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CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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CEMENT MASONS LOCAL 502 BREAKS GROUND ON NEW TRAINING CENTER

A new Training Center will be built this summer in Bellwood for apprentices of both the Cement Masons Local 502 and the Plasterers Local 5. The 20,000 square-foot building is expected to be open sometime in October 2017.

"We are very excited about moving into this new facility," said Pat LaCassa, President/Business Manager of Local 502. "We need to continue to attract young men and women into these trades and having state of the art classrooms and dedicated areas for instruction of the craft is vital."



Pictured above are from left: Newly elected Bellwood Mayor Andre Harvey; Pat LaCassa, President and Business Manager of Cement Masons Local 502; Former Bellwood Mayor Frank Pasquale; Larry Picardi, Secretary-Treasurer of Cement Masons Local 502; Tom Abruzzo, Vice President of Forza Construction; and Anthony Abruzzo, President of Forza Design & Consulting Inc.

"We also want to thank members who have been very supportive of this project," said Larry Picardi, Local 502 Secretary-Treasurer. "We have never had our own training center, and we are happy to be staying in the area."

The structure is being built next door to the Cement Masons Union Hall in Bellwood, and Picardi said it will provide a campus feel to its members and apprentices who have been using facilities in Alsip for the past two years.



Artist renderings, provided by Architect and General Contractor Forza Design, of the new Training Center show multiple views of the building.

The new Apprenticeship Training Center will also contain 10,000 sf of space dedicated to the instruction of pouring, finishing and removing concrete, as well as areas where work on floors, curbs, stairs and other aspects of the trade will occur.

On the Plasterers side, additional space will be constructed where apprentices will be instructed on the latest techniques; with an emphasis on critical life-safety applications, and current fire-proofing methods.

Currently, 93 cement masons and 18 plasterers are enrolled in the apprenticeship program. The Cement Masons employ one coordinator and two instructors, while the Plasterers employ one coordinator and one instructor.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS TO BE HONORED DURING LUNCHEON



The winners of CISCO's 2017 Scholarship Program were notified this week as final determination of the recipients was made official.

Four-year scholarship winners:

- 1) **Camille Paddock** - Huntley High School - Camille's father is a member of Operating Engineers Local 150;
- 2) **James Shanahan** - Lyons Township High School - James' father is affiliated with Carpenters Local 1; and
- 3) **Paige Thiel** - Prospect High School - Paige's mother is affiliated with G.W. Thiel, Inc.

Two-year scholarship winners:

- 1) **Kiana Gleason** - Willowbrook High School - Kiana's father is a member of BAC Local 21 Tilesetters & Finishers; and
- 2) **James Boldt** - Prospect High School - James' father is a member of the Laborers' Local 4.

Congratulations to this year's winners who will be formally recognized at this year's Annual Luncheon on Friday, April 21.

LUNCHEON SOLD OUT FOR CHICAGO MAYOR - APRIL 21, 2017

CISCO members and supporters have sold out this year's Annual Luncheon in anticipation of hearing Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

NOTE: This year's luncheon will be held at Maggiano's Little Italy Chicago at 516 North Clark Street.

Registration begins at 11:00 am with the Lunch/Program starting at Noon.

Your organization can still be a sponsor of the luncheon. The cost to sponsor the event is \$250. To sponsor the event, call (630) 472-9411.

We look forward to seeing our registered guests in two weeks!

More news and photos on the back page.

CISCO ON THE MOVE

WORKERS' COMPENSATION SURVEY

The School of Labor and Employment Relations at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign invites employers to participate in a very short survey asking about your association's firms' experiences with workers' compensation and premium prices.

To take the 5-minute survey, visit <https://illinois.edu/sb/sec/2574844>. The survey is strictly anonymous and confidential, and **MUST BE COMPLETED BY APRIL 11**.

Your contractors' experiences and the findings from this survey will be used as part of a research study to inform continued workers' compensation reform in Springfield.

Please forward this survey to your member contractors if their business is located in Illinois and they have W-2 employees. For questions and more information, contact Professor Robert Bruno at 312-996-2491, or at bbruno@illinois.edu.

INDUSTRY EVENT UPDATES

→ The Underground Contractors Association is hosting its Annual Spring Showcase on Wednesday, April 19th from 3:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Venuti's in Addison.

Booths are **SOLD OUT**, but you can still register to attend this great event. To register, go to the UCA website - www.uca.org, or call the UCA offices at (630) 467-1919.

→ The Great Lakes Construction Association is hosting its upcoming Membership Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 20 at



K1 Go Kart Racing in Buffalo Grove, Illinois.

Tickets are \$75 per person, and the cost includes food and races. Spots are limited, so sign up soon. To register: ckazimier@lcca-il.org.

→ The IMSCA-PAC (Political Action Committee) is selling raffle tickets to win your choice of a great prize package! Tickets are \$50 each and multiple tickets can be purchased.



There will be four winners drawn and you can choose the prize you want a chance to win

including Chicago Bears and Chicago Blackhawks tickets. The winning tickets will be drawn June 8, 2017 in Oak Brook. The winner does need to be present to win.

IMSCA-PAC provides financial contributions to candidates who are supportive of issues facing the Illinois construction industry, and also provide your lobbying team with the tools to fight or support legislation that is important to the industry. For more information, contact Jessica Newbold at (217) 523-4361.

→ The 62nd Annual CCA Smoker is just around corner and will be held on Wednesday, May 3rd at the Diplomat West in Elmhurst. The Cash Bar begins at 6:00 p.m.

As always, there are multiple sponsorship opportunities, along with a variety of table and seating prices. And don't forget the fabulous Ray Harrington's corned beef and cabbage dinner!



For more information, contact Bob Morreale at the Concrete Contractors Association - (630) 990-4222.

→ The Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters will be hosting its Member Appreciation Day Open House on Saturday, June 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



The event is at the Carpenter Apprentice & Training School, 1256 Estes Ave. in Elk Grove Village, Illinois.

Attendees will be able to learn more about: Pre-apprentices, skill advancement, general carpentry, drywall, floor covering, mill cabinet, millwright, insulation, siding, lathing, pile driving, concrete forming, solar panels, scaffold erection and more.

The event will also be highlighted by demonstrations, exhibits, major tool manufacturing displays, food, refreshments, raffles and prizes.

For more information, visit www.carpentersunion.org.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Acting Director of the Illinois Department of Labor Anna Hui is leaving her position to accept the head of Missouri's labor department.

Hui had just been appointed acting Director in February to replace Hugo Chaviano after he stepped down in January. No news yet on any future appointments to leadership positions at IDOL.

Under Governor Rauner, the Illinois Department of Labor has been largely ineffective and has not posted last year's prevailing wage rates, and a lawsuit has been filed against the department.

