

THE CONTRACTOR CHRONICLES

The Member Newsletter of the
Contractors Association of Will & Grundy Counties



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CAWGC's Annual Cocktail Reception with a Casino twist

The Contractors Association will host their annual cocktail reception on Friday, March 18, 2022 at the Great Hall at Mistwood Golf Club in Romeoville, IL from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M. Guests will enjoy a casino themed event and play for various prizes. Members will receive two complimentary tickets to the event, and extra tickets can be purchased for \$35. All who attend will enjoy an open bar and Hors D'oeuvres. You've got to know when to hold 'em and know when to fold 'em at this party. To R.S.V.P. contact the office at (815)-741-1455 or email, kcichon@cawgc.org



CAWGC Scholarships Available



The Contractors Association of Will & Grundy Counties is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2022/23 school year.

Since the program's inception in 1996, the association has awarded over \$150,000 to deserving scholars pursuing degrees in the construction field.

Eligibility Requirements:

- A son/daughter of: an owner of a CAWGC member company **OR** full-time employee of a CAWGC member company **OR** Will/Grundy union building tradesman.
- A high school senior (Spring 2022 Graduate) planning to attend college FULL-time **OR** presently a FULL-time college student pursuing an undergraduate degree.
- Minimum 2.0 GPA.
- Majoring in a CONSTRUCTION related curriculum, such as construction management, architecture, engineering, interior design, etc.

Applications are available on the website at www.cawgc.org or by emailing cliburdi@cawgc.org
Deadline to apply is March 11, 2022.

2021 Annual Awards

CAWGC is seeking nominations for its annual Awards. Winner(s) will be determined by the Awards Committee, which is comprised of the Executive Committee and past member award recipients. Nomination form included inside the newsletter or via email to: cliburdi@cawgc.org

Deadline is January 31, 2022



Fun had by all at Oktoberfest

CAWGC held its 2nd annual Oktoberfest on October 14, 2021 at Grundy County Fairgrounds in Morris. Guests were greeted with an orange stein compliments of CAWGC. The Jib brothers played as guests made their way through the Oktoberfest themed buffet line and enjoyed a variety of beer and drinks. There were many participants in the bags tournament held courtesy of *Backwoods Baggers*. Nick Quas from John Quas Masonry and Mike Stevens from TMR ended up winning the trophy and cash prize.

Beautiful weather and an overall great evening of seeing old faces and catching up with old friends.

Photos taken courtesy of *Terry Dorris Photography*.



CAWGC'S



DONUTS WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DEC. 4TH



10a.m. - 12 p.m.
CAWGC OFFICE
233 SPRINGFIELD AVE.
JOLIET, IL
60435



TIS' THE SEASON

Get your photo with santa and pick up your homecut donut. Hot chocolate kits, coloring contest, & gift giveaways while watching your favorite holiday films!

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Send RSVP to: 233 Springfield Ave. Joliet, IL 60435 By Nov. 27 or contact the office @ (815)-741-1455. Questions? Email: kcichon@CAWGC.org

THE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR AN

Administrative Professionals Day Luncheon

April 27th 2022

12:00-3:00 p.m

Montage Wine Bar

307 Liberty Street | Morris, IL 60450

\$ 25 PER PERSON



For more information or to R.S.V.P. contact Kristie (815)-741-1455 or Email
kcichon@Cawgc.org



2021

Awards of Distinction

CAWGC is seeking nominations for its annual Awards.

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CAWGC Member of the Year Award

- presented to a member who has served in the past and present to help build CAWGC's strong foundation or have made a significant contribution on at least a countywide level, to the industry and/or association.
- point system used to select recipient: years as committee chair, board member or officer; service on Health, Welfare, Pension or Apprentice Boards; extraordinary performance on a committee, and/or impact on the construction industry.

We Build Will & Grundy Counties Award

- presented to a non-member who has made a significant contribution to the construction industry and/or association.
- contribution must have county wide, state, or national impact and/or recipient must have county, state or national stature. (i.e: county board member/office, state representative/senator, congressman, etc.)

Richard G. Colombo Award

- presented periodically to an individual who has made significant personal contributions toward the advancement of the organized commercial, industrial, or institutional construction industry.
- recipient has demonstrated personal dedication and noteworthy efforts consistent with examples set forth by Richard G. Colombo.



Award Guidelines

Member of the Year and Colombo Award nominees must be CAWGC members. Nominees can be nominated by more than one member, but selection is not based on number of nominations. Only the award recipient(s) will be honored. No honorable mentions or other acknowledgements of the award nominees.

Awards will be presented at the CAWGC Cocktail Reception on March 25, 2022.

NOMINATION DEADLINE

January 31, 2022



CAWGC Award Program

(Please duplicate form for additional nominations)

_____ Richard G. Colombo Award (member)

_____ Member of the Year Award (member)

_____ We Build Will & Grundy Counties Award (non-member)

I wish to nominate the below candidate for CAWGC's Industry Recognition Awards:

Name of Nominee _____
First Middle Last

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Affiliation & Position _____

Brief Description of Candidate's Background _____

(if additional space is needed, type on plain paper and attach)

Description of candidate's contribution to the industry _____

(if additional space is needed, type on plain paper and attach)

Nominated by _____

Company _____

Phone (____) _____

Send nominations to:

CAWGC Awards Committee, 233 N. Springfield Ave Joliet IL 60435
or via fax to 815/741-2165 or via e-mail to cliburdi@CAWGC.org

Nominations are due by January 31, 2022

2021 CAWGC OCTOBERFEST



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MORNINGSTAR
MISSION
JOLIET IL

A special thank you to Joseph Savoia from OPCMIA Local- 11 for kindly taking the leftover food from Oktoberfest to MorningStar Mission. MorningStar Mission provides food for the hungry, clothes for the needy, and shelter for homeless men, women, children and families in Joliet & Will County. For years, CAWGC has worked with and brought leftover food from every event to the mission.



FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BY LES CHENEY



I am very excited to report that the Infrastructure Bill has recently passed in Washington DC. The State of Illinois will receive \$47 billion dollars. That's the great news the quite troubling news is that we are currently experiencing runaway inflation. My concern is that with fuel and materials pricing out of control there will be less dollars for our greatly needed infrastructure repairs. In other news, Lightways (founded as Joliet Area Community Hospice) recently completed construction on a renovation project in its Hospice Home. CAWGC took part in the Remembering from the Heart campaign by making a financial contribution to offset the cost of a new Private Family Room as part of this project. Thousands of patients, families, and friends have embraced loved ones nearing the end of their journey, and found comfort and compassion in the surroundings of the Hospice Home.

~Les Cheney

Sandeno welcomed to CAWGC Board

CAWGC is delighted to announce the appointment of Ken Sandeno to its Board of Directors.

Ken Sandeno is the President of "D" Construction Inc.

Founded in 1982, "D" Construction, Inc. is an award-winning construction company recognized by the Illinois Department of Transportation and many major construction publications. The company has extensive experience working on underground utilities, commercial buildings, water and sewer projects, highway construction, petrochemical plants, and asphalt and concrete projects. In addition to this experience, "D" also owns and operates their own asphalt plant. "D" Construction's variety of skills and services makes "D" very adaptable in an ever-changing marketplace. For "D" safety is the cornerstone of success, having one of the most intense safety programs in the industry with a full time safety coordinator. Mr. Sandeno's counsel and expertise will bring energy to the board. We are honored to have you.



KEN SANDENO

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

The CAWGC office will be closed beginning Friday December 24, 2021 and will re-open on Monday January 3, 2022.





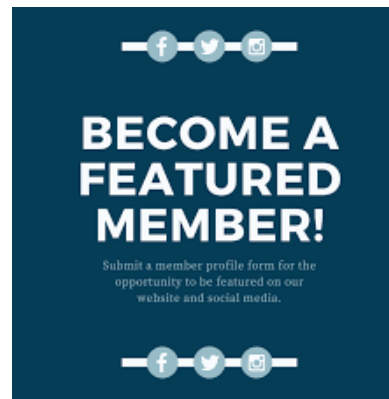
Stay connected

Save the dates and join us!

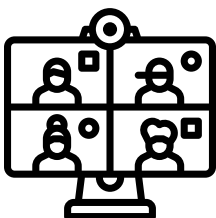
- March 18, 2022 Cocktail Reception & Casino Night
Great Hall at Mistwood Golf Club, Romeoville
- April 21, 2022 CAWGC Expo &
Educational Sessions
TBD
- April 27, 2022 Administrative Assistant's Day
Luncheon, Montage in Morris
- May 20, 2022 41st Annual Golf Outing
Cog Hill Golf Club, Lemont
- August 18, 2022 Annual Steak Fry
St. Joseph's Park, Joliet
- September 16, 2022 Fall Golf Outing
Morris Country Club at the Creek
- October 6, 2022 Oktoberfest/CAWGC Election
Grundy County Fairgrounds



WE LOVE OUR MEMBERS



If you would like to be featured in the CAWGC newsletter or on social media pages, email or mail in your company's information including photos and descriptions. Send to: info@CAWGC.org or to 233 Springfield Ave. Joliet, IL 60435



Video Conference Room Complete

The CAWGC recognized a need to upgrade the existing conference room post-pandemic, and the result is a meeting space that has more than just tables, chairs and a speakerphone.

The project started with a fresh coat of paint and USB/electrical charging ports in the floor. Thanks to a rebate from ComED, existing light fixtures were replaced with LED bulbs and upgraded wiring to allow for sections to be turned off when not needed. Next up was the installation of two 75-inch smart televisions, a Dell Workstation, microphones, and a Logitech Rally Camera ultra-HD imaging system. In addition, two new software platforms (Zoom and OnBoard) have been deployed, creating an immersive meeting experience for the CAWGC Board of Directors and allowing participation from anywhere in the world. The conference room is also available for members who need access to high-quality video and audio for meetings, collaboration, conferences, interviews, job training, product demos and more!

Please call the office at 815-741-1455 to arrange a demonstration or to reserve the space for your next company meeting or training event.

