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UTCA NEWSLETTER

UTCA & United Airlines Host Joint Reception at the League of Municipalities Conference

Every November, the UTCA reception at the League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City gets a little bit bigger and a little bit better. This year, we were joined by co-sponsor United Airlines in welcoming an impressive delegation of state legislative leaders, freeholders, mayors, county party chairs, contractors, engineers, and government affairs professionals. All said and done, nearly 300 guests joined us in the Water Club at Borgata to celebrate another successful year and the safe reelection of all of our TTF Champions. The event capped off the UTCA's presence at the conference, which included meetings with dozens of the state's key decision makers and presentations to other industry group meetings.



UTCA representatives are pictured with Senator Elect Vin Gopal, Senator Joe Kyrillos, Senator Kip Bateman, Senator Bob Gordon, Assemblyman John Wisniewski and Assemblyman Tony Bucco at the League of Municipalities Reception.

Bob Briant Recognized for 35 Years Of Service to UTCA

At this year's Board dinner during the Annual Convention, UTCA's Board of Directors recognized Bob Briant, Jr. for his 35 years of dedicated service to the industry. Bob served as CEO since 2006 when he took over the reins from his father and has done a tremendous job as the leader of the construction industry's premier association. Congratulations to Bob on this significant milestone!

UTCA Hires New Director Of Environmental & Utility Operations

We hope you'll give a nice big UTCA welcome to Dan Kennedy, our new Director of Environmental and Utility Operations. Dan most recently served as the Assistant Commissioner of Water Resource Management at NJDEP, and brings with him an expansive and in-depth subject matter expertise. Previously, he was the deputy director of the Office for Planning Advocacy in the New Jersey Department of State, where he was responsible for updating the State Development and Redevelopment Plan. He holds a B.S. in Environmental Science from the University of Delaware and a master's in City and Regional Planning from the E. J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University.

UTCA Mourns the Loss of Lidia Vitalina Cruz

It is with great sadness that we mourn the loss of Lidia Vitalina Cruz, widow of Evaristo Cruz, Sr. Lidia was instrumental in helping grow the family business, Cruz Construction Corp., in addition to establishing a public golf course on their homestead, now known as Cruz Golf Country Club. Lidia was a fixture in the industry and our thoughts and prayers are with the Cruz family during this difficult time.



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Montana Construction Inc. Wins "Top Workplace" Award

A big round of applause goes out to UTCA Board Member and President of Montana Construction, Lisa Ballerini, and her brothers Vincent and Dominic Santaite, on their recent award as NorthJersey.com Top Workplace Award. Highlighting Montana's family-like atmosphere, culture of camaraderie, and solid benefits package, it's no wonder the 120-person firm topped the newspaper's list. Congratulations Lisa, Vincent, Dominic, Amanda and the whole Montana Family!



Pictured left to right receiving their "Top Workplace" Award are Dominic, Amanda, Lisa and Vincent Santaite of Montana Construction.

Garden State Precast Welcomes New VP!

It is a pleasure to announce that Garden State Precast has welcomed a new Vice President of Manufacturing and Engineering, Ayaz Ahmed. Mr. Ahmed has a long history in the precast industry, most recently as a professor in the Concrete Industry Management Program at Middle Tennessee State University. Congratulations to both Mr. Ahmed and the Garden State Precast team!

UTCA Supports the 8th Annual NY JETS Dream Express

UTCA recently supported the 8th Annual NY JETS Dream Express, a transportation and sports event to benefit children with autism. Executive Director Anthony Attanasio began the Dream Express while he was Deputy Chief of Staff at NJ TRANSIT. Transportation to and from MetLife Stadium is provided by NJ TRANSIT and the NY JETS provide tickets and refreshments for the event's participants. This year, the participants were chosen by incoming Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, who attended the event. A group of 20 students and parents enjoyed a great day of JETS football.

New Member Applicants	
Unicorn Construction Montvale Contractor	Diamond Hauling Toms River Subcontractor
Nagi Construction Millburn Subcontractor	Sills Cummis & Gross PC Princeton Associate
Mind Core Montville Associate	Altigro Pension Services Fairfield Associate
Lehigh Hanson Fleetwood, PA Associate	Northeast Sweepers & Rentals Fairfield Associate



Group shot of the 8th Annual NY JETS Dream Express event.

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CIAP Internship/Scholarship Career Fair

Looking for 2018 summer interns? Join us in Edison on January 10th for the 16th Annual CIAP Career Fair! January 10, 2018, from 8:00am - 4:00pm at the Pines Manor in Edison. Participation in January gives you the opportunity to interview highly qualified and pre-screened Civil Engineering & Construction Technology students looking to enter the construction industry. The CIAP internship/scholarship program is also a proactive tool for workforce development, providing contractors with a great opportunity to test out students' skills and work product in real-life scenarios. Register today to give your firm an ongoing pipeline for future full time employees. For more information, please contact Dan Kennedy at (732) 292-4300.

Fall Clay Shoot Was A Big Success

Despite having to be rescheduled due to inclement weather, the 2017 Fall Clay Shoot held at Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays was a huge success with over 140 registered shooters. The more seasoned shooters tackled the Blue Course, while more novice shooters were on the Green Course for this annual event. Rob Culnen's team - which also included Dave Myskinshi and Bill & Caren Malthaner - came in first on the Blue Course. As always, UTCA would like to thank our sponsors and attendees for their support of this important event, as all proceeds go toward the Association's scholarship fund.



Pictured left to right at the recent Clay Shoot are Rob Culnen, Dave Myskinshi, Bill & Caren Malthaner.



Pictured left to right are Anthony Attanasio, Assemblyman Joe Lagana, Assemblyman Tim Eustace, Senator Bob Gordon, Tom Hardell and Bob Briant.

UTCA Hosts Successful Fundraiser for District 38 Legislative Team

UTCA hosted a very successful fundraiser for Senator Bob Gordon, Assemblyman Tim Eustace and Assemblyman Joe Lagana, raising more than \$20,000 for the legislative team from the 38th District. Gordon, Eustace and Lagana were the only Democrats in a competitive District to vote for the Transportation Trust Fund renewal and it was a main issue being used against them in their campaign. Senator Gordon's opponent repeatedly call the Senator "Gas Tax Gordon" throughout the fall campaign. Gordon serves as the Vice-Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee and Eustace is the Chairman of the Assembly Environment & Solid Waste Committee so their re-election was critical to the industry. The team was re-elected and UTCA looks forward to our continued work with the team in the new Murphy Administration.

UTCA & ACECNJ Participate in Multi-Transportation Agency Meeting

Representatives of UTCA and ACECNJ met with senior leadership from the NJ Department of Transportation (NJDOT), NJ TRANSIT (NJT), NJ Turnpike Authority (NJTA), Port Authority NY/NJ (PANYNJ), South Jersey Transportation Association (SJTA), Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) and the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission (DRJTBC) at NJDOT headquarters to discuss a wide array of issues facing the agencies and the industry. The group's discussion focused on standardized specifications & materials, the claims process, need for design-build authority and better coordination in dealing with the NJDEP. The meeting was extremely productive and is expected to lead to new initiatives that will benefit the industry.

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UTCA Meets with PANYNJ Chairman Kevin O'Toole

Members of UTCA's Executive Committee and staff met with Port Authority Chairman Kevin O'Toole to discuss a wide array of industry issues at the PANYNJ. Topics included the PANYNJ capital program, the Gateway Program, electronic bidding and DBE goal setting. UTCA is grateful to have a true ally of the industry in such a prestigious position during such a critical time for the region's infrastructure needs.

UTCA Leads Design-Build & P3 Workshop at ACECNJ Fall Conference

UTCA Executive Director Anthony Attanasio moderated a panel focused on Design-Build and P3 project delivery models at the 2017 ACECNJ Fall Conference. Panelists included UTCA President Tom Hardell of George Harms Construction, and Tom Cushman, VP of AECOM. The discussion focused on the beneficial applications of the two project delivery models and NJ's need to add them to the toolbox at NJDOT and the NJ Turnpike Authority.

UTCA Meets with PANYNJ Chief of Major Capital Projects & Chief Engineer to Discuss Industry Issues

Members of the UTCA Executive Committee and staff met with PANYNJ Chief of Major Capital Projects Steven Plate and Chief Engineer Jim Starace to discuss Port Authority issues facing the construction industry. UTCA was given an in-depth briefing of the PANYNJ capital program as well as the Gateway program. The meeting yielded several positive discussions on project delivery and working with the PANYNJ on contractual and specification related issues.

OSHA Releases New Guidance On Silica Regulation for Small Business

To see OSHA's new guidance for small business, please [CLICK HERE](#).



Pictured left to right are Joe Fiordaliso (ACECNJ), Anthony Attanasio (UTCA), Dana Hecht (NJDOT), Chris Sturm (NJ Future) and Wade Miller (PSEG) at the NJ Association for FloodPlain Management Conference.

UTCA Executive Director Participates in NJ Association for FloodPlain Management Conference

UTCA Executive Director Anthony Attanasio participated on a panel at the NJ Association for FloodPlain Management Annual Conference focused on Flood Mitigation in Infrastructure Projects. The panel focused on balancing the need for flood mitigation in projects with budgetary constraints and the difficulty presented by the environmental permitting process.

UTCA Executive Director Speaks To Engineering Students at Rowan University

UTCA Executive Director Anthony Attanasio was recently invited to be a guest lecturer at Rowan University. The class made up of seniors studying civil engineering is taught by Delaware River Port Authority Chief Engineer Mike Venuto. Attanasio discussed his path into transportation policy through NJ TRANSIT, NJDOT and UTCA as well as the career opportunities for engineers in construction. The class was particularly interested in some of the war stories from Hurricanes Irene and Sandy as well as some of the more exciting aspects of a career in construction that they were previously unaware of.

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North American Pipeline Services To Hold Customer Appreciation Luncheon & Seminar

All are welcome to join North American Pipeline Services on for a Customer Appreciation Luncheon and complimentary Trenchless Solutions Seminar. December 6, 2017 12-5:00PM at iPlay America, 110 Schank Road, Freehold, NJ07728. To register, email Meghan at meghanw@napipellc.com

UTCA Announces First Safety Seminar of the Season

UTCA will hold a Silica Standard education seminar on December 9th to help members be in compliance with the Silica standard now in effect. OSHA's Silica Standard for Construction went into effect on September 23rd and all employers must now be in compliance. [CLICK HERE](#) to register for the seminar.

OSHA Extends Deadline For Electronic Recordkeeping Rule

OSHA has yet again delayed the compliance with the new electronic recordkeeping rule by two weeks. Employers who are affected by this rule now have until December 15th to submit injury and illness data. For more information on the rule please go to OSHA's site by [CLICKING HERE](#).



Bob Briant, Jr. signs his caricature at The Palm Restaurant in Atlantic City. The caricature was in honor of his 35 years of service with the UTCA.



UTCA staff spoke about changed conditions legislation during the NJ Society of Municipal Engineers' annual meeting at the League of Municipalities Conference. From L-R: Anthony Attanasio (UTCA), 2017 NJSME President Kimberli Craft (Montclair Twp), 2017 NJSME Vice President Dan Burke (Twp. Of Jackson), and Zoe Baldwin (UTCA).

2017/2018 UTCA Construction Safety Seminars

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| 12/9 | New OSHA Silica Standard Seminar |
| 1/13 | Trenching/ Excavation Training |
| 1/20 | Confined Space Safety and Awareness |
| 1/27 | ATSSA Flagging Certification Seminar |
| 2/3 | New OSHA Silica Standard Seminar |
| 2/10 | Trenching/ Excavation Training |
| 2/17 | Confined Space Safety and Awareness |
| 2/23 | Annual Comprehensive Construction Safety Seminar |
| 2/24 | Working Around Heavy Equipment |

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