



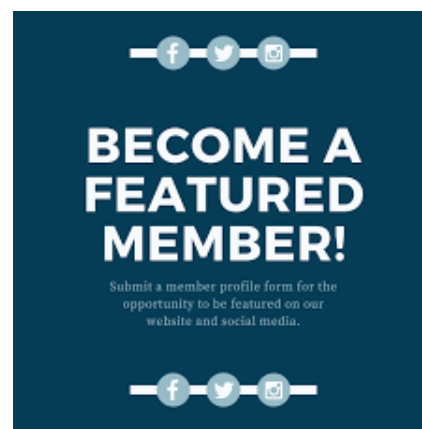
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- March 24, 2023 CAWGC 90th Anniversary Party
Bolingbrook Country Club
- April 26, 2023 Administrative Professionals' Day
TBD Plainfield
- May 19, 2023 42nd Annual Golf Outing
Cog Hill Golf Club, Lemont
- August 17, 2023 CAWGC Annual Steak Fry
St. Joes Park, Joliet
- September 15, 2023 Todd Sandeno Memorial Golf Outing
Nettle Creek Golf Club, Morris
- October 12, 2023 Oktoberfest/Directors Election
Syl's, Rockdale

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The CAWGC is turning 90 next year! We are proud to announce details of our upcoming Celebration which will take place Friday, March 24, 2023 at the beautiful Bolingbrook Golf Club in Bolingbrook, Illinois. This beautiful event will not only be a celebration of 90 years, but will be a celebration of the wonderful members who have brought us to this point. Tickets will only be \$50 per person and will include a four course gourmet dinner, as well as all evening platinum bar service. Entertainment will be provided by Chicago's very own Nick Smeriglio, well known for his impersonations and has been featured on WGN as well as the Jimmy Kimmel show. There will be limited seating available and members are encouraged to respond quickly once the invitations are mailed in January. Included in ticket price is complimentary valet parking as well as photos to take home from a professional photo booth. There will be a short awards program to honor member of the year, and "We Build Will & Grundy County" awards. Members are encouraged to nominate those who they think should be recognized for these awards. You can download the nomination form by selecting the "awards" button option under news & events on our website: www.cawgc.org.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BY LESTER CHENEY



During the 2022 Construction Work season this year Will / Grundy Contractor Members have dealt with Material Shortages , unavailability of manpower & equipment. Seven week Quarry strike now are members are dealing with a cement shortage. So to cap off this tuff year Concrete Contractors and Road Builders are struggling to get Concrete. Sewer Contractors are having problems getting Concrete Pipe & Concrete Manholes for storm sewer work. I'm being told by Concrete Suppliers that Cement producers are producing Cement at full capacity but they are selling the Cement out of state at a much higher cost in some cases triple what Cement sells for in northern Illinois. In the long run cement producers will get much more money for there product. In the short run they are killing the Concrete Industry in Northern Illinois. Many warehouse parking lots are being switched to Asphalt. Due to allocation some big floors are being delayed which causes cement Mason layoffs in good weather. In summary this has been a extremely difficult year to say the least. Hopefully the Concrete suppliers are proven wrong who say this Cement shortage will last well into 2023.

Thank You
Les Cheney
Executive Director
CAWGC

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION



The board of directors election ended on Thursday, October 6, 2023. Voting started Monday, September 26th at the CAWGC office. CAWGC held special voting days that included pizza, sandwiches and political films. There were five on the ballot, but only 3 could be selected. The winners chosen by the membership are: Jay Adler, Jason Cox, and Marty Rodin. We wish them luck as they begin their new term in January 2023. Congratulations.

The Mid- America Carpenters Regional Council had their 49th annual Apprentice Graduation Dinner on October 7, 2022 at the Westin in Lombard. Three hundred and twenty 4th year apprentices received certificates. Gary Perinar congratulated the graduates and told them they are now professional craftsman.



CAWGC REMEMBERS DON "DUKE" WILLIAMS

Don "Duke" Williams, a well-known figure in the Joliet restaurant community, owner of Syl's, Premier Catering, and long time colleague of CAWGC passed away suddenly Wednesday October 5, 2022. The Williams family has over 25 years in the hospitality and catering industry and has been working with the Association for the past 20 years along side his wife, Maura in supplying amazing food and service for well known events. Williams was introduced as one of the founding members for the Joliet Chamber's new Food and Beverage Association. Duke was a fearless leader who loved servicing all in the Joliet community and was partnered with several organizations such as: donating weekly & holiday meals to Guardian Angel Community Services, collecting toys for the Joliet American Legion and Salvation Army, assisting with meals and essentials for frontline workers & vaccinated providers, to name just a few. Don and his family will remain fondly in our thought and prayers.



Remembering Gary Brieser

Gary Brieser, founder of Brieser Construction passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 22, 2022 at his home in Wilmington. Gary Brieser was a builder of not only bridges, foundations, and building, but a builder of relationships. Gary began working construction after college for Bill Davy as a draftsman at the Joliet Arsenal. In 1978, Gary went into business with his son Steve and created Brieser Construction Co. They focused on doing civil industrial construction and maintenance in the heavy industrial markets of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan and Western Indiana; specifically maintenance, new construction project and pipeline support. Gary was a member of CAWGC, where he served as Vice Chairman from 1986 to 1987, and Chairman from 1988 until 1989. In addition, he served on the Government Relations Committee with Will County's Building Department and Storm water Management Committee. He was the Chairman of the Association's Labor Negotiations, and honored as member of the Year in 2001. He was instrumental in the founding of the Three Rivers Construction Alliance, acting as the Management Co-Chair starting in 1998. Gary also served on the Three Rivers Safety School Board from 1993 through 1998. Gary and his son bought 170 acres of property and started construction on a marina along the DesPlaines River called Breezy Harbor. Gary spent a big share of his time after retiring in early 2000 developing the property into a subdivision, Quarry PUD. Gary lived by the motto: Give more than you get. Give the other guy W.hat he wants. Leave things Better than you find them.

Gary was an avid boater, travelling with his wife Barbara Southall of 67 years and spending many weekends on the Kankakee River. Gary also loved owning and working on antique vintage vehicles. A familiar name in the construction industry. Gary will remain an inspiration and will be greatly missed by all and anyone who knew him.

2022 CAWGC Oktoberfest

CAWGC Oktoberfest and the board of directors election was on Thursday, October 6, 2022 at Grundy County Fairgrounds. There were 162 guests in attendance. The Downhillers Band provided familiar favorites and all enjoyed an Oktoberfest themed menu provided by Premier Catering which included pretzels with beer cheese, brats, and pork sandwiches. All guest received an orange Oktoberfest beer stein. Martin Rodin of TMR won the 50/50 and generously donated some of the proceeds back to Lightways Hospice. Jay Adler of Adler Roofing & Sheet Metal won the "barrow of booze" raffle which included moonshine, beer and bourbon.

CAWGC Spotlight On:



Environmental Recycling and Disposal has been a proven contractor partner for over four decades. Our family-owned and operated company built its rock-solid reputation by bringing quality and consistency to waste hauling. We are not the biggest, and we don't pretend to be. From Midway to Morris, Plano to Park Forest, Environmental Recycling and Disposal knows the needs of the Southwest Side. Our local facility takes pride in putting our customers first. It's what got us here. Our business philosophy is to build business relationships that last. Environmental Recycling & Disposal truly believes in the transformative power of happy clients. And if you have yet to use our services, could you give us a try? You will not be disappointed.