

PIPELINE NEWS

Suncoast Utility Contractors Association Newsletter

April 2014

Spring Scholarship Golf Tournament is right around the Corner!

If you haven't booked your team we still have a few openings available! You don't want to miss out on this event!

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Participation and Support is the key to our success!!

Q: How do I sign up?

A: Contact Theresa Mannix at tmannix@suca.org or 727-600-7158

Q: Who can I bring?

A: Your team can be compiled of who ever you like. More the merrier!

Summerfield Crossings Golf Course

Membership Dinner & Auction will be the night before on Thursday May 1st, 2014. RSVP to Theresa Mannix. See forms on following



Summerfield Crossings

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MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING & GOLF KICK-OFF EVENT

"LIVE AUCTION TO HELP FUND SCHOLARSHIP"

Did you know SUCA's Scholarship Committee has awarded over \$104,000 to the children of SUCA members since its inception in 1989?!?! Please join us for a night of networking and an exciting live auction to kick off the SUCA Golf Tournament.

Proceeds to help fund SUCA Scholarships.

A Few Auction Items to include:

- Premier Booth Location at SUCA Tradeshow
- Multiple 4 pack Ray's Tickets with Parking Pass
- Vacation Package
 - Signed Sports Memorabilia
- Tampa Bay Sporting Clays Gift Certificates
- 1.5 hour Magic Show
- Alcohol & Cigar Basket
- 4 Passes to Buccaneers Tailgate Party

Thursday, May 1, 2014

6:00pm—8:30pm

Summerfield Crossings

13050 Summerfield Blvd, Riverview, FL 33569

\$30.00/pp ~ Dinner to include:

Caesar Salad, Chicken Parmesan, Pasta, Marinara, Alfredo, & Rolls

Please make reservations for the following people at \$30.00 each. I understand my reservations must be made by Tuesday, April 29th 2014 and that no-shows will be charged.

Name(s):

Company:

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SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT – 2014

Tournament Date: Friday, May 2nd, 2014

Check In – 7:00 am

Shot Gun Start 8:00 am

******* (2) Beverage Carts on the Course @ 8:30 am *******

Refreshments, Lunch, Prizes, Games, Great Giveaways

Team Entry \$360 Player \$90.00

**Scholarship Awards are based solely on the proceeds from our annual golf tournament.
Scholarship Awards are available to all SUCA members/family.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

2014 – Sponsorships Still Available

Green Sponsor	\$100.00 _____
Tee Sponsor	\$100.00 _____
Closest to Pin (3)	\$100.00 _____
Prize(s) Sponsor	\$200.00 _____

Sponsorship information is needed by April 18th, signs must be made in advance.

All sponsors will be recognized throughout the tournament.

Please select sponsorship type above

Company Name: _____

(Please print clearly as you would like it to appear on signage)



HERE WE GROW AGAIN....WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!!!

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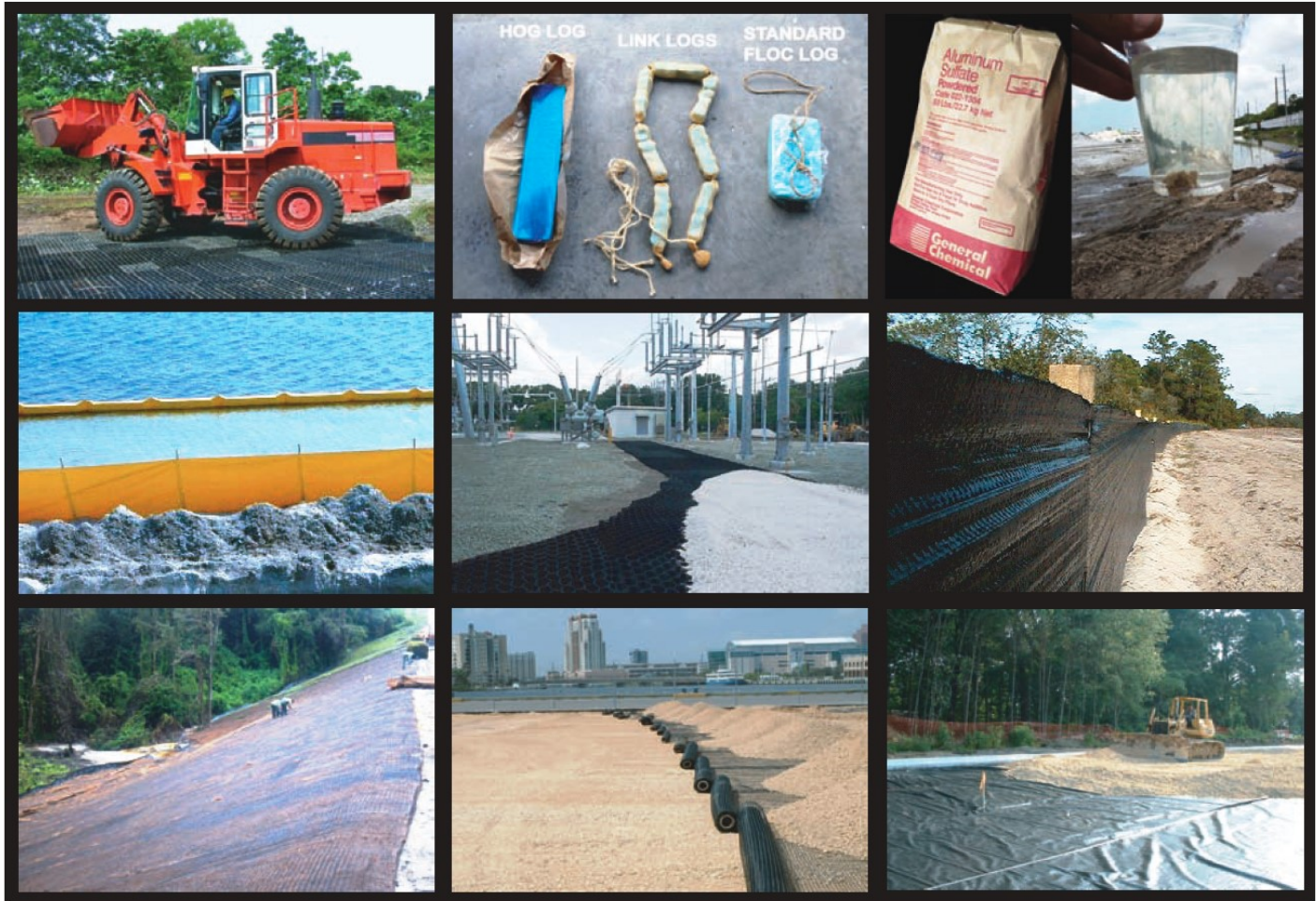
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LET THE GAMES BEGIN:

SUBMIT YOUR BEST PHOTO CAPTION FOR THE PHOTO TO THE LEFT. LETS SEE HOW CREATIVE AND FUNNY YOU ALL CAN BE. WINNER WINS A FREE TICKET TO OUR BEACH BBQ EVENT IN JUNE!

SUBMIT TO
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Washington Legislative Summit

Time to Register and book Hotel Rooms

The Washington Summit, May 19-22, is NUCA's premier government relations event. Educating NUCA members as well as Congressional Representatives of the intricacies of legislation and contractor issues is invaluable to our mission. There is no stronger action a NUCA member can take to influence law-

makers' positions than making personal visits to Representatives and Senators. The Summit will include a legislative briefing, federal issues conference, a luncheon with the renowned Capitol Steps --a troupe of American political satirists, and member meetings with Congressional Representa-



tives. The Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites in Alexandria, VA will be the host hotel.

Key Priorities:

Fair Competition

Public-Private Partnerships

Reclaimed Water

State Revolving Fund

Tax Reduction & Economic Development

Who we meet with:

Senator Jack Latvala, Clearwater

Senator Bill Galvano, Bradenton

Senator Wilton Simpson, New Port Richey

Senator Tom Lee, Brandon

Senator John Legg, Lutz

Rep. Larry Ahern, Seminole

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Rep. Richard Cocoran, Lutz



David Wirth, Kevin McLaughlin, Bruce Akers, Wally Quigg
Scott Huber, Tom Woodward & Larry Falls

WALK THE HALLS FOR LEGISLATIVE DAY



Meeting with Representative Ross Spano

Scholarship Applications have been released!

SUCA as an organization has given away over one hundred thousand dollars to students going off to college over the years! This is a valuable membership benefit. Please make sure your employees are aware of this program, seniors in high school are eligible to apply. Due date for applications is May 15th. You can find a copy of the application on our website or contact Theresa Mannix at tmannix@suca.org or (727) 600-7158.



CONTRACTOR Q&A—ROWLAND INC.

KEVIN MCLAUGHLIN

1. Tell us about the services your company provides.

Rowland Inc. began operating under our current name in 1987 and in that time has completed tens of millions of dollars of Underground Utility Projects for multiple municipalities around the state of FL. In 1992 Rowland Inc. took our well-earned reputation for integrity and quality of work and entered the Manhole Rehabilitation business. We recognized a severe and growing issue with our aging sanitary sewer infrastructure was manhole degradation, inflow and infiltration. Increased waste water processing expenses due to infiltration and inflow, costs taxpayers millions of dollars each year. Significant savings are generated by rehabilitating manholes, lift stations and sewer lines. Rowland, Inc. has been an applicator of SewperCoat® brand cementitious material for 20 years. Recently Rowland just acquired the Inflow Shield product line. This product combines a cost effective, long term reduc-

tion of inflow & infiltration in wastewater systems. Combined with our manhole rehabilitation services, we now provide an end to end solution for I&I.

2. What attracted you to the underground utility business?

The fact that no two days are ever the same. You have the opportunity to work in the office and be involved in important business decisions, however there are other days where you may be in the field all day. You never know how each day is going to turn out.

3. What is your business philosophy?

Rowland Inc business philosophy has always been to work with the owners and to provide them with a quality project at a fair price. Over the past 25 years Rowland has never failed to complete a project or been in a single lawsuit with any owners.

4. What are your hobbies or interest outside of work?

I enjoy spending time with my family at the sports fields and running marathons.

5. What are you currently reading?

Fearless by Eric Blehm

6. Grill Master or Reservations?

Grill Master

7. What is your Education Background?

B.S. Physics

8. What is your favorite college or pro team?

University of Notre Dame

9. What was the first car you drove?

1980 Toyota Corolla

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April 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Task Force Meeting	3 Blue Martini Mixer	4 Sunshine 811 Safe Digging	5
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					Pride Meeting	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

May 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Membership Dinner & Live Auction	2 Scholarship Golf Tournament	3
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18	19 Washington Summit	20 Washington Summit	21 Washington Summit	22 Washington Summit	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Dates to Remember

April 2nd: Task Force Meeting

April 3rd: Blue Martini Mixer

April 4th: Sunshine 811 Safe Digging Roundtable

May 1st: Membership Dinner & Live Auction @ Summerfield Golf Club

May 2nd: Scholarship Golf Tournament

May 15th: Scholarship Applications Due

May 19th-22nd: Washington Summit

June 12th: Scholarship Night & Membership Meeting

letter from the
chairman

SUCA Members,

It's hard to believe April is already drawing to a close. We've had a busy year thus far and as an association, we're just hitting our stride. I want to thank everyone who made the lobbying trip to Tallahassee. We were able to advocate for legislation that increases project funding while reducing local bureaucracy. One of our top priorities on the State level has been the creation of a P3 framework. We were able to pass significant legislation last year and built on this effort last month. Please join us in Washington DC, May 19th through the 22nd as we continue this effort by advocating for an increase of the cap on Private Activity Bonds.

On a local level, St. Petersburg's Local Hiring Incentive has come under fire not less than one year after SUCA, ABC, and The St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce proposed it as an alternative to a hiring mandate. While well intended, this ordinance will add crippling and costly bureaucracy to a multitude of City projects. SUCA will continue to work with all parties involved to create a system that provides taxpayers with the greatest value for their hard earned money. Feel free to contact me for more information or to get involved.

But things are not all business; our annual Scholarship Golf Tournament and Live Auction are less than two weeks away. Since its inception, SUCA has been able to provide over \$100,000 in scholarships to deserving students. Please join us for these two events as we help raise funds for the next generation of proud SUCA members.

-Dave





NEW SUCA QUARTERLY SAFETY MEETINGS

We have kicked off our first successful Safety Meeting and plan to have many more. This roundtable meeting is meant for open discussion between our members Associates, Contractors, and Safety Professionals alike to discuss and determine how we can provide a safer working environment for all.

The Agenda included a discussion of what courses are most in demand and what is most important to our members. Detailed conversation on the OSHA Regulations to include the proposed Sili-

ca Standard and how as an association we are able to make a difference. Finalized by an open forum of what safety topics and issues are being seen with each company.

Special thanks to Stahl & Associates Insurance for providing the conference room for our meeting and to Dallas 1 Construction for providing lunch. It is the support and participation of our members that continues to help us grow as an organization and add more value to your membership.

What safety classes are important to you?

- **Advanced MOT Certifications**
 - **Confined Space**
 - **Trenching & Shoring**
 - **Rigging**
 - **Crane Safety**
 - **Haz Mat**
 - **Tight Sheeting**
 - **OSHA Series**
 - ⇒ **10 hours**
 - ⇒ **30 hours**

Sponsorship Opportunities Available for future meetings.

GET INVOLVED!

If you would like your Safety Director to attend our next meeting please contact Theresa Mannix at tmannix@suca.org.



GOV. SCOTT DECLARES APRIL 'SAFE DIGGING MONTH'

Florida residents reminded to call 811 before digging

DeBARY, FL (March 17, 2014) — Gov. Rick Scott declared April to be Safe Digging Month in Florida. It serves as a reminder to call 811 before starting any outdoor digging projects.

It's an important message when you consider that an underground utility line is damaged every six minutes because someone did not call 811 before digging. And do-it-yourselfers have been known to dig into electric, telephone, gas and other utility lines while landscaping or setting new fence posts.

Calling 811 connects you to Sunshine 811, the center that takes your information and communicates it to local utility companies. Next, utility locators mark the approximate locations of underground lines at the requested dig site with flags or spray paint. Once lines are accurately marked, digging can begin.

The process is working! For two years in a row, statistics show when a call is made to 811 and the process followed, there is a 99 percent chance there will be no damage to buried lines.

"The facts about calling 811 before digging speak for themselves," said Sunshine 811 Executive Director Mark Sweet. "We enthusiastically join Gov. Scott in urging individuals and companies to call 811 before they begin digging. By having underground lines marked, homeowners are making an important decision to keep their communities safe and connected."

Simply put, calling 811 is the easiest, most effective way to reduce or eliminate underground utility damages. If you're going to do some digging, remember these tips for safe digging:

- Have underground utility lines located and marked with paint and flags. (The marking colors represent specific utilities.) Do this for every project, large and small, shallow or deep.
- Call 811 on Tuesday to dig during the upcoming weekend.
- If a contractor has been hired, confirm that a call to Sunshine 811 at 811 has been made. Don't allow work to begin if the lines aren't marked.
- Consider moving the location of your project if it is near utility line markings.

Call (800) 852-8057 to confirm that utility-owned lines are marked or whether the utility has provided additional instructions. Enter your ticket and phone numbers when prompted. Be aware that utilities do not locate privately-owned lines on private property such as lines from a meter to your house or lines from your house to an outbuilding, pool or other separate structure. Take necessary precautions to avoid damaging these lines when you dig.

Learn more about this process and what the various colors of paint and flags represent at www.sunshine811.com.

About Sunshine 811

Sunshine 811 is a private, not-for-profit, corporation created by Florida Legislature in 1993 with the Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act, Chapter 556, Florida Statutes. It educates professional excavators and homeowners on the call-811-before-you-dig process and provides the free system used to notify utility owners of planned digging.

TIME TO GET

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MEET ROBERT VAN VALIN OF PEPPER CONTRACTING



GET TO KNOW YOUR BOARD MEMBERS!

Q: We understand you have been around for awhile, that being the case what was the first construction project you were on?

Van Valin: I helped to build Noah's Ark

Q: If that is true, how did you survive the flood?

Van Valin: I disguised myself as a Dodo Bird and that's why they are extinct now.

Q: Well if you were on the Ark can you tell us where it ended up, as people have been searching for it all over the world.

Van Valin: They will not find it as it fell apart. It was build by union workers and only had a 40 day guarantee. Noah didn't opt for the service agreement.

Q: Seriously...what are some things

we do not know about you?

Van Valin: I graduated with a BSCE from Manhattan College in NYC.

Q: What was your first project after graduating?

Van Valin: I worked for the NYC Board of Water Supply. I was part of the inspection team overseeing the Construction of City Tunnel No. 3. The project entailed the construction of approximately 15 miles of a finished 24' diameter water tunnel. The depth of the tunnel ranged from about 900' to 400'.

Q: What brought you to Florida?

Van Valin: Given the choice of rooting for a team called the "Jaspers" or rooting for a team called the "Gators" where would you prefer to live? Seriously, my father had retired to Florida with all my younger siblings. At the urging of my family I joined them a few years later.

Q: What one thing would you like to see SUCA accomplish in the next year?

Van Valin: Recognizing the efforts of Wayne Jensen, our Chairman David Wirth and the wisdom of my Safety Manager,

Fred Sumner, I would like to see SUCA bring about real change when it comes to the procedures of marking existing utilities. A standardized method with specific spacing of marking should be required to be followed by all. In addition, Florida

Should modify the width tolerance from 48" to 36", as a number of states already have enacted. We as a group working with the Excavation Task Force need to bring about this reform.

Q: What is your favorite Charity?

Van Valin: When I was 25 my sister who was 19 was stricken with Leukemia. She was treated at Sloan Kettering. Up until that time I never realized how many children are stricken by disease. I am partial to donating to groups that are looking for means to cure and treat this disease.

Q: Is there anything else we should know about you?

Van Valin: I am what I am what I am.

SAVE THE DATE!

SUCA Beach Day

June 7th, 2014

**Whiskey Joe's Beach Bar &
Grill**

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APRIL PRIDE MEETING RECAP

Some pertinent information from the April Pride Meeting held at Hillsborough County Center:

- Online Bidding System is transitioning to be completely electronic.
 - Plans and Bids will be submitted electronically
 - Look for letter being sent out on July 1st for instructions on signing up with the new system, iSupplier.
- Bruce B. Downs widening project will be out for bid by the end of May.
- NW Waste Water Treatment Plant Expansion will be released for bid in near future.
 - Bid will be split into (3) projects
 - Project to include taking (2) current plants offline and transitioning them to a new plant as well as the construction of the new plant.
- Retainage Bonds opened up for discussion
 - SUCA will be setting up a small Committee of Contractors, Engineers and Bonding Specialist to meet regarding this issue with the County.

Government Affairs



Have you joined a SUCA Committee yet?

Committee Opportunities are Available. Make the most of your membership and get involved!

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| * Finance | * Legislative |
| * Membership | * Education |
| * Events | * Benevolence |

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