



In Memory of a Great Guy for a Great Cause!

For those who are familiar with Lotspeich Company in Miami, the Touchdown Club and the Miami Dolphins' Perfect Season you know the name *Jim "Mad Dog" Mandich*. It will be one-year from Jim's final battle with cancer that the *1st Annual Mad Dog Mandich Memorial Celebration* will be held to raise funds for the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center. On Thursday, April 26, Dolphin greats, close friends and construction professionals will gather at the Riverside Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale to pay tribute to a South Florida legend.

Before Jim's death he started the *Annual Dolphins Cycling Challenge* in Miami to raise money for the Cancer Center. During last year's CASF's Summer Getaway and Planning Meeting Rick Schuerger, John Moriarity & Assoc., came up with the idea that the construction industry needed to follow Jim's example and create an event in Ft. Lauderdale to help the same cause. Jim's family quickly got on board

and the Mad Dog Mandich Memorial Celebration was created.

All proceeds from the event go to the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center. Sylvester brings together leading cancer specialists to conduct cutting-edge, inter-disciplinary and multidisciplinary research; provide world class, site-based, multi-disciplinary care; and develop innovative medical education programs for students from



Jim "Mad Dog" Mandich

across the globe. More than 250 physicians and scientists from 18 different departments at the University collaborate in support of Sylvester's mission, "to reduce the human burden from cancer." **Balfour Beatty Construction Company** was the first Platinum Sponsor to step up for the cause.

Plan on joining fellow members on the 8th floor terrace of the Riverside Hotel, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 26. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Go to: <http://casf.org/cde.cfm?event=379047> to make reservations.

Member News

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Florida Concrete Unlimited received the Pioneer Award from the American Concrete Pumping Association at the World of Concrete Tradeshow in Las Vegas this past January.

Stiles Construction Co. has started construction of One Plantation, a new mixed-use development in Plantation's Midtown District.

The project consists of a new luxury apartment community and the adjacent University Shoppes. Stiles estimates an average of 225 construction workers will work at the job-site each month, with completion of the multi-phase residential and retail project expected in the third quarter of 2013.



One Plantation

The Associated General Contractors of America announced that **Hensel Phelps Construction Co.**, contractor of the 2011 Pentagon renovation project, is the grand award winner of their Alliant Build America Award.

Hensel Phelps was tasked with renovating four sections of the Pentagon just three days after the 9/11 attack. The team completed the renovation nearly four years ahead of the original schedule.

The Alliant Build America Awards recognize the nation's most significant construction projects. The awards are considered by many to be the most prestigious recognition of construction accomplishments in the U.S.

Resolutions of Complex Construction Projects

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 by John Moriarty and Assoc., will be held on Thursday, April 19, 7:30 a.m. at Shula's Hotel in Miami Lakes.

The Soto Law Group, P.A. (SLG) was founded in 1997 by Oscar E. Soto, Esq. The firm offers personalized cost effect legal representation by Board Certified Construction Lawyers with a combined 50 plus years of industry experience. The main headquarters is located in Fort Lauderdale, but they also have two satellite offices in Tampa and Jacksonville. Currently, SLG employs 9 people. Some of their key employees include Managing Partner Oscar E. Soto, Esq., Partner Alex O. Soto, Esq., Partner Felena R. Talbot, Esq., and Firm Administrator Leanna K. Anderson.

The firm specializes in Florida Business and Construction Law, and is an AV Rated Law Firm. The

Business Law sector represents shareholders, principals, and business entities on such matters including corporate, limited partnership and limited liability company formation, purchases and sales of businesses, drafting and negotiating shareholder and employment agreements, and employer and employee relations.



Soto Law Group

They represent all types of clients under construction law, which include: owners, developers, design professionals, contractors, insurance companies, sureties and suppliers in all aspects of the construction process. SLG also represents national, regional and local clients in complex multi-party construction disputes. Some of the more intricate dispute topics are construction defects, delay damages, architect and

engineer errors and omissions, construction contract defaults and claims, performance and payment bonds, project site accidents and personal injuries, and claims management and resolution. A few of the more general corporate matters include: contract preparation and negotiation, alternative dispute resolution, construction lien and bond claims, and representation before administrative agencies such as The Construction Industry Licensing Board, The Department of Business and Professional Regulation, and State and Local Building Departments.

SLG is Construction Panel Counsel to the School Boards of Broward and Miami-Dade County along with several other private and public entities. Over the past 5 years, the firms' lawyers have managed successful resolutions of complex construction projects with total claims exceeding 150 million dollars. For a partial list of representative cases please visit the website listed below.

The firm has been a member of CASF since 2007 and continues to support the Association by attending numerous networking events throughout the year. "CASF provides us with many opportunities to network and build solid business relationships," express Anderson.

The Soto Law Group, P.A.'s main office is located at 2400 E. Commercial Blvd., Suite 400, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308. For more information, call 954-567-1776 or visit www.soto-lawgroup.com.

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Third Annual CASF Bowling Tournament

Thursday night, March 28, over 200 people descended on Strikes of Boca Raton to participate in the 3rd annual CASF Bowling Tournament.



First place went to Pro-Tech Caulking & Waterproofing with a score of 1,027, followed by last years winners TWG Enterprises with their score of 1,000 and coming in third is the winners of the 2010 Tournament, Metro Caulking & Waterproofing with a score of 983.



The highest individual score of 255 was awarded to Danny Saunders of Setnor Byer Insurance & Risk. The team selected by a member of Strikes staff for the best bowling shirts is Hensel Phelps "Angry Bowlers".



Danny Saunders
Best Score of 255



1st Place
Pro-Tech Caulking & Waterproofing



2nd Place
TWG Enterprises



3rd Place
Metro Caulking & Waterproofing

Our thanks go to Tournament sponsor *Northwestern Mutual Financial - Matt Olsen & Ed McClusky*, Trophy Sponsor *Alumiglass*, Food Sponsor *Cayman National Mfg*, Drink Sponsor *GFA International* and dessert provided by *Multisource Corporate Advisory Service*.

Big Events Planned for May

The annual **Charity Golf Classic** is set for Thursday, May 3rd with most of the major sponsors onboard. They are: Pin Flags Sponsor, *Northwestern Mutual Financial-M. Olsen & E. McCluskey*; Lunch Sponsor, *Pomeroy Electric*; Golf Carts Sponsor, *Miller Construction Co.*; Hole in One Sponsors - North/ South, *Bateman, Gordon and Sands*; Putting Green Sponsor, *Moss*; Straightest Drive Sponsor, *Healey Plumbing*; Longest Drive Sponsor, *Banner Supply Co.- Pompano*; Beverage Cart Sponsors, *ANF Group, Balfour Beatty Constr., Go-Tilt Construction and Power Design* and Beverage Stop Sponsors, *Douglas Orr Plumbing, Lotspeich Co. of FL, Miller Glass & Glazing, Southeast Mechanical, Summers Fire Sprinklers and Whiting-Turner Contracting*.

Children's Aid Club and Junior Achievement will receive all proceeds from the Tournament.

The **1st Annual Tom Tucker Memorial Fishing Tournament**, to support the Luekemia & Lymphoma Society, will take place two weeks later on Saturday, May 19 in the Bahamian waters off Bimini Sands Resort. *Steel Fabricators, LLC* is taking the title sponsor with ANF Group sponsoring the Friday night Captain's Party and James A. Cummings once again sponsoring the Awards Dinner Saturday evening.

While both are fun events, they are key to building relationships between all who take part. For information and registration call the CASF offices at 954-974-6333.



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Spring Bar-B-Que at FAU's New Stadium

Wednesday, March 7

