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## AGC of Connecticut E-News

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### August 10, 2009

**YCF PROGRAM** – Over 50 people attended the Young Contractors Forum program entitled, “Perspectives on CT Private College Construction” on Thursday, July 30, 2009, at Eli’s on Whitney in Hamden. The program featured a panel comprised of Stephen George of Connecticut College, David Frassinelli of Fairfield University, and Tom Beebe of the University of New Haven. The program, which lasted over an hour, touched on a wide variety of owner issues such as sustainable buildings, Partnering, financing projects, and how they are coping in an economic downturn.

***A special thanks to our post-program reception sponsors:***

**United Steel, Inc., Kostin Ruffkess & Company, and Murtha Cullina, LLP.**

**CORRECTION – JOHN FARNHAM RETIREMENT PARTY** – In our last On Site, we incorrectly announced the date of the John Farnham Retirement. Please change the date in your schedule to **Wednesday, November 18, 2009** at the Aqua Turf. Announcements will be sent later in the month.

**AGC/CT INDUSTRY RECOGNITION AWARDS** – Call for Nominations for the 5th Annual AGC/CT Industry Recognition Awards must be received by Friday, August 21, 2009. This year’s event will be held Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at the Aqua Turf. Nomination categories are Public Owner, Private Owner, Designer, General Contractor/Construction Manager, Subcontractor, Supplier/Service Provider, Construction Supervisor, and new this year, Educator of the Year. Please see attached Call for Nominations Announcement, and Nomination Ballot and Judging Guidelines.

**UCONN TAILGATING** – On October 17, the YCF will tailgate at the UConn-Louisville Football Game, which is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. at Rentschler Field in East Hartford. Tickets are priced at \$35 and are available by calling John Wilhelm at the AGC office or by faxing in the attached registration form. Attendance is open to YCF and AGC/CT members alike.

**AGC OF AMERICA NEWS** (The following are selected excerpts from the most recent “News and Views”)

**Liberal Democrats and Blue Dogs Clash on Health Care** – Last month, AGC expressed its opposition to the massive \$1.5 trillion health care overhauls being debated in the House and Senate. AGC remains opposed to the bill because AGC members and their employees will face a nearly impossible task of keeping insurance coverage, paying for coverage and maintaining an acceptable level of coverage without being pushed into a national plan. As such, AGC currently opposes the health care reform proposals in Congress. [Read More](#) ➔

**AGC Releases Stimulus Survey Results** – AGC released results of a survey that measured the impact of stimulus funds on construction companies' ability to expand payrolls. The survey found that stimulus construction funds have had little impact to date on companies' ability to hire new employees, but has helped companies save existing jobs.

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**AGC Analysis Shows Construction Employment Declines** – Construction employment declined in all but 19 communities nationwide this June as compared to June-2008, according to a new analysis of metropolitan-area employment data released by AGC. [Read More](#) ➔

**Union Representation in Construction Increases Slightly in 2008** – The rate of union representation in the construction industry increased modestly in 2008 for the second consecutive year following a steady decline in the decade preceding 2006. Using [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) (BLS) data, the Construction Labor Research Council (CLRC) reports in its latest biennial report on union representation trends that the percentage of workers represented by a union in 2008 was 16.2 percent. This compares with 14.4 percent in 2007 and 13.6 percent in 2006, according to BLS data. [Read More](#) ➔

**Apply to the Industry's Most Prestigious Project Awards** -- Submissions are now being accepted for AGC's Aon Build America Awards and The Marvin M. Black Excellence in Partnering Awards. Entries must be completed in the 2009 calendar year. Past award winners have not only been featured in a variety of AGC materials like the Annual Report, association newsletters and ads, but also in *Engineering News Record*, *Constructor Magazine* and numerous other national media outlets. [Read More](#) ➔

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- YCF Steering Committee, Thursday, August 27, 2009, 8:00 – 10:00, CCIA.
- Budget & Finance Committee, Wednesday, September 2, 2009, 8:00 – 10:00, CCIA
- Subcontractor Steering Committee, Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 8:00 – 10:00, CCIA
- Board of Directors, Tuesday, September 22, 2009, 8:00 – 10:00, CCIA

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[George S. Patton Jr.](#), World War II general

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