

Builder's Connection

Renewing members



Renewing members of the CCBA are, back row, from left: Jim Loos, Schlabach Security & Sound; Nancy Rogers, Lassiter-Ware Insurance; James Baldwin, Habitat for Humanity; Wendy — Fairbanks Construction; Randy Clark, Clark Construction; Ann McDermott, Dream Custom Homes; Susan Adams, Ro-Mac Lumber & Supply; Steve, Atkinson Construction; Rich Gelfand, Sherwin Williams; front row, from left: Anthony Ratliff, Suncoast Plumbing & Electric; Wayne Bardsley, Quality Crafted Builders; Cyndi McRee, Progress Energy; and Paul Stergus, Sherwin Williams (Inverness). Renewing members not pictured are: A.J. Hendrix Builders Inc., Armstrong Homes, Boulterice Roofing & Supply, Bright House Networks, Capital City Bank, Cummings Construction Inc., Custom Trim & Int. Wood, Encore Homes, Fisher Building Contractors LLC, Florida Express Environmental LLC, Home Doctors of Citrus County Inc., Homestead Builders of the Nature Coast, Jackson Masonry, Joyner's Masonry & Concert Work, Keith Cook, Larder & Sons Construction Inc., Lynch Oil Company, MH Services, Meeks Water Treatment Inc., Nature Coast Communications, Nature Coast Pools, Paul LaFond Fine Homes, Ray Stevenson Masonry, Royal Coachman Homes Inc., Rutland Construction Co. Inc., Sani-Pot Services, Smart Interiors, Suniland Corp., Surfaces Flooring Inc., Sweetwater Homes of Citrus Inc., Wheeler Construction Inc., White Aluminum Inc. and Withlacoochee River Electric.

VIP is longtime resident

December V.I.P.

Melissa Sutherland works with family

I was born in Covington, Ken., and moved to Citrus county when I was 6, just before Hurricane Alana, and havelived here every since. I graduated from CFCC and then attended USF.

I married the love of my life, Matt, in 2000 and we have a 5-year-old son. Prior to working with my family at Air Care Heating and Cooling, I worked in the telecommunications field. I started working with my family more



Melissa and Matt Sutherland than five years ago and have managed the service department with them. Air Care Heating and Cooling is a member of the Citrus County Builders

Association for more than 15 years. As a member, I serve as chairperson for the Community Affairs Committee, which is best known for the Building Supplies for Education backpack drive and the Building a Better Christmas toy drive. Helping Citrus County's needy children is a passion of mine, and through the CCBA we are able to help those most in need.

Air Care Heating and Cooling is a family owned and operated business which has been in Citrus County for more than 19 years. We strive to deliver professional workmanship at a fair price.

If you need help with your heating or air conditioning unit, please give me a call at Air Care Heating and Cooling at (352) 621-3444.

Entries open for 'King of the Wing' contest

The CCBA King of the Wing Committee has officially opened up entries for the Second Annual King of the Wing Competition.

All Citrus County restaurants and other Citrus County establishments that are licensed by the state of Florida in safe food handling are invited to participate in this fantastic chicken wing cookoff to earn the fabulous 5 1/2-foot trophy and bragging rights for one year.

There is no fee to enter, but all competitors are required to provide a minimum of 500 wings for sampling. Participating restaurants will also enjoy advertising for one year on www.citruskingofthewing.com, as well as a wonderful opportunity to promote their wings on the day before the big NFL Championship Game.

This gigantic "tailgate" party will be from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Homosassa Riverside Resort. Entry to the event will be free to the public and will include live entertainment and many Citrus County business exhibits. Fees will be charged for food, beverages and games. Sponsorships and exhibitor space are also open at this time.

For more information, contact CCBA Executive Officer Donna Bidlack at (352) 746-9028, ext. 3 or go to www.citruskingofthewing.com.

Happy holidays to CCBA members, families

A message from the CCBA president ...

I would like to wish you and your families a safe and joyous holiday season. This is a time of hope and thanksgiving. The holidays give each of us an opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments of the past year and cherish time with our families. It is also a time to look forward to a new year of

opportunities, both collectively and individually.

Our economy is hopefully getting stronger and the future is promising. During this holiday season, you can reflect with pride that many of our great nation's soldiers, sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and air-

men have made it safe to celebrate with our families. As Americans, we have much to be grateful for — certainly.

We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Tommy Long

Long Enterprises of the Nature Coast

Thanks for helping Citrus Builders Care \$350-plus raised at show

I would like to offer a very heartfelt thank you to the CCBA Home & Outdoor Show committee for giving Citrus Builders Care the opportunity to collect donations during the 32nd Annual Home & Outdoor Show, Oct. 24 and 25 at the Florida National Guard Armory in Crystal River. With your generous support, we were able to collect more than \$350.

By helping us, we can help many Citrus County needy families and individuals with repairs to their home, not only to meet essential daily needs, but to work toward a brighter future with a safer environment for them to live in.

I would also like to extend a thank you to the many members of the Citrus County Builders Association who have come out and worked on our projects throughout this past year; it has a made a big difference.

When we work together, we can reach far beyond our goals and because you cared enough to give of yourselves, we have helped to make a difference this year in our community.

May you have a joyous New Year, a merry Christmas and a happy holiday!

Andrew Benefield, Bluewater Drafting, Citrus Builders Care

Save the dates ... save the dates ... save the dates ...

The CCBA has set the dates for three of the biggest events it will have in 2010. Be sure to mark them on your calendar:

■ The **Second Annual King of the Wing Competition** is slated for noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Homosassa Riverside Resort. Call (352) 746-9028, ext. 3.

■ The **2010 Spring Parade of Homes** will be March 13 to March 28, with a special New Home Expo on Saturday, March 27, at the CCBA. For more information and regular updates, check out www.citrusparadeofhomes.com or call (352) 746-9028.

■ The **15th Annual Fishing Tournament**, sponsored by F.D.S. Disposal

Inc., is coming on April 17 and 18 at the Homosassa Riverside Resort. Early bird fishing tournament entries are a great Christmas gift idea for that special angler! Sponsorships, entries and early bird room rates are now available at www.citrusbuilders.com or by calling (352) 746-9028.

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