

Utility & Transportation Contractors Association



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UTCA NEWSLETTER

George Thompson & Jack Callahan Receive Annual UTCA Awards

George Thompson, who recently retired as president of Tilcon NJ, and Jack Callahan, who leads the Construction Practice for Cohn Reznick, were recipients of the annual association awards which were presented at September's convention in Atlantic City.

The 2013 William Feather Memorial Award was presented to George Thompson in recognition of his long career in the construction industry as well as service on the Board of Directors for several associations. Jack Callahan received the Larry Gardner Memorial Award in recognition of his service on several association committees and his long-time support of UTCA.

Harry Chowansky Inducted As UTCA President

Harry Chowansky, founder of HC Constructors, was inducted as UTCA's new association president during the organization's recent convention. Chowansky is a graduate of Rutgers University as has been involved in the construction industry since 1985. Harry Chowansky has served as a member of the UTCA Board of Directors for seven years.



Harry Chowansky, left, is inducted as the new president of UTCA at the Convention's Saturday dinner.

Bob Briant, Sr. Inducted Into Construction Hall Of Fame - And Merrill Hoge Provides Inspired Keynote Address

The late Robert A. Briant, Sr., former chief staff person for UTCA, was inducted in the NJ Construction Industry Hall of Fame during the Saturday dinner at the recent convention in Atlantic City. Briant served as the CEO of the association for 33 years and continued for another seven years as a consultant before his death in February of this year.

Under Bob's leadership, the association experienced unprecedented growth to become one of the largest and most effective construction associations in the country. Once a small association that focused mostly on utility construction, Bob guided the group to diversify into other areas of heavy construction including highway, bridge, marine and hazardous waste remediation construction in both the public and private markets. He was instrumental in UTCA becoming aligned with the American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA), and was the catalyst for the formation of the Clean Water Construction Coalition. His long-time friend and UTCA Board Member Emeritus, Ed Nyland, made the presentation to Bob's wife, Carole, and his son, Bob Briant, Jr.

Merrill Hoge, a former NFL running back and currently a football analyst for ESPN, was the Friday Convention Luncheon speaker. He gave an inspired talk on his battle with cancer following his record setting career with the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Chicago Bears.



UTCA: INDUSTRY NEWS

2014 Industry Directory Sales Campaign Begins

UTCA's Annual Industry Directory advertising sales campaign is now underway. The association's first alert regarding advertisements in the publication will be sent this week through our email communication.

The 49th Anniversary Edition of the publication will be distributed in January to association members and advertisers. Association members are urged to reserve advertising space in the publication as soon as possible.

Anyone with questions about advertising in the Directory should contact the association office as soon as possible.

Congratulations To 2013 Safety Award Recipients

- Almasi Contractors*
- AmQuip Crane Rental*
- Creamer Environmental*
- Joseph Jingoli & Sons.*
- The Napp-Grecco Company*
- Orchard Holdings*
- Petillo, Inc.*
- Vollers Excavating & Construction*

December Magazine To Feature Northeast Remsco and Pro Tapping

The December Issue of the **Utility and Transportation Contractor** magazine will feature Northeast Remsco and Pro Tapping, Inc. Northeast Remsco is celebrating 35 years in construction, while Pro Tapping, Inc. is celebrating 30 years in business.



Anyone interested in placing a congratulatory message or advertisement in the December Issue of the magazine should contact Helene Nasdeo at the UTCA office as soon as possible. Also, anyone who has a unique job story or company milestone to include in future editions of the magazine should contact the association office.

Southern Membership Meeting Scheduled For October 17, 2013

UTCA's Southern Area Membership Meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2013 at the Venice Plaza in Berlin, NJ. Roger Bodman, noted political commentator, is scheduled to speak at the event.

A separate announcement regarding the meeting has recently been emailed to association members.

Alliance For Action Recognizes Fletch Creamer, Jr. And Greg Lalevee

At this year's Eagle Awards Dinner, the NJ Alliance For Action presented its President's Award to J. Fletcher Creamer, Jr., CEO of J. Fletcher Creamer & Son. Greg Lalevee, Business Manager for the Operating Engineers Local 825 received the Sigurd Lucassen Labor Award.

Creamer was recognized for leading one of the most prominent heavy, highway, utility construction firms in the country and for his business, civic and charitable involvement. Lalevee is recognized as a transportation leader and serves as a board member for the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund. Additional award winners were Ralph Izzo, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of PSE&G; Nancy Myers, President of QWIC, Inc.; Sam Donelson, Acting Executive Director/Chief Engineer for the South Jersey Transportation Authority, and New Jersey's 21 County Engineers.

New Member Applicants	
<i>MSP Construction</i> Newark Contractor	<i>El Sol Contracting</i> Maspeth, NY Subcontractor
<i>Esposito Construction</i> Matawan Subcontractor	<i>Advanced Soil Technologies</i> Brick Subcontractor
<i>BKM Resources</i> Eatontown Associate	

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UTCA: INDUSTRY NEWS

Valerie Montecalvo Becomes President Of National Recycling Association

Valerie Montecalvo, president and owner of Bayshore Recycling in Woodbridge, will serve as the first-ever female president for the national Construction & Demolition Recycling Association. Montecalvo began a two year term in April and will lead the organization with its rebranding, mission to promote recycling of construction and demolition materials, organizational growth, national environmental legislation and public education.

Bayshore Recycling currently operates seven different NJDEP approved recycling businesses located on a 55 acre site in Woodbridge.

Foley Announces Organizational Changes In Foley Rents & Construction Product Support

Foley, Incorporated has announced changes within the Foley Rents and Construction Product Support departments. Ed Gudaitis has become the Product Support Sales Manager and Jason Frommer is now the Foley Rents Operations Manager. Gudaitis began his career with Foley in 1997 as a service field dispatcher for the Lift Division. In his new position, he will be responsible for growing the business in parts and service while managing three customer support representatives. Frommer began with Foley as a service technician in 2004. As General Manager for Foley Rents, Frommer will be responsible for sales and operations management for the division, working to effectively develop an annual business plan while maximizing profits.



Ed Nyland is pictured with Bob Briant, Jr. and Carole Briant as he inducts Bob Briant, Sr. into the Construction Industry Hall Of Fame.

Robert A. Briant Memorial Golf Outing Set For June 9, 2014

The association has scheduled its 2014 Golf Outing at Eagle Oaks Golf Club in Farmingdale. This location for the outing has proved to be a popular site for the event.

The outing, which is named in the memory of Robert Briant, Sr., is scheduled for June 9, 2014, and association members are alerted to mark next year's calendar to participate. A separate email notice regarding the outing will be distributed next year.

Bob Maragni Joins Braen Stone Industries

Braen Stone Industries recently announced the appointment of Robert Maragni to their sales staff. Bob will be responsible for managing major crushed stone and asphalt accounts. He will also be responsible for business development at the firm's locations in Franklin and Sparta. Bob Maragni brings 40 years of experience in sales, management and marketing in the aggregates industry to his new firm. Braen Stone Companies have been supplying crushed stone, hot mix asphalt, sand products and recycled aggregates to the construction market since 1904.

NJ Turnpike Authority Anticipates \$700 Million 2014 Capital Program

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority continues to plan for a robust annual capital program for calendar year 2014. The Authority anticipates advertising during 2014 approximately \$700 million of capital improvement projects. In addition to the New Jersey Turnpike's 2014 capital program, the Authority will also bid several building/site projects. Included in the 2014 capital program are three Garden State Parkway (GSP) widening projects, GSP Interchange 145, GSP Exit 163, GSP Bridge Deck reconstruction from mile post 144 to 163 and NJ Turnpike Interchange 14a. The New Jersey Turnpike's 2014 Capital Program list can be obtained by using the following link:

<http://www.utcanj.org/assets/images/turnpike2014.pdf>

Anyone with questions concerning the 2014 capital program can contact the UTCA office.

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UTCA: Upcoming Events

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Traffic Control Coordinator Seminars Scheduled For October & December

- Traffic Control Coordinator Seminar October 22-25, 2013
Middlesex County Fire Academy, Sayreville
- Traffic Control Coordinator Seminar December 3-7, 2013
Middlesex County Fire Academy, Sayreville
- Traffic Control Coordinator Refresher December 10, 2013
CAIT Auditorium, Rutgers University, Piscataway

To register for these seminars, telephone Bethany Allinder at 848-445-3112.

Sporting Clay Event Scheduled For October 29, 2013

The association's second Sporting Clay Event to benefit the UTCA's scholarship program will be held at the Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays facility in Coplay, PA. A separate registration announcement was recently emailed to all members.



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