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SAFETY PAYS & YOU COULD DRIVE IT HOME!

On March 28, 2008, the Northeastern Ohio Construction Labor and Management Safety Incentive Program (SIP) held their 14th Annual Awards Luncheon in which the union industry recognized 57 contractors and 13 workers for excellence in safety.

The Safety Incentive Program encourages union contractors and union tradespersons to be more aware of working safely on the jobsite. Efforts to bring safety to the forefront include rewarding union tradespersons for working safely on the jobsite – through the use of quarterly prizes and the annual grand

prize, recognizing the contractor's efforts of providing a safe workplace through the Contractor Safety Awards Program, publishing monthly safety bulletins called "SIP - TIP's", and providing a forum for labor and management to meet on a regular basis and discuss current safety trends affecting the construction industry.

On March 28th, a Ford F-150 pick-up truck was given away to one lucky finalist from among 13 trades. Names were drawn by random, prior to the luncheon. Criteria must be met in order to qualify as a semi-finalist. This consists of:



This year's lucky winner was Daniel E. Shaver, of Tile Layers Local 36. Congratulations!

- 1,000 worked hours, in the field, for the year;

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *The CEA/CISP Invitational is set for Monday, July 21 at The Country Club in Pepper Pike.*
- *CEA's Annual Clambake is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1 at Executive Caterers at Landerhaven.*
- *The 2008 Open Enrollment runs May 5 through May 30. Information is on page 5.*

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GOT NEWS?

If you have news that you'd like to share with other members of CEA, please send us your stories, articles or pictures. We would be pleased to help you publicize your announcements, promotions, special events, etc.

Please send your submissions to Mark Laskey at mlaskey@ceacisp.org or by fax to (216) 398-9801.

Thanks, and we look forward to hearing from you!



SAFETY PAYS & YOU COULD DRIVE IT HOME

- Have no OSHA recordable Injuries/Illnesses attributed to the employees' own actions;
- Currently eligible to work under the Construction Industry Substance Abuse Program (CISAP), or comparable program;
- Have not received any written safety violation (s);
- Have a valid drivers license & proof of insurance

The finalists in a random order drew their keys and attempted to open the door to win the truck. **Mr. Daniel E. Shaver, with the Tile Layers Local #36**, Cleveland, Ohio, won the new Ford F150 pickup truck. Congratulations Daniel!

Also, in an effort to recognize contractors for their safety

efforts, Contractor Safety Awards were presented at the luncheon for contractors meeting multiple criteria that evaluate their company's

for winning the Contractor Safety Award for the fifth (5) consecutive year.



L to R OSHA's Rob Medlock, Bernie Weir, Jr., of Norris Brothers Co., Inc., CEA's John Porada and BWC's David Loughner.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION goes to **Norris Brothers Co., Inc.** for winning the Contractor Safety Award for the tenth (10) consecutive year.

overall safety and health efforts.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION goes to Anderson Industrial Construction Co., Carroll Glass, Precision Environmental Company, Stevens Painton Corporation, and Suburban Process Piping, Inc.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

The sun is shining.....are you thinking about golf?



Mark your calendar to get your foursome together for the CEA/CISP Invitational on Monday, July 21, 2008 at The Country Club in Pepper

Pike, Ohio. Details will follow later.

Also, CEA members, mark your calendar for CEA's Annual Clambake to be held on Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at Executive Caterers at Landerhaven. You are definitely assured a very good time with great appetizers, little neck clams, delicious

food and fantastic door prizes!!



LCCC ENTREPRENEURSHIP INNOVATION CENTER

Completed in December of 2007 the LCCC Entrepreneurship Innovation Center represents the areas newest facility to be LEEDS certified. Through the commitment of Lorain County Community College and the efforts of Clark and Post Architects and Dunlop & Johnston, Inc. the project was completed within budget while being certified Silver by the LEEDS organization.

The use of innovative materials such as Bomanite floor products and translucent polycarbonate panels combined with the LEEDS requirements of energy saving design, use of recycled material, and incorporation of local materials brings both a unique feel to the structure while bringing all participants further into the new wave of Green construction.

Dunlop & Johnston, Inc. is pleased to add another project to our LEEDS portfolio as the benefits of being experienced in this new era of construction that will only help to benefit both future clients as well as Dunlop & Johnston, Inc. in future endeavors.



LEGISLATIVE CORNER

By Christopher Sinagra
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The schedule in Columbus most likely will continue at a fast pace here in April and May as lawmakers look to finish work on a number of bills before summer break.

The \$100M plus capital bill most likely will be introduced within the month. This voluminous bill will have provisions allocating monies to capital projects around the state - i.e. bricks and mortar projects. The bill traditionally has included a host of other provisions which in some cases CEA has had to educate lawmakers on provi-

sions that impact the construction business.

Another issue is state revenue is coming in below projections, budget correction measures still need to be taken to bridge the State's funding gap. These provisions will likely also be placed into the State Capital Bill. Thus, making sure this bill is scrutinized will be at the forefront of CEA's legislative committee and A.C. Sinagra & Associates' agenda.

The CEA legislative committee with the assistance of A.C. Sinagra & Associates is also working to amend Bureau of Workers' Compensation law to allow Alternative Dispute Reso-

lution programs. The drafting of the potential bill has been completed and is available for review by calling John Porada or Mark Laskey at CEA (216) 398-9860.

Other issues that are being watched in Columbus are changes to prevailing wage coordinator provisions, retainage, workers compensation reform, and regulatory reform.

CEA members and CISP contributors are encouraged to support the CEA-Political Action Fund. Please consider a personal contribution made payable to "CEA-PAC" and mail to CEA's office.

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WORKING IN
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LANGUAGE TO
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LABOR & MANAGEMENT TURNOUT FOR HARRIS



L to R CEA lobbyist, Tony Sinagra, Anne Burkey, of Burkshire Construction; Sen. Harris and CEA's John Porada.

On May 1, 2008 The Construction Employers PAC Fund hosted a fund raising luncheon for Senate President Bill Harris (R), Ashland, Ohio. This event was held at Dante's and provided a forum for CEA members and friends to meet, greet and discuss issues impacting the construction industry in

Ohio with one of the state's most influential leaders.

Coordinated by CEA's Legislative Committee with the help of CEA's lobby firm, A.C. Sinagra & Associates, the event was a great success with over 30 major construction leaders and union officials in attendance. Rep. Tom Patton (R), Strongsville, was also in attendance for this event.

Sen. Harris has supported CEA through his support on prevailing wage; the drug free work place and workers' compensation reform, just to name a few items.

It is imperative that CEA remain politically active and we encourage you to support our PAC Fund which supports you. For additional information call John Porada or Mark Laskey at CEA.

BWC BOARD APPROVES RATE REDUCTION & OAC CHANGES

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Board of Directors unanimously approved a five percent overall rate decrease for private employers, effective July 1, 2008. This is the first premium rate decrease for Ohio's private employers since 2001.

The average five-percent rate change will impact employers based on their manual classification. Some will realize a rate reduction higher than five percent; others may experience an increase.

An actuarial firm will perform a comprehensive study to review the effectiveness of all rate-related programs and how they interact with one another. The study will also assess BWC's financial strengths and weaknesses.

The Board expects the study to be complete in December 2008, with some findings complete as soon as June.

At its May 2 board meeting the board approved changes to the construction safety requirements in the Ohio Administrative Code.

Prior to being presented to the Board, the changes were reviewed by a work group of safety professionals representing employers and labor. The group made recommendations and altered some of the suggested changes. Two representatives from organizations housing AGC divisions participated: Steve Kinn, Assistant Director of Safety Education/SIP Project Director for the Construction Employers Association (Cleveland), and Terry Phillips, Associate

Director for Allied Construction Industries (Cincinnati).

The Board voted unanimously to approve the changes, and applauded the efforts of the work group and BWC, encouraging BWC Administrator Marsha Ryan to continue utilizing the services of the group for future changes in the construction safety requirements.

2008 MCO OPEN ENROLLMENT

The 2008 open enrollment period begins at 7:30 a.m. May 5 and ends at 5:30 p.m. May 30.

Open enrollment gives all state-fund employers (with an active workers' compensation policy) an opportunity to choose the managed care organization (MCO) to help manage the medical portion of their workers' compensation claims. A strong MCO-employer partnership also helps injured workers receive the treatment they need to get back to work as safely and quickly as possible.

Choosing an MCO that meets the needs of your business and your workers is an important decision. To help you make your choice, the Ohio BWC has created the [MCO Open Enrollment Guide](http://www.ohiobwc.com/downloads/brochureware/brochures/MCOOpenEnrollmentGuide.pdf) (<http://www.ohiobwc.com/downloads/brochureware/brochures/>

[MCO Guide.pdf](#)) and [MCO Report Card](http://www.ohiobwc.com/downloads/brochureware/brochures/ReportCard.pdf) (<http://www.ohiobwc.com/downloads/brochureware/brochures/ReportCard.pdf>).

The guide provides instructions to help you with the selection process, and the report card provides 2007 MCO performance information.

If you are satisfied with your MCO, you do not need to do anything. However, if you decide to select a new MCO, you can complete the MCO Selection Form online, or you can download and print a blank form, complete it and mail or fax it to BWC. Links to the online form and the printable form are found below.

Please note: MCOs cannot market to employers before May 5. However, if you



would like more information you may contact any MCO prior to the open enrollment period. MCOs can respond to requests initiated by employers prior to May 5.

The resources noted above are designed to help you with the open enrollment process. However, if you need additional assistance, please call the MCO selection line at 800-859-6631. Representatives are available from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

IN THE NEWS

Dawson Companies: **Megan Scott** to assistant customer service representative; **Rosemarie Adams** to customer representative; **Kelly Spinelli Moll** to receptionist; **Bill Clegg** and **Karen Callaghan** to account executives.

Congratulations to **Bethany Criscione**, of **VIP**, for being

selected as the regional winner for the Vision of Excellence Award by the **National Association of Women in Construction**.

Marous Brothers Construction: Douglas Richardson to general manager, design/build; Christopher Auvil to director of design, design/build; Dwight Coleman to

senior project manager, general contracting.

Middough Inc. placed 124 in the April 21, 2008 issue of ENR highlighting the nation's top 500 design firms.

Turner Construction Co.: **Mark Dent** to vice president

and general manager; **Ed Paparone** to business manager; **Davie Stahl** to pre-construction manager; **Jason James** to special projects division manager; **Joseph Lazzaro** to vice president and general manager, Ohio Logistics.

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CEA is an umbrella association that represents 114 construction companies and 39 affiliate members. We also service over 500 construction related firms through the Construction Industry Service Program (CISP). CEA also represents thirteen local affiliated contractor associations and is active in three national associations – the Associated General Contractors of America (www.agc.org), The Association of Union Constructors (www.tauc.org) and the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association (www.smacna.org).

For further information, including membership information, call John Porada (jporada@ceacisp.org) or Mark Laskey (mlaskey@ceacisp.org) at (216) 398-9860.

IN THE NEWS CONTINUED

Robert W. Grambo and **Edward N. Salim**, co-owners of **South-East Construction, Inc.**, are celebrating their 15th anniversary this April. In 1993, South-East Construction began with a 3-man payroll. Now, they average 45 union carpenters and tapers on their projects. South-East Construction is a union contractor that specializes in the total carpentry package. They bid projects from \$1,000 to \$1,000,000 and contract work all over Northeast Ohio. Bob and Ed would like to thank all the companies that have contributed to a wonderful 15 years.

Project and Construction Services, Inc.: **Scott Kauker** to business development representative.

CEA's executive vice president, **John Porada**, received the "2008 Industry Appreciation Award" presented by the **National Association of Women in Construction's Cleveland Chapter #156** at a banquet on May 1 at Pazzo's.



L to R NAWIC President Monica Hamed, John Porada and Toni Walker. Congratulations, John!