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President's Message



As we are nearing the end of our 1st quarter of 2008, I look back to January of 2007, which seems like years ago, and the economists' predictions that the end of 07 would be the beginning of recovery. I guess they won't be using that crystal ball anymore! I am sure I speak for most in that even though it has been slow to recover, we know there is a light at the end of that tunnel (even if the tunnel is very long). As for me and my business, we have certainly had to make adjustments.

Being no different than any other business, we have even had to make reductions in the budget at the CCBA, including to the staff which is now consists of just Donna and Karen. Even at reduced numbers, your staff has done an outstanding job of rising to the challenge, striving constantly to provide more and better member service on a daily basis. To meet our budget in these tough times, it is essential to keep our membership service and benefits at a high level,

in order to keep our membership numbers up. It is equally as important to your company to keep your membership active because although business is slow, the issues our industry faces have not stopped coming or so much as slowed down. Impact fees, permit fees, building division funding, and high performance septic systems are just a few of the things that keep coming whether business does or not. The CCBA stays busy protecting and fighting for our industry even and maybe more so, during the slow times. Additionally, you may have renewed reasons to take advantage of the many benefits being a member has to offer on a local, state, and national level such as countless networking opportunities, reduced advertising options, continuing education classes, member advantage and discount programs, reduced Southeastern Building Conference costs and much, much more.

Remember, often an organization such as the CCBA is needed more in times like these than any other. Please don't hesitate to renew your investment in the CCBA as it is vital to your success and ours. If you're not sure what we can or are doing for you and your company, contact your CCBA staff, Donna and Karen,

and they will be happy to answer your questions!

The bright spot that promises to be at the end of the tunnel is that this is the first year of the baby boomers coming into retirement. Growth will happen again and with many more years to come and I'm sure that we will all look back on this as a time of adjustment so here's to the end of the tunnel!

Michael S Moberley

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What ever happened to a little friendly competition?

By Donna Bidlack

The Fishing Tournament Committee is working very hard to get ready for the 13th Annual tournament which is coming upon us very quickly. Karen and I are also working very hard on that tournament as over 25 entries have rolled in just this past week alone!

The best fish story we've had this week is the firefighter that called all the way from Vero Beach to register over the phone for our tournament. He told Karen that his buddy is a firefighter too and they're trying to get a little "friendly competition" going in the department with *our tournament!* Competition like that could spread word of our tournament like wildfire and fill it too so by all means Mr. Firefighter; bring it on!

This makes me wonder whatever happened to a little friendly competition? Members of this association have thrived on it in the past in fishing tournaments, golf outings, spike auctions and most importantly membership

recruitment. We know this economy leaves a little something to be desired right now and some of us are even in competition for the food on our tables but there's got to be some fun too...right?

So, how about a little friendly competition? It's fun, it supports the association and you never know, it might even pass this slow time a little faster for you. There's lots of ways to compete with your friends and peers at the CCBA. For example; who can catch the most fish at the Fishing Tournament in April? Who can recruit the most members during the National Membership Drive in May? There's a lot of fun coming down the pipeline, so get in involved in a little friendly competition....by getting involved at the CCBA!

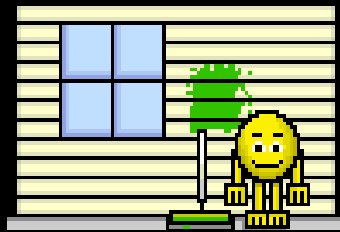


GOLF



This year we are going back to basics....The CCBA golf outing will be held in early Fall. Nothing fancy this year just a fun day of golf (back to Saturday) with basic lunch and of course prizes. With the economy the way it is we are trying to keep the fees low and still have profit \$\$ go to the CCBA. Our goal this year is BASIC and have FUN. More news to come.

Building & Grounds



For those of you that have been around for a few years the questions is "What color is the outside of the CCBA"? Lets see is it gray, mauve, purple??? Your guess could be worth a free dinner at an upcoming GMM. Email Donna with the color you currently think the building is (please keep it clean) and the building grounds committee will pick the entry with the most original name. We are currently working with the Sherwin Williams Co. to donate paint to redo the exterior of the building with a more up to date paint pallet. We hope in the near future to accept bids for labor to repaint the exterior of the building, shed, and fencing

Fishing



13th Annual CCBA Fishing Tournament

The Citrus County Builders Association



*Based on 125 paid boat entries, there will be over \$12,500 in cash and prizes

April 19th & 20th

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
TROUT	\$2,000	\$870	\$460
REDFISH	\$1,800	\$1,030	\$360
GROUPEY	\$1,500	\$990	\$340
COBIA	\$1,170	\$670	None
REDFISH MOST SPOTS	\$670	\$420	None
CATFISH	\$140	\$80	None

For additional information, and an Official Entry Form

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Public Relations Committee

By Melissa Sutherland

Public Relations Chairperson



The Public Relations committee is excited to officially announce our "Building Supplies for Education" drive. Our goal is to supply 100 needy children with new back packs stuffed

with school supplies for the upcoming year. We are currently seeking one corporate sponsor to donate the cost of the backpacks. We will be accepting donations of paper, pencils, crayons, folders, tissues, hand sanitizers, scissors, rulers, erasers, pencil bags,

glue sticks, etc. At the CCBA office.



Year of the Member

By Jim Loos Membership Chairperson



All of our members have made shifts in the way business is conducted this year. These times demand that we work efficiently and promote our organizations in ways that are new, unique, or both. The CCBA wants to support each of our members in ways that assist change, growth, organization and networking. This focus is summarized in our slogan....YEAR OF THE

MEMBER.

The membership committee has an Ambassador team that helps new members assimilate into the Association. Future members are encouraged to visit and explore the opportunities that await them within our Association.

Orientations have been extended from a simple one session overview to several deeper forums to get members better acquainted with the inner workings of our esteemed association. The **March Workshop** was devoted to discussing the role each com-

mittee plays in the association and gave information on how to get involved once a member decides on committee participation.

The **April Workshop** will discuss leadership development within the CCBA. Of course this training will also help us as sales associates and help groom us for leadership within our community. This workshop will be held **Thursday, April 24th, 2008 at 5:30P.M.** prior to the General Membership Meeting. Please let Karen know if you decide to attend.

Withlacoochee Technical Institute



Joseph A. Ciaramitaro
Welding Instructor
Welding Inspector

The 2008 Region 2 Skills & Leadership Competition for Skills USA was held in Ocala, at Central Florida Community College, Forest High School, and Marion Technical Institute on February 22, 2008 and at Suwannee Hamilton Technical in Live Oak on February 29, 2008. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives; working together to ensure America has a skilled work force. It is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers and students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including health occupations. It was formerly known as VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America). Withlacoochee Technical Institute (WTI) is proud to announce the following students have placed as indicated in their respective competitions:

Automotive Service Technology, Post-Secondary: William Foxworthy, 2nd
Automotive Service Technology, Secondary: Donald Steelfox, 3rd
Automotive Refinishing Technology, Post-Secondary: Christopher Jones, 1st and Jon Aponte, 2nd
Commercial Baking, Post-Secondary: Denise Sims (Jefferson), 2nd and Paige Brandt, 3rd
Cosmetology, Post-Secondary: Elisha Fitzpatrick, 1st and Jataria McBride, 2nd
Cosmetology, Secondary: Emily Wright, 1st and Tina Holden, 2nd
Culinary Arts, Post-Secondary: Brock Myrik, 2nd
Residential Wiring, Post-Secondary: Michael Wagner, 1st
Residential Wiring, Secondary: Justin Ferro, 3rd
Welding, Post-Secondary: Joshua Manion, 2nd and Joshua Ducommun 3rd
Welding, Secondary: Michael Bolwar, 1st and Trevor Callahan, 2nd
Job Skill Demonstration Open, Post-Secondary: Doug Burke, 1st; Desiree Camacho, 2nd; and Frank Costa, 3rd
Prepared Speech, 2nd Speech, Post-

Secondary: Malcolm Gentry, 1st and Vincent Cruz, 2nd
HVACR, Post-Secondary: Jerry Yost, 1st
Marine Service Technology, Post-Secondary: William Cochrane, 1st and Adam Rouillard, 2nd
Marine Service Technology, Secondary: Brandon Nelson, 1st
Marine Service Technology, Post-Secondary: Dale Young, 2nd
Computer Maintenance Technology, Post-Secondary: Jeremy Griffith, 1st
Crime Scene Investigation, Team of 3, Secondary: Matthew Smith, Ryan Fagan, and Chris Dergosits, 1st; Britny Pardee, Kari Kluever, and Tyler Tuggey, 2nd; and Lawrence Becksmith, Vincent Cruz, and Malcolm Gentry, 3rd
Students placing in the top two in the Regional competition will compete at the State level competition on April 28 through 30, 2008 at Manatee Technical Institute in Bradenton, FL. State first place winners will compete at the Nationals on June 23 through 27, 2008 in Kansas City.
WTI is very proud of these students and their accomplishments, and wishes them well at

Whose Chili is This?

O.K., so I won "Best Darned Chili" in the 2008 Chili Cook-Off at the February General Membership Meeting. I proudly showed the full color, rather handsome if I do say so, award to my lovely wife, Marcie, and now I'm in the dog house because I did not give her credit for the recipe.

Now here is the dilemma. The original recipe called for one pound of ground beef, browned. I included 1.5 pounds of ground sirloin, and browned it. I added

a full 50% more meat than Marcie's recipe called for. I call that a substantial modification and feel I should get credit for the Recipe.

What do you think? Would you please help settle this issue once and for all? Please Email Karen Balzanti at Karenb@citrusbuilders.com and place your vote. We will announce whose chili this really is in the next issue of the newsletter. In the meantime

please enjoy the LOOS F A M I L Y TASTY TACO CHILI recipe.

Jim Loos
March 2008



Articles of interest!

Protecting Gopher Tortoise. What is in a Name?



By:
J. Emmett Reed,
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Renewals and New Members

March 2008 Renewals	Years
A-Able Septic Sewer Serv	18
C & S Residential Roofing Inc	4
Citrus Well Drilling	26
Edward J Serra CPA PLLC	1
Gerrits-Citrus, Inc	5
Gold Crest Homes, Inc	15
Grant Plumbing Co., Inc.	14
Leeper A/C & Heating	19
Mid State Glass	30
Mitch Underwood Construction	15
Nichols Lumber Co	22
Paul Davis Restoration of Citrus	5
Progress Energy	29
Rheinfels Custom Embroidery	3
Sugalski Construction	5
Summerwind Homes	10
SunTrust Mortgage	24
Welbro Building Corp.	5
Will Construction Corp.	16

JANUARY

NEW

MEMBER

MARK
LITRELL

FEBRUARY

NEW

MEMBERS

JULIAN
HITCHCOCK

ANJELE
MELANCON

THOMAS
KENNEDY

MARCH

NEW

MEMBER

STUART
SIMMONS



1 Candidate 1 – 5 Credits	2 Blue Spike 6-24 Credits	3 Life Spike 25-49 Credits	4 Green Spike 50-99 Credits	5 Red Spike 100-149 Credits
Alpha Arnold	Anthony Ratliff	Dennis Jenkins 46.5	Chris Ensing 73	Edward R. Johnston 109
Bryon Costley	Barbara Vargo	Ed Czarnecki 41.5	Dave Hutchinson 63.5	Jim Loos 102.5
Charles Avanzini	Ben Branch	Jarey Schlabach 37.5	David Seijas 61	Kevin Fitzpatrick 112.5
John Barnhardt	CJ Dixon	Joe Bell 32	Gerry Gaudette 93.5	Lori Clark 119.5
Jolene Osborn	Darrell Reneau 20.5	Mike Deem 45	Greg Conard 70.5	
Linda Daly	Edward Serra	Nancy Rogers 27	Jim Crosley 54	
Maurine Reinhard	Eric Swart	Rich Gelfand 47	Larry Tate 52	
Rick Winkel	John Hanna	Samuel DiGuglielmo 48	Todd Workman 91.5	
Shirley Thrasher	Linda Van Allen 17	Timothy Koeller 26	Michael Moberley 64.5	
William Gillespie	Mathew Baillargeon	Virginia Will 48	Paul Lafond 71	
Cyndi McRee	Michael Lewis		Richard Dolbow 73.5	
	Mike Willis		Ronald Lieberman 59.5	
	Peggy Wheeler 13		Susan Hadley 58	
	Randy Clark			
	Roger Carlson			
	Ron Arnold			
	Sarah Fitts			
	Steve Tallman			
	Thomas Long			
	Timonthy Scalzi			
6 Royal Spike 150-249 Credits	7 Super Spike 250-499 Credits	8 Statesman Spike 500-999 Credits	9 Grand Spike 1000-1499 Credits	10 All-Time Big Spike 1500+ Credits
Chuck Sanders 200		Rainer Jacob 788		
Gaston Hall 184				
George Rusaw 220				
Louie Lott 196				



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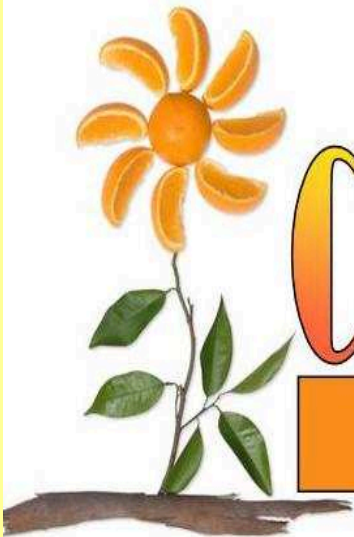
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[Fishing Tournament Application](#)



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