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UTCA NEWSLETTER

Harry Chowansky, III Elected New UTCA President

Harry Chowansky, UTCA's president-elect and vice president of HC Constructors, was elected to serve the association at the UTCA June Membership Meeting. He will be inducted as association president at UTCA's Annual September Convention in Atlantic City.

Chowansky got his start in construction in 1985 after graduating from Rutgers University where he majored in business administration. Following graduation from Rutgers, Harry found employment as an operating engineer. Within a few years, he founded HC Constructors, which performs utility and bridge construction in both the public and private markets.

Harry Chowansky has been a member of the UTCA Board of Directors for the past seven years and is active with the Legislative, Labor and Membership Development committees.

Harry and his wife Lisa live in Long Valley, NJ and are the parents of four daughters: Blair, Margot, Corinne and Annie.



Harry Chowansky, III, left, and Bob Briant, Jr. are pictured at the UTCA offices recently.

UTCA Establishes Robert A. Briant, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund

UTCA's Board of Directors recently announced the establishment of the Robert A. Briant, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund.

In light of Bob Sr.'s 41 years of dedicated service to the association and the construction industry, the Directors wish to honor Bob's memory annually through a college scholarship in his name. The scholarship will be available to graduating high school students who are dependents of UTCA member firm employees as well as the current High Schools that are participating in UTCA's scholarship program.

All those who wish to honor Bob Sr.'s memory may do so by contacting the association office. Anyone with questions concerning the Robert A. Briant, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund can contact Bob Briant, Jr. at the association office.

UTCA Convention Exhibit Completely Sold Out

UTCA's 2013 Exhibit, held in conjunction with the September Convention, is completely sold out. Approximately 100 firms will participate in the event this year. A "waiting list" has been established for those interested in exhibiting goods and services if space becomes available.



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Plans Are Completed For The Annual Convention

Plans for UTCA's Annual Convention, scheduled during September 19-22, 2013 at the Tropicana Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City have been completed. This year's convention will include the presentation of the William Feather Memorial Award to George Thompson, who recently retired as President of Tilcon NJ, and the Larry Gardner Memorial Award to Jack Callahan of Cohn Reznick. Bob Briant, Sr. will be posthumously inducted into the New Jersey Construction Industry Hall of Fame.

Merril Hoge, a football analyst for ESPN, will be the keynote speaker at the Friday luncheon and Governor Chris Christie has been invited to address the attendees as well.

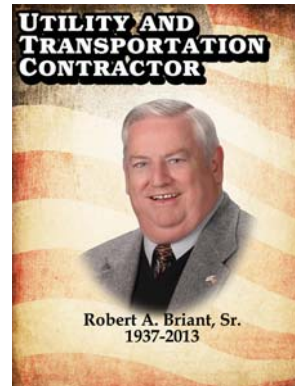
Friday evening at the convention will include the President's Reception and PAC Auction Party. The Saturday Breakfast will include remarks by NJDOT Commissioner James Simpson, the presentation of the 2013 UTCA Construction Safety Awards and the presentation of Campbell Foundry's personalized manhole cover to Joe Walsh in recognition of his year of service as Association President.

The first 2013 Convention Announcement was recently distributed and association members are urged to reserve rooms at the Tropicana as soon as possible to assure availability.

New Member Applicants	
<i>Emerald Financial</i> Colts Neck Associate	<i>Lake Equipment Leasing</i> Millburn Associate
<i>Effluent Retrieval Services</i> Levittown, PA Associate	<i>Harsco Infrastructure</i> Linden Associate

August Magazine To Feature Ferreira Construction, Harry Chowansky And Trench Technologies

The August Issue of the **Utility and Transportation Contractor** magazine will feature Ferreira Construction and Trench Technologies. Ferreira Construction is celebrating 25 years in construction, while Trench Technologies recently completed five years in business.



The August Issue of the publication will also include a feature about Harry Chowansky, vice president of HC Constructors, who was elected as president of UTCA in June.

Annual UTCA Construction Safety Awards Program

The 2013 UTCA Construction Safety Awards will be presented during the association's September Convention. An announcement regarding this year's safety awards was recently emailed to association members, and we ask that representatives of the firms respond as soon as possible.

All construction firms that are part of UTCA are encouraged to participate in the safety awards program as the association continues to focus on the importance of safety on construction worksites. Those with questions regarding the construction safety awards program should contact Dan Neville at the association office as he is responsible for administering the program.

UTCA Golf Outing Another Great Success

Approximately 200 people participated in the Robert A. Briant, Sr. Memorial Golf Outing, conducted earlier this month at the Eagle Oaks Golf Club. Those involved in the event experienced another great day of golf, food and drinks. The outing raised approximately \$30,000 for the Scholarship Fund, and the event chairman, Ed Ciel, the committee, Mike DeVito and Dan Neville are commended for their effort.

Next year's outing will return to Eagle Oaks and is scheduled for June 9, 2014.

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NJDOT Completes Year With \$1.108 Billion In Construction Awards

For the State Fiscal Year which ended on June 30, 2013, the NJDOT awarded a total of \$1.108 billion in construction contracts. The total value of the work included capital and maintenance construction.

Another \$190 million was allocated in state aid for municipal and county road, bridge and related construction during the same time frame.

Fletch Creamer and Greg Lalevee To Receive 2013 Eagle Awards

The New Jersey Alliance for Action Class of 2013 Eagle Award winners were recently announced by Alliance Chairman George Laufenberg and President Phil Beachem. Fletch Creamer, Jr., CEO of J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, will receive the President's Award and Greg Lalevee, Business Manager for the Operating Engineers Local 825, will receive the Sigurd Lucassen Labor Award. The awards will be presented on October 2nd at the Hyatt Regency New Brunswick, with close to 1,000 people in attendance.

Additional award winners are Ralph Izzo, Chairman and CEO of Public Service Electric & Gas, Nancy Myers, President of QWIC, Inc, Sam Donelson, Acting Executive Director and Chief Engineer of the South Jersey Transportation Authority and New Jersey's 21 County Engineers.



Bob Cavaliere is pictured with this year's SET Scholarship Recipient, Veronica Pereira.

SET Scholarship Designated For Robert Cavaliere

This year's SET Scholarship, presented by the Heavy Laborers Local 472, was recently designated in the name of Robert Cavaliere, president of B. Anthony Construction. The scholarship recipient is Veronica Pereira who will attend Cornell University in the Fall.

Deadline for Hazard Communication Standard Training Quickly Approaching

OSHA revised its Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) to align with the United Nations' Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). The updated standard involves two major requirement changes including the labeling of the chemicals and the standardized format of the new Safety Data Sheet (SDS). OSHA will require employers to train their employees several times during the transition period.

The first compliance date for the revised HCS is December 1, 2013. By that date, employers must have trained their workers on the new label elements and the SDS format.

Please visit the OSHA website for more information <http://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/index.html> or review the current Safety Perspective article in the June issue of the UTCA magazine. For any additional questions, please call Dan Neville in the UTCA office at 732-292-4300.

Acrow Corp. Responds To Bridge Collapse In Washington State

UTCA member firm Acrow Corp. was on the scene to provide a temporary bridge on Interstate 5 near Mt. Vernon, Washington. The existing span had collapsed into the Skagit River on May 23, 2013 after a girder was struck by an oversize load on a truck.

Acrow has provided WSDOT with two 160 foot long and 24 foot wide temporary bridge spans to replace the section that collapsed into the Skagit River. Designed for heavy interstate highway truck traffic, Acrow's prefabricated modular steel bridges are quick and easy to customize and install.

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UTCA: Upcoming Events

Convention Golf Outing Set For September 19, 2013 At Blue Heron Pines Golf Club

This year's golf outing, held in conjunction with the Annual Convention, is scheduled for September 19, 2013 at Blue Heron Pines Golf Club in Cologne, NJ. Those participating in the outing may do so and then check into the Tropicana for the Thursday night Reception at the Annual Convention. A separate Announcement will be emailed soon.

UTCA Annual Convention September 19-22, 2013

The association's annual convention and exhibit is scheduled during September 19-22, 2013 at the Tropicana Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City. This year's principal speaker is Merrill Hoge, ESPN football analyst and Governor Chris Christie has also been invited to speak.

To learn more about the UTCA Convention or to reserve your room at the Tropicana Hotel & Casino, please utilize the following link:

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



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