

# Central Chapter Newsletter

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## Better Built Awards Honors FCAI Members



Left to Right: Carla Jockisch, GPCSA; 2022 Construction Person of the Year Paul Flynn; 2021 Construction Person of the Year Bobby Taylor; Clint Drury, West Central Building and Construction Trades Council.

The Better Built network of contractors and construction professionals held its annual dinner on June 23 to recognize individuals who have positively impacted the construction industry. Since there was no dinner in 2021, this year the network honored winners for both 2021 and 2022. Awards included: Safety Awards, Craftsmanship Awards, Excellence in Labor Management, Building a Better Community Award, and the coveted Construction Person of the Year Award. For 2021, the Construction

Person of the Year award went to Bobby Taylor of Mid-Illinois Companies. Bobby has a long list of accomplishments both professionally and within the community.

Executive Director of the West Central Illinois Building and Trades Council Clint Drury said that Bobby is "a great ambassador of the construction industry." Bobby also has taken an active role in philanthropic organizations and believes that "the most precious gift we must give is what we have so little of, time."

Also honored at the dinner were 2022 Safety Award winner Doug Brock from Mid-Illinois Companies as well as 2022 Craftsmanship Award winners Brock Eckhart (Mid-Illinois), Tim Zell (Mid-Illinois), and Chano Rodriguez (Vogue Painting). Congratulations to all the winners!

## Zoom Panel Discussion - CBA Changes

Thursday, August 25, 2022  
11AM -12PM

Contractors are invited to attend this important and free panel discussion on the numerous changes to the PDC 30 Collective Bargaining Agreement. You will be able to ask questions on any aspect of the CBA.

Panelists include Ryan Anderson, PDC 30; Steve Lefaver, NCIFTI; Roy Dennis, FCAI Board of Directors; and Mark Palmer, Executive Director, FCAI.

Register online at [fcaofillinois.org/events](https://fcaofillinois.org/events).

## Comedy Night Recap



Chris Hightower performs at Comedy Night

This year's Central Chapter Comedy night was full of laughter and fun!

The event was held on June 17 at the Betty Jayne Brimmer Performing Arts

Center in Peoria Heights. Chapter members shared a delicious meal and dessert together. Comedian Eddy Parker, who has been performing for more than 20 years, kicked the night off with a special introduction that led to hilarious comedy acts.

A very special performance was also given by Yort the Magician! He welcomed a few volunteers from the audience to perform with

## Schedule of Events

Sept 20  
**Chapter Meeting**  
@ Alexander's Steakhouse

Oct 18  
**Community Cares**  
@ Jim's Steakhouse

Nov 5  
**Holiday Party**  
@ Peoria Riverfront Museum

**Attention Contractors:**  
Your PDC #30 Zone C Field Representative is Mandy Jo Ganieany  
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## Central Chapter Golf Outing - Recap



First Place winners - KOJA Construction team



On the move at Weaver Ridge

On July 22, approximately 74 golfers teed off at Weaver Ridge Golf Club in Peoria. Throughout the day, players participated in several contests including the \$10,000 Hole-in-One sponsored by Federated Insurance, a putting contest, the 'Longest Drive' sponsored by Pecover Decorating, 'Closest to the Pin' and 'Straightest Drive' sponsored by Carpenters Local 270. Our beverage cart was sponsored by Hilti and Midwest Decorating.

Once the players finished the course, dinner, sponsored by DeWalt, Sherwin Williams, FCA International, and Durango Painting, was served to the hungry crowd. The awards ceremony, sponsored by SmithAmundsen and IUPAT/LMCI, included Beats headphones, an Apple watch, Maui Jim gear, a \$500 package to San Koty Lakes, golf gear, and much more!

We want to thank all of our sponsors for this year! We couldn't have done this without your generosity.

2022 Hole Sponsors included KOJA Construction, FBM, Ames Tools, Mid-Illinois Companies, Vogue Painting, Bid Evolution, Diamond Vogel Paints, Carpenters 3237, All-Tech Decorating, PDC 30, Bedrock Painting, Associated Constructors, and Heather Eash Plumbing.

2022 Golf team winners were 1st place -KOJA Construction- Chad Oates, Jason Larsen, Laddie Campbell, and Mark Palmer; 2nd Place Bid Evolution - Steve Kulovits, Matt Bartolo, and Doug Bock; and 3rd Place - Nick's Paints.



## Comedy Night Recap - *continued*

him - Natalie Wright from Bedrock (below left) and Doug with Nicks Paints (below right). Yort truly entertained the entire audience both on stage and off! He conducted magical



acts throughout the entire event. To follow was the talented Comedian Blind Stein who got everyone laughing. Lastly, special guest performer Chris Hightower closed the show. All in all, it was a fun and magical evening!

## OSHA's Cold Stress Guidelines

Cold stress occurs by driving down the skin temperature and eventually the internal body temperature (core temperature). This may lead to serious health problems, and may cause tissue damage, and possibly death. Although OSHA does not have a specific standard that covers working in cold environments, employers have a responsibility to provide workers with employment and a place of employment which are free from recognized hazards, including cold stress, which are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm. Employers should, therefore, train workers on the hazards of the job and safety measures to use, such as engineering controls and safe work practices, that will protect workers' safety and health.

*Engineering controls* (examples) - use radiant heaters to warm workers in outdoor security stations, shield work areas from drafts or wind to reduce wind chill.

*Safe work practices* (examples) - provide plenty of warm sweetened liquids to workers, schedule heavy work during the warmer part of the day, assign workers to tasks in pairs (buddy system), allow work to be interrupt if workers are extremely uncomfortable, give workers frequent breaks in warm areas, acclimatize workers by gradually increasing their workload, and allowing more frequent breaks in warm areas, so that they can build up a tolerance for working in the cold environment.

Safety measures, such as these, should be incorporated into the relevant health and safety plan for the workplace.

Source: [osha.gov/emergency-preparedness/guides/cold-stress](https://www.osha.gov/emergency-preparedness/guides/cold-stress)

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