successfully lobbied appropriations issues for affordable housing, onsite wastewater funding, transportation, construction training and education, mitigation funding, unlicensed contractor enforcement and the Future Builders of America. Kari has also written and managed three grants for the Florida Home Builders Association issued from the Division of Emergency Management and managed two projects for the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

Her current clients include the National Utility Contractors Association of Florida (NUCA FL), Florida Home Builders Association, PGT Innovations, Aluminum Association of Florida, Carlyle Investment Management, FCMC LLC, Florida Automatic Fire Alarm Association and WFG. Kari was recently recognized in City and State magazine as part of the Florida Power Construction 100 list.



SILENT AUCTION & BASKET RAFFLE BASKET

Need a gift for that special someone in your life? Want to be the envy of your friends with a stylish **Vineyard Vines** Weekender Tote or **Kate Spade** cooler and beach towels? Feeling lucky? You'll want to try and win one of our **Lottery Baskets**. Sports fans will want to bid on the **National Champion Rays baseball tickets or Tampa Bay Lightning Hockey Tickets**, complete with parking pass and team jersey. We have top shelf liquor options, gifts just for "her," and other "must-have" items in our Silent Auction and Basket Raffle. **All funds from the auction and raffle support our Advocacy efforts.** Check out some of the items we have secured, buy your Basket Raffle tickets and be sure to bid high and often on the Silent Auction treasures.

**SNEAK PEEK AT SOME OF THE SILENT AUCTION &
BASKET RAFFLE ITEMS:**

Two Tampa Bay Lightning Hockey Game Tickets (Game TBD)

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Hand- Carved Wooden Bass (\$195 value)

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Lottery Basket --\$150 of Scratch-Off Tickets

Donated by: NUCA of Southwest Florida

Wine Basket (\$250 value)

Donated by: NUCA of South Florida

Vineyard Vines Weekender Travel Bag—(\$248)

Donated by: NUCA of South Florida

Four Tampa Bay Rays Baseball Tickets & Parking Pass, Team Jersey, (\$305 value)

Donated by: David Nelson Construction Co

2023 President's Cup Golf: Includes registration for two players, 2 survival bags for event at the
Innisbrook Golf Resort (October 13, \$400 value)

Donated by: NUCA of Florida

2024 ASJMF Fishing Tournament: Includes (2) Anglers and Guided Boat, plus
(1) Hotel Room Stay for two nights

Donated by: Johnson-Davis

Vineyard Vines Crossbody Purse (\$158)

Donated by: NUCA of Central Florida

Tonka Remote-Controlled Steel Dump Truck (\$50 value)

Donated by: NUCA of Northwest Florida

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

ASJMSF Scholarship Distinguished Recipient—High School

Trevor Turnquist, the valedictorian of Montverde Academy in Montverde, Florida, is this year's **Distinguished High School Recipient** of the Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation's \$7500 Scholarship. Trevor is the son of Jill and Scott Turnquist, Senior Territory Manager for American Cast Iron Pipe Company. Graduating summa cum laude with a weighted GPA of 4.48, Trevor is a National Merit Commended Scholar and earned the AP Scholar with Distinction Award both his Junior and Senior year. With this scholarship, Trevor will enroll at the University of Florida as a freshman and plans to pursue an undergraduate degree in Computer Science & Electrical Engineering, with the intent of pursuing a career as in artificial intelligence and robotics.

With his exemplary straight-A grades, Trevor was inducted into the National Honor Society his sophomore year and was an Honor Council member throughout high school, serving as President his senior year. He received college credits by passing the Advanced Placement exams in Calculus, Computer Science, Physics, Psychology, Comparative Government, Computer Science Principles and US History. Trevor earned the College Board National Rural and Small Town Award, was involved in Mu Alpha Theta, Science Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and Rho Kappa, a History Honor Society, throughout his high school years.

A professor stated that Trevor's leadership skills are unparalleled, he takes on challenges with enthusiasm, is not afraid to offer input and tasks are completed above expectation every single time. She added that Trevor is well-rounded, academically strong and a joy to be around and that his volunteer work with the Educational Technology and Innovation Center project has a lasting influence.

A leader amongst his friends and peers, Trevor excelled in leadership positions during his extracurricular school activities including President and Head of School Advisory Council; Honor Council President; Tourette Association of America Youth Ambassador; and Night for the Cure Director of Technology. Trevor was also active in Model United Nations and Fellowship of Christian Athletes Leadership Huddle, where he received the Fellowship of Christian Athletes MVP Award his senior year. He also participated in Varsity Lacrosse and Club Lacrosse simultaneously the past two years and served as the Varsity Basketball Team Manager his freshman year. Earning a varsity letter his junior and senior years, Trevor also received the Lacrosse Team Academic Award this year.

Outside of the school structure, Trevor's commitment to community service is remarkable. He volunteered as a summer camp counselor at Montverde Summer Camp (2019, 2021), In Harmony with Nature Wolf Sanctuary (2021), MVA Student Center Volunteer (2019-2022) and Headmaster Leadership Institute Retreat (2020-2022). Trevor's other hobbies include lacrosse, soccer, the gym, programming, reading and snow skiing.

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ASJMSF Scholarship Distinguished Recipient—College School

A former ASJMSF Scholarship Distinguished High School Recipient, **Michael Cohen** graduated from American Heritage School in the top 10% of his class with a weighted GPA of 5.52, taking demanding Advanced Placement courses while participating in many extracurricular activities, including varsity football. The son of Cheryl and Jeffrey, Vice President of All County Paving, Michael is this year's **Distinguished College Recipient** of the Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation's \$7500 Scholarship. With this scholarship, Michael will continue his studies at the University of Michigan-Ross School of Business, earning an undergraduate degree in Business Administration, with the intent of pursuing a career in construction private equity business.

The Associate Professor of Law & Politics at the university describes Michael as a dynamic and responsible undergraduate who takes his studies seriously and contributes immensely to the class setting, providing meaningful insights on the various topics of discussion. Michael's innate curiosity, intelligence, creative and interpersonal skills were also highlighted by his professor.

Michael was an honor roll member throughout high school and has continued to demonstrate academic excellence at the University of Michigan maintaining a 3.89 GPA. In 2021, he won the William J. Branstorm Freshman Prize for being in the top 5 percent of the freshman class and the next year he was a finalist in the Citi M & A Case Competition. In 2022, he was also a finalist in the Alternative Investments Club Private Equity Competition and was recognized as the Most Excellent Student in Business Law (2021).

In addition to managing a demanding academic curriculum, Michael excels in leadership positions with extracurricular college activities including Michigan Investment Banking Club, where he was elected to the Executive Board and the Alternative Investments Club, serving in both from 2021-2023. Additionally, last fall, he hosted a concert bringing musical artist Tee Grizzley to the University of Michigan campus, raising more than \$40K of revenue.

In order to build on his academic prowess, Michael has been interning the last three years during the summer months, working as an analyst with Evercore Incoming Investment Banking, I Squared Capital Infrastructure Private Equity and Lincoln Road Global Management. He also worked with All County Paving as a business development intern upon graduation from high school.

Apart from his studies, Michael is an avid cook and baker, a huge fan of college football, especially the Michigan Wolverines and Oklahoma Sooners, enjoys playing golf and tutors both high school and college students.

2023 PERFORMANCE AWARD NOMINEES

Each year, NUCA of Florida Chapters from across the state nominate their “brightest and best” to be considered for the NUCA of Florida Performance Awards which individually recognize the most outstanding contractor member, association member and Board member. A nominating committee reviews the applications and selects the most-deserving, topnotch award winners for each category; however, this year we had to break three different “ties” because the candidates were so superior! It goes without saying, all of these outstanding nominees are “winners” to NUCA of Florida.

The Mitch Ellington Award is presented annually to a contractor member or employee of a member who has made a significant contribution on the local or state level to the industry and association. This year’s nominees are:

Kirk Blomgren, Vice President Safety, Quality & Efficiency, Petticoat- Schmitt Civil Contracting
Rick Bullington, Owner, Central Florida Tapping Service
Paul Knight, Vice President, Ryan Incorporated
Kevin McLaughlin, General Manager, Rowland, Inc.

The Gary D. Sawyer Award is presented to an Associate member or employee of a member who has made a significant contribution on the local or state level to the industry or association. The nominees for 2023 are:

Rick Bollinger, County Materials, Sales
Valinda Krynicki, United Rentals Trench Safety, Outside Sales Representative
Daniel Te Young, Young Foster PLLC, Partner

The Andrew J. Mayts Award is presented to a NUCA of Florida Board member who has made a significant contribution at the local and state level to the industry and association. Our nominees this year include:

Clark Cryer, Vice President, Johnson Davis
Scott Johnson, President, Johnson Davis

Joe Antico Outstanding Community Service Award

The Joe Antico Outstanding Community Service Award recognizes a NUCA of Florida member whom demonstrates continued commitment to outstanding community service, exhibits sustained influence and outreach within the community and contributes to the betterment of the quality of life in the local area. Nominees of industry “do-gooders” were submitted by NUCA of Florida members and a selection committee was charged with reviewing the submittals. A brief summary of the outstanding nominees are below.

Matt Cobb, Consolidated Pipe & Supply

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November 2020 (while on a fork lift at Consolidated Pipe & Supply), Matt Cobb started a non-profit named “Matt’s Mission” to increase the survival rate in sudden cardiac arrest victims through AED donations, education and training. Matt has donated more than 20 AEDs and done multiple CPR training classes. Matt has also traveled to Tallahassee and Washington DC to support legislation promoting AEDs and CPR training. Matt also convinced the Orange County School Board to mandate electrocardiograms on every student athlete before playing school sports. His efforts no doubt saved the lives of the 20 student athletes flagged as having a life-threatening condition after their EKG was performed.

Larry Falls, Associated Construction Products

Larry Falls breadth of charitable contributions has been extensive during his 35-year career. Since January 2020, he has donated in excess of \$315K to a myriad of organizations, including Make a Wish, Habitat for Humanity, COVID-19 Pandemic Relief Funds, Hurricane Ian Disaster Funds, University of South Florida, Leukemia & Lymphoma Association, Pig Jig (Nephcure) and various memorials. Larry also volunteers his time with many of these organizations.

James “Jay” Genschaw, Ferguson Waterworks

Jay began a “Homeless Outreach” this past year, utilizing his own funds to purchase backpacks and filling them with essentials: toothbrush and paste, deodorant, body wipes, snacks, protein bars, water, first aid items, dry shampoo, socks, Visa gift card, sunscreen, hand sanitizer. Jay drives around on the weekends search for those in need of supplies and respectfully distributes the essentials. Jay is authentic, wants nothing in return and says he feels blessed to have overcome personal circumstances and is merely “paying it forward.”

Vince Hafeli, Ajax

Vince Hafeli, President of Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, is passionate about employees’ physical and mental well-being because of his lived experiences. Vince has been recognized in the field for internationally promoting mental health and suicide awareness in the Construction Industry, presenting all over the US as well as England, raising awareness for suicide rates in the industry. Vince spearheaded the Construction Hike for Hope in conjunction with American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The inaugural Hike for Hope raised \$117,360 and 153 participants registered. The Hike took place in five locations across the state and Vince’s goal is to turn this into a national hike in 2024. Vince presented a nationally- recognized “Suicide Proclamation” at the Florida Transportation Builders Association annual construction conference earlier this year. Vince reached out to industry leaders including contractors, engineers, equipment manufactures and consulting firms to sign the proclamation to declare that they would put an extra emphasis on mental health and suicide awareness at their respective firms. In total he received 31 signatures. The proclamation is now a virtual document and can be signed

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electronically. Vince hopes to gain one million signatures.

Petticoat Schmitt Civil Contractors

Petticoat-Schmitt's CEO, Ryan Schmitt, and COO, Lauren Atwell, have individually and collectively supported life-changing organizations, programs, and events by donating their time, expertise, and/or financial contribution. Both invest in the future of the industry by engaging in activities such as the ACE Mentor Program, Construction Career Days, University of North Florida's Construction Programs, and other activities that support and encourage young minds to learn and grow. In addition to financial contributions, they have donated numerous hours as mentors, Board and Committee members, and event volunteers. Two organizations that hold a special place in the heart of the entire Petticoat-Schmitt team are the Seamark Ranch, and the Child Cancer Fund. As the first organization adopted by Petticoat-Schmitt, Seamark Ranch has been part of the PSCC family since 2008. Recognizing the need for Seamark and the nurturing homes they provide for children from families in crisis, Ryan Schmitt has donated countless hours as a Board Member, provided land clearing services for the Ranch's new home sites, and organized PSCC teams for all ten Seamark Mud Runs, various Golf Tournaments, "Turkey Shoots" and other activities.

In 2022 PSCC created the first "Digger Day" event, hosting families of children fighting cancer, and bringing out the "big machines" such as excavators, dump trucks and loaders for the kids to operate under the supervision of a PSCC team member. Providing the families with free food and beverages, face painting, a bouncy house, and other activities to enjoy when they weren't on the machines, Digger Day was instantly a huge hit. This March, Ryan and Lauren raised the stakes even higher by recruiting 28 additional sponsors to participate, of which 15 are NUCA members, and securing more than \$33,000 in sponsorship funds.

The Mastercraft Build Group, several little leagues and athletic associations, numerous construction-related career programs, and activities offered through NUCA of North Florida, are just a few additional examples of the 45 different charitable organizations and programs supported over the years, with Petticoat-Schmitt's financial contributions reaching \$250,000.

Glen Tupler, Austin Tupler Trucking

Glen Tupler has been a strong advocate for the construction industry during his 30-year career and has diligently served his community as an active member of the Davie/Cooper City Rotary and will be inducted as President in 2024. He has a firm belief "charity starts at home" and exhibits this concept on a consistent basis. Glen assists other organizations with their fishing tournaments in his spare time. One of Glen's greatest commitments is the Rotary Reading with the Horses program which brings in local elementary kids to participate in a literacy program.

RESORT MAP



ONSITE DINING OPTIONS

Jack Dusty

Taking its cues from Sarasota's maritime traditions, this signature restaurant showcases fresh seafood, local ingredients, craft microbrews and cocktails and downtown marina views.

Mon-Thurs. & Sun: 7:00 AM-12:00 AM;

Fri-Sat: 7:00 AM-1:00 AM

Dress Code: Smart Casual

Phone: +1 941-309-2266

Ridley's Porch

Located at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Club. Named for the rare Kemp's ridley sea turtles that frequent the beach, this restaurant offers a relaxed waterfront dining experience centered on locally inspired dishes.

Mon-Tues. & Sun: 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

Wed-Sat: 11:00 AM-3:00 PM, 5:00 PM-9:00 PM

Dress Code: Casual

Phone: +1 941-309-2577

The Golf Club Grille

Located at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club. The relaxing Golf Club Grille offers a seasonal menu and full bar with golf views. Inside and outdoor seating under trellises is available for your dining pleasure.

Mon: Closed;

Tue-Sun: 7:30 AM-6:30 PM

Dress Code: Casual

The Lido Key Tiki Bar

Located at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Club, this open-air bar is a Sarasota landmark and the perfect spot to sip a tropical cocktail as the sun sets over the Gulf Coast. Hours of operation are daily from 11:00 A.M. to sunset.