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# NEWSLETTER

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### MEETING NOTICE

**WSMPA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017**

Washington Suburban Master Plumbers Association's monthly general membership meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 19, 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

Our Association is at a crossroads like none other we have faced in the past forty years. While many of our members are large contractors that do service and repair work they do not rely on it totally. A great deal of our members are small contractors that depend on service and repair work for their living.

WSSC promotion of HomeServe threatens to take work from local contractors and put it in the hands of a corporation based in Connecticut. Bring your thoughts and recommendations to the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting so we can work together to solve this problem.

*Chuck Small, 2017 President*



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



### General Membership Meeting

April 19, 2017 (Parts Unlimited)

May 17, 2017 (Barger/Delta)

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> @ The Greene Turtle-Burtonsville.

## EDUCATION

### 18-HR JOURNEYMAN/MASTER TEST REVIEW

#### Location

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

#### Plumber

**April 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 & 20, 2017 6p-9p/night**

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

Download Application(s) from WSMPPA's website  
[www.wsmppa.com](http://www.wsmppa.com) under Education or call 301-466-7747.

## OLD MAN KEEPS TALKING!

*Chuck Small*

Those who can, do; those who can't, teach; those who can't do or teach, "TALK."

So here I go . . . .

After nearly 60 years in our trade, here are a few things I have learned:

- "That's the way we have always done it" does not make it right.
- Materials are not inferior just because they are new (see PVC, CPVC, Americast, etc.).
- Some people can do work cheaper than others and still make a good profit.
- The best place to stay up to date on changes in code and the application and installation of new materials is the WSMPPA monthly meetings.

## SUNSHINE & SYMPATHY

*Congratulations . . .*

Margaret Anne welcomed her first great-grandchild on March 10 – Wade Arthur Isaacs.

*In Sympathy . . .*

James "Jamie" Hilderbrand (formerly of Ferguson)  
March 12, 1967 – March 18, 2017

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