



PCEA TODAY

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CSRA Chapter

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David Eller, President

Message from the President

We have a busy month of remembrance and celebration this month at PCEA! On **October 10**, our annual golf tournament was held in memory of James Hutto. Please read more about James and his family on the following page. It has been such a privilege to share the life and memory of James through this annual event.

As the weather cools and we gather to watch football, baseball, and scary movies, I encourage you to take a moment to fully be in the moment and enjoy the company of your friends and family.

Speaking of social events, we have an axe throwing and escape room event planned for the evening of **Thursday, October 20** from 6:00 to 7:30. See below for details.

Stay safe this Halloween and thank you for the incredible turnout at this year's golf tournament!



James Hutto, pictured with his wife Ashlyn during one of the many Irish American Heritage Society's gatherings. James was famous for his enthusiastic volunteerism, serving as past president of IHAS as well as PCEA.

Safety Moment

Winter Weather

As cooler weather approaches, PCEA challenges you to start thinking ahead for this winter and the work challenges that come along with the changing weather. Here are some cold-weather tips to keep you safe this fall and winter:

When construction work takes you outdoors, we have to be prepared for the weather. Cold, windy, slippery, and icy conditions can lead to accidents and injuries on the jobsite.

- Make sure your safety boots are waterproof and have good treads that will prevent you from slipping. Keep a spare pair of warm socks in your truck in case your feet get sweaty or wet.
- Take care of your hands with appropriate gloves for your work tasks.
- Take frequent, short breaks in dry, warm areas so your body has a chance to warm up.
- Stay hydrated. Don't drink too much caffeine. When you can, work in pairs. Watch out for each other. Have a reliable way to communicate when you do have to work in isolated areas.
- Pay attention to changing weather conditions. If a storm is coming, you may need to stop work to prepare the jobsite.
- It's not cold here yet, but it will be soon! When the cold weather gets here, it will take your body a few days to get used to the cold weather. Make sure you keep on top of the forecast so you dress appropriately.



Thank you to all our supporters and participants of this year's tournament!

Save The Date

October 20, 2022

PCEA Social Event

Come join us for fun night of fellowship at Broad Axe Throwing Club & Escape Room! Hors d'Oeuvres will be served 6:00 to 7:30. Email Scott Gunter scottg@teamarmourroofing.com to RSVP by Monday, Oct. 17.

October Fun Fact

The Anglo-Saxons called October "Winterfylleth" – it means "fullness of winter". The reason they called it that? It's because October has the first full moon of the winter season. 🍂

Halloween Time!

Halloween is celebrated in a number of countries on October 31, the eve of All Hallows' Day. On this day, it was believed that spirits can wander the earth freely. People tend to take this opportunity to disguise themselves in various costumes.

Remembering James Hutto

Tournament Namesake Lived a Model Life

Since I'm a new member of PCEA, I never had the pleasure of meeting James Hutto, but his friends and family graciously shared some of their fondest memories of his remarkable and joyful life. You can learn so much from a life lived well. The following are just a few lessons I learned through stories and details of James's life:

Cherish your family. James never missed a family function in his hometown of Holly Hill, SC. Not just the big ones like weddings and funerals... but all the in-betweens. Ashlyn remembers him "burning up the road back home" to cousins' and second cousins' (and third cousins') birthdays, graduations - any celebration that involved family. *Take time to make memories with family and friends.*



Find a place you love and visit often.

James could often be found in the early mornings hanging out on the dock of his family house on Lake Marion watching the sun come up. He found a peaceful place to relax, enjoy, and just be himself. *You should, too.*

Enjoy the outdoors. James was part of a boat club, enjoyed barefoot water skiing in his younger days, exploring creeks and coves after school when the lake was glass. *Find something that makes your heart beat a little faster and work to be good at it.*

Make the most of your mornings. Maybe it was because he was used to waking up early on the family farm in Holly Hill ready for work, but most remember James's enthusiastic (and *very* early) "Gooood Morning!" greetings with his extra large coffee in hand. *The next morning you see someone struggling, give them your best "Good Morning!" from James.*

Dance, dance, dance. On their first blind date, Ashlyn remembers him asking her to dance. It didn't matter that there wasn't a dance floor and it definitely didn't matter that James didn't know how to dance (according to his closest friends). *Do what brings you joy; it doesn't matter who's watching.*

Support your loved ones' dreams. Walter still has the application that his dad encouraged him to pick up in the admissions office at Notre Dame after a football game they attended, when Walter was just in eighth grade. Although the tuition prices put Walter (and likely James) in shock, his dad was there to support his interests at every turn.

Encourage those around you to live large and chase their ambitions.

Celebrate your own style. Unless he was barefoot, James went everywhere in boots. He had work boots, cowboy boots, tuxedo boots, and even badminton boots. *Don't be afraid to be quirky if it suits your style.*

Finish what you start. Leaving Newberry College early to work on the family farm, it was so very important for James to complete his degree. He decided to go back to school... twice. Once after his daughter was born, and another after he was completely established in his career and didn't really need a degree to further it. He finished what he started, in honor of his mother. *No matter what life throws your way, take the time to go full-circle with the things that matter most to you.*

Get yourself a "partner in crime". James's volunteerism legacy is one of commitment and longevity. The many organizations he was involved with knew a clever trick, though. If you got James or Tim Regan involved, you were guaranteed a two-for-one deal. Tim would always support James's projects, and James would be there for Tim's. Tim remembers James "casually mentioning" one Friday evening that he was helping build a playground for disadvantaged children that weekend. Come Saturday morning, guess who was there with tools in hand. *Find a friend who will be along for the ride, even if it's a bumpy one.*



Find common ground. One of his plentiful volunteer efforts was to help bring Irish children (protestant and Catholic) over for the summer to live and socialize together, showing how easily it was to peacefully exist and fellowship together. *Make bridges and work with the younger generations to keep them intact.*



Find a plan, then do the plan. Right after Ashlyn and James got married, Ashlyn was looking forward to cooking dinners for her new husband. James had other plans, though. He wanted to lose weight, so he went on a diet immediately after their wedding and lost a whopping 30 lbs. *Set your mind on your goals, and just get them done*

Take the big trips. James took his family to Disneyworld after his diagnosis. Thanks to his tenacity, they now have a cherished memory (and painting) of James holding his daughter Camilla's hand with fireworks exploding gloriously in the background. *Even when it seems impossible, carve out time to make lasting memories with your family.*

Give respect, receive respect. James would wake up in the dark, early morning hours to manage his workers during concrete pours. This work ethic and respect for each and every team member has been internalized by Walter, who makes sure he would never ask one of his team members to do anything he wouldn't do himself. *Remember that respect is earned and give respect before you demand it.*

Take a nap. Known to some as "Mr. No Change," every workday James would pull into his house at 11:45, make a sandwich with plain Lays potato chips (dipped in ketchup), eat lunch, and then at 12:00 on the dot close his eyes for exactly 20 minutes. Then he'd wake up and get back to work. *Find what refreshes you and work it into your daily life.*

We hope everyone who enjoyed the tournament learned a little bit more about its namesake now, and we at PCEA thank James's family and friends for sharing these memories with us.

Please feel free to share additional memories and photos to ksanders@ccea-inc.com

Member Spotlight Scott Gunter

Protect What Matters with Armour Roofing

One of our newer members, Scott Gunter has brought his enthusiasm and support to PCEA for nearly two years. His many contributions to the Chapter include being head of the Social Committee.

Working as a Roofing Specialist at Armour Roofing for five years, Scott believes every roof replacement is an opportunity to serve his community, and he is a valued and respected member of many local groups. Through PCEA, Columbia County Exchange Club, Merchants Association of Columbia County, and the Augusta Bulldog Club, Scott acts as our star socialite, always bringing a positive attitude and valuable resources to his many endeavors.

Scott's advice to anyone considering the construction field (or anyone already in the mix) is to keep your course. There are hard times and good times, but if you stay your course and keep long-term goals in mind, success will surely follow.

His first job was working in a wholesale lawn & garden warehouse, moving to a position in sales for many types of exterior home improvements. His experience with roofs, gutters, windows, doors, and patio covers ensures that he can answer any questions you have about protecting your home or business.

Out of the office, Scott enjoys spending time outdoors with his son or volunteering at PTO. You might also find him on the golf course, kayaking, or pulling for his Bulldogs.

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Scott pictured here with his buddy Pink Panther at the Aiken Home and Garden Show in September.



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Membership Meeting

Members and guests are welcome to join us this coming Thursday at 11:45 as we enjoy fellowship and lunch at Fat Man's Café and Catering, located at 1450 Greene Street in Augusta, GA.



Our guest speaker will be Kaitlyn Donovan, Marketing Representative at Rumsey Construction and Restoration. Kaitlyn will be presenting information on Emergency Restoration and Repairs, including fire, water, and storm damage.

Connect with Kaitlyn on her Linked in page [HERE](#)

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Social and Board Meetings

PCEA Members and Guests are invited to join us for a night of fun and fellowship **Thursday, October 20th at 6:00** for axe throwing and escape room activities at Broad Axe Throwing and Escape Room, 1025 Broad Street, Augusta, GA. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Please RSVP to Scott Gunter 706-814-4290 ScottG@TeamArmourRoofing.com by Monday, Oct. 17th.

The Board of Directors will meet **Wednesday October 26th at 8:00 AM** at Sunrise Grill, 3830 Washington Road, Suite 10 in Martinez to discuss chapter business.

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