



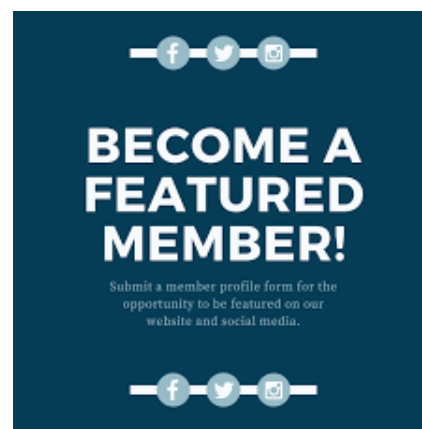
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Save the dates and join us!

- March 18, 2022 Cocktail Reception & Casino Night  
Great Hall at Mistwood Golf Club, Romeoville
- April 21, 2022 CAWGC Expo & Educational Sessions  
Grundy County Fairgrounds
- 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

THE CONTRACTOR CHRONICLES

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

WE BUILD EXPO 2022



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Office Information:

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www.cawgc.org

The CAWGC We Build Expo is an event that connects experts from major construction sectors. Here, you'll meet the people who run the machines, discover new technologies and build relationships in the construction community. Attended by GC's, CM's, Subcontractors, Suppliers, Architects, Engineers and Associate members. Plenty of new opportunities to improve your business, become more efficient, and grow your place within the industry. This event will be held from 2-7PM on April 21 at Grundy County Fairgrounds. Exhibitor fees are \$75 for members and \$100 for non members. Early bird admission is \$25 per person or \$30 upon arrival. Exhibitors and attendees will enjoy delicious food, beer, and refreshments. There will be plenty of raffles and prize drawings throughout the day, as well as a grand prize that is drawn at 6:30. Sponsorships are almost completely sold out. There is a lounge sponsorship available for \$1500. If you would like to be an Exhibitor, or attend this event, please contact us at (815)-741-1455 or email: kcichon@cawgc.org.



Three Rivers Safety Center

1615 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, IL  
Phone: (815)-744-3884 Fax: (815)-744-3886



FEBRUARY 2022

NFPA 70 E Training

February 1 @ 7:25 AM- 1:30 PM

COSS Training

February 7 @ 8:00 AM & February 11 @ 4:00 PM  
Held Virtually

Scaffold Competent Person Training

February 16 @ 7:15 AM- 4:00 PM

Register On-Line only at: [www.trma.org](http://www.trma.org)

Must have current TRMA card in possession, no more than 30 days past expiration date, work steadily in chemical industry

MARCH 2022

COSS Training

March 7 @ 8:00 AM & March 11 @ 4:00 PM

COSM Training:

(Certificate for Occupational Safety Managers)  
March 14 @ 8:00 AM & March 15 @ 4:00 PM

March 21 @ 8:00 AM & March 22 @ 4:00 PM

March 28 @ 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM  
Held Virtually

Excavation Competent Person Training

March 23 @ 7:15 AM- 4:00 PM



## 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](http://www.cawgc.org) or by emailing [cliburdi@cawgc.org](mailto:cliburdi@cawgc.org)  
Deadline to apply is March 11, 2022.

## Weekly Email Update

Have you been receiving our weekly email update?

The weekly email update has been remodeled and is being sent out on a different platform. The update includes important information that is also posted to our website bulletin board, updated project lead information, upcoming events and happenings. If you are on our mailing list and have not been getting the email update, please add [@cawgc.org](mailto:@cawgc.org) to your safe senders list or give us a call at (815)-741-1455 or email: [kcichon@cawgc.org](mailto:kcichon@cawgc.org)



## CASINO COCKTAIL PARTY

**"It's not about the cards you've been dealt. It's how you play your hand."**

**Don't forget to RSVP for the first CAWGC event of the year, the cocktail party happening on March 18, 2022 at Mistwood Golf Club. Members receive 2 complimentary reservations and extra tickets can be bought for \$25. Guests will enjoy a variety of hors d'oeuvres and a variety of cocktails compliments of the Association. There will be classic Casino games such as: poker, roulette, blackjack, and craps. Chips can be turned in for raffle tickets to win fun prizes. For questions or inquiries, or to RSVP contact us at (815)-741-1455 or email us at [kcichon@cawgc.org](mailto:kcichon@cawgc.org). You don't want to miss out on this fun event!**



## CAWGC Remembers John Leach

John H. Leach passed away on December 23, 2021 at 88 years old. He was born and raised in Joliet and lived there his entire life. John worked in the family lumber business, Leach Brothers Lumber and Coal, after graduating from Michigan State University in 1955. After a few years he branched out on his own to start Leach Homes, a land development and homebuilding business. John, along with his wife, Cecily, built many homes and subdivisions throughout Will County. Many members of the Association were hired by John for land improvements and home construction. John served on many boards, attended local charity events, and contributed to several community organizations including the Joliet Area History Museum. John and Cecily felt strongly about giving back and started a nursing scholarship program 30 years ago that evolved into The Leach College of Nursing at the University of St. Francis. John will be missed and remembered by many.



## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BY LES CHENEY

## Joliet Approves Northpoint Development

The City of Joliet recently approved the final hurdle for Northpoint development to move forward with this massive project. The immediate plans for 2022 are the construction of a warehouse West of Rte. 53. Northpoint will also begin infrastructure work East of Rt. 53, bridges over Rte. 53 and over Manhattan/Arsenal Rd. There will also be mass grading, underground and roadway paving stone, concrete, and asphalt. This will create many more job opportunities for our members. A large majority of our members are already busy. The great amount of work coming our way and pre-existing union worker shortages could pose a problem with some of the trades, but these actually are very good problems. As Executive Director of CAWGC, I would like to thank Northpoint development for their perseverance and patience to stay on the course. A special thank you to the following local groups who were instrumental in making this development happen with the Northpoint development: Jason Cox, CAWGC Chairman, CAWGC Board & members. Doc Gregory, President of Will/ Grundy Building Trades. Will/ Grundy Building Trades Board & members: Tom White, Executive Director Three Rivers Construction Alliance, Three Rivers Board Members, Mayor O'Dekirk, The Joliet City Council and Staff. Tom White & Doc Gregory, Thanks for working with Northpoint development and the City of Joliet. Thanks again to all involved.

Les Cheney,  
Executive Director  
CAWGC