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## **MEETING NOTICE**

**WSMPA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

Washington Suburban Master Plumbers Association's monthly general membership meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 15, 2017**. 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:



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

February has always been a good month for me. Both of my children were born in February, and it always signaled that I most likely only had to work out in the cold a few more weeks.

As always, our Annual Dinner Dance (*The Plumbers' Ball*) was held on the first Saturday of February. It was a rousing success with good food, an open bar, and especially good company! John "J.R." Seymour did an outstanding job as Master of Ceremonies-THANK YOU! My wife was especially impressed with how JR got the room to quiet down for our awards ceremony. We may have to glue the head of the gavel back on, and replace one of the hotel speakers, but that's OK. Because, as members of the Association, we work hard, we play hard, and we take our annual awards ceremony very seriously!

I'd like to offer a special thanks to all of our sponsors who participated in this year's event. Whether you placed an ad, made a donation, attended the event, and/or donated a door prize—THANK YOU! Speaking of door prizes, thanks go out to Jeff Wheat and Kevin Black for handling the door prizes. They did a great job, as always!

I am now going to dedicate my full time to the problem we are having with WSSC and HomeServe. We have been informed by the attorney that there is a slim to none chance of doing anything with this matter in the courts. The only other solution is with political pressure, and making the public aware that this is not WSSC they are dealing with, but a company from Connecticut. Any suggestions or help would be greatly appreciated.

*Chuck Small, 2017 President*

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## **PAC UPDATE**

*Chuck Small*

We received three PAC donations in January, totaling \$1,700.00, but still lack enough money to get any serious consideration with the small donation we can pass on. Every day that goes by, HomeServe is signing up new customers to policies that not only cover sewer and water lines, they also offer coverage on the entire interior system. Anyone making their living in the service part of our industry is subject to competition you have never dreamed of. A donation made to our PAC now, could possibly save your job!

Donations should be mailed to:

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

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## **HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

At December's meeting, Jim Mazzullo was presented with an Honorary Life Membership. Be sure to give a shout out to Jim and congratulate him.



## **70<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DINNER DANCE** ***(The Plumbers' Ball)***

Our 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Plumbers' Ball was dedicated to Operation Christmas Child (OCC). OCC is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. A portion of ticket sales is being donated to OCC.



Guests staying overnight at the hotel, received a "goodie" box as they checked in. It was filled with snacks, and packed with love and prayer. Be sure to check out the attached two (2) page "WELCOME" letter that was in each "goodie" box.

The evening started off with a cocktail reception. Butlers passed hors d'oeuvres including mini crab cakes, beef wellington, egg rolls, and coconut chicken. We had a sit down dinner featuring grilled marinated steak and grilled chicken breast. Dinner was followed by an awards presentation.

Jack Walsh (Outgoing President) was awarded a plaque representing his love for Jesus, and his love for the trade.



Jack Walsh passed the gavel to Incoming President, Chuck Small.



**Fun Fact:** Chuck also served as President in 1984 and 1985. Rumor has it, he had a list of things he wanted to accomplish in 1984, but didn't. Hence the reason for him serving again in 1985. He said he's not giving us a list for 2017. Hmm, wonder why not? **HaHaHa**

The 2016 "William Hahn Award for Member of the Year" was presented to Kevin Black for his dedication and service to the Association. Congratulations Kevin!

**2016 MEMBER OF THE YEAR**



**KEVIN M. BLACK**

Then, it was off to the dessert buffet, casino games, and dancing. The evening ended with door prize drawings. WSMPA extends our most sincere appreciation to our very generous sponsors for the following door prize donations.

**2017 DOOR PRIZES**

Barger & Associates	Yeti Hooper Cooler Delta Camo Bag w/Carhart Jacket
Barnett Pro Contractor Supplies	\$100 Gift Card - VISA
Cummins-Wagner	\$100 Gift Card - Best Buy
D&B Distributing Co. Jetglas®	"Surprise Envelope"
Ferguson Enterprises	35 Qt Yeti Cooler
Harry Eklof & Associates	\$100 Gift Card - Bass Pro Shops
Milby Company	\$50 Gift Card - Home Depot
Milwaukee Tool	(2) M18 Fuel Drill Driver Kit
Noland (ROCKVILLE)	48" TV
Northeastern Supply	40 Qt ORCA Cooler
Parts Unlimited	\$50 Gift Card - Outback
REpSOURCE - MidAtlantic	NEST Thermostat
ROI Marketing	Wine Basket
T.M. O'Donnell Co.	\$50 Cash
Taze & Hewitt	Weil McLain Collectibles
Thos. Somerville Co.	Xbox One
Viega	Backpack
Washington Gas	Mystery Basket

**WSMPA GRAND PRIZE \$500 CASH**

A very special thanks to our members and sponsors for supporting this prestigious event. We hope to see you all back next year.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**



**General Membership Meeting**

- February 15, 2017
- March 15, 2017
- April 19, 2017
- May 17, 2017

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **WSSC**

WSSC will be closed on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>  
(Presidents' Day)

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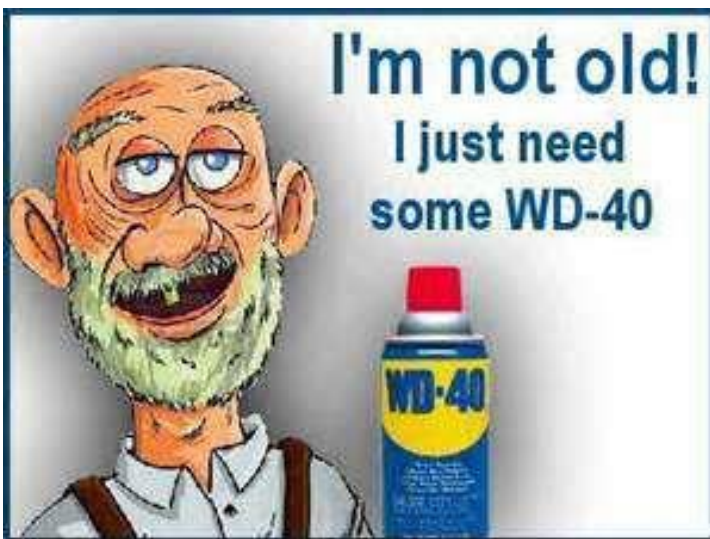
### **OLD MAN TALKING!**

*Chuck Small*

Before you hear what this old man has to say, I'd like to stress that this is not intended to influence anyone's financial decision. It's just one old man sharing something that has worked for him.

In the mid 1970's, a builder I was working for had some difficulty paying me, so he offered me stock in lieu of cash. Luckily, I was able to accept this. No sooner had we finalized the deal, the stock split, and within 18 months the stock had grown back to its presplit value which meant I had doubled my money. Many companies have a Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRIP) which takes your dividend and buys you more stock. Most companies allow you to buy their stock directly from the DRIP without a broker. When I reached 70 years old, I stopped the reinvestment of dividends. Every three (3) months, I now receive a check that exceeds my original investment.

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**WELCOME** to WSMPA's 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance "*The Plumbers' Ball.*" Our 2017 Charity is one that I have a great passion for—Operation Christmas Child.

In the spirit of giving thanks and giving back, I would like to share with you about **Operation Christmas Child (OCC)** a project of Samaritan's Purse. This is a fun and easy project that anyone can get involved in. Operation Christmas Child brings **good news** and **great joy** to children all over the world through simple gifts. People like you and me pack shoeboxes with a "WOW" toy (such as a doll, stuffed animal, or soccer ball with pump), school supplies, hygiene items, other fun toys, notes of encouragement, and other gifts, sending them off with prayer that God would bless a child in need. Every gift-filled shoebox is a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship—transforming the lives of children **and** their families around the world through the **Good News of Jesus Christ**. Let me share one of these stories with you.

Twelve-year-old Erika who lives in the highlands of Peru asked her mother for a new pair of sneakers, but was told no because her mother was unemployed. Erika began to pray for new shoes to replace her only, very worn out pair. When she received her Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift, she found socks, soap, towels, notebooks, and yes, even a pair of teal blue sneakers! "When I opened my box and found shoes, I learned that God can make miracles," Erika said. That same day, she received Christ as her Lord and Savior. Erika later enrolled in The Greatest Journey. Her mother, who is not yet a believer, said "I'm happy my daughter goes to church. She teaches us what she is learning."

There are many more shoebox recipient stories on OCC's website: <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ>.

Since 1993, more than 145 million boys and girls in over 150 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from OCC. For many of these children the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received. FYI, in 2016, OCC collected over 11.4 million shoebox gifts. How awesome is that!

I consider it a privilege to be one of more than 500,000 volunteers worldwide—with more than 150,000 of those in the United States—involved in collecting, shipping and distributing shoebox gifts. (Shoebox gifts are collected in the U.S., Australia, Finland, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Japan, New Zealand, Canada, Spain and the U.K.)

Here's how to pack a shoebox . . .

1. Start with an average size cardboard shoebox. If you want to wrap it, cover the box and lid separately. Or, use Operation Christmas Child's pre-printed shoebox. Want to do more than 1 box? No problem. I can hook you up with pre-printed OCC shoeboxes!
2. Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or boy and the age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.
3. Select a "WOW" toy that a child will cherish, such as a doll, deflated soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal. Then add other fun toys, hygiene items, school supplies, etc.
4. Pray for the child who will receive your shoebox. You can also include a personal note and/or photo.
5. Include \$7 inside the box for shipping or donate on-line and receive a tracking label to follow-your-box and discover the destination of your shoebox gift. (If packing multiple boxes, you can put the total shipping donation into one box.)

The \$7 covers the cost of transportation in the U.S. and all the way to another country, as well as The Greatest Gift Gospel booklet which accompanies shoeboxes. (The booklet is in the language of the shoebox recipient.)

To "follow-your box" go to: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/>

**Helpful Hint:** Look in your box for a mini M&M tube. Once you eat the M&M's, save the tube and fill it with quarters. When full, you'll have enough to cover the shipping of 2 shoebox gifts.

6. Place a rubber band around your shoebox and take it to the nearest drop-off point during **National Collection Week** which is always the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in November. **For 2017, the dates are November 13-20. NOTE:** I am a Relay Center Coordinator, and my church is a Drop Off Center. I'd be happy to help you with your boxes.



