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NEWSLETTER

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MEETING NOTICE

WSMPA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2015

Washington Suburban Master Plumbers Association's monthly general membership meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 16, 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:



featuring



SPECIAL TRAINING EVENT

December 16, 2015 • 5:00pm

FOG Training
Presented by Wayne Ludwig



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ho, Ho, Ho, and Merry Christmas!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and will be able to spend some quality time with family over the Christmas holiday.

We had a good turnout at last month's meeting and would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members. We are still working on our membership campaign and hope to keep adding members.

This month's meeting will be sponsored by Northeastern Supply. Alan Cowan will be their representative, featuring CSI Water Treatment Systems.

We will be holding a pre-meeting class featuring WSSC's FOG unit. This will be a very informative training as it will help us to understand the process for obtaining permits, submitting drawings, and installing grease interceptors.

URGENT ALERTS: 1) We need to raise PAC funds before the end of the year. See Legislative/PAC article on Page 3. 2) Tickets are on sale NOW for the 2016 WSMPA Plumber's Ball. Get them while they are hot--they make perfect stocking stuffers!!

I would like to thank WSMPA board members and the general membership for allowing me the opportunity to serve as President this past year. It has been a wonderful experience and I look forward to many more years supporting the WSMPA.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Terry Winegar, 2015 President

WSMPA 2016 ELECTION

Our annual election of officers/directors will be held at the December 16th meeting. The proposed slate is as follows:

Officers

President	Jack Walsh
1 st Vice President	John "J.R." Seymour
2 nd Vice President	Kevin Black
3 rd Vice President	Ian Jolles
Secretary	Jon Hershberger
Treasurer	Deidra McElroy Och
Sgt. At Arms	Joe Maier

Directors

Paul Buckley, John Davis, Fred Werth

It is not too late to run for any position on the Board. If you're interested, you can get all the details by contacting the office at 301-466-7747. **Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

General Membership Meeting

December 16, 2015
January 20, 2016
February 17, 2016
March 16, 2016
April 20, 2016
May 18, 2016

Special Training Events

December 16, 2015 @ 5pm
FOG Training (w/Wayne Ludwig)

January 20, 2016 @ 5pm
ePermitting DEMO w/Luis Tapia

69th Annual Dinner Dance

"The Plumbers' Ball"

February 6, 2016
Doubletree Bethesda

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 4, 2016.

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 Friday, December 25th.

LEGISLATIVE / PAC

Maryland General Assembly reconvenes at noon on January 13, 2016. There are some key representatives that we (WSMPA) need to support. They are the ones that recognize us when we walk into their office or see them at an event.

Our PAC Fund has been depleted, and one of the reasons is that we have not spoken much about it lately. That needs to change. We, the WSMPA, and you as a business owner, cannot ignore the ramifications of the actions that take place at the Maryland General Assembly.

Here's a little history for you. About 25 years ago, the Association went to the Assembly and had the sewer jumped up from as deep as 20' as a safety measure. About 15 years ago we got the assembly to have the WSSC inspect propane like they do natural gas.

We are now in an effort to have the rest of the state adopt the IPC plumbing code. In the City of Frederick, the National Plumbing Code is used, and when you drive into the county surrounding it the IPC is used.

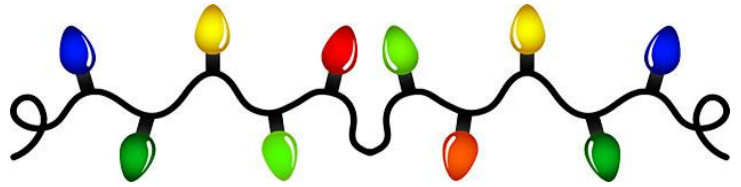
A bill for continuing education will most likely be introduced soon. We need to have input on who is designated as an education provider. Do you want to drive to Baltimore for mandatory classes?

Please consider making a contribution of whatever size you can afford so we can continue to support our industry by being an influence in Annapolis. Keep in mind that if every member gave just \$100 we would have a sizable PAC fund. The more members who contribute, the stronger our voice, and the stronger our voice, the more influence we have.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: "WSMPA PAC"

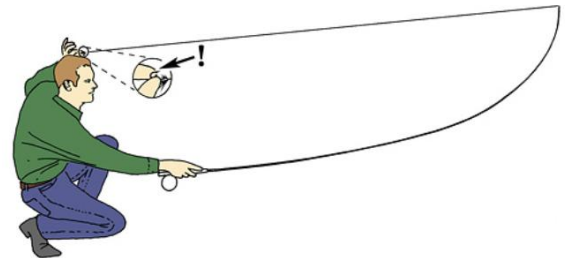
**MAIL PAC DONATIONS TO:
WSMPA PAC
26712 Howard Chapel Drive
Damascus, MD 20872**

"There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate: when he can't afford it, and when he can."--**Mark Twain**



WHAT'S ON LINE - WWW.

Jim Mazzullo



There has been discussion about the new requirements for Confined Space Entry but exactly how this is to be accomplished by those who work in such areas as crawl spaces, attics, pits & etc. can now be easily obtained. The Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCCA) has released a combination of cost effective tools designed to help the contractor meet and understand these complex rules. Visit https://online.mcaa.org/iweb/Purchase/ProductDetail.aspx?Product_code=SE85PDF.

In the "old business" category, there is new enforcement of "Mandatory New Hire Reporting Requirements". This simply means that when- and hopefully now is the time- you hire a new or returning employee, you are required to provide certain information to DLLR or face fines and other sanctions. Visit www.mdnewhire.com (See the related October Newsletter article "Workplace Fraud" www.WSMPA.com/News).

Product selection to solve certain problems that you may not face on a daily basis is always challenging. One manufacturer has combined their product offerings in one location. Take a moment to review the broad categories to see what you may have been missing. Visit www.onewattswater.com.

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.wsmpla.com under Education or call 301-466-7747.

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