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MEETING NOTICE

**WSMPA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

Washington Suburban Master Plumbers Association's monthly general membership meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 18, 2015**. This meeting will be held at Knights of Columbus (College Park).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
9450 CHERRY HILL ROAD
COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740**

- 5:00p Special Training Event (*see below*)
- 6:30p Cocktail/Social Hour (*drinks paid by individual*)
- 7:30p FREE Buffet Dinner
Sponsor Presentation/Meeting

This meeting is being sponsored by:



SPECIAL TRAINING EVENT

November 18, 2015 • 5:00pm

**Hydronic Circulator
Sizing and Application**

- * Pump operation in hydronic systems
- * Use and understanding of pump curves
- * How to determine flow rates and required head pressure
- * Basic piping layouts.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall has arrived! Now is the time to start raking leaves and getting geared up for some "no heat" service calls.

We had a great turnout for last month's Thos Somerville sponsored meeting. I hope the attendees at the Near Boiler Piping Secrets & Tips pre-meeting training class, presented by Peerless boilers, got some good information to use in the field.

Our membership marketing campaign has brought a lot of attention to the WSMAPA. At the October board meeting, the membership committee presented six applications for regular membership; five of the six were a direct result of the current campaign. With positive results, and in an effort to keep the momentum going, the Board voted to extend the marketing campaign another two months. By the way, all of the applicants were approved, and will be presented at the general meeting. More members equal a louder voice for the causes we support!

The November meeting will be sponsored by Ferguson along with Cummins-Wagner. They will be bringing representatives from Lochinvar Boilers. Please join us prior to the meeting for a special training class on Hydronic Circulator Sizing and Application.

Our pre-meeting training classes have had rave reviews. I encourage all members to take advantage of these educational opportunities. In December, our pre-meeting class will be presented by Wayne Ludwig from WSSC's Fog Unit. He will cover grease trap

pipng, sizing and permitting. This is going to be a great opportunity to get all your questions answered.

WSMPA encourages all members to take advantage of pre-meeting, journeyman/master plumber/gasfitter, and backflow classes. Knowledge is power and gives our industry credibility.

Don't forget to order your tickets for the WSMPA Plumber's Ball!!! Details are on the attached flyer and order form.

Hope to see everyone on November 18th.

Terry Winegar, 2015 President

CARBON MONOXIDE PREVENTION

Jim Mazzullo

Unfortunately, there is a significant increase in the number of carbon monoxide incidents at this time of the year. Perhaps it is the combination of cooler weather and more indoor activities that causes these reports of CO poisoning to make the news. Often, later investigation of the incident reveals recent work had been performed on a gas appliance.

In any regard, please notify your family and customers of these critical points:

- Install / check CO Detectors; many smoke detectors provide dual purpose protection,
- If there is a CO alarm, leave the building and call 911
- Schedule annual inspection of heating and cooling equipment by a licensed technician
- Never use a charcoal or gas grill indoors
- Never run a gasoline-powered engine in an enclosed structure

Please visit these links:

*<http://patch.com/maryland/belair/carbon-monoxide-sends-5-hospitals-officials-say>

*<http://www.cdc.gov/co/guidelines>.

*<http://www.pmmag.com/articles/97528-carbon-monoxide-dangers-in-the-boiler-room>

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING



MEMBER CONDOLENCES

Burke “Bud” L. Harper. Passed away at the age of 84 on October 14, 2015, due to complications from pneumonia.

Bud served twice as president of WSMPA. (1969 and 1976).

In 2002, after a career of 52 years, Bud retired from R. L. Voight and Son where he sat as part owner for three decades.

Few people knew he invented the basic round container, what is known as the standard sump pit. His original design earned him a patent, and was named the “BUDDY INTERCEPTOR.”

In 2000, Bud and his wife Rosabel moved from Silver Spring to Kent Island.

Bud is survived by his wife Rosabel, of 64 years, two daughters Sherry and Kim, his son Micheal (WSSC Inspector), and six grandchildren.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

General Membership Meeting

November 18, 2015

December 16, 2015

January 20, 2016

February 17, 2016

March 16, 2016

April 20, 2016

May 18, 2016

Special Training Events

November 18, 2015 @ 5pm

Hydronic Circulator Sizing and Application

December 7, 2015 @ 5pm

FOG Training (w/Wayne Ludwig)

69th Annual Dinner Dance

“The Plumbers’ Ball”

February 6, 2016

Doubletree Bethesda

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 7, 2015.

69th ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

(The Plumbers' Ball)

Saturday, February 6, 2016

Doubletree – Bethesda

(Complimentary Valet Parking)

2016 Theme – Children



7:00pm Cocktails/Hors d'oeuvres

8:00pm Dinner

*(followed by awards, casino games,
dancing, door prize drawings)*

Open Bar 7:00pm-11:00pm

Cash Bar 11:00pm-12:00am

Formal Attire Optional

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE.

Call the office to reserve your tickets.

MEMBER PRICING

\$160.00 per person – Tables for 10

ADVERTISING PRICING

Full Page Ad \$1,800 (includes 10 tickets)

1/2 Page Ad \$1,455 (includes 8 tickets)

1/4 Page Ad \$1,115 (includes 6 tickets)

1/8 Page Ad \$ 765 (includes 4 tickets)

1/16 Page Ad \$ 425 (includes 2 tickets)

Doubletree Guest Rooms

Doubletree Guest Rooms - \$79

(Limited Number Available)

For Reservations – Call 301-652-2000.

WSSC

WSSC will be closed Thursday, November 25th, and Friday, November 26th.



EPA

Issues Large Citations

Jim Mazzullo

Previously... in our September Newsletter, we reported the need to renew Firm Licenses issued for Lead Abatement by the US EPA, As a heavy handed reminder to the plumbers who work in buildings constructed prior to 1976, the EPA recently announced that 75 contractors have been fined thousands of dollars each for failure to provide training and proper record keeping designed to protect people from harmful exposure to lead dust and debris as defined in the Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) regulations. One of the noted violations included failure to provide a pamphlet to the building occupants with notification of the potential dangers involved.

Please visit:

<http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/documents/renovaterightbrochure.pdf>

In addition to the Firm License, individual workers are required to receive certified training. Those of us that received this training in 2010 are soon due for re-certification. Due to recent changes in the final determination of the regs, EPA extended the expiration of the individual "Renovator" to March 31, 2016.

Watch future issues of WSMPPA's Newsletter for information on available courses.



PAC

Please consider making a donation to our PAC so we can continue to support our industry by being an influence in Annapolis. The more members who contribute, the stronger our voice, and the stronger our voice, the more influence we have.

MAIL PAC DONATIONS TO:

**WSMPA PAC
26712 Howard Chapel Drive
Damascus, MD 20872**

EDUCATION

BACKFLOW TESTER/MECHANIC CERTIFICATION

Location

**ICCP – COLLEGE PARK TRAINING LAB
7501 Rhode Island Avenue • College Park, MD 20740**

32-Hour Certification & 8-Hour Recertification

For more information, contact
Chip Matthews @ chip@crossconnectionpartners.com.

18-HR JOURNEYMAN/MASTER TEST REVIEWS

Location

**JAMES A. WHEAT & SONS, INC.
7832 Beechcraft Avenue • Gaithersburg, MD 20879**

Plumber

6 Weeknights • 6p-9p/night
Dates Pending

Call 301-466-7747 to be put on waiting list.

COST: \$400 Members / \$450 Non-members

Gasfitter

6 Weeknights • 6p-9p/night
Dates Pending

Call 301-466-7747 to be put on waiting list.

COST: \$400 Members / \$450 Non-members

Download Application(s) from WSMPA's website
www.wsmpa.com under Education or call 301-466-7747.

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families sit down to dinner at the same
moment – halftime.**

