

Cares About South Florida

On Thursday evening, February 11, 2016 the CASF Women's Council will host the **2nd Annual Cares About South Florida** event at the Banyan Air Services facility to raise funds for the Crockett Foundation. The mission of the Foundation is to help build character, develop leaders, and improve communities - one child at a time.

While continuing his NFL career with the Minnesota Vikings, Henri Crockett co-founded the Crockett Foundation with brother, Zack. Both of them returned to their hometown of Pompano Beach to raise money for educational tutoring and mentoring programs throughout the City.

The Crockett Foundation has positively impacted the lives of thousands of children since its inception in 2002. It's after school programs focus on Math, Reading, Health and Technology for Elementary and Middle School students and has helped over 500 students since inception.

The after-school program "School is Cool" for Middle school students is centered around the ABC's- Attendance, Behavior, and Course performance concept, and sets itself apart by

providing students with iPads, purchased by the Crockett Foundation, to enable learning via technology. Upon successful completion of the program, students are awarded their own iPads, iPods, or Kindles. The goal is to keep them reading year round while being technologically savvy.

According to a local funding source; Broward County is one of seven Florida school districts that lead the U.S. in the number of high school dropouts. According to a John Hopkins University report, one child in the United States drops out of school every 27 seconds of the school year and the origins of these failures begin as early as sixth grade. As a result, the Crockett Foundation focuses heavily on middle school students.

The Crockett Foundation has also donated over \$150,000 in scholarships to local high schools, college students, and recreation centers since it's inception. Through the help of South Florida's business community the Crockett Foundation continues to make an impact in Broward County.

For more information on the February 11th event contact Joyce Salamone at CASF, (954) 974-6333.

Member News

In celebration of the firm's 50 year mark, **Smith, Currie & Hancock, LLP** launched the **Fifty for 50 Campaign**, a "give-back" campaign for the Smith Currie Foundation, which encourages its attorneys, staff and family members to recommend their favorite charity.

The Florida office recently got involved in two notable projects: the **Pack the Pack**, collecting new backpacks and supplies for donation to a local church that distributed the backpacks filled with school supplies to children in the Ft. Lauderdale area, and the firm held a fundraiser for **Lawyers for Children America** (LFCA). LFCA protects the rights of children who are victims of abuse, abandonment, and neglect by providing quality pro bono legal representation and collaborating for systematic change to improve the lives of children.

Herbert G. Fung, a construction professional with 16 years of industry experience, has joined **Miller Construction Company** as project manager.

As Miller expands operations throughout South and Central Florida, Fung will be responsible for overseeing wide-ranging commercial construction projects. Before joining Miller Construction Co., he worked with Lend Lease and Turner Construction Company. He holds a B.S. from the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management at the University of Florida.

January 2016
Vol. 27, No. 01
Ft. Lauderdale,
Florida



Herbert G. Fung



Service, Craftsmanship and Performance

Each month Construction FOCUS features a CASF member company, selected by drawing a business card from among those attending the monthly networking breakfast. The next breakfast, sponsored Moriarty Construction, will be held on Thursday, January 21, 7:30 a.m. at Shula's Hotel in Miami Lakes.

Paradise Awnings Corporation was founded in 1998 by Juan C. Chaviano, President, and Manny Alcibar, Vice President of Business Development. When Paradise Awnings was founded it focused mainly on the awnings industry but recently they have expended and diversified into the architectural metals industry. It is now a one stop shop for awnings, canopies, tension structures metal canopies and awnings, ACM panels (fabrication and installation), stainless exotic metals (interior and exterior), column covers and metal cladding.

Paradise Awnings strives to be the best in their market, therefore they are deter-

mined to make sure its products are the best quality. In addition to ensuring nothing but the highest quality products, Paradise Awnings also has a keen focus on safety and professionalism as well as a "give more than it takes" approach to each and



every job. "We strive to provide the very best service, craftsmanship and on site performance in our industry," says Ralph Gainer, Engineer and Architectural Manager.

Each and every one of Paradise Awnings' approximately 30 employees lives by this philosophy. Some of

their employees include Ralph Gainer (Engineer and Architectural Manager), Carlos Chaplin (Architect), Margie Aviala (Architect) and Rodolfo Alayon (General Superintendent). When asked what he likes best about working at the company, Manny Alcibar said, "We like what we do. We are one team and we all take pride in our accomplishments."

Recently, Paradise Awnings completed projects such as the porte cochere for Ryder Trauma Center at Jackson Memorial Hospital, the entrance for Chateau Beach in Sunny Isles and

stainless steel wainscoat column covers and baseboards for Miami International Airport. They will soon be working on the exterior and interior panels for Fort Lauderdale International Airport and exterior ACM panels for Rick Case Honda.

As one of the newest members of CASF, Paradise Awnings is looking forward to the exciting opportunities that being a member provides. One of the biggest obstacles that they have had to overcome has been letting people know what they can do. Now, as CASF members, Paradise Awnings looks forward to the additional exposure that attending CASF events gives their company.

Paradise Awnings Corporation is located at 4310 NW 36th Ave in Miami. To learn more about the services and products that they offer you can call them at (305) 597-5714.

CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION of South Florida

2929 North West 62nd Street, Ft. Lauderdale, FL., 33309
Phone: 954-974-6333; FAX: 954-974-6633
casf@casf.org

OFFICERS

Frank Frione, GFA International, President
Russell Anderson, Moss & Associates, First Vice President
Mindy Szarowicz, Baker Concrete, Second Vice President
Jeff Slade, Miller Construction Company, Secretary/ Treasurer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

•**Deborah Beetson**, DPR Construction •**Randy Farmer**, CEMEX
•**Bruce Capon**, Balfour Beatty Construction •**Michael W. Fee**, Lotspeich Co. of Florida, Inc.
•**Justin Lord**, Central Broward Construction •**Sid Miller**, Miller Glass & Glazing
•**Brian Mueller**, Southeast Mechanical Contractors •**Rachel Elliott**, Suffolk Construction
•**Richard W. Schuerger**, John Moriarty & Assoc. of FL. •**Doug Wallace**, Stiles Construction Company

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Bob Baer, Central Florida Equipment

PAST PRESIDENT

Craig Heiser, M.C. Velar Construction

•ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, **John C. Siegle**
•FINANCIAL ADVISOR, **Robert Benson**, Crowe, Horwath, LLP
•LEGAL ADVISOR, **Heath Eskalyo**, Kelley Kronenberg
Contributing Writer, **Jo Montenegro**

Construction Focus is the official publication of the Construction Association of South Florida. Article suggestions and submissions for publication consideration should be forwarded to the Executive Vice President.

CASF Holiday Kick-Off Party

Riverside Hotel on Las Olas, Wednesday, December 2



ROUTE TO:

Understanding the Importance of Fall Protection

Falls are among the most common causes of serious work related injuries and deaths. Employers must set up the work place to prevent

employees from falling off of overhead platforms, elevated work stations or into holes in the floor and walls.

What can be done to reduce falls?

Employers must set up the work place to prevent employees from falling off of overhead platforms, elevated work stations or into holes in the floor and walls. OSHA requires that fall protection be provided at elevations of four feet in general

industry workplaces, five feet in shipyards, six feet in the construction industry and eight feet in longshoring operations. In addition, OSHA requires that fall protection be provided when working over dangerous equipment and machinery, regardless of the fall distance.

To prevent employees from being injured from falls, employers must:

- ◆ Guard every floor hole into which a worker can accidentally walk (*using a railing and toe-board or a floor hole cover*).
- ◆ Provide a guard rail and toe-board around every elevated open sided platform, floor or runway.
- ◆ Regardless of height, if a worker can fall into or onto dangerous machines or equipment (*such as a vat of*

acid or a conveyor belt) employers must provide guardrails and toe-boards to prevent workers from falling and getting injured.

- ◆ Other means of fall protection that may be required on certain jobs include safety harness and line, safety nets, stair railings and hand rails.

OSHA requires employers to:

- ◆ Provide working conditions that are free of known dangers.
- ◆ Keep floors in work areas in a clean and, so far as possible, a dry condition.
- ◆ Select and provide required personal protective equipment at no cost to workers.
- ◆ Train workers about job hazards in a language that they can understand.

CAUTION
FALL PROTECTION
REQUIRED IN
THIS AREA