

MEMBERS ENJOY A TASTE OF THE ISLAND LIFE AT THE 2012 KICK-OFF PARTY



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ICRI chose to return to Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville at the Flamingo Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, NV, for our 6th Annual ICRI Kick-Off Party. Held in conjunction with World of Concrete, this annual event provides members with the opportunity to have a little fun and relax as they celebrate the coming year. More than 200 people enjoyed the view overlooking the Las Vegas Strip from the private third-floor terrace.

The evening included a full buffet dinner; an open bar for 3 hours of revelry; and the occasion to mix and mingle with other members, association leadership, and staff. While the food and drink flowed, a number of guests participated in our second annual Margaritaville Hawaiian Shirt Contest. Guests were encouraged to wear their brightest, loudest, most eye-searing Hawaiian shirt to take part in the contest. Photos were taken of each entrant and some willing Concrete Industry Management (CIM) students carried around a poster board so

all of the guests could place their votes for their favorite Hawaiian shirt. We gave top prize to Ron Borum from the Miracote Division of Crossfield Products Corp. Because there was quite a bit of enthusiasm, we also gave out a second-place prize to Lee Eliseian from Independent Floor Testing and Inspection and a third-place prize to Michael Breetz from Structural Systems Repair Group (SSRG).

In the true tradition of the Las Vegas motto, "what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas," we are only able to show you photos of our Hawaiian Shirt Contest participants. If you're really curious about what goes on at an ICRI Kick-Off Party, mark your calendar for Monday, February 4, 2013, and plan to join us for our next World of Concrete event.

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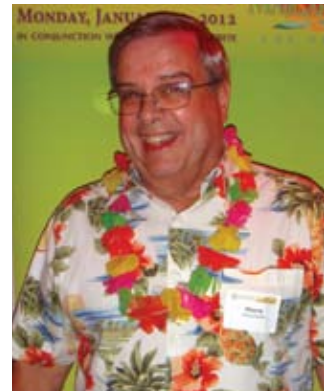
Contest winner Ron Borum



Lee Eliseian showing off his second-place-winning shirt



ICRI Board member and third-place finisher Michael Breetz



Wayne Benitz, Past President of ICRI, shows off his favorite shirt



Joe Daley from Fox Industries, Inc., relished the chance to compete with this loud shirt



Jim Rowe from the Miracote Division of Crossfield Products couldn't compete with his boss



In anticipation of the ICRI 2012 Spring Convention in Quebec City, QC, Canada, April 18-20, several Quebec Province Chapter representatives joined us in Las Vegas. From left to right: Richard Pharand, Jacques Bertrand, Pierre Hebert, Danis Longpre, and Mario Desroches

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