



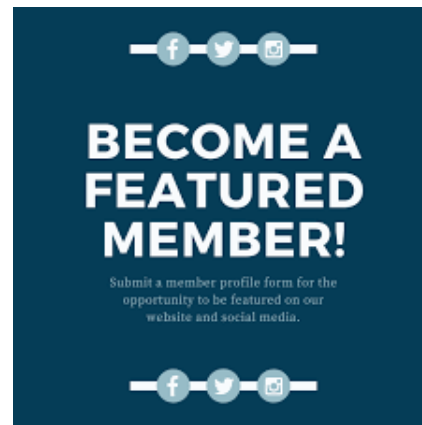
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Save the dates and join us!

- March 24, 2023 CAWGC 90th Anniversary Party  
*Bolingbrook Country Club*
- April 26, 2023 Administrative Professionals' Day  
*Wine & Cheese, 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  
*TBD*

**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



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Mark your calendars and save the date for Friday May 19, 2023 as we gather again at Cog Hill Golf Club in Lemont, Illinois for the 42nd Annual spring golf outing.

This event grows in popularity each year, and the CAWGC wants to be sure every member who wishes to participate can do so. Therefore, we are planning tee off at 11am with a shotgun start on both Courses 1 and 3 this year, and we will end the day with a delicious buffet and prizes in the Pavilion Tent overlooking the pond! Our perfect golf event website will be live in mid-March to register. Hole sponsorships will be available on each course. So stay tuned!

We can't wait to see all our friends out on the course! "Golf is the closest game to the game we call life. You get bad breaks from good shots; you get good breaks from bad shots- but you have to play the ball where it lies."

**-Bobby Jones**

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BY LESTER CHENEY



We are now well into February and many of our Contractors are working on projects. Amazing the work in our area. It appears the construction work will stay strong. The government funded public works projects will continue to be a strong market. Going forward we may start to see a slowdown in private work late 2023 or early 2024 due to fed interest rate hikes. Regarding Material's Ductile pipe availability seems to slowly be getting better. Unfortunately, once the weather breaks this spring the cement shortage will be back. Leaders in the Concrete industry don't see any significant changes to the problem in the near future.

Les Cheney  
Executive Director  
CAWGC

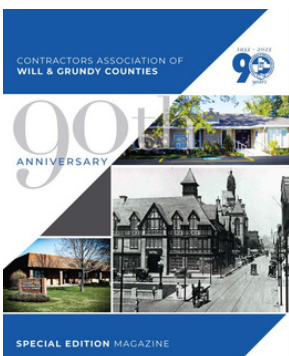
## ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY



Administrative Professionals' Day is April 26, 2023. Save the date and come celebrate with us at Wine & Cheese Co. in Plainfield. Located at: 24104 Lockport St #2901, Plainfield, IL 60544 from 12-3PM. Tickets are \$35 per person and will include lunch, beverages, wine, beer, and a surprise gift. Treat your office staff, or buy tickets to this fabulous event. RSVP by April 12, 2023 to Kristie at: [kcichon@kawgc.org](mailto:kcichon@kawgc.org), or call: (815)-741-1455.

RSVP

CAWGC turns 90 this year! We have an amazing Anniversary Celebration planned so please join us and RSVP by March 1, 2023. Tickets are only \$50 dollars and include free valet, a four-course dinner, commemorative gift, and live entertainment. Email Kristie, ([kcichon@kawgc.org](mailto:kcichon@kawgc.org)) or call the office, (815)-741-1455 to reserve your spot.



## CAWGC Member Spotlight On:



Sundog is the only technology firm in Northern Illinois having over 30 years of experience, with 100% of our engineers being industry certified, that delivers the fastest response times by answering our phones live, and who offers month to month contracts backed by a 30 day, no questions asked money back guarantee. Organizations that engage us are concerned about the reliability of their technology, they are frustrated with the response times of their current IT provider, they have doubts if their data really is secure, compliant or even backed up, and they don't believe the money they are spending is helping give them a competitive edge. If You Are Searching for a Highly Competent IT Service and IT Support Firm in Northern Illinois that RESPONDS QUICKLY to Service Issues, Certified in Current IT SECURITY and COMPLIANCE, Who Can Deliver Easy CLOUD Technologies Your Staff Will Love and Your Organization Will Thrive On, You Have Arrived.



## Negotiations Update: Administrative District Council 1

**The Joint Agreement between the International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers (BAC), Administrative District Council 1 (ADC 1), Local Union Nos 21, 56 and 74, and the Contractors Association of Will & Grundy County (CAWGC) is set to expire on May 31, 2023. All contractors with BAC collective bargaining rights assigned to the CAWGC received a letter in early February requiring action if the company wishes to terminate any dormant contracts due to no longer employing this trade, or due to working in geographic areas not covered by this contract. To clarify, if you are signatory to the BAC and previously delegated bargaining authority to the Contractors Association, there is no action required at this time. We have a negotiations committee in place and will send the Administrative District Council 1 an updated list of contractors who assigned bargaining rights for the upcoming contract in early April. If bargaining rights are withheld or rescinded, then you will be obligated to bargain on an individual basis with the Union, and the union is not required to offer you the same agreement negotiated by the CAWGC.**

**If your company is interested in assigning or rescinding bargaining rights to the CAWGC, please request a form from the office by calling 815-741-1455 or emailing [cliburdi@kawgc.org](mailto:cliburdi@kawgc.org).**

## CAWGC'S CHARITY OF THE YEAR FOR 2023:



Will County Habitat for Humanity (WCHFH) is grateful and excited to be selected as the Charity of the Year by the CAWGC! Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope with a vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live! Habitat has been in the home building and repair business for 47 years and is consistently in the top 20 homebuilders in the US and in the top 5 of affordable/subsidized homebuilders. This is accomplished through the collective efforts of over 1,200 offices across the country. In 2022, Habitat for Humanity helped more than 7.1 million people build or improve a place to call home. An additional 5 million people gained the potential to improve their housing conditions through training programs and advocacy work fueled by Habitat in local communities. Two things you should also know about Habitat - first, we don't give homes away. Our homebuyers, we refer to them as partner families, purchase their homes for the appraised price. Second, Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter did not start Habitat, but they are the best-known volunteers, having sponsored a large community build every year since 1984. We are currently building new construction in Joliet, Crest Hill, Lockport and Elwood. We have just been awarded \$500,000 through the IDHA Home Repair and Accessibility Program to provide home repairs over the next two years throughout Will County. WCHFH utilizes volunteers and takes donations (including donated materials and labor) to build homes. We also contract with local companies for portions of the work that are not "volunteer friendly" and to increase the pace at which we can provide homes. Another way we fund our mission is through our social enterprise - ReStore. ReStore is a resale store, selling overstock, discontinued, and gently used home furnishings, decorating, construction tools, and materials. We look forward to introducing the members of the CAWGC to Habitat and look forward to working together to help meet the need for affordable housing in Will and Grundy County.