



# NEWS NETWORK

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## CAWGC Steak Fry sells out!



members that volunteer each year, work so well together and were able to feed everyone mouth-watering steaks cooked to order in a short amount of time.

Along with the massive networking opportunities, guests enjoyed the music that was provided by Cody Calkins. A bean bag tournament was also held and the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners were Patrick Craven, *RHL Insulation* and Antonio Gonzalez, *Sterling Solutions* each winning a trophy, cash and bragging rights! Cash prizes were also awarded to the second place winners which were Ryan Nurczyk and Erika Nacey, both from *Jason Mechanical* in an unbelievably close match.

The CAWGC is a non-profit trade association with over 200 members that hold several networking events yearly which include: A Meet and Greet Expo, Summer Golf Outing, Fall Golf Outing, along with their popular Steak Fry. They proudly donate all proceeds raised to the Charity of Choice each year. This year's Charity of Choice is the Joliet Area Community Hospice and a check was presented to them in the amount of \$5,000. The CAWGC is proud to announce that in 4 years they have raised a total of \$20,000 for Hospice.

(See *Steak Fry* picture page)

## TRCA Signs Project Agreements

Union construction in Will County is on the rise as several area Project Labor Agreements (PLA) have been signed recently. The latest one that was signed was with the Will County Board for their new \$25 million Health Department facility. The papers were signed linking the agreement with Three Rivers Construction Alliance (TRCA), the Will and Grundy Counties Building Trades Council and Leopardo Construction.

The new 60,000 square foot building which will be a state-of-the-art facility will be built on the current Will County Health Department's parking lot. The ground breaking is slated for December and the new building is expected to be completed by mid 2020.

On September 19th another Three Rivers Construction Alliance PLA was executed with

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## CAWGC

## holds Directors Election

The CAWGC held their Directors Election and the Sheriff Candidates Night at Heroes West in Joliet on October 10th. Elected to a new 3-yr term were: Bob Baish, *Baish Excavating*; Todd Sandeno, *D Construction*; and John Young, *Seasons Landscaping*.

Also serving on the board is Jay Adler, *Adler Roofing*; Jason Cox, *Len Cox and Sons*; Lori DuPree, *DuPree Construction*; Tom McGann, *TIMM Electric*; Barry Narvick, *Narvick Bros.*; and Mike Ullrich, *Smith Painting*.

Members and guests were treated to complimentary appetizers and beverages while they networked with the Sheriff's and their opponents from both Will & Grundy Counties.

(See *Election* picture page)

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## CAWGC Fall Outing

A fabulous day...pure sunshine and in the 90's for our Fall Outing at the beautiful Morris Country Club. Best Team prize



went to *D Construction's* team which included: Bruce Tjelle, John Tjelle, Ken Wilhelmi and Orlando Duran with a 57 which was

14 under. Challenge hole winners were: Mitch Cain for CAWGC's Longest Drive on #1; Scott Hoglander for *Utility Concrete Product's* Closest to the Pin Contest on #2; Lori DuPree for the CAWGC's Longest Drive Contest on #10; and Randy Brombereck for *Corsetti Structural Steel's* Closest to the Pin Contest on #13.

Thanks to the many sponsors and donors this year which include: Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters, *Concrete Specialties*, *Corsetti Structural Steel*, *D Construction*, *DuPree Construction*, *EJ*, Ed Knowles, Future Diagnostics Group, *Henry Bros*, Iron Workers #444, Laborers #75, *Mid -American Water*, *Midland States Bank*, *Narvick Bros*, *Rental Max*, State Rep. Natalie Manley, *RHL Insulation* (2 holes), *Ritchie Bros.*, TRCA, *Trench Plate Rental*, *Utility Concrete Products*, *Welsch Ready Mix* and Will Grundy Building Trades. A special thanks to *5R Enterprises LLC* and the Operating Engineers #150 who sponsored our beverage carts.

A total of \$5,550 in prizes were awarded. Top major prize winners include: Tom Devine, Orlando Duran, Jake Copeland, Mike DeJong, and Rick Dunlap.

A total of \$900 was raised in the 50/50 raffle and Colby Zemaitis from the Village of Tinley Park was the lucky winner of half of that. The Joliet Area Community Hospice received the other half. (See Fall Outing picture page.)

## JULIE Clean Up at the Work Site

The contractor who requested the underground utilities to be located at the proposed excavation knows when there is no longer any need for the locate flags. JULIE recommends that excavators make pulling the flags a regular part of their punch list when finishing up the job. This will help the homeowners and property maintenance companies maintain their

properties without having to work around locate flags that are no longer needed.

While the Act (JULIE Law) does not speak to this issue, it makes sense for the excavator to pull the flags when they complete their work," said Dave Van Wy, JULIE's Damage Prevention Manager in Northern Illinois. "In many cases, the JULIE ticket was not requested for work being done for the property owner and they just no-



they just do not notice the flags and paint in their yard. They may never see the company that actually requested the marks in the first place, so they cannot tell if the work is completed or not. Only the excavator would know."

During excavation work, those marks can be critical for the protection of you and your crews as well as the buried facility. Once the work is complete, it's graffiti. Most professionals take the time to restore the work area to the best of their ability. And yet, a fair amount of companies still leave the flags.

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## Members in the News

The Chicagoland Economic Development Corporation gave its fourth annual Big Shoes award to *Gallagher Asphalt*. According to a press release from CSEDC, "Our Big Shoes initiative will fund high school students and young adults interested in a manufacturing career and further work in sponsoring local youth to compete in their Southworks Engineering and Robotics Olympics." The recognition marks *Gallagher Asphalt's* 90th anniversary as a family owned company.

Congratulations to Jennifer Harseim, *Midland States Bank* and her husband Kellen Harseim, *Altorfer Industries* on the birth of their daughter who was born on October 23rd.



Sincere Sympathy is extended to the family and colleague's of Jeff Thompson, owner of *Northern Insurance Service* who passed away on October 20th.

Jeff, 62, a long time CAWGC member, was on a hunting trip with friends in South Dakota when he suffered a heart attack.

Jeff who regularly attended CAWGC events, also made a mark helping start festivals ranging from the Naperville Ribfest, serving as the chairman for its debut festival in 1988, to the Great Joliet Prison Break-In, which served as the grand reopening in August for the old Joliet Correctional Center.

Jeff was a lifelong resident of Joliet and an active member of the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce, Exchange Club and served on the board at Joliet Catholic Academy. Jeff demonstrated a strong commitment to his community and worked hard to help those around him.

Best wishes to Rich Bennett of *Mid-American Water* who is retiring. Rich who regularly attended most all of the CAWGC events said that he is not leaving the area for now and plans to still attend our events. Enjoy your retirement Rich!

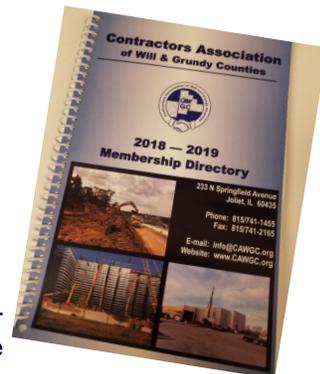


## 2018-2019

## Membership Directory

The new directory's are due back from the printers any day. Once they are received we will mail out each company their copy. If your company would like more than one copy please contact us at 815/741-1455 or email [info@CAWGC.org](mailto:info@CAWGC.org).

Be sure to review your company listing for accuracy. If we have made a mistake we will print the correction in the next newsletter. If your company has changes we will immediately change the on-line version of the directory with the corrected information.



## Rick Leonard becomes CAWGC Honorary Member



L to R: Rick Leonard and Jason Cox

Rick Leonard, founder of *CR Leonard Plumbing and Heating* was presented with a CAWGC Honorary Member certificate at the Steak Fry. Rick has retired from the family business and his son Todd is now President and his son in law Bart is the Chief Financial Officer for the company.

Rick joined the CAWGC in 1985 and has volunteered on the Steak Fry Committee since then. In 2003 Rick along with Bob Baish jointly received the CAWGC Member of the Year Award. Rick, who for years was our landlord when the office was on Hammes Avenue in Joliet remains active with the Three Rivers Construction Alliance.

## CAWGC Safety Program



“I’m from the government and I’m here to help.” Is there another sentence that strikes as much fear in the heart of a contractor? Even if you believe you are doing everything right and all your employees are

following all the rules all the time, an unexpected OSHA visit can strike terror in the heartiest of us. It was with that in mind that we forged our affiliation with Safety Alliance Ltd. Among other services we’ve contracted with him, the one I’d like to tell you about in this article is the free job safety analysis. We have 6 of these to give away each year at no charge. As a Board, we thought this would be so popular that we would have to raffle them. That turned out not to be the case. Is it because it’s not of benefit to your company, you don’t have time to add that into an already busy schedule, or because we didn’t do a good enough job explaining what this benefit is and how it can help you? So, here’s the lowdown on the Jobsite Safety Analysis:

This and that and some other stuff happens, and this other horrible stuff doesn’t.

The official version of that is ... CFR 1926.20(b)(2) requires every company to perform regular jobsite inspections. By assisting to document these inspections through a third party consultant you can meet some of the requirements of this OSHA standard. The jobsite analysis not only helps with OSHA compliance but assists the crew(s) being visited to make sure they are in compliance and performing work in the safest manner possible. Job site visits can be a helpful reminder to all that no one wants to get injured and we all want to go home at the end of the day. These documented visits can also be an onsite training tool to the workers. OSHA will typically ask if any site visits have been completed by a third party, and may even reduce possible citations if these have been completed.

So now that you have all the information, we hope that more of you will take advantage of this opportunity. If you would like to sign up, contact the CAWGC office. It will be on a first come, first served basis. If you have some input you would like to share—good, bad, or ugly—why we should continue or discontinue this benefit, you can email me at [lori@dupreeconst.com](mailto:lori@dupreeconst.com). Our goal as your Board of Directors is to provide you with programs that are beneficial. It isn’t fiscally responsible for us to pay for a service no one wants, so if it doesn’t get more response, we will discontinue it.

## Worker Dies at Excavation Worksite



On September 12th a worker was standing at the edge of a trench where he assisted an excavator operator to monitor the depth of the excavation. Subsequently, the worker fell into the trench when the soil he was standing on collapsed. As a result, he was buried under the soil. The worker was extricated and

conveyed to hospital where he passed away.

The Ministry of Manpower has commenced investigations into the accident.

The industry is reminded to conduct a comprehensive and thorough Risk Assessment (RA) for all excavation work activities. Foreseeable hazards for excavation work include ground collapse (cave-in), personnel or machinery falling into excavated site, exposure to hazardous atmosphere inside the excavated site, and digging into underground utility service lines. Ground collapse gives rise to falling earth which can harm any worker within the excavated site possibly resulting in death by suffocation and/or crushing. All parties must prevent ground collapse through proper battering or shoring. Employers and other relevant stakeholders must not allow workers to enter an excavated site unless there are adequate safety precautions implemented to address cave-in and atmospheric hazards. Workers must adhere strictly to the safe work procedure (SWP) while working near or within excavation sites.



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••••• The CAWGC Safety Committee is looking for input •••••  
••••• from our members on the safety concerns that affect •••••  
••••• their business. From this feedback they will research •••••  
••••• and implement a safety resource that will be available •••••  
••••• to our membership who may not have access other- •••••  
••••• wise. •••••

To submit your suggestions, email Lori at  
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## Welcome New Members



**CAWGC over 200  
members strong**



## Members Earn \$50 in Referral Credits

Refer a business to join the CAWGC and earn a \$50 credit for each company that is approved for membership. The credit can be used for any CAWGC event or towards your membership dues. Membership forms are available on our website at [www.CAWGC.org](http://www.CAWGC.org). Be sure to sign the membership form where it says "sponsored by" for your membership credit.

## TRCA Project Agreements (Continued from pg1)



*Pictured L to R: Lori Russ, Future Diagnostic Group; Doc Gregory, Will & Grundy Building Trades Council and CAWGC Chairman Jason Cox, Len Cox & Sons.*

Future Diagnostics Group for all future projects. They will have a new building going up by Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet soon! TRCA wants to thank Future Diagnostics Group for keeping local union contractors and trade locals busy!

The Three Rivers Construction Alliance is a labor-management cooperative composed of representative organized construction industry organizations, and is committed to quality craftsmanship and professional contracting in Will, Grundy, Kankakee and Iroquois Counties in Illinois. The CAWGC is a part of TRCA and Jason Cox the CAWGC Chairman serves as a Co-Chair for TRCA as well.

Formed in 1988, the TRCA is a vital resource for developers of any size project, and works to promote the Blueprint For Success, a Labor-Management Project Agreement that encourages an atmosphere of on-the-job safety and communication. The TRCA also serves area schools and career centers to educate students and adults on the career opportunities available in the industry.

In addition to the Future Diagnostics Group projects several other Three Rivers Construction Alliance PLA projects are being planned and will be announced soon according to Tom White, TRCA Executive Director.

In addition to the PLA's Love's Truck Stops, which are all union projects that had received quite a bit of opposition was approved and are coming to Joliet and Channahon.

Also approved was the Diageo expansion in Plainfield which is a \$25 million investment to build a new 40,000 square foot bottling facility on their current 62 acre site on 143rd Street in Plainfield.

## Plans Room Watch by Karri...



Seefried Properties received approval from the Plainfield Village Board on October 1<sup>st</sup> to build a 1.5 million square foot warehouse for Diageo. Local residents of the nearby subdivisions are against the project due to more than 350 trucks to be added to the roads near the development when completed and operational,

along with noise and pollution. There is no construction date yet but construction is expected to take 18 months to complete once started.

Capital Development Board and the Illinois Department of Corrections is accepting Design/Build proposals from three companies. Clark/Blinderman, a joint venture, IPTC Alliance, a joint venture, and River City Construction to construct the new In-Patient Treatment Center at the former IYC building on McDonough Street in Joliet. The new facility will be 180,000 square feet and is expected to cost an estimated \$150 million. This project is expected to be completed by 2021.

United Bridge and CenterPoint Properties has partnered up to form the Houbolt Road Extension Joint Venture (HRE-JV). As the developer for the project they are accepting proposals from Design/Build Firms for the design and construction of the Houbolt Road Extension project. This \$160 million project is expected to be completed by Fall of 2020. For more information on the project go to [www.houboltroadextension.com](http://www.houboltroadextension.com).

The Minooka School District 201 Board voted to pass a resolution to issue a \$50 million bond on the November General Election ballot to build a new Junior High School. The School District wants to build a new school for grades 5th through 8th on property in Shorewood off of Seil Road to help with over crowding as both the Minooka Intermediate and Junior High Schools are at capacity.

A new 166 bed nursing facility is planned for New Lenox, adjacent to Silver Cross Hospital. Alden Estates and Alden Courts of New Lenox would offer ancillary services, along with amenities for residents which include a common area, an ice cream parlor, a beauty salon and barber shop, a chapel, a private dining room and a clubroom. The project, which is in the design stage, will be 109,400 square feet and is expected to be completed by 2021.

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**Mark Your Calendars!**

## CAWGC 2019 Calendar of Events

Our next scheduled event....

February 8, 2019

**CAWGC's Cocktail Reception**  
*Renaissance Center, Joliet*

May 2, 2019

**CAWGC Expo**  
*Stone City VFW, Joliet*

June 7, 2019

**39th Annual Golf Outing**  
*Broken Arrow, Lockport*

August 22, 2019

**Annual Steak Fry**  
*St. Joseph's Park, Joliet*

September 13, 2019

**Fall Golf Outing**  
*Morris Country Club*

### CAWGC Member Benefit

The CAWGC offers to its members an opportunity to have their important documents shredded free. Members are invited to toss their documents in the slot of the locked cabinet console located at the association offices.

Shark Shredding shreds the documents on a quarterly basis. They unlock the cabinet and destroy the papers right in our parking lot. Everything Shark Shredding, Inc. shreds is **100% recycled!**



### Three Rivers Safety Center

1615 W Jefferson St., Joliet, IL  
815/744-3884 FAX/744-3886

#### Contractor Safety Training (Basic)



Monday-Wednesday-Friday

7:30 – 11:30 AM

#### Contractor Safety Refresher

Monday-Wednesday-Friday

7:30—10 AM

Must have current TRSC card in possession, no more than 30 days past expiration date, work steadily in chemical industry.

Register On-Line only at:  
[www.trma.org](http://www.trma.org)



**CAWGC Board of Directors Meetings**  
First Wednesday of each month, 4 pm, CAWGC Office