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Update on Building Codes & Procedures

Palm Beach County Building Officials

6:00PM-7:00PM - Networking
6:30PM - Check-In
7:00PM - Dinner Meeting
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IRS Offers An Amnesty, But Take A Second Look

By Bruce G. Kaleita, Esquire

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has made an offer of partial amnesty to those contractors across the nation who have chosen to classify their workers as independent contractors rather than employees. If accepted, the program could provide an inexpensive means of compliance with IRS tax policy for these contractors – by collecting far less than would have been paid had workers been classed the way the IRS sees them. These contractors have been avoiding payment of payroll taxes and workman's compensation on such workers, but have continuously been at risk of an audit which might expose them to liability for the unpaid taxes.

According to an article in the Daily Business Review, the IRS announced this program, called the "Voluntary Classification Settlement Program, on September 21, 2011. Under it, the IRS is willing to permit contractors to admit they have been calling workers "independent contractors", and to file a form, Form 8952, to agree that they will properly classify all workers in the future, and to pay ten percent of the employment tax due to the IRS during the most recent tax year, in exchange for a waiver of the penalties and interest on the balance of what would otherwise have been paid that year. The program would also extend the statute of limitations on IRS worker classification audits in the

future, which is intended to permit the IRS. to ensure that the companies comply in the future.

Contractors may not rush into this program, though, because the program addresses only IRS tax concerns. Contractors who participate in the program will remain responsible to others interested in the employment practices of contractors, such as agencies monitoring immigration law enforcement, state unemployment tax collectors, and companies selling workman's compensation insurance. An audit by one of those agencies, or by a workman's compensation auditor, can result in penalties and assessments against the contractor which might dwarf the benefits of the IRS program.

The article points out that the IRS does not promise it will not share information with these other parties, which poses a serious risk to contractors who participate in the program. Some construction companies depend greatly on those persons who work as independent contractors. In the end, this program may present more to fear than the status quo.

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Message From the President

As we approach the end of 2011, we collectively wipe our brows and give a sigh of relief that another year has passed with an anemic economic environment. We look forward to a better year in 2012. One reliable asset that keeps moving forward is membership in your trade association. A trade association is charged with promoting our industry. As a group, we work to inform, notify, represent and defend the industry against all efforts that will deplete your bottom line and make it difficult to do your job. This association is not a social club. We are a collection of roofing contractors who have joined together shoulder to shoulder to address the burdens placed on us by governmental and legislative entities. We are concerned with the bottom line of our businesses. We try to offer a good product with honest service but the wall placed in our path gets higher and higher. Times have certainly changed and we are expected to perform a needed service with burdensome chains tying our hands. We know that in numbers there is strength. It is important that we speak with a united voice. Your input is important to the functioning of a successful association. During the month of December, you will be receiving your invoice for the membership dues for 2012. I ask that you value your membership and rejoin our group. We need all the hands on deck as we face more obstacles. Your place in our association is needed and very valuable if we expect to be successful in helping you with your business. In fact, try to bring a fellow roofer to our meetings and ask them to also join.

It has been an honor to be your President in 2011 and I look forward to working with you in future years to promote our industry.

Have a happy and healthy holiday and a wonderful New Year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Walt Millet

President

Happy Holidays!



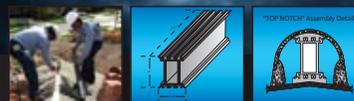
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23rd Annual Sun 'n' Fun Barbecue 2011

The annual Association BBQ was held on Saturday November 5, 2011 at Ocean Cay Park in Jupiter. The weather was beautiful - much better than when it was held in August, and a fun time was had by all that attended. There was live entertainment by Country/Rock duo Chad & Heather that provided a good mix of music.

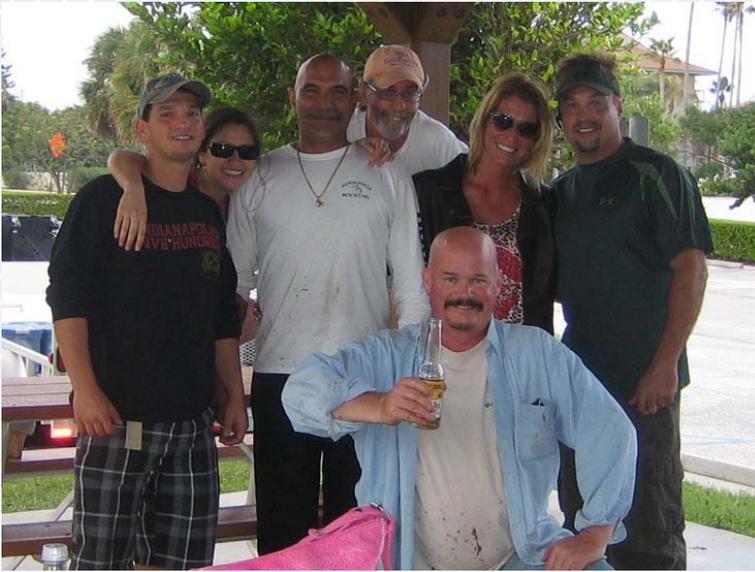
Allen Spriggs, (Eagle Roofing Products), kept the kids busy with an assortment of activities. Sam Saunders, (ABC Supply), as Master of Ceremonies officiated the volleyball tournament and called out the raffles. Erica Bergeron, (Gulfeagle Supply), worked selling the raffle tickets. The BBQ Cooking of Chicken and Ribs smoked to perfection was done by Mike Ireland and his Cooking Crew, (Hammerhead Roofing). Drew Duncan, (Drew Duncun Roofing), cooked and served up hot dogs and sirloin hamburgers. The food servers were Lynn Frano, (Rons' wife), and Vicki Byrne, (Byrne Roofing/BRI Consulting). Ron Frano, (Executive Director), was busy selling food and drink tickets and Joe Byrne worked the Bar.

Numerous people won the raffle prizes but the big screen TV winner was John Pellegrino, (Bradco Supply). Volleyball competition teams were a combination from Ambatt Roofing, Bradco Supply, and Gulfeagle Supply. 1st Place went to Team Tupac, (Amber & Casey). 2nd Place went to Team Him & Her, (Mitch & Erica). 3rd Place went to Team Flamingo, (Rachel & Heather). 4th Place went to Team Beach Blondes, (Taisia & Bailee).

I want to thank all who worked, participated and supported this event and hope to see everyone at next years BBQ. If you have any suggestions or would like to get involved please contact Ron Frano.



Sun 'n' Fun Barbecue Continued...



Industry Websites

- ASTM - www.guidance-inc.com/~roofroof/
- American Consulting Engineers Council - acec.org
- American Institute of Architects - aia.org
- American Society of Civil Engineers - asce.org
- Building Officials Association of Palm Beach County - www.boapbc.org & www.boapbc.org/links
- Cedar Shake & Shingle Bureau - www.CEDARBUREAU.org
- Construction Industry Management Council (CIMC) - www.cimcpbc.com
- Construction Specifications Institute - <http://www.csinet.org>
- Copper Development Association - <http://www.copper.org>
- Division of Workers' Compensation - <http://www.wc.les.state.fl.us/DWC/>
- Florida Roofing, Sheet Metal & Air Conditioning Contractors Association - www.Floridarooft.com
- Galvalume Sheet Producers - www.steelroofing.com
- National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA) - <http://www.nrca.net>
- National Society of Professional Engineers - nspe.org
- Roofing Contractors Association of South Florida (RCASF) - www.rcasf.org
- Roofing Industry Education Institute - <http://members.aol.com/RIEIROOF/classes.htm>
- Roof Tile Institute - www.rooftile.org
- Sheet Membrane and Component Suppliers to the Commercial Roofing Industry (SPRI) - www.SPRI.org
- Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association (SMACNA) - <http://www.smacna.org>
- The Council of American Building Officials (CABO) - <http://www.cabo.org>



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