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## NEWSLETTER

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### **MEETING NOTICE**

**WSMPA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016**

Washington Suburban Master Plumbers Association's monthly general membership meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 14, 2016**. This meeting will be held at Knights of Columbus (College Park).

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

6:30p Social Hour  
7:30p **FREE** Buffet Dinner  
Sponsor Presentation/Meeting

This meeting is being sponsored by:



### **SPECIAL TRAINING**

**December 14, 2016 • 5:00pm-6:30pm**

**BACKFLOW PREVENTERS  
and  
PRESSURE REDUCING VALVES**

Prior to this month's general meeting, you and your employees are invited to attend a special product training/hands-on demonstration on Wilkins backflow preventers and pressure reducing valves.



Merry Christmas,

WOW, this year really flew by!

We are having our December meeting early this month—it's being held on the second Wednesday of the month. We have another great meeting lined up with Northeastern Supply and Wilkins as our sponsor. Pre-meeting training starts at 5:00pm, with product training and hands-on demonstrations on backflow preventers and pressure reducing valves.

This is a good time to come and see some friends, learn about products, what's going on in our industry, and have a great meal (special Christmas menu!). So make sure you mark the date to be there—December 14<sup>th</sup>!

One more thing. Since this is our last meeting of 2016, we will have our annual election. This is your Association, come and be a part of this process!

*Jack Walsh, 2016 President*





## **WSMPA 2017 ELECTION**

Our annual election of officers/directors will be held at the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The proposed slate is as follows:

### **Officers**

President	Chuck Small
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	John "J.R." Seymour
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Kevin Black
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Jon Hershberger
Secretary	Deidra McElroy
Treasurer	Fred Werth
Sgt. At Arms	Ian Jolles

### **Directors**

John Davis, Andy Simpson, Jeff Wheat

Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**



### **General Membership Meeting**

December 14, 2016\*  
January 18, 2017  
February 15, 2017  
March 15, 2017  
April 19, 2017  
May 17, 2017

\*2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

**70<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance**  
**"The Plumbers' Ball"**  
February 4, 2017  
Doubletree Bethesda

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 2, 2017 @ The Greene Turtle.

## **70<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DINNER DANCE**

***(The Plumbers' Ball)***

**Saturday, February 4, 2017**  
**Doubletree – Bethesda**  
*(Complimentary Valet Parking)*



**2017 Theme**  
**Samaritan's Purse**

**"Operation Christmas Child"**

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.

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## **WSSC**

WSSC will be closed on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.

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## **TOILET INFORMATION**



### **Take a Seat and Get Bowled Over**

Most of the time, toilets get a bum rap. People poop in them, dogs drink from them and no one ever wants to clean them.

November 15<sup>th</sup> is different. It's World Toilet Day. It may sound silly, but the event is a very serious effort by the United Nations focusing on the fact that one-third of the world's population — or 2.4 billion people — have no toilet at home. A third of those people are children. They are vulnerable to disease, malnutrition and other major problems because there is no clean way of going to the bathroom where they live.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and other organizations want everyone in the world to have proper toilets and safe drinking water by 2030.

Thinking about World Toilet Day got us thinking about the story behind toilets. Who invented them? When? (We know why.) How have toilets changed over the centuries? To find out, keep reading. You might want to take this page into the bathroom with you if you plan on being there for a while.

### **Through the ages**

● People living in present-day Scotland and Pakistan built the first indoor toilets about 4,500 years ago. Pipes carried the waste outdoors. Knossos palace, built 3,700 years ago on the island of Crete in the Mediterranean, had some of the first flush toilets. They used rainwater and water from nearby springs. A wooden seat kept users dry.

● Medieval castles had toilets built high on an outside wall. There was a stone seat at the top, and gravity took care of the rest. Often the waste dropped into the castle moat. People living in towns, meanwhile, collected their waste in what were called chamber pots, and they

emptied them by heaving the contents out a window. Public lavatories, which were not common at the time, were often just several toilet holes in a row built over a river.

● In 1596, England's Sir John Harington designed a flush toilet with a handle and a raised water tank. He said using it would leave rooms smelling sweet. He gave one to his godmother, Queen Elizabeth I, who didn't like it. Instead, she used a pot in a box covered in velvet and trimmed with lace. The idea of an indoor flush toilet didn't catch on until 200 years later.

● The word "toilet" comes from the French "toile," meaning "cloth." It referred to the covering on a lady's dressing table and, over time, to the dressing room itself and the primping that went on there. (Wealthy people in the 17th and 18th centuries often had rooms at home just for getting dressed.) In the 19th century, "toilet" got its modern meanings: the place where bathing and other private acts occur and the bowl into which human waste is deposited.

● Over time, chamber pots and toilet bowls got fancier and fancier. One such pot, sold during the American Revolution, had an image of Britain's King George III at the bottom of the bowl.

● Thomas Jefferson, who used flush toilets while he was the U.S. ambassador to France in the 1780s, had three small rooms for toilets built at Monticello, his home in Virginia. But there is no proof that they were true flush toilets. And because most American homes did not have running water until a century later, the widespread use of flush toilets came later as well.

[kidspost@washpost.com](mailto:kidspost@washpost.com) (Nov. 2016)

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