

Editor's Note



Six degrees of separation is the theory that anyone on the planet can be connected to any other person on the planet through a chain of acquaintances that has no more than five links.

Ours is what is called a “niche industry,” and after being in it awhile, most everybody has a network that overlaps a couple of other networks. If you don't know a particular person, the chances are that you know someone who does. If you apply the “six degrees of separation” theory, it's one hundred percent sure.

What does that have to do with *Cleaner Times*? Not much except that, in this issue, we are featuring several people in and around the PW industry and you probably have a direct or indirect link with them.

First, you'll find a follow-up article about CETA Scholarship winner, Kim Layden, and how the CETA Educational Foundation's Scholarship dollars have been put to good use in her life. Kim is the daughter of Tim and Karen Layden of High PSI, Ltd. There is the conclusion of reminisces by long-time industry figure Bill Sommers of Pressure Systems Industries. Also featured are a profile from contractor Scott Rackley of Little Rock and a personal experience from the recent Texas wildfires from Loree Foreman of Delco Cleaning Systems in Ft. Worth.

So enjoy these personality-driven features.

UAMCC (United Association of Mobile Contract Cleaners) is gathering more members, and plans for the future seem to be moving along rapidly. The transition team, headed by Carlos Gonzales, owner of New Look Power Wash in Fairfield, CA, has been hard at work since spring of last year to revamp the organization. There is a new level of energy and enthusiasm, and UAMCC's plans for a fall conference seem to moving ahead on schedule.

Speaking of conferences, October will be a busy month with PWNA October 8–10 in Gurnee (Chicago), CETA 18–20 in Reno, and UAMCC 23–25 in Orlando. That means that, including travel time, a committed professional manufacturer, supplier, or distributor that wanted to attend all the events would be away from the business 13 or 14 days from October 7 through October 26. That might be a consideration when planning for next year's shows.

How is your business doing? If you want to comment on the state of the economy, the credit crunch, things you are doing to keep your business going, whether the government is now running your business, etc., drop me an email.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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Industry Calendar 2009

Aug. 18–20 2009 American WJTA Conference and Expo, Marriott Houston Westchase Hotel, Houston, TX. For more information, visit www.wjta.org.

Sep. 28–30 Lean to Green Manufacturing, Society of Manufacturing Engineers, Windham Garden-Austin, Austin, TX. For more information, visit www.sme.org.

Oct. 6–9 ISSA/INTERCLEAN North America 2009, Chicago, IL. For more information, visit www.issa.com.

Oct. 8–10 2009 PWNA Convention/Fall Technical Seminar, Holiday Inn, Gurnee, IL. For more information, visit www.pwna.org.

Oct. 18–20 CETA PowerClean 2009 Trade Show and Convention, Silver Legacy Resort Casino, Reno, NV. For more information, visit www.ceta.org.

Oct. 23–25 UAMCC National Convention, Orlando Marriot World Center Resort, Orlando, FL. For more information, visit www.uamcc.org.

Oct. 27–30 DeckExpo 2009, side-by-side with the Remodeling Show, Indianapolis Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN. For more information, visit www.deckexpo.com.

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Feb. 2–5 World of Concrete Annual Trade Show, Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV. For more information, visit www.worldofconcrete.com.

Feb. 8–11 The Rental Show, Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL. For more information, visit www.the rentalshow.com.

Feb. 24–27 Pumper and Cleaner Environmental Expo International, Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, KY. For more information, visit www.colepublishing.com/pumpershow.

Mar. 23–25 WESTEC 2010 Exposition, Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME), Los Angeles Convention Center, Los Angeles, CA. For more information, visit www.sme.org.