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CLOAF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (NOV. 12-14, 2009 –LAKE MARY MARRIOTT)

CLOAF Extends A Very Special Thank You To Our Meeting Presenters

Rep. Scott Plakon - District 37- Legislative Overview
Anna Cam Fentriss-Florida Roofing & Sheet Metal Association Lobbyist
JB Clark, Legislative Lobbyist- Overview of the Legislature/Legislation
Andrew Sabolic-Assistant Dir. Div. Workers Comp. Dept. of Financial Services
Doug Harvey-Executive Director Building Officials Association of Florida
John O. Priester Jr.- CAC Fl. Hwy. Safety & Motor Vehicle- Mobile Homes
Hardy Roberts, Esq.-Carlton Fields PA (Tampa)
Ramona Zavacky-Flagler County
Edgar Kidd Sr.-IRS- S.E. Communications & Liaison Field Operations
Betty Merritt-LP Gas Inspector-Dept. Of Agriculture & Consumer Services

The following is a synopsis of the presentations provided by Speakers and Instructors for Certification Classes held at the November 12th & 13th, 2009 General Membership Meeting:

Rep. Scott Plakon District 37 Discussed:

- His involvement in the legislative process
- 2010 Legislative Session
- The Probability of a special session to discuss offshore drilling, high speed rail etc....

Anna Cam Fentriss FRSA Discussed:

- Unlicensed Activity in today's work environment
- 2009 Legislative changes in HB 425 to assist Local Governments efforts against unlicensed activity
- Local Governments and Industry Associations working together to combat Unlicensed activity

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JB Clark Legislative Lobbyist Discussed:

- HB425 authorizes local governments to impose civil penalties against persons who claim to be “Licensed and Insured” who are not certified or registered and do not have Workers Compensation or Liability Insurance
- HB425 deletes references to “occupational licenses” to conform to the law we passed in 2007 creating “business tax receipts”.
- Energy, future technology and the Energy Commission

Andrew Sabolic, Assistant Director Div. Of Workers Comp. Dept of Financial Service Discussed:

- Workers Compensation Stings, Construction Policies, Requirementst, Day Labor organization Workers Comp requirements
- How to check coverage and find other information on the Workers Compensation web site.
- Workers Compensation on navigable waterways
- Reviewed in open forum “What Individual Counties and Cities are Requiring for Workers Compensation etc...”

Doug Harvey Executive Director Building Officials Association of Florida Discussed:

- FS 553 Florida Product Approval process. Listing agencies and the Product Approval Numbering System.
- Florida Building Code
- Described what is considered what is included in the “envelope” of the building
- Explained the importance of proper attachment of windows doors and the reason modifications should not be made without approval of the Building Official.

John O. Priester Jr. Discussed:

- FS 320 Mobile Homes .
- Differences between Manufactured and Mobile Homes
- The proper Tie Down of a Mobile Home.
- Licensed Certification to install/tie down Mobile Homes.
- Presented a power point program to show the proper tie down versus what happened to mobile home that were not properly installed.

Hardy Roberts, Esq. discussed:

- What is considered a contract:
- Verbal versus written contractual agreements.
- Construction Contracts and agreements

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Ramona Zavacky presented:

- The “Give Um The Pickle Video - Dealing with Angry People and Providing Good Customer Service.

Edgar Kidd Sr., discussed:

- Overview of numerous IRS regulations and rules
- First time Home Buyers Regulations and tax deductions
- Extension of the first time home buyers exemption until 2010
- Who is considered an owner.
- Who is a first time home owner.
- Presented a power point program about existing IRS regulations

Betty Merritt discussed:

- FS 527 (And other Florida Statutes relating to LP Gas issues)
- Florida Laws, Rules and Regulations governing the transportation, storage, sale, use and handling of liquefied petroleum gases in the State of Florida
- The many licensing categories and their scopes of work
- Installation and set back requirements.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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The May 26-28, 2010 General Membership Meeting will be held at the Lake Mary Marriott.

The agenda and registration forms will be e-mailed to members and available on our web site about the middle of March 2010 (Or upon the confirmation of all instructors and speakers)

Mark your calendars now.

HAVE A SAFE, HAPPY AND ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY SEASON!!